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MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
 Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Eve of the Holy Day..... 4:30 p.m.
 Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
 Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
 Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

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WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

BAPTISMS

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

DEADLINE

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

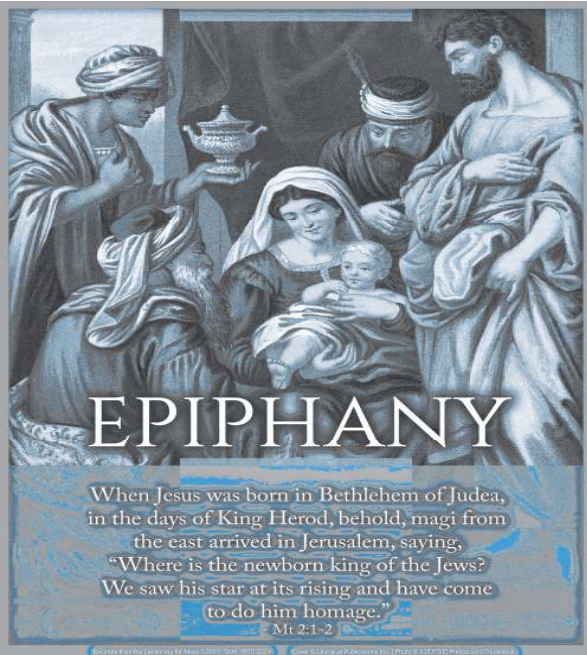
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
 Reverend Alexander Pax 1836-1843
 Reverend Francis Guth..... 1844-1850
 Reverend Joseph Rafffeiner..... 1850-1851
 Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
 Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862
 Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
 Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
 Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 1917-1944
 Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
 Reverend Howard J. Schwartz 1948-1964
 Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
 Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
 Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
 Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
Mt 2:1-2

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 6:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

SUNDAY, January 7: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie

11:00 am: Mary Guzowski, by Bonnie and Gordon Pleuthner

MONDAY, January 8: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12:05 pm: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

TUESDAY, January 9: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, January 10: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

THURSDAY, January 11: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 12: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Thomas Comer, by Daybreak TV Productions

SATURDAY, January 13:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Thomas Guzowski, by Pat Abrams

SUNDAY, January 14: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Charles Barone, by Anthony Mauro

11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riestler Family, by Michael Riestler

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 13th and January 14th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta

11:00 am: Gina Derrico



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 13th and January 14th

4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow and Ron and Margaret Foegen

9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero and Robert Sprague

11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo, Pam Nordstrom and Keith and Kathy Boerner



“BODY OF CHRIST”

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Daniel T. Kaczyk, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.** The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Thomas M. Rooney, requested by his Sister.**

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

A TRADITION OF EPIPHANY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when the magi or wise men or kings visited Jesus, Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

One of the traditions or customs that has developed around this feast is that of house blessing. This custom grew up in the Middle Ages. Holy water was sprinkled in each room of the house. The father led a procession with a shovel of charcoal on which he burned incense and the oldest son had the bowl of holy water. The rest of the family followed praying the rosary and/or singing hymns. The youngest child carried a plate of chalk which had been blessed after morning Mass. The father took the blessed chalk and wrote over every room that led out outside: 20 + C + M + B + 18 for this year. The numbers represent the year while the letters represent the names of the three kings: Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar. The letters C, M, and B are also thought to stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means “Christ bless this home.” This tradition symbolizes the family commitment to welcome Christ into their homes on a daily basis throughout the year.

May the Lord bless your homes and families throughout 2018.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott,

Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Mamise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Aloj, Paul Sweeney, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Virginia (Ginger) Gibbons and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 282 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$10,024.00 and New Year's collection was \$1,324.00.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables the preservation, ministry and maintenance of our historic church. It assists us in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A bequest may be worded in this fashion - "I give to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Buffalo, NY the sum of _____ to be used for its general purposes."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, January 6th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 7th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

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4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, January 14th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

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JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage. If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, call the Family Life Office at 847-2210.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? Whatever the measure, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program, which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information, call 895-4001.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. \$45,210 has been donated. This year the Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. Your continued support to the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2017 if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write "Tax Statement" on the front of your church envelope.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2018. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: <http://stlouiscrcchurch.org> or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th, 2018. All classes will be from 9:30 am—11:30a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Are you an older adult who's looking for a social program? Or do you have a loved one who could benefit from one? **Try Catholic Charities' A Gathering Place, a program designed for adults age 60 and older who may need assistance with activities of daily living, in addition to physical and cognitive activities and socialization.** The program is held in a supervised and safe environment at 128 Wilson Street, Buffalo. Services include individualized program options, nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day and shower services. For more information, please call (716) 896-6388. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The **Bison** Children's Scholarship Fund, a tuition assistance program for children, has scholarships available for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested families can visit the **Bison** website to learn more about the application process, including financial eligibility and key deadlines.

With a maximum award of **\$2,100**, per child, this is a great opportunity for families who want a private education for their children but are unable to afford it.

For more information, please visit www.bisonfund.com or call 1-888-216-8380.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

The Magi story in today's Gospel shows us how faithfully they followed God's lead, journeying from the East not by a map but by divine guidance of the shining star. Imagine that on your next trip. No GPS. No itinerary. No connecting flight. Just following a brilliant light along an uncertain journey. As Christians, we are the Magi today, following God's light, even when it takes us where we may not want to go. Like the Magi, our search for Christ leads us to new beginnings, often to unexpected places and unexpected persons. The Magi story also teaches us that God leads even in darkness, even when we have lost our way, and even when we encounter those who intend evil, as King Herod did in the Gospel. We have only to do as the Magi: surrender ourselves to God's guidance. He will lead us to our destiny.

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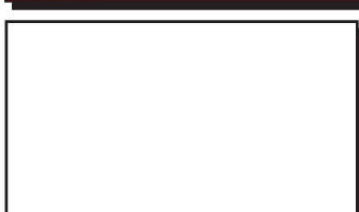
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