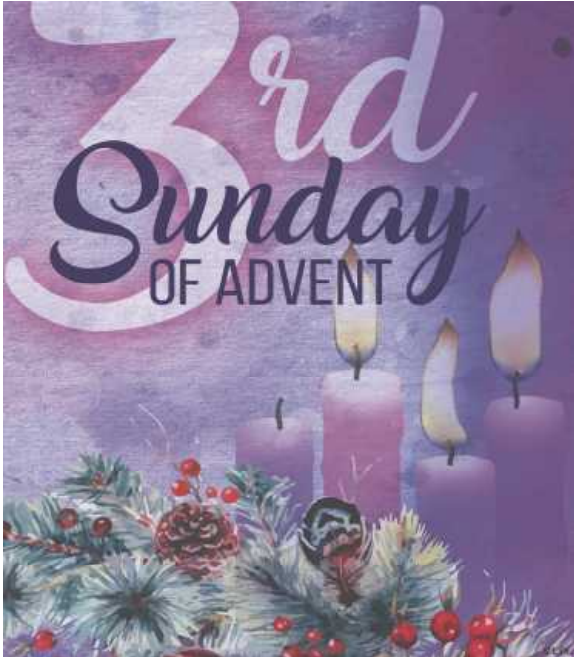


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WEDDINGS

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

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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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With our sound system we now have the **Phonic Ear**. This hearing assistance system is available to all who are hearing impaired. This system provides a transmitter with a headset and earplugs. Please come to the Sacristy for assistance.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pox..... 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Goth..... 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Refiner..... 1850-1851
Reverend William Dieters..... 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

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudénbach..... 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 14:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,
by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Repose of the Soul of Diane M. Occek
Gentile, by Family
11:00 am: Thaddeus Mikos, by Family

MONDAY, December 16: ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY, December 17: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: John A. Kraus, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, December 18: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: In Honor of Saint Anthony

THURSDAY, December 19: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Catherine Neunder, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 20: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Joan Ball, by Ron and Margaret Foegen

SATURDAY, December 21:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Janice Morawski, by Patty Maciejewski and
Peggy Gronck

SUNDAY, December 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Special Intentions of Jessica, Heather and
James T. Caputi, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 21st and December 22nd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: J. & M. Loss
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 21st and December 22nd

4:00 pm: Ron and Margaret Foegen
and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Robert Sprague, Rosemary Bloch,
Michael Loss and Marilyn Steffan
11:00 am: Joyce Persico, Pat Doyle
and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



PREPARE

FOR HIM

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Jerry and Margaret Burns, requested by Donna and Dennis**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Jerry and Margaret Burns, requested by Donna and Dennis** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Jerry and Margaret Burns, requested by Donna and Dennis**.

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.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

The Third Sunday of Advent is named *Gaudete Sunday*. It is a day of joy in the midst of our spiritual preparations for Christmas. This begins the second part of Advent in which we experience a heightened sense of the joyful expectation of Christmas.

The celebration of Christmas is coming quickly and is the cause for rejoicing. Christ whose birth we celebrate is known as the *Joy of the World*. The Third Sunday of Advent means that we are that much closer to Christmas and the celebration of Christ. Advent is nearing its end and the Church calls us to rejoice in the life of Christ within us.

During the Advent Season we remember that Christ has become human to show us what life can and should be. The season of Advent brings us the vision of life and hope for the future. It is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community.

The pace of the world around us begins to pick up speed in these last days leading up to Christmas Day. It is hard not to get caught up in all the excitement and frantic activity. Yet, Advent still calls us to prepare not only physically but also spiritually to celebrate Christmas Day.

One way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas is to pause and reflect on what is taking place in this celebration. Next Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. our choir will present Lessons and Carols, a reflection on the Nativity as foretold by the Old Testament prophets and narrated by the Gospel writers. Please join us in our final preparations for Christmas as we celebrate in scripture and song.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, Richard Robinson, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, 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 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 358 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,967.00 and Retirement Fund for Religious collection was \$2,813.00.

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, December 14th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

4:00 pm: St. Louis Toy Drive Collection

4:00 pm: Warmth Tree Collection

SUNDAY, December 15th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis Toy Drive Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Warmth Tree Collection

SATURDAY, December 21st

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

4:00 pm: Warmth Tree Collection

SUNDAY, December 22nd

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Warmth Tree Collection

12 noon: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) Decorate Church for Christmas

6:00 pm: Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2019 tax deduction by the donor must be postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31. We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2019 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.

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CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENT:

The Wonder of Christmas—A Musical-Poetic Journey

Join Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher as they take you on a musical—poetic journey through the wonder and nostalgia of this sacred season. To dedicate a song and have your loved one included in our "Christmas Angels" segment, please contact Cory at concertsforthesoul@gmail.com or 716-868-2047.

All concerts are by donation. Two presentations:

Friday, December 20th—7:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Church

651 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY

Saturday, December 21st—7:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake Church

4737 Lakeshore Road, Hamburg, NY

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair. Donations will be accepted until December 31st. So far, \$36,883 has been donated.

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Sunday, December 22nd at noon to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas.

New volunteers are always welcome.

CHOIR OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PRESENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our St. Louis Choir will present a *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. here in St. Louis Church. Featured will be carols and anthems of Mendelssohn, Ord, Wood, Forrest, and others. All are invited to attend this annual event.

The service of *Lessons and Carols* traces, in scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by the Old Testament prophets and narrated by the Gospel writers. Begun in King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, nearly a century ago, the service of *Lessons and Carols* is repeated in churches in nearly every denomination worldwide.

Please join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas in scripture and song.

ST. LOUIS TOY DRIVE

St. Louis will again be accepting toy donations! We will be collecting gift cards, new and gently used toys and books (unwrapped please.) Your donations will be going to the neediest in the community. Please place your donations in the boxes by church entrances **December 14th & 15th**.

THE WARMTH TREE

St. Louis Church parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will then be given to area families. Help us make this year's tree the most festive ever.

Donations will be accepted **December 14th & 15th and December 21st & 22nd**.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Grace Tabone (Grade 10) who was an honor roll student at Mount St. Mary Academy for the 1st Quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Parishioners this year during our Christmas Season will be supporting the St. Gianna Center and the Mother Teresa Home. Below is a list of items. Drop them off at the back of the church in the designated box. All items need to be donated by December 18th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jane at 716-239-1501. Thank you for your donations in advance.

- * Newborn boy and girl; onesies, sleepers, clothing, hats, gloves
- * Bibs, pacifiers, bottles, rattles
- * Diapers ...in need of all sizes, especially size 5 and 6
- * Lotions, wash, diaper cream
- * Snowsuits for both boys and girls
- * Socks, all sizes, both boys and girls
- * Towels and washcloths
- * Sheets for twin beds, double and queen

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