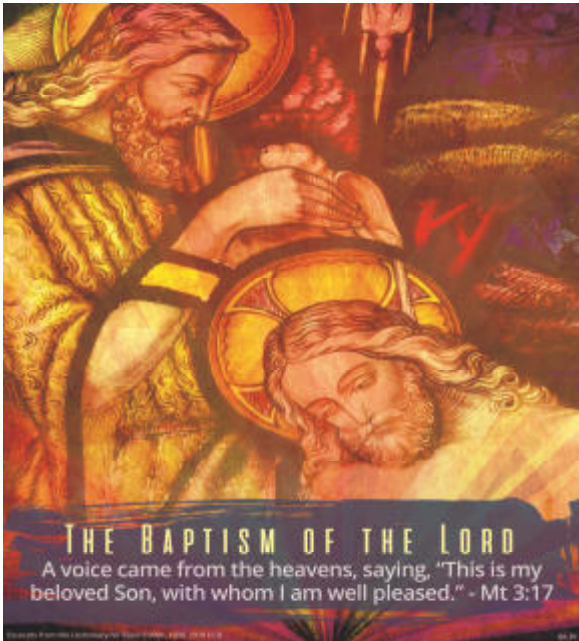


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MASSES

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.

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.

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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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 Pax 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffener 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


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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, January 11:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 John Connolly, by Stott Family
- SUNDAY, January 12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate
- MONDAY, January 13: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish
- TUESDAY, January 14: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: All Souls
- WEDNESDAY, January 15: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate
- THURSDAY, January 16: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Special Intentions of Debra Ann Caputi and Family, by Mother
- FRIDAY, January 17: SAINT ANTHOY ABBOT**
12:05 pm: Francis L. Schreck, by Estate
- SATURDAY, January 18:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Vincent J. Halicki, by Family
- SUNDAY, January 19: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: James P. McLellan, by Family
11:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

- Weekend of January 18th and January 19th**
- 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 January 18th and January 19th**
- 4:00 pm:** Mike Mikos, Ann Dumansky and Frank and Jane Pelosi 
- 9:00 am:** Michael Loss, Robert Sprague and Tim and Mary O'Shea
- 11:00 am:** Pat Doyle, Michael Riester and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Bill Holben, requested by Linda Holben**. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Richard Holben, requested by Linda Holben**. 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.

ENDING AND BEGINNING

This weekend marks the end of our Christmas Season for this year. The stories of Jesus' birth are finished. Now we move on to the adult Jesus. He begins his public life by being baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus is now ready to proclaim the good news for which he was born into our world.

Today's feast reveals to us that Jesus isn't waiting for the world to come to him, but rather he is going out to the world. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus travels all over so that he may "open the eyes of the blind, ...bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon those who live in darkness."

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord also reminds us that Jesus' work did not end with him. He then sent out the apostles and disciples so that the world may continue to know the Good News that he brought into the world.

This feast also recalls for us our own baptism that occurred for most of us at the beginning of our life. Now we are being sent into our world with the Good News of Jesus. We too are God's children entrusted with the valuable message of the Gospel.

Baptism is not just about initiation and belonging. It is also about being endowed with the responsibility to bear witness to God's love in the world.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



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 Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Borte, 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 336 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,134.00 and January 1st collection was \$1,201.00.

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 11th

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

SUNDAY, January 12th

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

MONDAY, January 13th

7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, January 18th

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

SUNDAY, January 19th

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

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Are you a divorced or separated parent looking for assistance in navigating this new family dynamic? Catholic Charities can help. Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program, (OKPEAP) is a New York State Certified program available to parents and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. **This group helps parents develop a "business" relationship that encourages co-parents to refrain from putting children in the middle.** Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; cooperative and parallel approaches to co-parenting; legal issues related to custody and/or access; alternatives to litigation; methods of communication and problem-solving. OKPEAP is available at multiple sites throughout Western New York, and referrals can be made by anyone, including individuals. For more information, visit ccwny.org/okpeap.org.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. Your continued support to the preservation of our historic church is greatly appreciated.

\$47,783 has been donated.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed to the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays, March 21st, March 28th, and April 4. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- * Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
 - * Are currently enrolled in a university or college.
- Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"

See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE

This winter we are collecting men's, women's and children's **Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Boots of all sizes!**

(*New or Gently used and clean please)

These items will be given to our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families in the Western New York area.

Donations can be dropped off at our office located at:

20 Herkimer Street, Buffalo, NY

Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For more information about pickups contact:

Donation Coordinator **Kate Hays at:**

(716) 842-0270 ext. 211

Or email: Catherine.Hays@ccwny.org

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As an all volunteer shelter for the homeless we rely on your time to help those less fortunate than us. We are currently in need of help with cooking, maintenance, office duties and house supervision during the day and evening. Please contact us at 882-5705 for a tour or to answer any questions you may have.

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