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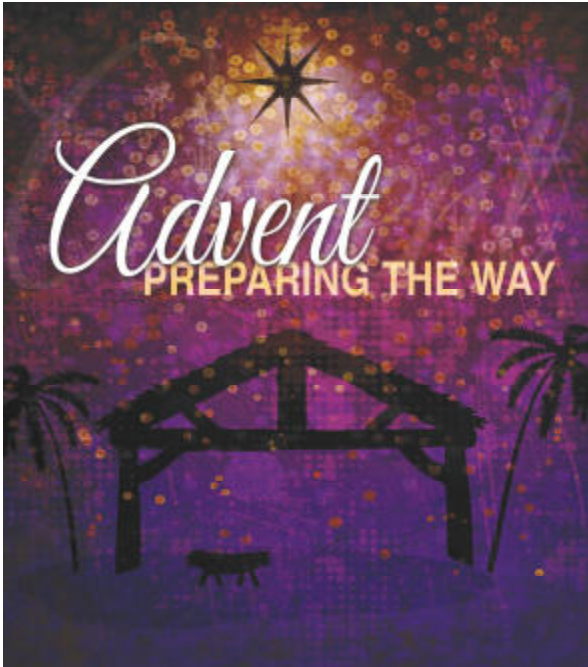
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### MASSES

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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### 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  
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Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..... 1862-1863  
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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  
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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 19:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, December 20: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Vetter Family  
**11:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

**MONDAY, December 21: SAINT PETER CANISIUS**

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

**TUESDAY, December 22: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** Special Intentions of Jessica, Heather and James T. Caputi, by Grandmother

**WEDNESDAY, December 23: SAINT JOHN KANTY**

**12:05 pm:** The Crane Family, by Estate

**THURSDAY, December 24:**

**2:30 pm:** Ladd Campbell, by Family  
**5:00 pm:** For Good Health and God's Blessings for the Caputi, Gentile and Oczek Families, by Family

**FRIDAY, December 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**9:00 am:** Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate  
**11:00 am:** Living and Deceased Members of the Caputi, Gentile and Oczak Families, by Family

**SATURDAY, December 26:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, December 27: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**9:00 am:** Virginia Manganello, by Saint Thomas More Guild  
**11:00 am:** Peter Sawicz, by Family and Friends

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 26th and December 27th

**4:00 pm:** Krysta Doerfler  
**9:00 am:** Tom Pirrung  
**11:00 am:** Ed Kuzan



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 26th and December 27th

**4:00 pm:** Marilyn Neil  
**9:00 am:** Mary O'Shea  
**11:00 am:** Joyce Persico



"BODY OF CHRIST"

### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for **God's Blessings and Good Health for Debra A. & James R. Caputi and Children, requested by Family.**

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.

### ADVENT JOURNEY REFLECTION

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close for this year we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started? I have been on this earth for many years. I have had many years of Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process, a way of living. Conversion goes hand-in-hand with always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember it is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

*Msgr. Manganello*

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Thanks for giving!** "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year", says a Catholic sister.

"Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Dr. Richard Saab, Charles S., Patricia Guerra, George Collins, Rev. Guy Siracuse, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, 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.

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.

Last weekend 186 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,201.00.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at [www.frddb.org](http://www.frddb.org).

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 19th**

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

**SUNDAY, December 20th**

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

**THURSDAY, December 24th**

2:30 pm & 5:00 pm: Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord  
2:30 pm & 5:00 pm: Christmas Offering Collection

**FRIDAY, December 25th—Merry Christmas**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Christmas Offering Collection

**SATURDAY, December 26th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

**SUNDAY, December 27th**

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

**SHOW THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS WITH A MASK**

St. Louis Parish Council is selling reversible masks. The mask is royal blue trimmed in black with trim of our Fleur-de-lis logo. The opposite side is all black. Masks are available after each Mass or you can call Marilyn Neil at 882-6395.

The cost is \$10.00

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York in re The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. Case No. 20-10322. Please take notice that, on February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. If you do not timely file a proof of claim, you may forfeit your right to vote on any plan of reorganization and to share in any distributions to creditors in connection with the Diocese's Chapter 11 case.



In the name of Msgr. John Madson, our Trustees, Parish Council and our staff and in my own name, we wish you and yours a most blessed, happy and joyous Merry Christmas. We pray that the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace will fill every corner of your hearts and homes with His Peace, Power and Presence.

*Msgr. Manganello*

**THE CHALLENGE OF ATTENDING CHRISTMAS MASS**

On Christmas Eve Masses will be at 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. On Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be no midnight Mass.

**The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect.** Anyone who feels that their health will not allow them to attend Mass should not attend. Masses are being live streamed from many locations. This may be an option. We hope to have ours up and running by the time this bulletin is published.

In the orange zone our capacity is limited to 33%. This may sound like a lot but in reality it is not. To comply with social distancing regulations, our seating capacity is severely limited. Many pews are closed. There may be only one or two people in a pew. Only members of the same household may sit together in the same pew. No standing is permitted.

**We will not be able to accommodate the crowds that we have had in the past. We will need to control the number of people in church. We pray that we will not have to turn anyone away.**

**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. \$52,237.11 has been donated.

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Tenth-graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by January 1, 2021. To register, please submit the (1) Registration Form and (2) Confirmation Name and Sponsor form to the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, at [stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com). There will be a virtual Confirmation retreat held during January and February, as well as two in-person sacrament prep classes on February 6th and 20th from 9:30—12:30. Candidates must attend both classes. Forms, as well as a list of all dates and confirmation requirements, can be found on the St. Louis website. For questions about Confirmation, please contact the DRE at 443-744-0354.

**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 January 19, 2021. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell [stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com). To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend in-person sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays, February 6th, February 20th, and February 27th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes mandatory.



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