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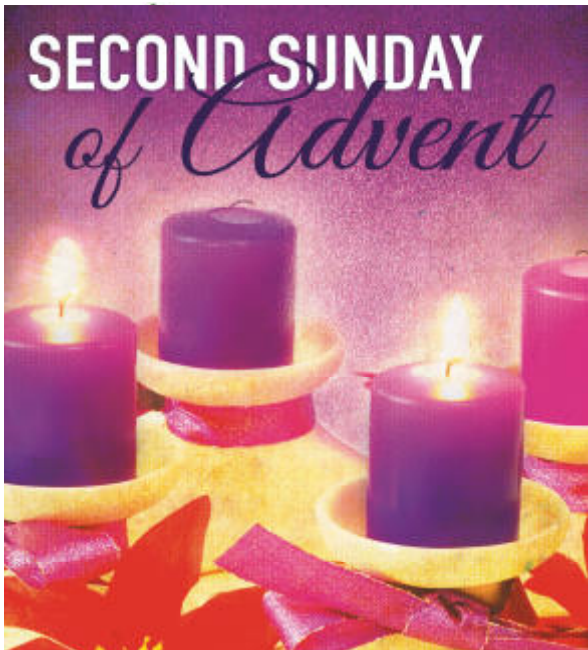
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MASSES

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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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 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 8:

12 noon: All Souls

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, December 9: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Joseph Dwight Connors, by John and
Melanie Loss

11:00 am: Rosalie Bantle, by Kevin Brayer

MONDAY, December 10: ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY, December 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

12:05 pm: Marie and Carl Miller, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, December 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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

THURSDAY, December 13: SAINT LUCY

12:05 pm: Intentions of Ron Robinson, by Pat Robinson

FRIDAY, December 14: SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

12:05 pm: All Souls

SATURDAY, December 15:

2:00 pm: Wedding of Vincent Lauricella and Julianna
Roehner

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

SUNDAY, December 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: God's Blessing and Special Intentions of
Heather Ann, Jessica and James T. Caputi, by
Family

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

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 15th and December 16th

4:00 pm: Kaitlin Cunningham

9:00 am: Anne Continetti

11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 15th and December 16th

4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow,
Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Al Bluemle, Susan Ministero
and Tim and Mary O'Shea

11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pat Doyle
and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



"BODY OF CHRIST"

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of **Saint Lucy, requested by Dolores Vasi**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of **Dr. Ellis Joseph, requested by The 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.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Every year in the fall, all parishes in the Diocese are required to submit a Financial and Spiritual Report on the state and activity of the parish to the Diocese. You will find our annual financial report that has been submitted to the Diocese in this weekend's bulletin.

The Financial Report shows that our parish is well supported by our parishioners and friends. Because of your kind generosity we are able to maintain our parish programs and facilities. In addition, this year through your selfless sacrifice, our parish received two payments from *Upon This Rock* totaling \$92,891. Our *Preservation Fund* is well on its way. On behalf of the trustees, the Finance/Restoration Committee and the Parish Council, thank you for all of your dedicated efforts with your time, treasure, and talent that you freely offer to St. Louis.

During the past year, our Spiritual Report shows that many people have benefited spiritually from the St. Louis faith community. We have 647 households registered with St. Louis totaling 1,557 members. Our membership can fluctuate from year to year due to the fact that some may have relocated, others joined the parish, and that some of our parishioners have been called home to God during the year.

There are 20 catechists that volunteer their time and talent to provide instruction in our various faith formation programs that include: Pre-Baptismal Instruction, Religious Education, and RCIA along with the various other programs that are offered from time to time. Assisting in our Liturgical Functions are: 16 Lectors, 27 Eucharist Ministers, 14 Altar Servers, 24 Ushers/Greeters; 3 Music Ministers and a Choir of about 40 who help us worship each Sunday. **(We welcome more people to consider being Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters and Music Ministry.)** We have 8 Home/Hospital Visitors who visit a few of our parishioners who are confined to home or a health care facility and assist at Buffalo General Hospital.

In the past year 26 children were baptized, 9 children received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, 12 children and 2 adults received First Eucharist, 10 young adults and 1 adult received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 47 couples were married at St. Louis. Of the 15 funerals/memorial Masses celebrated here about 10 were members of our parish.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ray Shamer, Frank Zawistowski, Dolores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, 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 367 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$8,253.00 and Christmas Flowers collection was \$1,323.00.

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 8th—Holy Day of Obligation

12 noon: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

4:00 pm: Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

4:00 pm: Collection for Warmth Tree

4:00 pm: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

SUNDAY, December 9th

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

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

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

After 11:00 am Mass: Christmas Party—Church Hall

SATURDAY, December 15th

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

4:00 pm: Collection for Warmth Tree

4:00 pm: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

SUNDAY, December 16th

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

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

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

4:00 pm: Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

VOCATION THOUGHT

We are urged to "prepare the way of the Lord!" God has called some men and women to show His children how to do this through their leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous!

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, **\$40,173** has been donated.

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Sunday, December 23rd at noon to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas.

New volunteers are always welcome.

CHOIR OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PRESENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Choir of St. Louis Church will present a *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* on **Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m.** here in St. Louis Church.

Featured will be carols and anthems of Willan, Ord, Posten, Willcocks, Waters, Mendelssohn and others.

The service of *Lessons and Carols* traces, through 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 *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* is celebrated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide.

The Choir of St. Louis Church is an all-volunteer ensemble composed of members of the parish and other area music lovers. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition.

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

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 the weekends of **December 8th and 9th and December 15th and 16th.**

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

By popular demand, St. Louis will again be accepting toy donations! This year, we will be collecting gift cards, new and gently used toys, and books (unwrapped please). Your donation will be going to the most needy in the community.

Please place your donations in the boxes by church entrances the weekends of **December 1st & 2nd, December 8th & 9th and December 15th & 16th.**

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

The Advent season fills us with great hope as we reflect on God's promise that He is with us. If we look at today's readings, we see that we are called into a partnership with God. In fact, that partnership is really what Advent is all about—God is with us. The first reading reminds us that God is a faithful partner who will empower us to overcome any mountains and valleys we may encounter as He guides our lives by the light of His love. But we must keep in mind that God's empowering presence requires our participation. He works with us and through us—inviting us to be His partners—as we promote love, peace and justice on earth. Advent is a good time to think about the mountains and valleys in our lives and those of others which keep us from being a faithful partner with God. If something stands in the way, ask God for help.

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