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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

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 7:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Nicholas Bauer and Bailey Woods
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, December 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am: Matthew Kida, by Kida Family
- 11:00 am: Molly Terhaar, by Kevin Brayer

MONDAY, December 9: FEAST OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO

- 12:05 pm: Msgr. Paul Hoelscher, by Estate

TUESDAY, December 10: ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, December 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

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

THURSDAY, December 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 12:05 pm: Robert Halady, by Sue Lengyel

FRIDAY, December 13: SAINT LUCY

- 12:05 pm: Ron Robinson, by Pat Robinson

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. Oczeck
Gentile, by Family
- 11:00 am: Thaddeus Mikos, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 14th and December 15th

- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: Anne Mecca
- 11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Weekend of December 14th and December 15th

- 4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Diane Randazzo
and Frank and Jane Pelosi
- 9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Al Bluemle
and Tim and Mary O'Shea
- 11:00 am: Pat Doyle, Michael Mandolfo
and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of **St. Lucy**, requested by **Dolores Vasi**. 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—WAYS TO PUT
ON CHRIST CONTINUED**

December 9th is the Feast of St. Juan Diego to whom Mary appeared and sent to the Bishop of Mexico City to request that a church be built as a place of consolation for the people. As a sign that Mary sent him to the Bishop she asked him to fill his cloak with roses to present to the Bishop. When he opened his cloak it was imprinted with the woman's image. His life had been a sign of good news: God calls the poor to preach the gospel to others.

December 12th we actually celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which recalls the apparitions of Mary to Juan Diego. Mary brought a message of hope and compassion. She brought new dignity to the Aztec people which began the conversion of the Aztec people to Christianity.

December 13th we celebrate the Feast of St. Lucy. She is patroness of Syracuse and all of Sicily. Her name means light. Her feast day guides us to Christ our light for whose birth we are preparing. She is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eye and associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia. In Hungary children plant wheat seeds in small pots on this day and by Christmas the wheat has sprouted. They then carry its green shoots to church to the manger of the Christ child to make ready the place where our Lord will be born.

Msgr. Manganello

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.



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 Ginski, 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, especially Stefano Galante, Kenneth Drzymala 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 418 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,603.00, Christmas Flowers collection was \$1,149.00 and Msgr. Schwinger Sandwich Program collection was \$1,776.00.

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 7th

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

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

4:00 pm: St. Louis Toy Drive Collection

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

SUNDAY, December 8th

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

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

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

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

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 at 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 of nearly every denomination worldwide.

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

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. Over the years countless projects have been undertaken to sustain and maintain the integrity of our structure. Something needs attention every year. 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.

So far, \$36,883 has been donated.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual St. Louis Christmas party will be held this Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be served by our dedicated volunteers and there will be fun activities for young and old alike.

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 the weekends of **December 7th & 8th and 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.**

ST. LOUIS CHOIR TO PERFORM AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

The Choir of St. Louis Church will present *An Advent Choral Evening* on **Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m.** in Blessed Sacrament Church, 1025 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo.

Featured will be Advent and Christmas works of Bach, Forrest, Ord, Poston, Willcocks, Wood and others.

Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous!

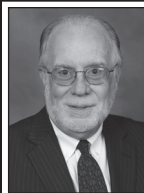
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

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 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 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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