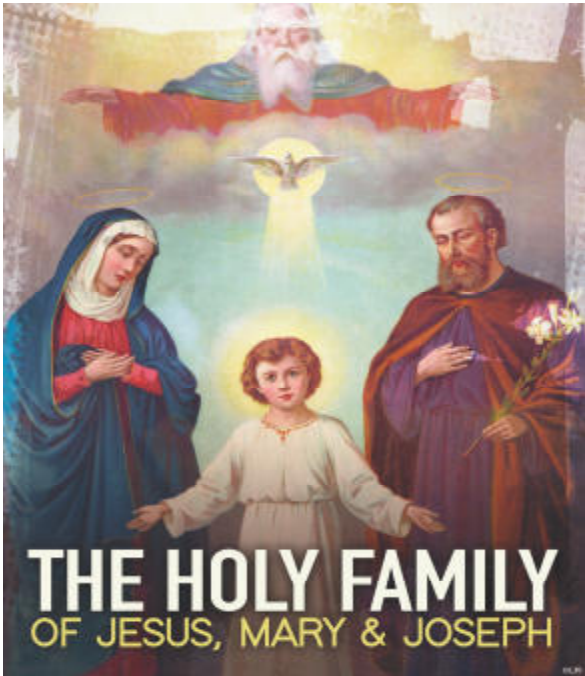


# 2019 St. Louis Church

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Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
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Secretary..... Keith Boerner

### 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. Laudenbach..... 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 28:**

**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 29: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**9:00 am:** Brian Keating, by Kevin Brayer  
**11:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

**MONDAY, December 30: SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

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

**TUESDAY, December 31: SAINT SYLVESTER I, POPE**

**12:05 pm:** Gloria Guadagna, by Pat  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

**WEDNESDAY, January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**12:00 pm:** God's Blessings of Good Health and Peace in the New Year 2020 for Caputi, Griffis, Occek and Gentile Families, by Family

**THURSDAY, January 2: SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN**

**12:05 pm:** Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

**FRIDAY, January 3: HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

**12:05 pm:** John Feist, by Estate

**SATURDAY, January 4:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

**SUNDAY, January 5: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**9:00 am:** Brian Keating, by Rosemary Bloch  
**11:00 am:** Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 4th and January 5th

**4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo  
**9:00 am:** Anne Mecca  
**11:00 am:** Michael Riestler



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 4th and January 5th

**4:00 pm:** Debbie Guillow, Diane Randazzo, Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky  
**9:00 am:** Al Bluemle, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O'Shea  
**11:00 am:** Pat Doyle, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



BOY OF CHRIST

### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

### FAMILY LIFE

During the Christmas Season, we celebrate many different feast days associated with the first Christmas. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The fact that God chose for Jesus to be born into a family, with Mary and Joseph, reveals how Jesus is like us. He too needed a family to love him and help him grow.

Among the many insights provided about the Holy Family in Matthew's Gospel is that their family life was filled with tensions and unexpected turns. In this way, the Holy Family is a role model of faith for all families. No parents raising children, the Holy Family included, are free from struggle and pain. All parents who raise their children in faith and trust in the Lord have built a home with a strong foundation.

Twists and turns are part of our salvation history. The lineage of Jesus is filled with surprising people, unexpected hardships, scandals, as well as generosity and great faith. Their stories remind us that God's promises are fulfilled but not always as we would have expected. We wait in hope not because we know the future, but because we trust God.

Today's feast makes clear that holy families are human families, with gifts and challenges. Love contains joy and wonder, pain and fear. This is a day to give thanks for our families and the ways that our families help us.

*Msgr. Manganello*

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Need a resolution for the New Year? Consider giving back by volunteering with Catholic Charities.** Our agency has many different volunteer positions, from office work to helping out in one of our nine food pantries. To browse our volunteer opportunities, visit [ccwny.org/volunteer](http://ccwny.org/volunteer). **Make 2020 be the year you make a difference in your community!** For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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 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.

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."**



As we look back on 2019, we give thanks for all that we have been able to accomplish here at St. Louis by working together, praying together and sharing together. We pray that 2020 will be a year filled with good health, happiness and success. May we all be closer to God and to each other one year from now.

**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, \$40,233 has been donated.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS****SATURDAY, December 28th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection  
4:00 pm: St. Louis 2020 Calendars Available

**SUNDAY, December 29th**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection  
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis 2020 Calendars Available

**TUESDAY, December 31st**

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY**  
Solemnity of Mary Collection

**WEDNESDAY, January 1st—Happy New Year**

12:00 pm: Solemnity of Mary Collection

**SATURDAY, January 4th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection  
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

**SUNDAY, January 5th**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection  
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Elizabeth Gerwitz Dunn who has been named to the first quarter honor roll at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

**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.

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as members of the Holy Family, always supported each other in doing God's will, even though this was not always easy and meant letting go and trusting God. As the family of God's children, we are to help each other in doing God's will, which may be a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH**

On Sunday, December 29th, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., **Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Avenue will host an Explore Buffalo Sacred Spaces Tour.** Trained parish docents will explain to tour participants the architectural and symbolism features of this Landmark church. It's a marvelous opportunity for WNY residents to bring your out-of-town holiday visitors to a place of light, warmth, and beautiful Christmas decorations! Explore Buffalo is sponsoring the tour and taking reservations at [www.explorebuffalo.org](http://www.explorebuffalo.org) or 716-245-3032. Walk-ins are welcome as well.

Later that afternoon—December 29—at 3:00 p.m. the **St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum** will present "**Catholic Treasures of Advent and Christmas**", a concert of sacred choral masterpieces of the season from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The Schola Cantorum will perform works by Elgar, Byrd, Palestrina, Bach, Victoria, Gallus, LeJeune and others. This free concert will be followed by a singalong of traditional Christmas Carols.

The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum is an independent a *cappella* choir dedicated to performing, promoting and preserving the treasury of sacred choral music of the Catholic Church. For more information, follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JP2Schola](http://www.facebook.com/JP2Schola).

**WORD OF LIFE**

"Like our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Living Out Christmas in the New Year"

**ST. LOUIS 2020 CALENDARS**

Your Saint Louis calendar is available this weekend. You will note there is no donor for these calendars. This cost is covered by the parish. An extra dollar in the collection today will help meet the expense. It is hoped that every day in 2020 will be a day of joy, health and happiness for you and your families.

**RETROUVAILLE OF BUFFALO**

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register, call (716) 474-9371 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

The next weekend is February 14-16, 2020. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.



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