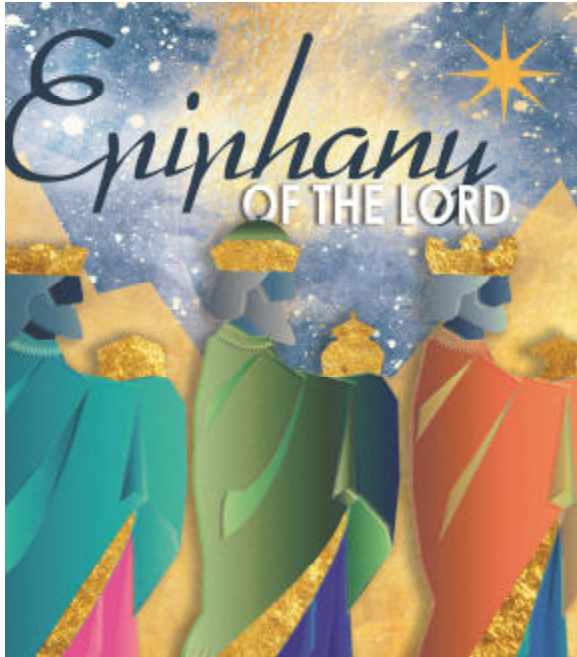


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MASSES

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.

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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, 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

MONDAY, January 6: SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE
12:05 pm: Carl and Marie Miller by Estate

TUESDAY, January 7: SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, January 8: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Charles A. and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

THURSDAY, January 9: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Living and Deceased Members of the Pera Family, by Tom Pera

FRIDAY, January 10: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: All Souls

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

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 11th and January 12th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Anne Mecca
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 11th and January 12th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Diane Randazzo and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero and Anne Mecca
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Michael Mandolfo and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Thomas M. Rooney, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.**

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.

SIMPLY AMAZING

Today we continue our Christmas celebrations with the Feast of the Epiphany. We remember how the Magi or Kings traveled from afar to honor Jesus in Bethlehem. We are here today coming from near and far to honor Jesus who is present among us.

During this season I came across a meditation in the book "Word Among Us." The meditation pointed out that the gospel readings in Advent and Christmas used "Amazed" several times in response to the events that are occurring in the lives of all those who were a part of the first Christmas.

When Zechariah was delayed in the Temple by an angel telling him that Elizabeth was with child, the people waiting outside were amazed at how long he took. When John the Baptist was born and Zechariah's tongue was loosened and he was able to speak again to confirm that the name of the child is John, the people were amazed. When the shepherds heard the good news that Jesus was born they hurried to the site and they too were amazed at the words the Simeon spoke of the Child Jesus.

Certainly, this is an amazing time of year for us. As we begin a New Year we reflect on the past and think of all the amazing things that God has done for us and the prospects of the amazing things that God can still do for us. Truly, God is with us.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? 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 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.

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 4th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 5th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

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

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LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

Temporary Shelter for Homeless Women and Men

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.

The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated (even 1 day a month—4 hour shift.)

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage.

If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, call the Family Life Office—847-2207 or www.buffalodiocese.org for the engaged.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

It's time to start a new chapter. If you or someone you know is struggling with an alcohol or drug addiction, let 2020 be the year you make a positive change. Catholic Charities' Chemical Dependency Treatment Program has immediate openings. **Our outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine.** More information on the program can be found at ccwny.org/addictionhelp. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at (716) 895-1033. For more information on other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? Whatever the measure, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, is in much need of blankets and flatware. They also accept donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program, which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

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.

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

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

We often hear people exclaim that they've had an epiphany" in describing a moment of sudden, intuitive understanding. Sometimes, people may even say they've "seen the light" to mean the same thing. Our readings today offer an epiphany but it is much more than a momentary understanding or brief flash of light. From the first reading that tells us the darkness has ended and our light has come... to the Gospel story of the magi and the brilliant star... we are reminded of the appearance and ongoing presence of God in our lives. And it also reminds us that we ourselves are called to help others to recognize the light of God's presence in their lives. Do we radiate God's love through our words and actions? Does the inner light of our faith shine forth in our care for others? Could we be God's epiphany to someone in need? When we follow the example of Jesus—the great light—we show others that God is present.

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