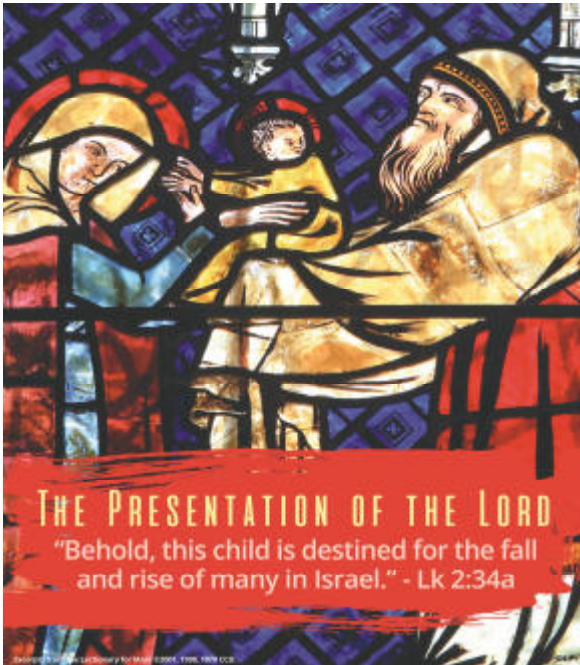


# 2020 St. Louis Church

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## Celebrating Our 191st Anniversary

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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall  
and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen..... Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella..... 12:05 Mass—Friday  
TRUSTEES..... Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos  
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### PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Kevin Brayer  
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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.

### OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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### HEARING ASSISTANCE

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. Laudénbach..... 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, February 1:**  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Jr., by Dick and Mary Agoston
- SUNDAY, February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
**9:00 am:** Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate  
**11:00 am:** George Milanovich, by Family
- MONDAY, February 3: SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND SAINT ANSGAR, BISHOP**  
**12:05 pm:** For the People of Saint Louis Parish
- TUESDAY, February 4: WEEKDAY**  
**12:05 pm:** Living and Deceased Members of the Pera Family, by Tom Pera
- WEDNESDAY, February 5: SAINT AGATHA**  
**12:05 pm:** Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate
- THURSDAY, February 6: SAINT PAUL MIKI**  
**12:05 pm:** Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate
- FRIDAY, February 7: WEEKDAY**  
**12:05 pm:** All Souls
- SATURDAY, February 8:**  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Jimmy Horbett, by The Stott Family
- SUNDAY, February 9: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9:00 am:** Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate  
**11:00 am:** Dorothy and Edmund Radwan, by Marie Radwan Haremski

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

**Weekend of February 8th and February 9th**

- 4:00 pm:** Ann Dumansky  
**9:00 am:** Wendy Mistretta  
**11:00 am:** Christina Mandolfo



**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Weekend of February 8th and February 9th**

- 4:00 pm:** Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow, Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky  
**9:00 am:** Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero, Anne Mecca and Robert Sprague  
**11:00 am:** Michael Riester, Michael Mandolfo and Keith and Kathy Boerner



**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.

**RICH FAITH TRADITIONS**

As we open the month of February, we celebrate this weekend the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast marks 40 days since the celebration of Christmas. At one time this feast was the end of the Christmas Season. Decorations, especially the nativity scene remained until after February 2nd. This feast recalls the moment when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple as was the custom of their tradition. According to their religious tradition every male was presented to the Lord. On the occasion of the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Mary and Joseph also encountered two holy people: Simeon and Anna.

This day has also been known as Candlemas Day because of the tradition of blessing candles for use throughout the Church year. It is also associated with the folklore about the arrival of spring. German farmers believed that on Candlemas the badger interrupted his winter nap to check the weather. If it is sunny, the badger gets scared and goes back into hibernation for another six weeks and winter continues. If he does not see his shadow, we know that spring time is coming soon.

Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise who is associated with the tradition of blessing of throats. Two blessed candles are tied with a red ribbon (honoring his martyrdom) or held together in the form of a St. Andrew cross for the blessing of throats. According to legend, St. Blaise miraculously cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. Blaise has long been associated with cures for the sick, especially afflictions of the throat.

The final blessing for the weekend Masses will be the Blessing of St. Blaise. Throats will be individually blessed after Mass on the weekend and on Monday during Mass.

*Msrgr. Manganello*

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

St. Paul reminds us that of all of the gifts God gives to us, love is the greatest. How can we best show our appreciation of what God has given to us. 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 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 323 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3,619.50 and Catholic Relief Services collection was \$898.00.

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, February 1st

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

**4:00 pm:** Western New York Catholic Available

#### SUNDAY, February 2nd

**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

#### MONDAY, February 3rd

**12:05 pm:** Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise

#### SATURDAY, February 8th

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

**4:00 pm:** Chili Cook-Off After Mass—Church Hall

#### SUNDAY, February 9th

**9:50 am—10:50 am:** Family Faith Formation Day—Church Hall

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

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information on how to give.

### TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten—8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship pre-application is now available for NEW families for the 2020-21 school year. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. You can apply online at [www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships](http://www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships). For more information, visit our website [www.bisonfund.com](http://www.bisonfund.com) or call 716-854-0869.

### 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 March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouiscrcchurch.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 sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

### ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Melt the snow with some Chili heat. Join us on February 8th after the 4:00 Mass for our Annual Chili Cook-Off. Make a chili or bring your favorite dessert. Contact Debbie Guillow @ 465-6196 or [dlquillow@yahoo.com](mailto:dlquillow@yahoo.com).

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- \* Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
- \* Are currently enrolled in a university or college.

Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

**"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"**

See [www.BuffaloGerman.com](http://www.BuffaloGerman.com) for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to [Redwing117@aol.com](mailto:Redwing117@aol.com)

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Think of me.** In Matthew 25:40, we see Jesus' message very clearly: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." **When we reflect on this year's Appeal theme, "Think of Me", we can see it then as not only thinking of our brothers and sisters in need, but also Jesus.** Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can help a struggling family find stability through counseling, or a young adult strengthen their faith through campus ministry. Think of them, and think of Jesus, and see your gift as doing God's work here on earth. Secure donations can be made online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities 716-218-1400.

### CATHOLIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 4TH & 6TH

Come learn more about the Catholic Academy Difference at our **Open House** for families interested in enrolling children at **Catholic Academy of West Buffalo** in **September 2020**. Open House **February 4th** is **9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** and **February 6th** is **5:30—7:00 p.m.**

Catholic Academy offers rigorous academics, excellent religious and moral education and a wide array of sports and extracurricular activities in grades Pre-K 3 to 8. Pre-K for 3 year olds is a very popular part time program, with a 10:2 ratio. According to **Business First** rankings for **Middle Schools** in June 2019, **we are ranked among the top 10% of private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo!** **Our 2019 8th grade earned over \$300,000 in academic scholarships...a school record!**

Come tour our building, meet the Catholic Academy family and learn more about our programming. Registration for September 2020 is ongoing, and office staff will be available to review admission forms and answer questions regarding the different **tuition assistance available**. For information, call the school at 885-6111 or visit us at [cawb.org](http://cawb.org) on Facebook or Twitter @cawb1069.

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