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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. — Lk 2:51-52



PASTORAL STAFF

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

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
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Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach..... 1917-1944
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Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 26:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Earl and Mary Young, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 27: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family
11:00 am: Piccillo and Burke Families, by Piccillo Family

MONDAY, December 28: FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

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

TUESDAY, December 29: FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:05 pm: Patrick Reilly, by Joe Petrella and Brad Glass

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

12:05 pm: Vincey and Anthony Barone, by Family

THURSDAY, December 31: SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:05 pm: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Niziti Ascela
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

FRIDAY, January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

12 noon: David Corey, by Robert and Marla Bujnicki

SATURDAY, January 2:

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

SUNDAY, January 3: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 am: Msgr. William A. Schwinger, by Estate
11:00 am: Rita Gerling, by Carolann Besch

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

December 31st and January 1st

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
12 noon: John Zygaj



Weekend of January 2nd and January 3rd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Matt Glynn

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

December 31st and January 1st

4:00 pm: Kevin Brayer, Susan Ministero, Mike Mikos and Pam Nordstrom
12 noon: Rosemary Bloch, Paul Griffin and Keith and Kathy Boerner



Weekend of January 2nd and January 3rd

4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Mike Mikos, Kevin Brayer and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Fred and Marilyn Steffan and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Keith and Kathy Boerner, Sue Kolbe and Paul Griffin

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by 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.

WE ARE THE HOLY FAMILY OF GOD

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family as part of our ongoing Christmas celebration. This feast has been celebrated by the Church for about one hundred years. It is a devotional feast that was inaugurated by Holy Family associations. This has been a significant year for the family. In September the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia brought together with Pope Francis many who are concerned about family life in our world today. In October, in Rome, the second portion of the Synod on the Family was held.

Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, comes from the Gospel accounts read during the Christmas season. It celebrates the unity and love evident in the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. This feast being a part of the Christmas season focuses not so much on the institution of the family as it does on the fact that Christ shared our life fully, including family life.

This is a day to celebrate Christ's presence in our families. Every family is special to God. Every family receives God's favor. We too pray that we may become more like the Holy Family as we gather to celebrate with family, friends and community this Christmas season.

Msgr. Manganello

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

St. John Paul once said, "To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others." This wisdom from His Holiness nicely sums up what we should learn from today's readings. God calls us all to community...to family...and as our Father, He sets the example of how we are to serve one another in our communities, our families: in love...kindness...humility...and patience. Every member of a family is, in some unique way, to be the servant of the others, a service which necessarily includes a willingness to forgive one another, even as God has forgiven us. When these qualities are actively practiced the peace of God will rein in our hearts and in our communities. If we follow God's example and do these things, we will be seen by others to belong to God's family.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joyce McCracken, Sharon Warner, Herb Bucki, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamie Kate Johnson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloï, Kathleen A. Walter, Kristina Lewis, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram 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, December 26th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, December 27th

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

12 noon: Baptism of Michael Everett Regelski

THURSDAY, December 31st—Parish Office Closed

4:00 pm: Vigil for Holy Day—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

4:00 pm: Holy Day Collection

FRIDAY, January 1st—Parish Office Close

12 noon: Holy Day of Obligation—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12 noon: Holy Day Collection

SATURDAY, January 2nd

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

4:00 pm: Saint Louis 2016 Calendars Available

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 3rd

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Saint Louis 2016 Calendars Available

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

VOCATION THOUGHT**Feast of the Holy Family**

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 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2015 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 2015 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.**



As we look back on 2015, 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 2016 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 FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the St. Louis Fund Drive. It is not too late to contribute. Donations will be accepted until December 31st. Your kind support is greatly appreciated as always and we thank you for your generosity. So far, \$49,420 has been donated and outstanding pledges are \$430.00.

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself, Sr. Lucy Magumba, and my sister Nancy for your generous contribution to the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa. The notecard sales totaled \$160.00 from our Christmas Party last week. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Barbara State

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

The January pre-baptismal class will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.—there will be NO class in March—next class will be on May 2, 2016.

SAINT LOUIS 2016 CALENDARS

Your Saint Louis calendar will be available next weekend. You will note there is no donor for these calendars. This cost is covered by our parish. An extra dollar in the collection today will help meet the expense. It is hoped that every day in 2016 will be a day of joy, health and happiness for you and yours.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

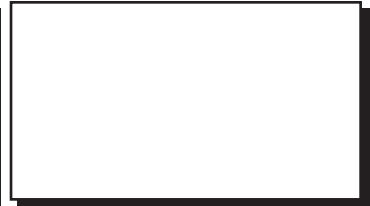
CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

- Tennis just ended and girls' basketball is in full swing, under the direction of coach Lisa Ehlers and Asst. Coach Javon Byrd. Boys' in grades 5 & 6 will be participating in intramural basketball to practice skills and team-building.
- Christmas season is very busy at Catholic Academy. We begin every day with prayers and song around the traditional Advent wreath. Grades 5, 7 and 8 will be working on Christmas ornaments for patients at ECMC. Several classes will be visiting residents at the Delaware Center Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols. Students in Pre-K are working on their Christmas presentation and grades K—2 are practicing for their Annual Christmas pageant.
- Please visit and like us on Facebook and Twitter and look at our website at cawb.org for current events at the school.
- Our very popular International Festival will be returning on February 5, 2016. Stay tuned for further information.

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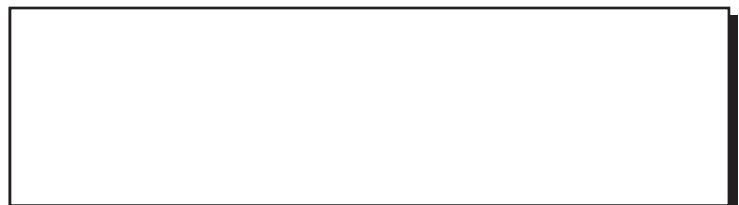
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