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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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.

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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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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 Raffeiner ......................................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters .......................................1855-1861
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Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ................................1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff ..............................1864-1867
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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

Announced Masses of the Week

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. Schwingr, by Estate
11:00 am: Rita Gerling, by Carolann Besch

MONDAY, January 4: SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, January 5: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN
12:05 pm: Georgette Puccio, by Patricia Millemaci

WEDNESDAY, January 6: SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Estate of Marie Schieber

THURSDAY, January 7: SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAORT
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

FRIDAY, January 8: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: John Feist, by Estate

SATURDAY, January 9:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Charleen Rankin, by Joyce Paradowski and Family

SUNDAY, January 10: FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Salvatore Vinci, by Charles and Grace Martorana
11:00 am: God’s Blessings and In Thanksgiving for the Caputi, Gentile and Klosko Families, by Charlotte Oczak

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of January 9th and January 10th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Gina Derrico

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of January 9th and January 10th
4:00 pm: Robert Sprague, Kevin Brayer and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Susan Ministro, James Brigante, Judy Perkowski and Al Bluemle
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Rita Gerling, requested by Carolann Besch. 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.

GOD MADE MANIFEST
Our Christmas Season continues today with the Feast of the Epiphany. Traditionally, the Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated on January 6th or twelve days after Christmas. It is also known as “Little Christmas.” In the Eastern rite churches, the Epiphany is just as important as Christmas if not more so.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates yet another manifestation of Jesus the Son of God. On Christmas we celebrated the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The Child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is today revealed as the Son of God. Jesus is revealed to us as the Light of the World, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the one in whom God is present.

Traditionally, three events in the life of Christ are remembered today as manifestations of God’s presence and action through Christ: the visit of the Magi, the wedding feast of Cana, and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. We now celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on separate days of the Christmas Season.

The Gospel describes this Feast as the Magi travelling from the East, following a star and presenting the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Child Jesus honoring him as God made manifest in our world.

On New Year’s Day, we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the mother of God, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace. During the Christmas Season, we celebrate Jesus as the Prince of Peace. As we begin a new year marked by new beginnings and resolutions, let us all work together to make manifest Jesus the Son of God by extending his peace and mercy to all we meet.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT
The Epiphany of the Lord
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.

You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—wwwbuffalovocations.org!

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Amy Vilz, Paulette Snively, Joyce McCracken, Sharon Wamer, Herb Buckley, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Pam Amigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamie Kate Johnson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloi, 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, especially Josephine Czajkowski 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."

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the St. Louis Annual Fund Drive. $94,880 has been donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements 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.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

The January pre-baptismal 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.

THANK YOU

Dear Fr. Sal and Friends of St. Louis Parish,

“Wishing You God’s Blessings.” Many thanks for your nice Christmas gifts. It always helps to know someone cares. Special smiles on little faces will remind us of your love and help.

We wish you warmth, laughter and always good health. “Happy Holidays.” Think snow—and spring soon!

Love and Joy,
Brother Tim

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Give the gift of food. Just as the three kings brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, you can give gifts to those in need. With eight food pantries in Buffalo, Franklinville, Getzville, Lackawanna and Wellsville, Catholic Charities strives to assist those in need, regardless of their circumstances. The food pantries can always use assistance in sorting, stocking, and preparing food, but any help is welcome! Interested? Call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2005 for more information or to sign up to help for as little as four hours a week.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Are YOU ready for the next step?

Are you looking for a challenging Bible Study? Are you thinking there is more to the Bible than you can know by simply reading it? Discover the riches that can be found when you STUDY the Bible with live, trained instructors. The Catholic Biblical Studies Program has been guiding people along this pathway for 25 years! Join us! See our website www.cbstudies.org or call us at 871-9180 if you would like to visit a class.

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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, January 2nd

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

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: Western New York Catholic Available

MONDAY, January 4th

7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

SATURDAY, January 9th

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

SUNDAY, January 10th

9:50 am—10:50 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

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

WORD OF LIFE BRIEF

We know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. “Where Families Come First” is for you! All services are free. All conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-658-7233 or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

HAVEFAITHBUFFALO.COM

The Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry has developed a digital platform—the website: HaveFaithBuffalo.com to reach out to Catholics in their 20’s and 30’s. This website offers an environment for young adults to explore the bigger questions of life, meaning and purpose, and find a community with the Catholic faith. The site is also a useful tool to connect young adults with many social opportunities and fun things to do within WNY. Rediscover yourself with faith, hope and love.
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