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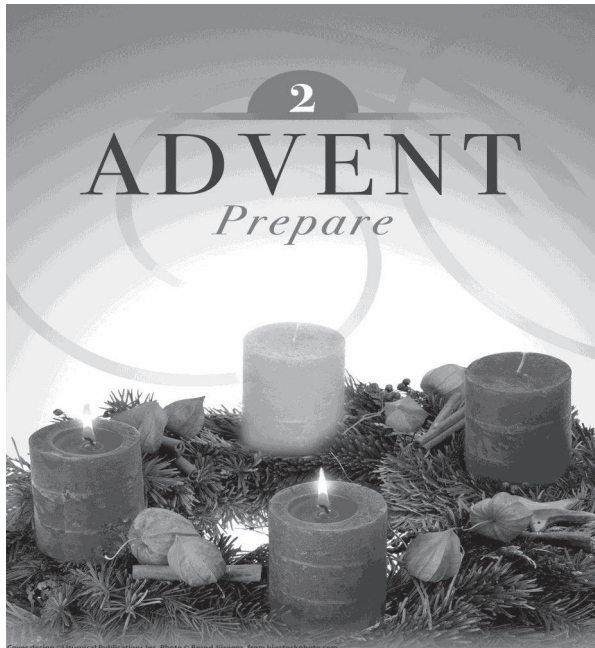
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MASSES

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.

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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 Rafffeiner..... 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

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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 3:

- 2:00 pm:** Wedding of Jonathan Bayerl and Michelle Milasinovic
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Joseph State, by State Family

SUNDAY, December 4: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am:** Antonette Oliverio, by Christopher and Jessica Copeland
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

MONDAY, December 5: ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm:** Mary Lou Riso, by Central Services/Cafeteria Staff

TUESDAY, December 6: ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, December 7: SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 12:05 pm:** Thomas F. Heick, by Central Services/Cafeteria Staff
4:30 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

THURSDAY, December 8: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 12:05 pm:** Living and Deceased of the Caputi, Gentile, Occek and Klosko Families, by Family

FRIDAY, December 9: SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

- 12:05 pm:** Special Intentions of Heather, James and Jessica Caputi, by Family

SATURDAY, December 10:

- 4:00 pm:** **VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 John Joseph Whelan, by Rosemary Baszczyński

SUNDAY, December 11: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Mike Mikos

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 10th and December 11th

- 4:00 pm:** Kristin Bender
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 10th and December 11th

- 4:00 pm:** Robert Sprague, Mike Mikos, Jim Ferrini and Kevin Brayer
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero, Al Bluemle and Jim Brigante
11:00 am: Michael Mandolfo, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, 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.



PLEASE GIVE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN A LIFETIME

Every year during the Season of Advent the second weekend in December asks us to assist our retired Religious Sisters, Priests and Brothers. For many years several religious orders have served us in the Church in many ways by providing health care, education and other social service ministries. Much of their service was provided free or for a minimal stipend. Now many more Religious are retired than are working. This means that the fewer who are working now must provide for the several who are retired. Many are in need of extended care.

Many religious communities now are lacking the financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of their aging members. Because many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, there is now a large gap in retirement savings. Of the 550 communities serving the Church throughout the country, only 45 are adequately funded for retirement. In the past Religious Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests were provided a small stipend that met the needs of the day. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and education of younger members. Like many Americans, religious communities face the huge challenge of funding eldercare.

In the early and mid-twentieth centuries, the Catholic Church in the United States experienced a surge in vocations to religious life with numbers peaking in the mid-1960's. Over time the number of vocations decreased while lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members are available to support the retirement eldercare needs of senior members. In 2016, the median age being reported by religious is 70 years old or older.

Next weekend the second collection will be for the support of the retired Religious Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests. You may remember one or more Religious who made an impact on your life. Supporting them in their retirement is one way to say thank you to them for all they have done for us.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

We are urged to "prepare the way of the Lord!" God has called some men and women to show His children how to do this through their leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. 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 Tony Puglese, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti

Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmmler, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloï, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Pam Arrigo, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, 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 **Msgr. J. Grant Higgins, Joseph A. Szczesny, Deacon Paul F. Carmody** 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 407 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,592.00 and the Sandwich Program collection was \$1,860.00.

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, December 3rd

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, December 4th

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 and Christmas Flowers Collection

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

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

MONDAY, December 5th

6:00 pm: Little Saints Class—Church Hall

TUESDAY, December 6th

7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

WEDNESDAY, December 7th

4:30 pm: Vigil for Holy Day of Obligation

THURSDAY, December 8th—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:00 am—12 noon: Confession

Mass 12:05 pm: Holy Day Collection

SATURDAY, December 10th

9:00 am: Decorate Hall for Christmas Party
New Volunteers Are Always Welcome

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

4:00 pm: Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

4:00 pm: Collection for Warmth Tree and Response to Love Center

SUNDAY, December 11th

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Collection for Warmth Tree and Response to Love Center

After 11:00 am Mass: Christmas Party—Church Hall

ST. LOUIS PRESERVATION FUND

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the St. Louis Preservation Fund. The Preservation Fund is an important way for us to raise funds so that we may complete special projects that need to be done. Thank you for helping us with these special projects through your generosity.

So far, \$18,645 has been donated.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Louis Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Meet Santa and help him bring Christmas cheer to those less fortunate by bringing canned good items to donate to Friends of the Night People. Arts and crafts for the kids and a Christmas cookie tasting contest will all be a part of this year's party.

Interested in helping out with this year's Christmas Party? Please contact Ryan McGowan of the Parish Life Committee at ryan.mcgowan@gmail.com for more information.

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE AND FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE CONTEST

We are looking for a few good bakers! St. Louis will be having our first ever cookie tasting contest and we want you to be part of it! All you need to do is bring in a batch of your best cookies for our judges to sample. Our ever popular gingerbread house raffle will be back as well, so if you want to show off your decorating skills, bring one in. If you are interested in participating, please bring your cookies or gingerbread houses to the church hall on December 11 before the Christmas party at 11:00 a.m.

Email lindsay.ee@gmail.com with any questions.



During the Season of Advent, our diocese will be participating in *The Light Is On For You* program. This program creates an enhanced opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. In addition to Saturday afternoons, every **Thursday St. Louis Church will be open during Advent at 11:00 a.m. for this opportunity.**

The Light Is On For You, **December 8th, 15th, and 22nd.**

THE WARMTH TREE

St. Louis Church parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will then be given to area families. Help us make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations will be accepted the weekends of **December 10th & 11th and December 17th & 18th.**

RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER

The Response to Love Center provides a variety of compassionate programs that assist those in need and enable self-sufficiency. We asked them for a wish list and were told they are in need of baby food (small jars), diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby powder, baby shampoo and baby wipes as well as men's and women's toiletry items. As you can imagine, the list of items needed for those served is lengthy. If you prefer to make a monetary gift to the Center, please place your donation into an envelope marked: "Response to Love Center" and drop it into the collection basket during Mass. Donations will be accepted the weekends of **December 10th & 11th and December 17th & 18th.**



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