

# 2016 St. Louis Church

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## *Celebrating Our 187th Anniversary*

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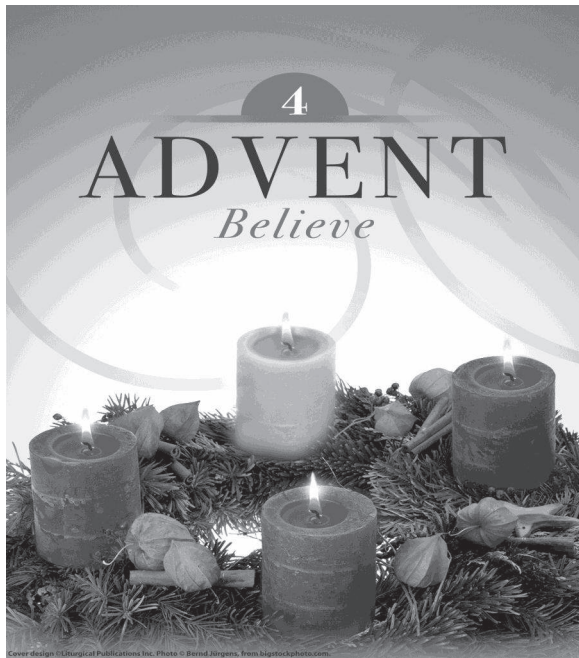
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President..... James Reeves  
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### MASSES

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  
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

### 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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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.

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

## Announced Masses of the Week

**SATURDAY, December 17:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Richard Kiener, by Loss Family

**SUNDAY, December 18: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 am:** In Honor of St. Anthony, by Gary A. Halicki  
**11:00 am:** Deceased Members of Mikos Family, by Family

**MONDAY, December 19: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** Catherine Neunder, by Estate

**TUESDAY, December 20: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** Adelaide D. Volo, by Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 21: SAINT PETER CANISIUS**

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

**THURSDAY, December 22: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** Mary Cirelli, by Geoffrey and Millie Klass

**FRIDAY, December 23: SAINT JOHN OF KANTY**

**12:05 pm:** Msgr. Paul Hoelscher, by Estate

**SATURDAY, December 24:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish  
**Midnight:** Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

**SUNDAY, December 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**9:00 am:** Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish  
**11:00 am:** Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

**Weekend of December 24th and December 25th**

**4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo  
**Midnight:** Ann Dumansky  
**9:00 am:** Wendy Mistretta  
**11:00 am:** John Zygaj



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL

#### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Weekend of December 24th and December 25th**

**4:00 pm:** Frank and Jane Pelosi, Jim Ferrini, Robert Sprague, Ron and Margaret Foegen, Debbie Guillow and Pat Doyle  
**Midnight:** Kevin Brayer, Rosemary Bloch and Tim and Mary O'Shea  
**9:00 am:** Rosemary Bloch, Judy Perkowski, and Fred and Marilyn Steffan  
**11:00 am:** Mike Mikos, Ryan McGowan and Keith and Kathy Boerner



"BODY OF CHRIST"

**Prepare the way for the Lord**  
**Luke 3:4**

### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Msgr. Robert A. Mack, requested by Ted and Mary Guzowski.**

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.

### PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. One more week until Christmas. By now many of us have made our preparations for Christmas. The Lord is still preparing our hearts to make room for His Son Jesus to be born again in our lives. The signs and symbols of Christmas help us to reflect on the goodness of God that we celebrate.

Evergreen branches and trees decorate our homes and churches as a sign of life during the darkness of winter. Since the first celebrations of the winter solstice, branches of pine and spruce and balsam have been brought indoors to celebrate the "new sun" that dawns in late December with increasingly longer days of light. Against the cold winter landscape, these pieces of greenery were signs of hope that spring will return and that a new growing season will come again.

Our evergreen branches then, are a sign of hope. Let the greenery stir within our hearts the hope that peace, joy, and good will are always possible; let the fresh smell of the pine remind us of God's Spirit in our midst; let the branches give us pause to remember that we are all branches of Christ, who "takes root" in us this Christmas.

Let us pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Word of God, and transform our Advent hope into Christmas peace. May your Word of love take root in our hearts, enabling us to speak that Word in offerings of peace, joy and good will to all as we celebrate your birth again this year.

*Msgr. Manganello*

### VOCATION THOUGHT

Today we hear that Jesus' coming into our world and all of the love he poured out to us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father's will. Remember that it may be God's will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus' example of faithfulness? 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 James Palka, Tony Puglese, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah

Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmner, 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 Snaveley, 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 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 379 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,235.00 and the Retirement Fund for Religious collection was \$4,775.00.

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 17th

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

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

#### SUNDAY, December 18th

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

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

**4:00 pm:** A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

**12 noon:** Baptism of Gordon Edward Young

**1:00 pm:** Baptism of Finnian Carter McGowan

#### THURSDAY, December 22nd

**11:00 am–12 noon:** Confession

#### FRIDAY, December 23rd

**6:00 pm:** Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) & Christmas Decorators will meet in church to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. New Volunteers are always welcome!

#### SATURDAY, December 24th

**3:40 pm:** Christmas Music Program

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Christmas Offering Collection

**11:30 pm:** Christmas Music Program

**Midnight:** Mass for Christmas

#### SUNDAY, December 25th—Merry Christmas

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Christmas Offering Collection

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM AND NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

to be held at the **Carmelite Monastery**  
75 Carmel Road, Buffalo, NY

The Solemn **Christmas Triduum**, beginning Wednesday, December 21 and closing on Friday, December 23, will be conducted by Rev. Martin X. Moleski, SJ. Services each evening of the Triduum will begin with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass.

As in previous years, there will be a Mass offered at 11:30 p.m., December 31, to give thanks to God for all the graces of 2016 and ask His blessing on the year 2017. The celebrant will be announced at a later date.

### 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, \$20,620 has been donated.

### IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT PLANNED

A new exhibit highlighting the great Catholic immigration of the 1840's and 50's is being planned for our parish museum. We are looking for any materials regarding our pioneer families and their journey to America. Photos of the immigrants are especially desired. Material would be duplicated and returned to you. Please contact Michael Riestler, parish archivist via the rectory.

### CHOIR OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PRESENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Choir of St. Louis Church will present a *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* on **Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m.** here in St. Louis Church.

Featured will be carols and anthems of Praetorius, Ord, Posten, Willcocks, Iseler and others.

The service of *Lessons and Carols* traces, in Scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by the Old Testament prophets and narrated by the Gospel writers. Begun in King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, nearly a century ago, the service of *Lessons and Carols* is repeated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide.

### 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 **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-efficiency. 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 **December 17th & 18th.**

### CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL

#### Christmas Magic and Miracles:

#### A Musical—Poetic Journey

#### Events are by Donation

Concerts for the Soul presents Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher. Join Cory and Amy for an evening of Music, Reflection and Beauty as we celebrate the Mystery and Magic of Christmas. Remembrance CD is available for purchase—\$15.00. Contact Cory for order details: 716-868-2047/email: fromthecor@aol.com.

#### Thursday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Wayside Presbyterian Church

5017 Lakeshore Road, Hamburg, NY

#### Friday, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

SS. Columba-Brigid Church—Off Clinton Street

75 Hickory Street, Buffalo, NY

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