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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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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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 Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

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

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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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Announced Masses of the Week

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

MONDAY, December 26: SAINT STEPHEN

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

TUESDAY, December 27: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE

- 12:05 pm:** Robert R. Rybarczyk, by Mark and Camilla Busch

WEDNESDAY, December 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

- 12:05 pm:** Dorothy Radwan, by Greg and Lisa Nikiel

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

- 12:05 pm:** Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

FRIDAY, December 30: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

SATURDAY, December 31:

- 4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

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

- 9:00 am:** Rita H. Foegen, by Michael and Beverly Ball
- 11:00 am:** Piccillo and Burke Families, by Piccillo Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 31st and January 1st

- 4:00 pm:** Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am:** Tom Pirrung
- 11:00 am:** Gina Derrico



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 31st and January 1st

- 4:00 pm:** Mike Mikos, Robert Sprague, Debbie Guillow and Jim Ferrini
- 9:00 am:** Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero and Tim and Mary O'Shea
- 11:00 am:** Carolann Besch, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



"BODY OF CHRIST"

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Merry Christmas to all. The Feasts of Christmas have begun. Our Christmas celebration is not just one day. The Season gives us the opportunity to celebrate Christmas joy this year for 16 days. Traditionally, Christmas was celebrated from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Epiphany which is twelve days later.

There are several feasts that are celebrated as part of the Christmas Season. These include: Holy Family, December 30th; The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st (New Year's Day); Epiphany, January 8th; and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 9th. Unfortunately, all of these feasts will not be celebrated on Sunday this year.

In Jesus, the child, born for us is the grace of God that appears saving all. Like the angels and shepherds we worship in joy and praise the glory of God. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the example of Joseph's and Mary's faithfulness following God's call to bear his only Son. The Magi of Epiphany rejoice at the great manifestation of the Lord when after following a star they find the new born Christ Child. The Lord's light is for all to see. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season. Jesus is the Father's beloved Son and the Father delights in him. Many Blessings to you and your loved ones.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

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 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 Rimmmler, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, 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. Paul F. Stengel, Bill Adams** 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 367 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,276.00.

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 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

MONDAY, December 26th—Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 31st

- 4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Solemnity of Mary Collection
- 4:00 pm: St. Louis 2017 Calendars Available
- 4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 1st—Happy New Year

- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Solemnity of Mary Collection
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis 2017 Calendars Available
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

SAINT LOUIS 2017 CALENDARS

Your Saint Louis calendar will be available next weekend. You will note there is no donor for these calendars. This cost covered by our parish. An extra dollar in the collection today will help meet the expense. It is hoped that every day in 2017 will be a day of joy, health and happiness for you and yours.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Paul Steinhauser on earning the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout rank. Paul's service project involved the paint restoration of the M41 tank and M54 APC variant at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park. Paul is a member of Troop 54 in Cheektowaga who are completing their 81st year of existence.

Jonathan Rucinski, Emmett Joyce, James Twist and Stephen Boyd who achieved First Honors, and Eamonn Dwyer who achieved Second Honors during the first marking period at Canisius High School.

Jonathan Kubiak who achieved First Honors during the 1st Quarter of the 2016-2017 school year at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.



In the name of Msgr. John Madsen, our Trustees, Parish Council and our staff and in my own name, we wish you and yours a most blessed, happy and joyous Merry Christmas. We pray that the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace will fill every corner of your hearts and homes with his His Peace, Power and Presence.

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, \$23,420 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 Riester, parish archivist via the rectory.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2017. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: <http://stlouisrcchurch.org>. Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) with questions or for registration forms.

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 Saturdays: March 4th, March 18th, and March 25th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

The January pre-baptismal class will be held on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.—there will be NO class in March. The next class will be on May 1, 2017.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2016 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 2016 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.**

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

It is Christmas! We have been watching and waiting during the Advent season, looking toward Christ's coming into our midst. Today, we celebrate. Christ has come. Whomever you gather with on Christmas—family, friends, loved ones—remember it is about rejoicing together that Christ is among us...and within us. So really rejoice! Think about it. God entered our world as a newborn baby, in a stable. It is such a beautiful story about love and family and miracles and peace. Take a moment to read Luke 2: 1 through 20 in scripture. Imagine hearing the angel say, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will bring great joy for all people." There is no better news. There is no greater joy. God is with us. Have a Blessed Christmas!



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