

2017 St. Louis Church

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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
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Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
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Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
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Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
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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 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

MONDAY, January 2: SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN
12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Hromchak Family, by Rosemary Bloch

TUESDAY, January 3: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, January 4: SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

THURSDAY, January 5: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP
12:05 pm: John Feist, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 6: SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE
12:05 pm: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

SATURDAY, January 7:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

SUNDAY, January 8: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Repose of the Souls of Diane Occek Gentile and Aloisius Joseph Occek, by Family
11:00 am: Josephine Mandolfo, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 7th and January 8th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: John Zygaj



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 7th and January 8th

4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Kevin Brayer Jim Ferrini and Robert Sprague
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Jim Brigante and Fred and Marilyn Steffan
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner



"BODY OF CHRIST"

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Gerald Stevens, requested by Isabelle Stevens**. If you desire have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

HAIL FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU

As our Christmas celebrations continue, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God which is also New Year's Day. The Gospel reading tells us that Mary reflected upon the Christmas event in her heart. Most people begin their New Year by reflecting upon their lives as they have been and for what they hope them to be. We make resolutions that we hope to keep and hope will improve our lives.

Mary has a long tradition of being a role model for us. At the Council of Ephesus the Church Fathers affirmed that Mary is "Mother of God." In showing reverence to Mary we honor her Son, Jesus, the "fruit" of her womb. St. Bernard of Clairvaux noted, "Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the son by the praise we lavish on the mother; for the more Mary is honored, the greater is the glory of her son."

Through the willing obedience of Mary, a young Jewish girl from the obscure town of Nazareth, and through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God became flesh. The fullness of God's plan of redemption arrived when Mary responded to the angel Gabriel: "May it be done to me according to your word." This began the reverence we have offered Mary through the centuries especially in the prayer we know as the Hail Mary.

May your New Year of 2017 be a time of grace and prayer modeled on the example of Mary.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Motherhood is a gift at the beginning of every life. After God, the first nurturing that we experience is from our mothers. Today we acknowledge and celebrate the motherhood of Mary, the Mother of God. Although the relationship that each of us has with our mothers on earth may be different, we can all count on the unfailing love and intercession of our Mother Mary. Pray with Mary as you discover God's will in your life. Her aid will be a tremendous benefit. 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, 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 Snavelly, 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 Tony Puglese 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 our regular collection was \$4,463.00 and the Christmas Offering collection was \$12,607.00.

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 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

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

MONDAY, January 2nd—Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

SATURDAY, January 7th

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

SUNDAY, January 8th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

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

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The New Year is upon us. If you're still looking for a resolution for 2017, consider having a goal of giving back to your community and volunteering with Catholic Charities of Buffalo. As the most comprehensive human service provider serving Western New York, Catholic Charities has a wide array of volunteer opportunities. **Your talents can be put to good use helping others!** To browse volunteer opportunities, visit www.ccnw.org/volunteer-with-catholic-charities.org. For more information on volunteer positions, email Lauren Maguire at lauren.maguire@ccwny.org or call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2006. For frequent updates from Catholic Charities of Buffalo, follow us on Twitter @ccbuffalo and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ccbuffalo. To browse our volunteer opportunities or services available, visit ccwny.org.



As we look back on 2016, 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 2017 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.

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, \$30,695 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.

ST. LOUIS 2017 CALENDARS

Your Saint Louis calendar is available this 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 2017 will be a day of joy, health and happiness for you and yours.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

BUCKS 4 BOTTLES

Rainbow K is hosting a year long bottle drive. We need your help to achieve a big goal and it couldn't be easier. Simply bring in your clean empty deposit bottles and cans to the Rainbow K School and Bucks 4 Bottles will take care of the rest. 100% of proceeds go to Rainbow K!!! Please drop bottles, cans at 433 Franklin Street.

10,000 bottles and cans is our goal.



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