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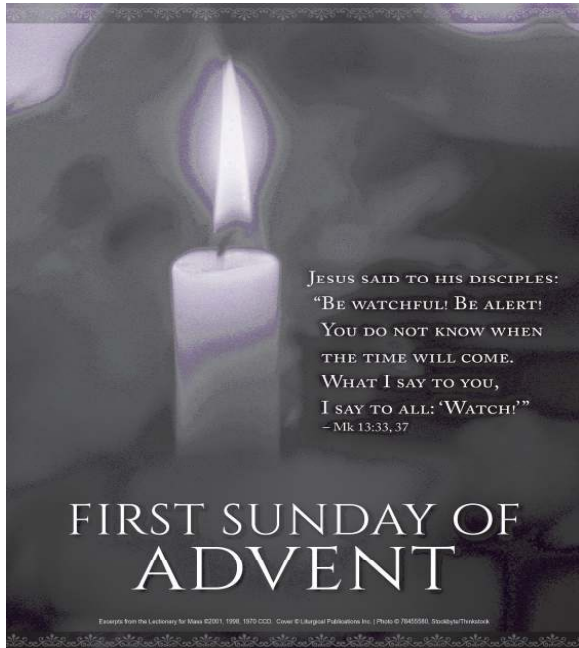
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MASSES

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 2:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Brian Dibble and Dominique DiPietro
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Thomas Guzowski, by Joe and Maryann Petrella

SUNDAY, December 3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Mike and Christina Mandolfo
- 11:00 am: Joseph State, by Family

MONDAY, December 4: SAINT DAMASCENE

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

TUESDAY, December 5: ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Kevin McCue, by Gary and Sandy Witman

WEDNESDAY, December 6: SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

- 12:05 pm: Thomas J. Comer, Jr., by Central Services/Cafeteria Staff

THURSDAY, December 7: SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP

- 12:05 pm: All Souls
- 4:30 pm: Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

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

- 12:05 pm: Thaddeus Mikos, by Family

SATURDAY, December 9:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Scott Kaiser and Lisa Vogl
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young
- 5:30 pm: Wedding of Sean Algeo and Sara Shookus

SUNDAY, December 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am: Melanie Luongo, by Evan and Trish Lewis
- 11:00 am: Mikos Family, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 9th and December 10th

- 4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
- 9:00 am: John Loss
- 11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 9th and December 10th

- 4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow and Jim Ferrini
- 9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Al Bluemle and Fred and Marilyn Steffan
- 11:00 am: Michael Mandolfo, Carolann Besch, Pat Doyle and Pam Nordstrom



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the well-being of **Raymond Sharrer, requested by Family and Friends.**

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend, December 9th and 10th, parishes will be conducting the 30th appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones they can continue the good works of their elders.

It can be difficult to promote yet another collection, especially with many worthy causes vying for the limited resources of parishioners. Please consider giving what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. They are praying for you.

Msgr. Manganello

LETTER FROM BISHOP MALONE

Dear Monsignor Manganello:

Upon the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board and after consultation with diocesan officials, it is my pleasure to extend your term as Pastor of St. Louis Parish, Buffalo for a third term of six years to November 1, 2023.

Please know of my sincere gratitude for the priestly leadership that you have given to the people of St. Louis Parish. May the Lord continue to bless your entire faith community as you strive to live and celebrate the presence of Christ.

Be assured of a continued remembrance in my prayers, especially at Mass for you and all at your parish.

Yours fraternally in Christ,
Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Aloj, Paul Sweeney, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun 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 Dorothy Plemens, Robert Ess 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 337 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$7,499.00 and the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program collection was \$1,655.00.

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, December 2nd

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

4:00 pm: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

5:00 to 6:30 pm: RCIA & Pre-K—Grade 10—"People of Faith: Living as Disciples" Event—Church Hall

SUNDAY, December 3rd

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

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

THURSDAY, December 7th

4:30 pm: Vigil for Holy Day of Obligation

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

Mass at 12:05 pm: Holy Day Collection

SATURDAY, December 9th

10:00 am: Decorate Church Hall for Christmas Party

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: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

4:00 pm: Collection for Warmth Tree

SUNDAY, December 10th

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: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Collection for Warmth Tree

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help care for others! "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, \$33,985 has been donated. This year the Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. Your continued support for the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

By popular demand, St. Louis will again be accepting toy donations! This year, we will be collecting gift cards, new and gently used toys, and books (unwrapped, please) for Buffalo Public Schools' Community Schools Saturday Academy Holiday activities. Please place donations in the boxes by the church entrances the weekends of **December 2nd and 3rd and December 9th and 10th.**

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 9th and 10th and December 16th and 17th.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECORATING EVENT

Join your fellow merrymakers of the St. Louis Garden Society on December 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall for Christmas decorating. We will be getting the Church Hall ready for the upcoming Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend!

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate John Pirrung, James Twist, Owen Whistler and Zachary Whistler who achieved the honor roll for the 1st Quarter at Canisius High School.

CORY JAMES GALLAGHER AND CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENT:

An Evening of Healing and Remembrance:
Encore Presentation

Sunday, December 3rd—6:00 p.m.

Wayside Presbyterian Church
5017 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg, NY

We have received such powerful and moving feedback from our last concert series—we are offering a final encore presentation.

Join us for an evening of healing and remembrance. Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher's angelic singing will soothe your heart, while Amy Gallagher's poetic-reflections will stir your soul, and put you in touch with the meaning of life.

Come and experience the healing grace of this sacred evening. This concert is by DONATION.

A wine and cheese reception will follow.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Struggling to make ends meet and still put food on the table? We can help. Catholic Charities is the provider for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) federal nutrition program in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties. WIC provides nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and supplemental food vouchers for all kinds of families with children under 5 years old. Services are free of charge. For more information, call (716) 218-1484 or visit ccwny.org/wic.

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