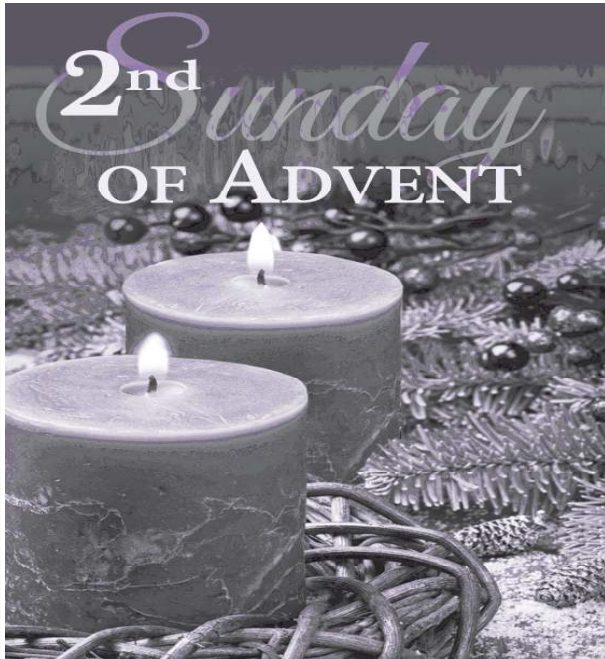


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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
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Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
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Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

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

MONDAY, December 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

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

TUESDAY, December 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 12:05 pm: Mary Guzowski, by Gary and Sandy Witman

WEDNESDAY, December 13: SAINT LUCY

- 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

THURSDAY, December 14: SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

- 12:05 pm: John A. Kraus, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 15: ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Earl and Mary Young, by Marilyn Young

SATURDAY, December 16:

- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Mary Jane Luhr, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

SUNDAY, December 17: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
- 11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 16th and December 17th

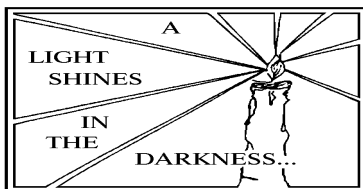
- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: Clark Jordan
- 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 16th and December 17th

- 4:00 pm: Ron and Margaret Foegen and Frank and Jane Pelosi
- 9:00 am: Robert Sprague, Jim Brigante and Tim and Mary O'Shea
- 11:00 am: Ryan and Lindsay McGowan and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of **Saint Lucy**. 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.

THE SEASON OF LIGHT

When God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, announcing his intent of leading the Israelites out of slavery, he visually manifested his presence with a burning bush. In Old Testament times illumination provided by some source of fire has been a part of divine worship. Within the context of Advent and Christmas light has a particular meaning.

The Scriptures repeatedly describe the first coming of Christ as a light overcoming the darkness. Isaiah announces that: *"the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."* When Zachariah praises God for the birth of John the Baptist, his Canticle proclaims: *"the daybreak from on high will visit us, to shine on those who sit in darkness and shadow of death."* And when the Gospel of John announces the incarnation the Evangelist declares: *"the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

The use of candles in various ways to overcome the darkness of the night leading up to Christmas Day has a long history. In France, Germany and many other places light has played an important role in celebrating the season of Advent and Christmas. Since the 19th century, the lighting of four candles on the Advent wreath has marked the passage of Advent in many churches and Christian homes.

The announcement of Christ's birth by the appearance of a star has in sense codified the association of light with the coming of Christ. As we go about decorating our homes with various lighted decorations, let us remember that Christ has come as the Light of the World and pause to pray Come, Lord Jesus.

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 Loretta Rembold, 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 Aloi, 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 Deacon Frank J. Shaughnessy, Richard J. Remick, Virginia Tracey, 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 376 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,391.00 and Christmas Flowers collection was \$1,462.00.

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 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

WEDNESDAY, December 13th

- 7:30 pm: Canisius High School's Choir to Present Advent Program

SATURDAY, December 16th

- 4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
- 4:00 pm: Collection for Warmth Tree

SUNDAY, December 17th

- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Collection for Warmth Tree
- 4:00 pm: A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

If you are feeling overwhelmed with keeping up with your child's medical care and physical, dental and/or mental health appointments, Catholic Charities can help. **Catholic Charities is now a children's health home provider through Encompass Family Health Home.** Through the health home, children and their families are given a network of providers, health plans and community-based organizations that work to ensure the child's needs are met, including physical, dental, mental health or simple support. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, visit ccwny.org/encompass_health_home or call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2012, or go to ccwny.org.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, \$35,060.00 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.

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL'S CHOIR TO PRESENT ADVENT PROGRAM AT ST. LOUIS

All are welcome to attend Canisius High School's Advent music program to be held here at St. Louis Church on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. Join the CHS music ensembles in celebrating the mystery of Christ's birth.

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 17th at 4:00 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

Featured will be carols and anthems of Mendelssohn, Ord, Posten, Willcocks, Wood 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.

Please join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas in scripture and song.

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 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.**

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, 2018. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: <http://stlouiscchurch.org> or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th, 2018. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

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