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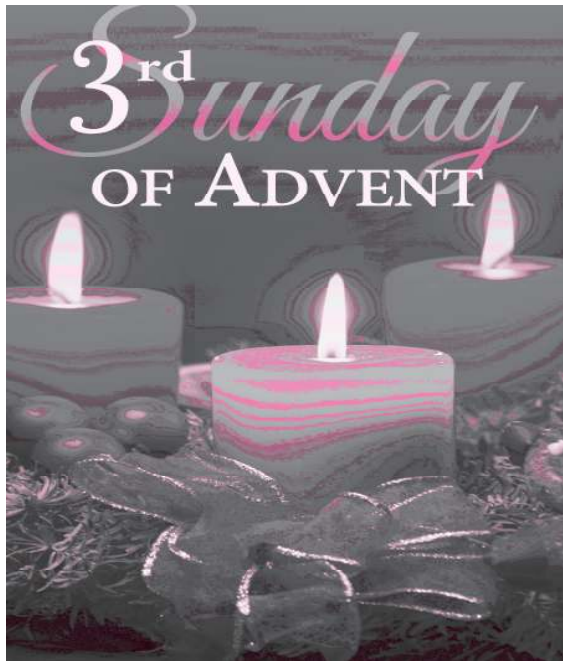
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President..... James Reeves  
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### MASSES

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.

### 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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### HEARING ASSISTANCE

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.

### 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. Laudendach..... 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 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

**MONDAY, December 18: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** In Honor of St. Anthony, by Gary A. Halicki

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**12:05 pm:** Alfonso Pitisi, by Hoffman Family

**SATURDAY, December 23:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Albert Litto, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

**SUNDAY, December 24: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 am:** Jeanne Stark, by Kathryn Missert  
**11:00 am:** Mark P. Harty, by Kevin Brayer and Family  
**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

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

**Weekend of December 23rd and December 24th**

**4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo  
**9:00 am:** Wendy Mistretta  
**11:00 am:** Matt Glynn



**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Weekend of December 23rd and December 24th**

**4:00 pm:** Kevin Brayer, Jim Ferrini and Debbie Guillow  
**9:00 am:** Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero and Fred and Marilyn Steffan  
**11:00 am:** Debbie Beller, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES**



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, requested by Family.** The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of **Raymond Sharrer, requested by Family and Friends** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Katie Zawistowski, requested by Son, David Zawistowski.**

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.

**ADVENT-CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON OF JOYFUL WELCOME**

At the beginning of the Advent season, our program People of Faith Living as Disciples, taught us about different traditions that people celebrate during the Advent-Christmas season.

The days between December 16th and 24th recall the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, which tradition says took nine days. Mexican tradition observes the custom of *Las Posadas*, "lodgings." At dusk each night, families travel together from house to house in their neighborhood seeking shelter for Mary and Joseph. Sometimes they carry small figures of Mary and Joseph or perhaps a boy and girl are dressed as the pilgrim couple. Candles light the way. The procession stops at each home to ask for shelter. From within, a rude voice tells them to go away. When someone outside explains kindly that Mary is about to give birth to Christ, the door is opened, everyone is welcomed in and the celebration begins.

*Las Posadas* helps everyone to remember that Jesus came as a poor and humble child. Every Christian is reminded that they are called to be a gracious host and a person of welcome. During the Advent season we have been preparing to welcome Christ into our lives as we celebrate the birth of Jesus once again. The Advent season challenges us to find ways to welcome others. Jesus welcomed all who came to him and in turn asks us to be welcoming people too. Unless there is hospitality offered to all, even strangers, unless we open the doors of our hearts, Christmas cannot come.

We make Christ present to others through gifts of generosity, kindness and politeness. These are gifts that cannot be wrapped and placed under a Christmas tree. They are priceless and the most meaningful gifts anyone can receive. May we all welcome Christ present in each other always.

*Msgr. Manganello*



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 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 387 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,352.00 and Retirement Fund for Religious collection \$3,853.00.

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 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

#### FRIDAY, December 22nd

5:30 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) Decorate Church for Christmas

#### SATURDAY, December 23rd

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

#### SUNDAY, December 24th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

4:00 pm: Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Offering Collection

11:30 pm: Christmas Music Program

Midnight: Mass for Christmas

### CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

With Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher

This Concert is by Donation

Friday—December 22—7:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake

4737 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg

In the midst of the hustle-bustle of the holiday season, take an evening to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Cory James Gallagher's tender singing will soothe your heart. Amy Gallagher's poetic-reflections will take you on a magical journey through the sacred story of Christmas, and how it echoes into your own life. Open your treasure chest of golden Christmas memories, and unwrap the true gifts of the holiday season: inner peace, joy, and love.

### RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2017 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 2017 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.

### ANNUAL PRESESRVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive, So far, \$35,060 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.

### 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 for a lovely afternoon of great music.

### THANK YOU

The St. Louis Parish Life committee would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and participants of this year's Christmas Party! The church hall was more beautiful than ever and over 20 canned goods were collected to benefit the Friends of the Night People. We could not have made this party a success without all of your help!

 Thank You 

On behalf of myself, my sister Nancy, and Sister Lucy Magumba of The Immaculate Heart of Sisters of Africa, I would like to express by sincere thanks to all who purchased note cards at the annual St. Louis Christmas Party. The sale raised \$290.00 in donations for the mission. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Barbara State

### 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 December 16th and 17th.

### DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Friday, December 22nd at 5:30 p.m. to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas.

New Volunteers are always welcome!

### 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://stlouiscrcchurch.org> or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/[stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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