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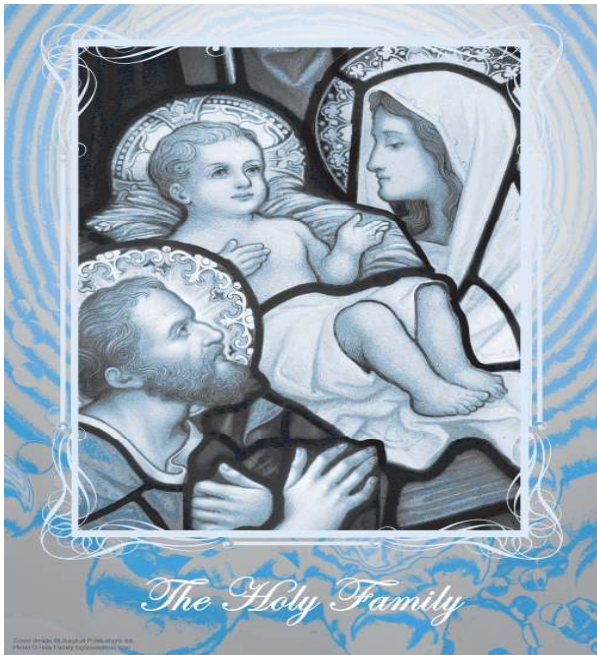
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MASSES

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.

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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 30:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 31: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
9:00 am: Florence Simpson, by Kathryn Missert
11:00 am: Vincey and Anthony Barone, by Family
4:00pm: VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

MONDAY, January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
12 noon: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, January 2: SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN
12:05 pm: John Kraus, by Daybreak TV Productions

WEDNESDAY, January 3: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
12:05 pm: Judy Beecher, by Steve and Kellie Ulrich

THURSDAY, January 4: SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
12:05 pm: Henry and Mary Brych, by Gary and Sandy Witman

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

SATURDAY, January 6:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

SUNDAY, January 7: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie
11:00 am: Mary Guzowski, by Bonnie and Gordon Pleuthner

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 6th and January 7th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Anne Continetti
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 6th and January 7th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Kevin Brayer and Debbie Guillow
9:00 am: Fred and Marilyn Steffan and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Carolann Besch and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Otto Agoston, requested by Agoston Family**. 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 FEASTS OF CHRISTMAS

The Twelve Days of the Christmas Season continues. Christmas Time is a short season that is filled with many feasts especially at the beginning. Each celebration offers another vision of what the Incarnation means to us.

December 26th was the Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr, a witness to God's love given to us through the birth of His Son. The Feast of St. John the Apostle was December 27th who preached the Gospel, spreading the Love of Christ into the world. December 28th was the Feast of the Holy Innocents whose lives were taken in the place of the Christ-Child.

Today we celebrate the great Feast of the Holy Family which reminds us of the love that is so necessary for family life. Tomorrow we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Mary is the prime example of what it means to do the will of God.

During the coming week we will celebrate the feasts of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen who were close friends and aided the Church's understanding of the Incarnation. On January 4th, the Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a married mother of five and founder of the Sisters of Charity who had a great impact on the life of the Church in the United States. St. John Neumann is remembered on January 5th for his missionary work in the United States especially in Western New York.

Next Sunday, January 7th, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord when we celebrate the visit of the wise men to Jesus bringing their precious gifts. The Christmas Season will conclude on January 8th with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas moves from the Incarnation to the Baptism of the Lord very quickly. It is as if Jesus grew up in a couple weeks. These are great celebrations to behold and enjoy. They are God's gifts of love to us. Let us rejoice and be glad in this glorious season.

Msrgr. 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 Vitz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Mamise 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 Maria Tollefson 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.

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."



As we look back on 2017, 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 2018 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.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, \$36,760 has been donated. This year the Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. Your continued support to the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated. Donations and pledges will be accepted until December 31st.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**SATURDAY, December 30th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: St. Louis 2018 Calendars Available

SUNDAY, December 31st

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis 2018 Calendars Available
4:00 pm: Vigil for Solemnity of Mary
Solemnity of Mary Collection

MONDAY, January 1st—Happy New Year

12 noon: Solemnity of Mary Collection

SATURDAY, January 6th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 7th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

VOCATION THOUGHT

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are not only our model for family life, but show us how to support each other in doing God's will. What is God's will for you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Gospel tells of the Holy Family's trip to Jerusalem to present the child, Jesus, to the Lord in the temple. Their story is of a seemingly simple, everyday man and woman that God calls to a sacred role through the sanctity of the family. Mary was a poor peasant. Joseph, a hardworking carpenter. Yet they were asked to be the parents of Jesus. It is a reminder that God calls all of us to holiness amidst our everyday lives. As he did with Mary and Joseph, God asks us to be the caretakers of what he has begun in Christ Jesus. Through the Holy Family we see vividly how God works through us in very human ways, continually calling us to greater holiness. Like Mary and Joseph, may we grow into holiness by saying yes to God's plan.

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

Family photos taken with Santa at the St. Louis Christmas party can be picked up at the Main Street door of the church.

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.**

ST. LOUIS 2018 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 2018 will be a day of joy, health and happiness for you and your families.

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our worth and that of others."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The new year is upon us. If you're looking for a resolution, consider volunteering with Catholic Charities. The agency offers a wide array of opportunities, from reception and office work to organizing donations, instructing cases and facilitating respite groups. **If 2018 is the year you want to give back in a meaningful way, visit ccwny.org/volunteer and explore the opportunities available.** For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

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://stlouisrcchurch.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.

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