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Reverend John Nicholas Mertz .............................. 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax ................................. 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth ........................................ 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffeiner ................................ 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ................................ 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ........................................ 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ............... 1862-1863
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Reverend Howard J. Schwartz ......................... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott ........................................ 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ............................ 1965-1979
Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 1:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
    Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

SUNDAY, December 2: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
9:00 am: Mary A. Deveau, by Son and Daughter
11:00 am: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Michael and Christina Mandolfo

MONDAY, December 3: **SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**
12:05 pm: Joseph State, by State Family

TUESDAY, December 4: **SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
12:05 pm: Marie Cuttita, by Sarah Leahy

WEDNESDAY, December 5: **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

THURSDAY, December 6: **SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP**
12:05 pm: People of Saint Louis Parish

FRIDAY, December 7: **SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
12:05 pm: All Souls
4:30 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
    Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

SATURDAY, December 8:
12 noon: All Souls
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
    Dr. and Mrs. George O’Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, December 9: **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
9:00 am: Joseph Dwight Connors, by John and Melanie Loss
11:00 am: Rosalie Bantle, by Kevin Brayer

Schedule of Lectors
Weekend of December 8th and December 9th
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 8th and December 9th
4:00 pm: Anne Continetti, Diane Randazzo and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero and Jim Brigante
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Michael Mandolfo and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Otto Agoston, requested by Agoston Family. The Saint Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of Dr. Ellis Joseph, requested by The 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.

Retirement Fund for Religious
During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.” This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies allowing generations of Catholics to flourish.

Today many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elderly religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care.

Because of the great need that religious communities encountered, the Catholic bishops of the United States in 1988 initiated the national collection for retired religious women and men. The Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held next weekend, December 8th and 9th. Now in its 31st year, the collection is used to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses for senior religious sisters, priests and brothers. Your contribution to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care and more.

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.

Vocation Thought
Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering his call. If you think God is calling you, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially James Vasi, Ray Sharer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiski, Lynn Gosliniski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegeen.

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 Geraldine Sliwinski 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 313 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $3,816.00, and the Msgr. Schwieger Sandwich Program collection was $2,134.00.

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 1st
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

SUNDAY, December 2nd
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 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
12 noon: Baptism of Margaret Grace Perez-Goter

FRIDAY, December 7th
4:30 pm: Vigil for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SATURDAY, December 8th—Holy Day of Obligation
12 noon: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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: Collection for Warmth Tree
4:00 pm: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

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9:00 am & 11:00 am: Collection for Warmth Tree
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive
After 11:00 am Mass: Christmas Party—Church Hall

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. As the structure of the church ages there is always something that needs attention. We noticed that the top of the stairway near the handicapped ramp has deteriorated leaving an open hole. Obviously it will need immediate attention. Our Preservation Fund this year will be used to address this situation as well as some other minor projects.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

Donations will be accepted until December 31st.

So far, $38,823 has been donated.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Sunday, December 9th is the St. Louis Christmas Party! Families are invited to attend the 11:00 Mass. Father Sal will be gearing his sermon towards the children and inviting them up to the front of the church. Families of children participating are asked to sit near the front of the church so that children can easily join their parents after the sermon.

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 8th and 9th and December 15th and 16th.

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). Your donation will be going to the most neediest in the community.

Please place your donations in the boxes by church entrance. 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.

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God.

Please give to next week’s second collection.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” is a much-loved hymn sung during the Advent season, expressing hope in the coming of God’s promised savior. Sometimes, as today’s scripture readings remind us, we let the season of Advent become a whirl of buying gifts, decorating the house, going to parties and other activities. Instead of bringing joy, all this can actually heighten our stress. That’s when we need to slow down and remember Emmanuel. The very meaning of “Emmanuel” is “God with us.” Rejoice! God is with us! Meditate on this in the busy days ahead and turn to God to relieve your stress.

Then think about how you might be “Emmanuel” to someone in need this season. The poor. The sick. The lonely. As today’s second reading instructs us—“increase and abound in love for one another.”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The holidays can be a hard time. If you or someone you love is struggling, turn to Catholic Charities. Our agency offers several different types of counseling support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, Diocesan counseling for church ministers, children’s clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. To learn more, visit ccwny.org and click the “Counseling & Mental Health” tab on the right-hand side.
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