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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.

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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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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

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 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 15:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Vincent Lauricella and Julianna Roehner
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am: God's Blessing and Special Intentions of Heather Ann, Jessica and James T. Caputi, by Family
- 11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

MONDAY, December 17: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY, December 18: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Camille Kreglicki, by Gary A. Halicki

WEDNESDAY, December 19: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Catherine Neunder, by Estate

THURSDAY, December 20: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY, December 21: SAINT PETER CANISIUS

- 12:05 pm: Msgr. Paul Hoelscher, by Estate

SATURDAY, December 22:

- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
In Thanksgiving and Blessings in the New Year for Oczak and Klosko Families, by Family

SUNDAY, December 23: FOURTH 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 22nd and December 23rd

- 4:00 pm: Kaitlin Cunningham
- 9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
- 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 22nd and December 23rd

- 4:00 pm: Ron and Margaret Foegen and Frank and Jane Pelosi
- 9:00 am: Robert Sprague, Judy Perkowski, Al Bluemle and Rosemary Bloch
- 11:00 am: Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Gretchen Haberland, requested by Phoebe Collins**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Ed Zawistowski, Sr., requested by son, David Zawistowski** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in honor of **Raymond Sharrer, requested by Dave 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.

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR

The days leading up to the celebration of Christmas are filled with many activities. There is decorating to do, baking and cooking, shopping, addressing Christmas cards and preparing visits during the holiday season as well as attending parties.

One of the things that often accompanies these activities is music in the background. We all love to listen to the Christmas Carols of the season. There is one in particular that has an interesting history. In October 1962, during the height of the Cuban missile Crisis, one of the most popular songs of the Christmas season was written. It was written by Gloria Shayn and Noel Regney. The title of the song is *Do You Hear What I Hear?* It was written as a plea for peace as the United States and the Soviet Union confronted each other over the placement of Soviet missiles in newly Communist Cuba. The song was then recorded by the Harry Simeone Chorale and released that Christmas season. Bing Crosby's recording of the song became a worldwide hit the following Christmas.

We hear much about peace and goodwill during the Christmas season. Let us resolve to make peace and goodwill a New Year's resolution and live it each day of the year. Thank you also to everyone who joined us for the party.

It was good to see Fr. Madsen at our Christmas party. He returned home a couple of weeks ago and is still recovering from his accident. His address is: Msgr. Conniff Residence, 68 Cowing Street, Depew, NY 14043

Thank you to all who helped arrange and prepare the Christmas Party again this year. It was very successful thanks to the hard work of many people.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially **Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Dolores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, 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 360 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,366.00, Immaculate Conception collection was \$590.00 and Retirement Fund for Religious collection was \$3,565.00.

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 15th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

4:00 pm: Collection for Warmth Tree

4:00 pm: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

SUNDAY, December 16th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

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

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

4:00 pm: Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

SATURDAY, December 22nd

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, December 23rd

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

12 noon: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) Decorate Church for Christmas

[RE] IGNITE HOPE

[Re] Ignite Hope this Advent season! All are welcome to come for an evening of faith, music, and prayer on **Wednesday, December 19th** from **6:00—8:00 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Church**, 651 Washington Street, NY. Before the busyness of the Christmas weekend, stop by for a few minutes or the whole evening and prepare your hearts spiritually for Christmas.

CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENTS CHRISTMAS MAGIC AND MIRACLES:

A Musical & Poetic Journey
Through the Wonder of the Season

Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher's singing will stir your soul, as he shares well-loved songs spanning the ages. Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher's reflections will remind you of the beauty of life, and the magic of the season. Open your treasure chest of golden Christmas memories and come be inspired. Event is by donation. Two evenings:

* **Thursday, December 20th—7:00 p.m.**

Blessed Sacrament Church
1029 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY

* **Friday, December 21st—7:00 p.m.**

St. Michael Church
651 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. 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, **\$40,823** has been donated.

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Sunday, December 23rd at noon to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas.

New volunteers are always welcome.

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 16th** at **4:00 p.m.** here in St. Louis Church.

Featured will be carols and anthems of Willan, Ord, Posten, Willcocks, Waters, Mendelssohn and others.

The service of *Lessons and Carols* traces, through 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 *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* is celebrated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide.

The Choir of St. Louis Church is an all-volunteer ensemble composed of members of the parish and other area music lovers. The Choir rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition.

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

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2018 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 2018 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.**

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 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 entrances on **December 15th & 16th.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity.

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