Reverend Francis Guth
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Reverend Joseph Raffeiner
Reverend J. E. Moshall
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber
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Monday at noon. All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by information.

Classes are offered bi-attend a Pre-

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must day or night.

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. — Luke 2:52

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen...............................................Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella.................................................12:05 Mass—Friday
TRUSTEES..............................................................Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ...........William Kurzdorfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER..........................................Frank Scinta
CANTOR........................................................................James Mrozek
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Secretary .................................................................Robert Sprague

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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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.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of Mary Rose May Skylon, requested by Bertha Hyde. 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 STORY BEHIND THE CAROL

This year I received a Christmas card from the Curator of the 1903 Kimball Pipe Organ, Bill Kurzdorfer. It tells the story about the origins of the famous Christmas Carol we all know, Silent Night.

Josef Mohr who was the pastor of the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, near Salzburg, Austria chose to take the long way home after the Christmas Eve program in 1818. His route took him up over a hill overlooking the village.

Reveling in the silence of the wintry night, he remembered a poem he had written. He decided those words might make a good carol for his congregation. He went to see the church organist, Franz Gruber, who had only a few hours to come up with a melody.

On Christmas Eve, the little Oberndorf congregation heard Gruber and Mohr play their new carol. It spread across northern Europe, and in 1834, singers performed Silent Night for King Frederick William IV of Prussia, who then ordered his cathedral choir to sing it every Christmas Eve. The carol is now sung in more than 300 different languages around the world.

“Christ the Savior is Born!” Happy New Year.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Feast of the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as members of the Holy Family, always supported each other in doing God’s will, even though this was not always easy and meant letting go and trusting God. As the family of God’s children, we are to help each other in doing God’s will, which may be a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. 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!

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Spencer Daly, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Godinski, Tracy Abrams, 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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
SPRITUAL 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.”

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS
SATURDAY, December 29th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: St. Louis 2019 Calendars Available

SUNDAY, December 30th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis 2019 Calendars Available

MONDAY, December 31st—Parish Office Closed
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Solemnity of Mary Collection

TUESDAY, January 1st—Happy New Year
12 noon: Solemnity of Mary Collection

SATURDAY, January 5th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 6th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12 noon: Baptism of Baker Elizabeth Whalen

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY
Temporary Shelter for Homeless Women and Men
As an all volunteer shelter for the homeless we rely on your time to help those less fortunate than us. We are currently in need of help with cooking, maintenance, office duties and house supervision during the day and evening. Please contact us at 882-5705 for a tour or to answer any questions you may have.
The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS BUFFALO
Ignatian Volunteers are semi-retired and retired men and women who share their time and talents to help local non-profit agencies address important community issues through voluntarism. If you are interested in the opportunity to use your leadership and professional skills to transform our communities while being supported through spiritual reflection in your ministry and passion to serve others contact Minnie Wyse, Director of Ignatian Volunteer Corps Buffalo at St. Michael’s Parish at (716) 854-6726, (716) 479-1334 www.ivcus.org. IVC Buffalo needs volunteers for the following open positions:

- Administrative; processing donations, mail, answering calls for a local non-profit.
- Communications and volunteer coordinator for a local school district.

As we look back on 2018, 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 2019 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. 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 31. So far, $41,973 has been donated.

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.

ST. LOUIS 2019 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 2019 will be a day of joy, health and happiness for you and your families.

CONGRATULATIONS
We would to congratulate Grace Tabone who was a first quarter honor roll student at Mount St. Mary Academy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Need a resolution for the New Year? Consider giving back by volunteering with Catholic Charities. Our agency has many different volunteer positions, from office work to helping out in one of our six food pantries. To browse our volunteer opportunities, visit ccwny.org/volunteer.

Make 2019 be the year you make a mark in your community! For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
What binds families together? Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and the scripture readings offer us great lessons on living as family. We learn that families—whether our biological parents and siblings or those we consider our family—should be bound by unconditional love and unity. In other words heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience should describe how we relate to each other. We are also encouraged to have a willingness to trust our family members and to try to understand and meet their needs. The fact is, we are all called to be God’s children so that as His children we not only experience His unconditional love but become ourselves imitators of that love. In short, the family lessons in today’s readings are intended to be applied to each of us in all of our relationships—our families, our places of worship, our workplaces, and our communities. Let’s all try a little harder to live like family in the New Year ahead...with compassion, kindness, and most of all, love.