

# 2018 St. Louis Church

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## 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. — Lk 2:51-52



### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
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  
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION ..... Ashlee Campbell  
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### PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Frank Pelosi  
Vice-President..... Jane Pelosi  
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.

### 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

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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 29:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
Mark Brzezicki, by Sandra and Michael Clarke

**SUNDAY, December 30: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**9:00 am:** Anthony J. Colucci, Jr., by Anthony and Kim Jordan  
**11:00 am:** Vincey and Anthony Barone, by Family

**MONDAY, December 31: SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**12:05 pm:** Ginger Gibbons, by Mark and Camilla Busch  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

**TUESDAY, January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**12 noon:** Kevin McCue, by Rich Ryan and Steve Mesmer

**WEDNESDAY, January 2: SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN**

**12:05 pm:** Deceased of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

**THURSDAY, January 3: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

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

**FRIDAY, January 4: SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

**12:05 pm:** John Feist, by Estate

**SATURDAY, January 5:**

**2:00 pm:** Wedding of Jarrod Swick and Gianna Pelosi  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

**SUNDAY, January 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**9:00 am:** Rick Naylor, by Anthony and Kim Jordan  
**11:00 am:** Elsie and Arnold Vander Velden, by James Vander Velden

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 5th and January 6th

**4:00 pm:** Ann Dumansky  
**9:00 am:** John Loss  
**11:00 am:** Michael Riestler



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 5th and January 6th

**4:00 pm:** Jim Ferrini, Debbie Guillow and Ann Dumansky  
**9:00 am:** Jim Brigante, Robert Sprague and Tim and Mary O'Shea  
**11:00 am:** Pam Nordstrom, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner



"BODY OF CHRIST"

### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of **Mary Rose May Skolyon, 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!](http://www.buffalovocations.org!)



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 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.

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 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](http://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](http://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.

**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 volunteerism. 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.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.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.

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