

# 2019 St. Louis Church

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## Celebrating Our 190th Anniversary

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### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
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### PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Kevin Brayer  
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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.

### 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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### 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 Raffener ..... 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. 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  
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 21:**  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 Janice Morawski, by Patty Maciejewski and Peggy Gronek
- SUNDAY, December 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Vetter Family  
**11:00 am:** Special Intentions of Jessica, Heather and James T. Caputi, by Family
- MONDAY, December 23: SAINT JOHN OF KANTY**  
**12:05 pm:** Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate
- TUESDAY, December 24: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**12:05 pm:** Ladd Campbell, by Parents, Kevin and Ashlee Campbell  
**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
 Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish  
**Midnight:** Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish
- WEDNESDAY, December 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**10:00 am:** Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish
- THURSDAY, December 26: SAINT STEPHEN**  
**12:05 pm:** The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate
- FRIDAY, December 27: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE**  
**12:05 pm:** For the People of Saint Louis Parish
- SATURDAY, December 28:**  
**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 29: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**9:00 am:** Brian Keating, by Kevin Brayer  
**11:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

Weekend of December 28th and December 29th

- 4:00 pm:** Anne Mecca  
**9:00 am:** Tom Pirrung  
**11:00 am:** Joyce Persico



**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Weekend of December 28th and December 29th

- 4:00 pm:** Anne Mecca, Diane Randazzo, Debbie Guillow and Jim Ferrini  
**9:00 am:** Judy Perkowski, Marilyn Steffan Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero  
**11:00 am:** Michel Riester, Joyce Persico and Keith and Kathy Boerner



**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Harold Foegen, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.**

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.

**JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. The Advent Season this year has flown by very quickly. As we all know, Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We all know that Jesus is not born anew each Christmas. We pray that all the attributes of Jesus will be born anew in each of us.

One of those qualities that we attribute to Jesus is peace and we call him the Prince of Peace. Certainly, this has been a very tumultuous year for the Church of Buffalo. The ongoing discord and division we have experienced this past year unfortunately is not unknown to the Church. There have been other times in the history of the Church when the Church faced discord and division. On those occasions individuals rose up to promote peace among the Christian family.

In the 7th Century Isaac the Syrian, a monk, preached "be at peace with your own soul; then heaven and earth will be at peace with you." Many saints observed how pointing a finger at another is how every great conflict begins. St. Philip Neri urged his followers not to remind others of their defects. Accuse another and peace is lost.

Jesus proclaimed: "Blessed are the peacemakers" and St. Paul writes to the Ephesians that "Jesus is our peace." St. Pope John XXIII maintained that a peaceful person does more good than a learned one. Orthodox Saint Seraphim of Sarov proclaims: "Maintain a spirit of peace and you'll save a thousand souls."

We are about to celebrate Christmas once again in a few short days. Let us make Christ present in our world by the attributes of Jesus that we carry in our life to be shared with others.

*Msgr. Manganello*



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, Richard Robinson, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, 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 344 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,929.00.

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."**



In the name of Msgr. John Madson, our Trustees, Parish Council and our staff and in my own name, we wish you and yours a most blessed, happy and joyous Merry Christmas. We pray that the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace will fill every corner of your hearts and homes with His Peace, Power and Presence.

Msgr. Manganello

### ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated 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, \$40,233 has been donated.

### THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

#### SATURDAY, December 21st

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection  
4:00 pm: Warmth Tree Collection

#### SUNDAY, December 22nd

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection  
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Warmth Tree Collection  
12 noon: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)  
Decorate Church for Christmas  
6:00 pm: Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

#### TUESDAY, December 24th

4:00 pm: Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord  
Christmas Offering Collection  
11:30 pm: Christmas Music Program  
Midnight: Mass for Christmas

#### WEDNESDAY, December 25th—Merry Christmas

10:00 am: Christmas Offering Collection

#### SATURDAY, December 28th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection  
4:00 pm: St. Louis 2020 Calendars Available

#### SUNDAY, December 29th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection  
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis 2020 Calendars Available

### VOCATION THOUGHT

Today we hear that Jesus' coming into our world and all of the love he poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father's will. Remember that it may be God's will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus' example of faithfulness? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. "Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us", says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to this special second collection.

### RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2019 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 2019 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.**

### DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Sunday, December 22nd at noon to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas.

New volunteers are always welcome.

### CHOIR OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PRESENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our St. Louis Choir will present a *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. here at St. Louis Church. Featured will be carols and anthems of Mendelssohn, Ord, Wood, Forrest, and others. All are invited to attend this annual event.

The service of *Lessons and Carols* traces, in 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 service of *Lessons and Carols* is repeated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide.

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

### RETRouvaille OF BUFFALO

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register call (716) 474-9371 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org). The next weekend is February 14-16, 2020. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Start a new friendship.** The Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) serving Erie and Chautauqua Counties, and the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5 to 15 minute call. **These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone, and can help them maintain their independence.** If you know of someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, call (585) 343, 0614, ext. 18, for Friendly Phones and (716) 218-1400 for TAP. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org).

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