Reverend Francis Guth
Reverend Alexander Pax
Reverend Joseph Raffeiner
Reverend J. E. Moshall
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg.

Monday at noon.
All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by
information.
Classes are offered bi
Grades Pre-K to 8

12:05 Mass—Friday
Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN
William Kurzdorfer

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

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FAITH FORMATION
We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation,
and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for
more information.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL
The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo
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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.

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE

ROYAL blessing marks the end of the Advent Season. 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.

One of those qualities that we attribute to Jesus is 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.

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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 Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Viz, Patricia Borte, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Domininski, 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.

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.
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.”

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.

Merry Christmas

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

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. 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 cwny.org.

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 847-5335.

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.

THE REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Regular Offertory Collection makes it possible for St. Louis Parish to be a strong, vibrant faith community. Without this collection, we would not have the means to fulfill the mission that God has given us. It is a way for us to show our thankfulness to God for our many blessings. We ask you as a faith community to be generous with your offering each week.

PRESERVE CHURCH

The mission of the Preservation Fund Drive is to raise money to complete needed repair work on the church building. December 31st marks the end of the year. Please continue to support our Preservation Fund Drive. Without your generous support we will not be able to keep the church in good repair. Donations will be accepted until December 31st. So far, $40,233 has been donated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

The regular offering is the most important contribution we receive. It serves as a financial form of our thanksgiving for the Sacraments of the Church, the wonderful people, and the many blessings we have received.

We invite you to consider the contributions you would like to make to St. Louis Parish. Your generosity will enable us to fulfill the mission that God has given us.

Thank you for your support.