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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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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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.

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. 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, January 18:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 19: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: James P. McLellan, by Family

11:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

MONDAY, January 20: SAINT FABIAN AND SAINT SEBASTIAN

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

TUESDAY, January 21: SAINT AGNES

12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

WEDNESDAY, January 22: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of Janet Caputi and Winifred Platt, by Family

THURSDAY, January 23: SAINT MARIANNE COPE AND SAINT VINCENT

12:05 pm: Living and Deceased Members of the Pera Family, by Tom Pera

FRIDAY, January 24: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

12:05 pm: Good Health and Safety for Heather Ann and James T. Caputi and all Law Enforcement, by Family

SATURDAY, January 25:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Carol A. Regan, by Douglas Regan

SUNDAY, January 26: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Florian Chmurzynski, by Bud Vetter

11:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 25th and January 26th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta

11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 25th and January 26th

4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Diane Randazzo and Ron and Margaret Foegen

9:00 am: Al Bluemle, Joyce Persico and Robert Sprague

11:00 am: Pat Doyle, Michael Riester and Keith and Kathy Boerner



BODY OF CHRIST

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Melvin, Geraldine and Darlene Sliwinski, requested by Michael and David Sliwinski.** The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Margaret M. Malone and Marie Kwiatkowski, requested by their Niece.**

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 CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

Last week we concluded our Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The first Christmas miracle occurred some 2000 years ago when Jesus was born into our world as our savior. This miracle became a reality due to the many people who prepared for the coming of the Messiah, assisted in making this miracle a reality, and continue to make this miracle a reality in this day and time.

The first Christmas reality was prepared by the Old Testament prophets who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah. This miracle became a reality with the assistance of the Angel Gabriel who appeared to Mary and the Angel that came to Joseph in a vision. The innkeeper who gave the Holy Family a place to stay, the angels, the shepherds and the magi all played a part in making the first Christmas a reality.

That miracle continues in our present day when we gather to celebrate Christmas each year. The miracle of Christmas present is made possible by all those who help prepare and make Christmas possible at St. Louis. It begins in Advent with the assembling of the Advent wreath that Rosemary Bloch always makes sure we have. The Christmas party helps us all to get in the festive mood of the season. Lessons and Carols helps us to focus on the spiritual aspect of Christmas.

Christmas season here would not be possible without all the volunteers to make it happen. We are most grateful to all who assisted in making Christmas 2019 possible for so many. Those who decorated (and undecorated) numbered about 3 dozen. The celebration of the season would not have been possible without all of our Altar Servers, Cantors, Choir Director, Frank Scinta, Choir Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Musicians, and Ushers.

Thank you to all who contributed their time and talent for a beautiful Advent-Christmas Season. Thank you to all who prayed with us and visited us during the holidays.

Mmgr. Manganello

In your prayers...

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 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 328 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,735.00.

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, January 18th

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

SUNDAY, January 19th

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

SATURDAY, January 25th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

SUNDAY, January 26th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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.**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Welcome. It's the way **Catholic Charities Counseling Center** wants clients to feel from the moment they arrive. The center **has served Western New York for more than 50 years** and offers a northtowns site in Amherst and a southtowns site in Hamburg. The center's professional staff specializes in relationship counseling, and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call (716) 839-4406 Monday through Thursday between 8:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Friday between 8:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed to the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

Melt the snow with some Chili heat. Join us on February 8th after the 4:00 Mass for our Annual Chili Cook Off. Make a chili or bring your favorite dessert. Contact Debbie Guillow @ 465-6196 or dlguillow@yahoo.com.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- * Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
 - * Are currently enrolled in a university or college.
- Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"

See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provide tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten—8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship pre-application is now available for NEW families for the 2020-21 school year. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships. For more information, visit our website www.bisonfund.com or call 716-854-0869.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE

This winter we are collecting men's, women's and children's **Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Boots of all sizes!**

(*New or Gently used and clean please)

These items will be given to our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families in the Western New York area.

Donations can be dropped off at our office located at:

**20 Herkimer Street, Buffalo, NY
Monday—Friday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.**

For more information about pickups contact:

Donation Coordinator **Kate Hays @
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