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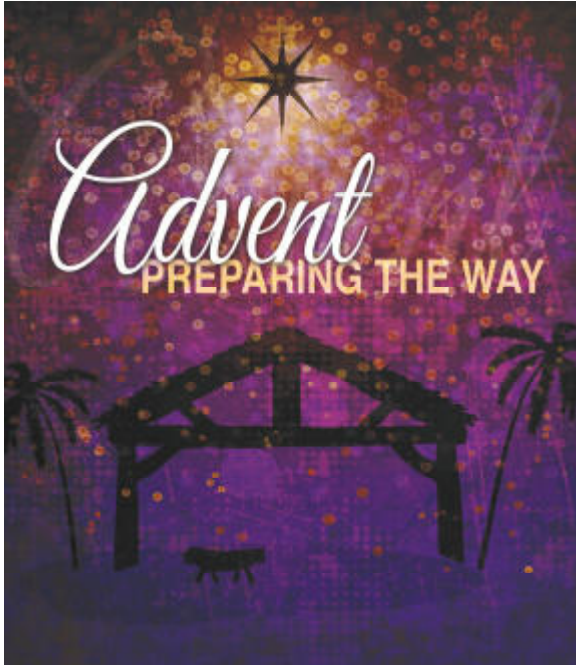
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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.



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

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
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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudénbach..... 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, November 28:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Deceased of the Emil Scherf Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, November 29: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Brian Keating, by Family
11:00 am: Eleanor Brayer, by Kevin and Mark Brayer

MONDAY, November 30: SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

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

TUESDAY, December 1: ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Virginia Manganello, by Michael Riester

WEDNESDAY, December 2: ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY, December 3: SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

12:05 pm: Joseph State, by State Family

FRIDAY, December 4: SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of Clayton North and Winifred Platt, by Friends

SATURDAY, December 5:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Patricia Parker, by Paul and Barb LaCroix

SUNDAY, December 6: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Blanche Foks, by Debbie and Gary Howell
11:00 am: Deceased of German American Community

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 5th and December 6th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 5th and December 6th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Kevin Brayer
11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



BODY OF CHRIST

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God in memory of **Otto Agoston, requested by Agoston Family**. 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.

AWAITING THE BLESSED HOPE AND COMING OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

"What could happen next?" How many times have we asked ourselves that question in the past year? Though we most often use this expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought.

During every Mass, immediately after the Our Father, the priests pray: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

This prayer is particularly meaningful during Advent, the season when we consciously "await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ" with joyful expectation. After all we have been through this past year, this prayer is most appropriate for us to pray often during this season of Advent.

During the Advent season, the Church looks back, reflecting on the promises of the coming Messiah that were fulfilled in the Incarnation, and looks forward to the promised Day of the Lord and the fulfillment of all things.

Unlike the Nativity Scene and the Christmas tree, the Advent Wreath is a simple symbol of the season. It is understood for its connection to the colors of the season, purple and rose; to the four Sundays; four candles; as well as the evergreen wreath itself, the "ever" green and the never-ending nature of a circle both reminding us of God's never-ending love.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. We can count on the unexpected, but we can also count on Him to be there with us. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us."

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Dr. Richard Saab, Charles S., Patricia Guerra, George Collins, Rev. Guy Siracuse, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, 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.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at www.frddb.org.

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, November 28th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, November 29th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

SATURDAY, December 5th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

SUNDAY, December 6th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Tenth-graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by January 1, 2021. To register, please submit the (1) Registration Form and (2) Confirmation Name & Sponsor form to the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, at stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com. There will be a virtual Confirmation retreat held during January and February, as well as two in-person sacrament prep classes on February 6th and 20th from 9:30–12:30. Candidates must attend both classes. Forms, as well as a list of all dates and confirmation requirements, can be found on the St. Louis website. For questions about Confirmation, please contact the DRE at 443-744-0354.

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 January 19, 2021. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend in-person sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: February 6th, February 20th, and February 27th. All classes will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

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, \$44,997.11 has been donated.

SHOW THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS WITH A MASK

St. Louis Parish Council is selling reversible masks. The mask is royal blue trimmed in black with trim of our Fleur-de-lis logo. The opposite side is all black. The masks are available at the handicap side entrance and the Main Street entrance after Mass. The cost is \$10.00.

52ND WEIHNACHTSMESSE AT ST. LOUIS

This year's annual Weihnachtsmesse in German will be celebrated on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Daniel Jamros, S.J. will be presiding. Traditional carols by the German American Musicians will begin at 10:30 a.m. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the traditional reception and meal afterwards has been cancelled. This event is a great way to usher in the Holiday Season! Please join us in celebrating our German heritage!

SANDWICH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

St. Louis Parish is looking for an individual to oversee our sandwich program. This position provides an outreach to the needy in the inner city of Buffalo. The job duties include maintaining an inventory of food items needed, slicing sandwich meat, preparing and bagging sandwiches, sanitizing the preparation area. Other duties include laundering of altar cloths, purificators, and other tasks as needed.

The position hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Please submit your resume to: St. Louis Business Manager, 35 Edward Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Facing a hardship? Call Catholic Charities. If you have an urgent, immediate need for assistance with clothing, food, shelter or medication, call your neighborhood Catholic Charities office. We are equipped to help you and your loved ones through a crisis. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org/services or call our Helpline at (716) 218-1419.

MISSALETTE GIVE-A-WAY

When churches were permitted to re-open again in June there were several protocols that needed to be put in place in order to re-open safely. The wearing of masks, keeping distance from fellow parishioners, and hand sanitizing were among the most obvious.

Emptying the Holy Water Fonts and removing printed materials from the church were also required. Hymn books and other resources were to be removed from pews and entry ways and put in storage until the outbreak has passed.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 has not passed and is indeed on the rise we will not be able to put the missalettes out in the church. As we come to the conclusion of one liturgical year and begin a new one, we have received new missalettes for the 2020-2021 liturgical year.

We will be distributing the missalettes to anyone who would like one. This weekend the greeters will be handing them out for private use. **They are yours to keep for private use and use in church.** Since we can't leave them out it was decided that those who want can have one to bring back and forth with them to Mass.

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