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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 by appointment. 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

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

Grades Pre-K to 8

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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, December 17th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm: Jerry Stockman, by Family

SUNDAY, December 18th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: "In Gratitude to St. Anthony"

11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

MONDAY, December 19th:

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, December 20th:

12:05 pm: Catherine Neunder, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

12:05 pm: Larry J. & Marie Schieber, by the Marie Schieber Estate

THURSDAY, December 22nd: Catholic Center Christmas Mass

12:05 pm: Larry J. & Marie Schieber, by the Marie Schieber Estate

FRIDAY, December 23rd: St. John Kanty

12:05 pm: God's Blessings and Good Health for Heather Ann & James Thomas Caputi, by Family

SATURDAY, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm: Ladd Campbell, by the Campbell Family

9:00 pm: For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

SUNDAY, December 25th: Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am: For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

11:00 am: For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Ed Kuzan

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

4:00 pm: Paul State & Jim Ferrini

9:00 pm: Kevin Brayer & Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Joyce Persico

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



VOCATION THOUGHT

God invites us in today's Scriptures to "ask for a sign." Take Him up on this invitation! Ask Jesus to open your mind to know His will for your life. If that sign points to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Much has changed since the founding of Catholic Charities in 1923, but one thing has remained constant: just as it has for 99 years. If you have an urgent need or you or your family is facing a crisis situation, call 716 218-1419 or visit www.cwny.org to complete an online assistance form. Help and Hope are available.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The **Sanctuary Light** burns this week to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the many generous parishioners of St. Louis who share their resources, time and talent year after year to sustain our beautiful church and community in so many ways.

The **Pieta Candle** glows this week in warm memory of Alda Beltrami as requested by her family members.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your special intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

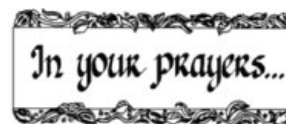
Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. One more week until Christmas. By now many of us have made our preparations for Christmas. The Lord is still preparing our hearts to make room for His Son Jesus to be born again in our lives. The signs and symbols of Christmas help us to reflect on the goodness of God that we celebrate.

Evergreen branches and trees decorate our homes and churches as a sign of life during the darkness of winter. Since the first celebrations of the winter solstice, branches of pine and spruce and balsam have been brought indoors to celebrate the "new sun" that dawns in late December with increasingly longer days of light. Against the cold winter landscape, these pieces of greenery were signs of hope that spring will return and that a new growing season will come again.

Our evergreen branches then, are a sign of hope. Let the greenery stir within our hearts the hope that peace, joy, and good will are always possible; let the fresh smell of the pine remind us of God's Spirit in our midst; let the branches give us pause to remember that we are all branches of Christ, who "takes root" in us this Christmas.

Let us pray: Come Lord Jesus, Word of God, and transform our Advent hope into Christmas Peace. May your Word of love take root in our hearts, enabling us to speak that Word in offerings of peace, joy, and good will to all as we celebrate your birth again this year.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Tracy Allen Abram, Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially 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.

Due to early submission of the Bulletin for printing, related to concerns of delayed shipping with the holiday package rush, tallies and totals for the weekend of December 10th-11th, are not available at this time.

You can also support your parish by mailing your donation or using our pay pal account on our web page.

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, December 17th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly & Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, December 18th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly & Pew Rent Collection

12:00 noontime: Baptisms of Caleb Schnopp & Juliette Thomson

5:00 pm: Festival of Lessons & Carols

THURSDAY, December 22nd:

6:00 pm: SLGS and Christmas decorators set up the crèche, decorations and flowers for Christmas

SATURDAY, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm & 9:00 pm: Weekly Offering Collection and Christmas Collection

SUNDAY, December 25th: Christmas Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Weekly Offering Collection and Christmas Collection

DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS THIS THURSDAY

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in church on Thursday, December 22nd at 6:00PM to decorate our church for Christmas. New volunteers are always welcome! Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for this joyful time of anticipation as we prepare, as a parish community, for the coming of Our Savior.

CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL

We've all gone through struggles this past year: loss, heartbreak, health challenges and more. For an evening, let's come together and let our hearts be mended and our souls uplifted.

Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher will transport you on a journey that connects you with the magic and mystery of this sacred season. The concert will take place Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00PM at Ss. Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory Street (off Clinton). Plenty of parking is available. Contact Cory (716 868-2047) if you would like to arrange a dedication. Concert by donation. All are welcome.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS THIS WEEKEND!

The Choir of St. Louis Church, under the direction of organist/choirmaster Frank Scinta, will present a **Festival of Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00PM in St. Louis Church. Featured will be carols and anthems of Ord, Wood, Praetorius, Forrest and others.

The service of **Lessons and Carols** traces, in scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by Old Testament prophets and narrated by Gospel writers. Begun in King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, more than a century ago, the service of **Lessons and Carols** is repeated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide. Please join us for this beloved holiday tradition!

HELP FOR AGING RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Please visit www.retiredreligious.org to learn more how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS

During the Advent Season we traditionally prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. On Christmas Eve, Masses will be at 4:00PM and 9:00PM. On Christmas Day, Masses will be at 9:00AM and 11:00AM. There will be no Midnight Mass.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention, repair or upgrade. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have been able to maintain our beautiful church in remarkable condition. With your support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

So far, as this Bulletin goes to print, \$64,944.62 has been donated.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER NEWS

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2023 Calendar Club calendar has **TWO NUMBERS for \$25.00 and is good for the entire year.** Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of \$50, weekend drawings of \$100 and selected holiday drawings of **\$250 and \$25** awarded if you have the number **above or below the number drawn.** A **GRAND PRIZE of \$2000.00** will be awarded on December 18th next year for Christmas Day 2023. **Calendars are located in church for your convenience.** Call 716 885-6111 for further information or calendars.

WARMTH TREE

It has become a holiday tradition. St. Louis parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will be given to area families. Help make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations are still accepted this weekend of December 18th & 19th. Thank you!,



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