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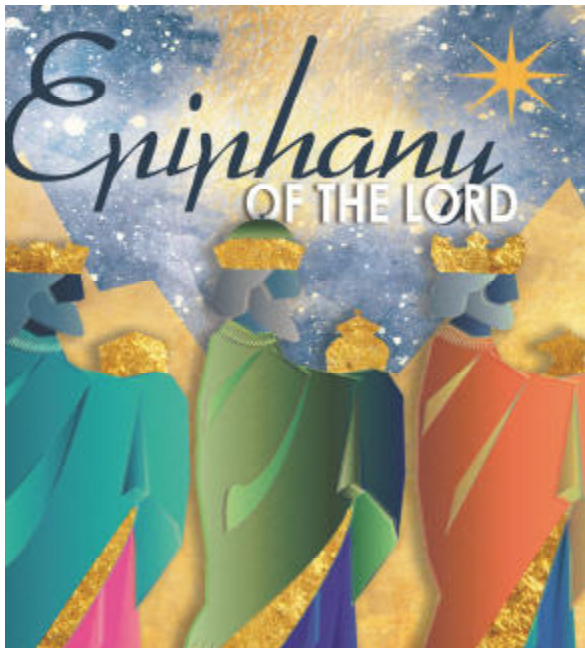
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MASSES

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 Rafffeiner..... 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 5:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Jarrod Swick and Gianna Pelosi
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

SUNDAY, January 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am: Rick Naylor, by Anthony and Kim Jordan
- 11:00 am: Elsie and Arnold Vander Velden, by James Vander Velden

MONDAY, January 7: SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

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

TUESDAY, January 8: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, January 9: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Marie and Carl Miller, by Estate

THURSDAY, January 10: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 11: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Katherine Wallace, by Sister Carol Cimino and Department of Catholic Schools

SATURDAY, January 12:

- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Maria Sywak, by Family

SUNDAY, January 13: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
- 11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 12th and January 13th

- 4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
- 9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
- 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 12th and January 13th

- 4:00 pm: Anne Continetti, Diane Randazzo and Frank and Jane Pelosi
- 9:00 am: Marilyn Steffan, Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero and Robert Sprague
- 11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Katie Guise Zawistowski, requested by Zawistowski Family.** The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Thomas M. Rooney, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Geraldine B. Sliwinski, requested by Sons.**

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.

190 YEARS OF BLESSING

We continue celebrating our Christmas Season this weekend with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In this feast we remember the visit of the Magi or Three Kings to the Holy Family. They present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as a sign of the devotion to God.

Another sign of our devotion to God sits here at the corner of Main and Edward Streets in downtown Buffalo. January 5th is the Birthday of St. Louis Parish. It was on this day that Louis LeCouteulx deeded the property upon which sits our church for the first parish in Buffalo. This year we celebrate our 190th anniversary. Originally, built as the Lamb of God Church, it was renamed in honor of Louis IX King of France after the great fire that destroyed the second church building in 1885.

Since then St. Louis has been a source of faith, a beacon of hope, and the Spirit of God's love for many generations of people. We remember and build upon all those who have been the foundation of this faith community all these years. Our church and faith community are the living presence of God. Over 190 years many people have celebrated their faith, lived their faith and practiced their faith under the watchful care of God and St. Louis. Through the intercession of St. Louis may all be blessed by God.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

The Epiphany of the Lord

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially **Spencer Daly, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Dolores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz,**

Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, 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, especially Ladd Campbell, Donald Mack 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 341 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,004.00. Christmas Day 1,405 people attended Mass and Christmas collection was \$12,809.00

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 5th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, January 6th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

12 noon: Baptism of Baker Elizabeth Whalen

SATURDAY, January 12th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, January 13th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on February 16th after the 4:00 Mass. Join us and vote for your favorite chili. More information to follow.

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

Temporary Shelter for Homeless Women and Men

As an all volunteer shelter for the homeless we rely on your time to help those less fortunate than us. We are currently in need of help with cooking, maintenance, office duties and house supervision during the day and evening. Please contact us at 882-5705 for a tour or to answer any questions you may have. The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage. If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, call the Family Life Office 847-2210.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. Your continued support to the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated.

So far, **\$49,223** has been donated.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2018 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.**

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LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? Whatever the measure, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, **is in much need of blankets and flatware.** They also accept donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program, which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. of the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS BUFFALO

Ignatian Volunteers are semi-retired and retired men and women who share their time and talents to help local non-profit agencies address important community issues through volunteerism. If you are interested in the opportunity to use your leadership and professional skills to transform our communities while being supported through spiritual reflection in your ministry and passion to serve others contact Minnie Wyse, Director of Ignatian Volunteer Corps at Buffalo at St. Michael's Parish 854-6726, 479-1334, www.ivcusa.org.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

We often hear people exclaim that they've "had an epiphany" in describing a moment of sudden, intuitive understanding. Sometimes, people may even say they've "seen the light" to mean the same thing. Our readings today offer an epiphany but it is much more than a momentary understanding or brief flash of light. From the first reading that tells us the darkness has ended and our light has come... to the Gospel story of the magi and the brilliant star...we are reminded of the appearance and ongoing presence of God in our lives. And it also reminds us that we ourselves are called to help others to recognize the light of God's presence in their lives. Do we radiate God's love through our words and actions? Does the inner light of our faith shine forth in our care for others? Could we be God's epiphany to someone in need? When we follow the example of Jesus—the great light—we show others that God is present.

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