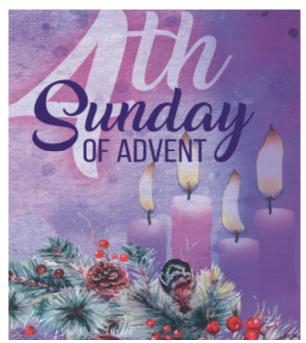
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MASSES

Saturday	
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.
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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	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher	1888-1916
Reverend Alexander Pax	1836-1843	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach	1917-1944
Reverend Francis Guth	1844-1850	Reverend Michael A. Anstett	1944-1948
Reverend Joseph Raffeiner	1850-1851	Reverend Howard J. Schwartz	1948-1964
Reverend William Deiters	1855-1861	Reverend Clarence Ott	1964-1965
Reverend J. E. Moshall		Reverend Alfred M. Mosack	
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber	1862-1863	Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger	1979-1995
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff	1864-1867	Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack	1995-2002
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg	1867-1888	-	

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 21:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Janice Morawski, by Patty Maciejewski and

Peggy Gronek

SUNDAY, December 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family 11:00 am: Special Intentions of Jessica, Heather and

James T. Caputi, by Family

MONDAY, December 23: SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie

Schieber Estate

TUESDAY, December 24: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Ladd Campbell, by Parents, Kevin and Ashlee

Campbell

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis

Midnight: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St.

Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, December 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 am: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis

Parish

THURSDAY, December 26: SAINT STEPHEN

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

FRIDAY, December 27: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE

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

SATURDAY, December 28:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY AND JOSEPH

Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,

by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 29: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 am: Brian Keating, by Kevin Brayer

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

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 28th and December 29th

4:00 pm: Anne Mecca





SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 28th and December 29th

4:00 pm: Anne Mecca, Diane Randazzo,

Debbie Guillow and Jim Ferrini 9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Marilyn Steffan

Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Michel Riester, Joyce Persico and Keith and Kathy Boerner



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.

JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE

This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. The Advent Season this year has flown by very quickly. As we all know, Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We all know that Jesus is not born anew each Christmas. We pray that all the attributes of Jesus will be born anew in each of us.

One of those qualities that we attribute to Jesus is peace and we call him the Prince of Peace. Certainly, this has been a very tumultuous year for the Church of Buffalo. The ongoing discord and division we have experienced this past year unfortunately is not unknown to the Church. There have been other times in the history of the Church when the Church faced discord and division. On those occasions individuals rose up to promote peace among the Christian family.

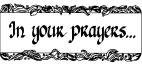
In the 7th Century Isaac the Syrian, a monk, preached "be at peace with your own soul; then heaven and earth will be at peace with you." Many saints observed how pointing a finger at another is how every great conflict begins. St. Philip Neri urged his followers not to remind others of their defects.

Accuse another and peace is lost.

Jesus proclaimed: "Blessed are the peacemakers" and St. Paul writes to the Ephesians that "Jesus is our peace." St. Pope John XXIII maintained that a peaceful person does more good than a learned one. Orthodox Saint Seraphim of Sarov proclaims: "Maintain a spirit of peace and you'll save a thousand souls."

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.

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 Vilz, 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 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."

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 847-5535.

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 <u>front of your church envelope</u>.



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

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.

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 LESONS 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 ccwny.org.

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