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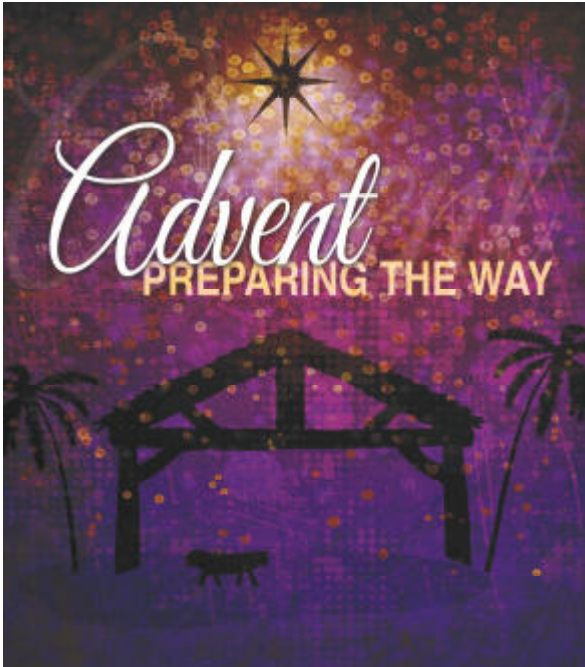
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MASSES

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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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. 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, December 12:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,
by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 13: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Blanche Foks, by Debbie and Gary Howell
11:00 am: Peter Sawicz, by Family and Friends

**MONDAY, December 14: SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS,
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

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

TUESDAY, December 15: ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Thaddeus Mikos, by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 16: ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: John A. Kraus, by Estate

THURSDAY, December 17: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Catherine Neunder, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 18: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: In Honor of Saint Anthony
2:00 pm: Wedding of Robert Brown and Brianna Chin

SATURDAY, December 19:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn
Young

SUNDAY, December 20: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by
Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 19th and December 20th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 19th and December 20th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



“BODY OF CHRIST”

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS

During the Advent Season we traditionally prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the middle of a pandemic, our preparations are going to be much different.

So too with planning to celebrate Christmas in Church. At this point we are in an orange zone designation which means we are under some restrictions and limitations. In the orange zone our capacity is limited to 33%. This may sound like a lot but in reality it is not. To comply with social distancing regulations, our seating capacity is severely limited. Many pews are closed. Only members of the same household may sit together in the same pew. No standing is permitted. With the rise in covid cases continuing, it is possible that by Christmas we will be in a red zone which limits us to only 25% capacity. It will be very challenging to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass for Christmas.

We will not be able to accommodate the crowds that we have had in the past.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect. Anyone who feels that their health will not allow them to attend Mass should not attend. We have added an extra Mass on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

On Christmas Eve Masses will be at 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. On Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be no midnight Mass. This change in schedule is for this year only and will be re-evaluated for next year.

We have re-worked our Mass schedule to spread people out. You may consider attending a different Mass than Christmas Eve or seeking out a larger church that may not have as many people attending. Masses are being live streamed from many locations. This may be an option. We hope to have ours up and running by the time this bulletin is published.

Everyone knows that everything about this year will be different. Please continue to be patient and understanding. Continue to wear a mask, social distance, and sanitize your hands.

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, especially Dick Agoston 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.

Last weekend 191 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$8,025.00.

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, December 12th

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

4:00 pm: Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

SUNDAY, December 13th

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

SATURDAY, December 19th

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

SUNDAY, December 20th

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

VOCATION THOUGHT

John the Baptist urged his followers to turn away from sin and renounce anything that was keeping them from doing God's will. What can you turn away from in order to hear God's call more clearly and answer more readily? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Are you a young or expectant family that has suffered income loss due to the pandemic? You may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities administers the program in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties. Through WIC, you and your family can access nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and WIC benefit cards. To connect with Catholic Charities' WIC, call (716) 218-1484.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Preservation Fund Drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. Donations will be accepted until December 31st. So far \$50,962.11 has been donated.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Join St. Gregory the Great for Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. on WBBZ Ch. 67.1; Cable 5; FiOS 5; Dish 5, DirecTV67 – sponsored by The McGuire Group. We thank the McGuire Group for helping to make this possible and for their continued support of our parish community.

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. Masks are available after each Mass or you can call Marilyn Neil at 882-6395.

The cost is \$10.00.

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 mailed 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.

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 for Mass.

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