



Mater Ecclesiae
**The Downtown Family
of Catholic Parishes**



ST. LOUIS • BLESSED SACRAMENT • ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA • ST. MICHAEL • ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

ST. LOUIS

Oldest parish in the Buffalo diocese.



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BLESSED SACRAMENT

"The Bishop's Chapel"



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FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00 pm
- Blessed Sacrament Church 4:30 pm
- St. Michael's: 5:30

SUNDAYS

- St. Louis Parish: 9:00 & 11:00 am
- Blessed Sacrament: 10:30 am
- St. Michael's: 12:00 pm

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- St. Louis Parish: 12:05 pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 8:00 am
- St. Michael's: 6:45 am
- St. Joseph's : 12:10 pm (M-F)

CONFESSION: ON REQUEST AFTER ANY MASS

- St. Louis: Saturdays: 3:15-4:00 pm
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: Wed & Fri 11:45 am; Saturday 4:00 pm
- St. Michael's: after 6:45 am daily until 9:00 am, or by appt.
- St. Anthony's: 30 mins before all Masses

BAPTISMS:

New parents must participate in a virtual pre-baptismal instruction class. Information and registration forms are available on the St. Louis website for the Downtown Family of Parishes.

Questions? Contact the Faith Formation Office at

religioused@StLouisrcchurch.org.

WEDDINGS: AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

Registered parishioners should call the family office to discuss and check available dates. Arrangements should be made 8 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

We welcome you to the Downtown Family of Parishes! Registration forms can be found on the websites.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing in preparation of surgery or illness can be done after any Mass. Communal anointing takes place the last Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass at St. Michael's.

March , 2025 | The Sunday of Lent



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<i>Week of March 23, 2025</i>	
<i>Saturday, March 22</i>	
St. Louis 4:00 pm	Gabrielle Gigante Req by: Ursula, Ray, and Linda Gigante
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Living and Deceased Parishioners Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Sunday, March 23</i>	
Saint Louis 9 am	Jacqueline Francis Abdullah Req by: St. Louis Friends
11 am	Marie Hennequin Req by: The Campbell Family
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Rebecca Siuta Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Carl Galli Req by: Anthony Lleras
<i>Monday, March 24</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Agnes Miller Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate
<i>Tuesday, March 25</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Camille Krenglicki Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Donald Goff Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Goulding Req by: Joey Oakley
<i>Thursday, March 27</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	David Forness Req by: Donna Arnone
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Florence Suminski Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Those Seeking God Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Friday, March 28</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Diocese of Buffalo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Living and Deceased of Family 22 Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

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Parish Life President Pearl Brown	Trustees John Beller Erin Peradotto-Tehaar
Dir. of Music Frank Scinta	Cantors James Mrozek Erin Peradotto-Terhaar
Business Manager Kevin Brayer	
Blessed Sacrament 1035 Delaware Ave	
Parish Life President Michael Pitek III	Trustees Paul F. Jones Mary C. McCracken
Dir. of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Corey Gallagher
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Trustees	David Granville Steven Nosek
Musicians	Mark Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak
Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Thursday, March 27th at 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, the St. Louis Choir will present *"A Choral Evening"*.

Sunday, April 6th at 5:00 pm *Lenten Evensong and Concert* with St. Louis Choir and St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum.

Future events will be noted in the bulletin and announcements.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerry Burns by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerry Burns by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerry Burns by Donna and Dennis Burns.

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.

We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

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.

OUR COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK WAS \$5,152.00.

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 404.

****Please Note: We are only accepting online giving through WeShare.**

WeShare is a Catholic owned and operated company whose rates benefit the Parishes. Please visit the Parish website for instructions to switch. You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our **WeShare** account on our web page or the QR code on the bottom of the page.

Thank you for your support. Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will.

To learn more about making a charitable contribution or leaving a bequest to St. Louis Church, please contact Mike Riester at 716-803-5773.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Fran Angelo, Diane Andriaccio, Gabriella Parisi, Rosemary Bloch, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Greg Joseph, Marcella Ng, Beverly Grover, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, Ryan Crnic, Sr. Mary Victoria Furriel, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Gail Neil, Cathy DePlato, Fred Wolf, Ed, Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Dr. William Fiden, 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, we will gladly include them as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, E. Alan Nordstrom, Jr., Ryan J. Roach, Angelo Fatta, and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

COFFEE HOUR

A coffee hour will be held next **Sunday, March 30th** after the 11:00 Mass. Join us for coffee, hot chocolate, and sweet treats while connecting with friends old and new!

We are looking for volunteers to provide cookies, brownies, mini muffins and donuts.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence refers to the absence of **meat (mammals)** or fowl. This is because traditionally, meat was more expensive & considered a luxury.



Fish is allowed, which is why many parishes have Fish Friday during the Lenten season!



CHURCH
POP

Blessed



Sacrament

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF WEST BUFFALO

1069 Delaware Ave.

Buffalo, NY 14209

716-885-6111, cawb.org

Mr. Earl Schunk, Principal

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZATION

Please notify the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office if you know someone who is in the hospital, nursing home facility, or homebound and in need of visitation. 716-884-0053

TENEBRAE / TAIZE

Experience an intimate funeral for Our Lord

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

THIRD CHURCH ON FIRE CONCERT

The third and final concert in the 2024-2025 Church on Fire Concert Series will be given on Thursday, March 27th at 7:30 pm in Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY.

The concert, "A Choral Evening", will be given by the Choir of St. Louis Church. Featured will be works of Farrant, Palestrina, Gabrieli, Ouseley, Friedel, di Lasso, and others.

A reception will follow the free concert: reservations are requested. To make reservations contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com.

A free-will offering is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR

Sundays after the 10:30 Mass in St. Joseph's Hall. We are looking for volunteers to host each Sunday. There is a sign up sheet available at Coffee Hour. You can also call/ text Celine La Duca at 716-352-4771

MOVING AWAY

Our parish will miss you! Please notify our office and call us at 716-884-0053 to give us your new address.

COLLECTION REPORT

3/16/2025

E Giving	\$2,238.01
Weekly	\$1,169.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$10.00
Total	\$3,417.01

2025 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL BLESSSED SACRAMENT

Our goal for this year is the same as last year's, \$65,921.00. You can make your contribution at www.ccnny.org, click on menu/appeals or by mailing in your pledge card.

More information will be forthcoming at the Masses on March 22nd and 23rd.

St. Vincent de Paul is our patron saint for this year's appeal.

Please help us support his worthwhile drive. Thank you.

FIFTH CHURCH ON FIRE LECTURE

On Sunday, April 6, 2025, the fifth and final Lecture of the 2024-2025 *Church on Fire Lecture Series* will be given at 12:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209.

The lecture, "Francis the Saint...Francis the Pope: the 800 year Connection" will be presented by Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF, STD, President Emerita, St. Bonaventure University.

A gap of 800 years separates these two men. Both are known for their success in work to renew, reform, and re-imagine the church. What connects the power of both besides a name?

A reception will follow this free lecture. RSVPs are requested. To make reservations contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com.

A free will offering is appreciated.

WHAT IS FASTING?

Spiritual Discipline & Penance

Fasting consists of having one full meal, as well as two small meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



full meal



smaller meals



WHAT CAN WE DO AS A FAMILY TO OBSERVE LENT?

Prayer:

1. Read and meditate on some Scripture each day.
2. Attend Mass more often than each Sunday.
3. Pray family morning, night, and meal prayers
4. Attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays (or make them as a family or alone if your parish does not offer them).
5. Make a pilgrimage.
6. Learn to pray the Divine Office, the official daily prayer of the whole Church.

Fasting:

1. Give up smoking, sweets, coffee, or something else you like.
2. Fast (one full meal per day only on one or more days of the week, health permitting).
3. Turn the TV off to make time for prayer or family time.

Almsgiving:

1. Give of your time to your family, an elderly neighbor, or a relative in need.
2. Eat more simply and donate the savings to the hungry.
3. Make a financial contribution to a charitable organization.

Repentance:

Another important theme which comes to light in this quotation is the need for repentance. A thorough, good confession is a traditional and praiseworthy way to prepare for Easter.

SAINT

716-854-6726



MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

2/23/2025 154 3/2/2025 131 3/9/2025 134

IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

Evan, Fran, and Mo Angelo, Judith Barone, Alexander & Michael Brickel, Lorraine Brown, Alonso/Caceres/Rios Santa Cruz, Peter Caruso, Dolores Casey, Annie Feldman, Phyllis Galie, Mary Buttner Gutierrez, Gloria Knight, Ben Lisiecki, Elain Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Fr. Richard Poblocki, Cheryl Radwan, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Mark Szpakowski, Angelo Tomsello, Ann Wehing.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

Holy Hour: Join us Sundays for a Holy Hour starting at 1pm, featuring exposition, adoration, rosary, and silent prayer until 2pm at which time the church will close.

AA Groups:

Tuesday 4 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday 1 pm



BAKED GOODS SALE

A baked goods sale sponsored by the Ladies Society of Holy Cross Church will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 1-4 pm and Sunday, April 13th from 11 am-2 pm at Holy Cross School Hall, Niagara and Maryland Sts., Buffalo.

Enjoy cannoli, pizza, breads, cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes, and refreshments. In addition, there will be a large chocolate bunny raffled.

For more information, call the rectory office at 716-847-6930.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

The Jesuits at St. Michael's have been withdrawn from the parish by their superior and will not return to staff the parish even if it remains open.

UPDATE: The petition to close the parish has been received by The Vatican. They will take all the information provided by the Diocese and will make the final decision. This should take between 6-8 months.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass 4/15: 7:00 pm: St. Joseph's Cathedral

Mass of The Lord's Supper - Holy Thursday 4/17: 7:00 pm

Altar of Repose open till 11:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Church

Good Friday 4/18:

St. Louis 3:00 pm

St. Michael's 3:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Church - Tenebrae with Veneration of the Cross 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday 4/19:

Blessing of Baskets (*Swieconka*) 11:00 am St. Louis

Vigil 7:00 pm: St. Louis

Easter Sunday 4/20:

St. Anthony 7:15 am (Latin Mass)

St. Anthony 9:15 am (Latin Mass)

Blessed Sacrament Church 10:30 am

St. Louis 11:00 am

St. Anthony 11:15 am (Italian Mass)

St. Michael's 12:00 noon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAINT LOUIS

Friday's at 7:00 PM

March 14

March 28

April 11

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday's at 7:00 PM

March 7

March 21

April 4

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE THANK YOU!

This year's St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale was a huge success! Maureen's Flower Market generously donated the flowers, allowing all proceeds of over \$300 to be donated to Catholic Charities.

Thank you to all the parishioners who purchased flowers or made a donation.

Also, thank you to all the Faith Formation families that helped sell the carnations.

TRIP TO IRELAND WITH FR. RAY!

The Best of Ireland and Northern Ireland!

11 Days: **October 13-23, 2025.**

Visit Belfast, Derry, Knock, Galway, Connemara, Bunratty, Killarney, Blarney Castle, Cashel, Kilkenny, Dublin.

\$4699 Per Person from Toronto.

For a brochure with complete details contact or email Fr. Ray at St. Louis Roman Catholic Church

35 Edward St., Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: 716-852-6040 x202

Email: frayssp@gmail.com

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.

For more information call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

All calls are confidential and preregistration is required.

Next weekend is April 4-6, 2025.

HOW IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HELPING THE WORLD?



EVERYDAY (24 hours, 7 days, 365 days/year)
the Catholic Church feeds, clothes, shelters, and educates more people than any organization in the world.

Catholics@Work

5,420+

Hospitals

14,205+

Dispensaries/
Clinics

15,476+

Homes for the Aged
and In Special Needs

8,874+

Orphanages

525+

Homes for People
with Leprosy

10,589+

Nurseries for
Babies and Children

10,500+

Marriage
Counseling Centers

3,141+

Social Rehabilitation
Centers

33,677+

Other Kinds of
Institutions

410,000+

Lay Missionaries

5,353+

Bishops

407,730+

Priests

**from 2024 Catholic Church's book of statistics*

ATTENTION

Please note that we are going through a transitional period with our new, combined bulletin.

Some of the advertisements may take a bit to get into/onto the bulletin.

If there are any questions or concerns please call LPI bulletin.

