



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: 4:00pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 4:30pm
- St. Michaels: 5:30pm

SUNDAYS

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

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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

Confession

ON REQUEST AFTER ANY MASS

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

Baptisms

ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

New Parishoners

AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Anointing 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 2, 2025 | The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of March 1st 2025

Saturday March 1

Saint Louis 4:00 p John Radzwill
Req by: Evan & Trish Lewis

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm Family 22
Req by: Parishioners

Saint Michael's 5:30 pm St. Michael's Parishioners
Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday March 2

Saint Louis 9 am All Saints
St. Louis Parishioners
11 am All Saints
St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am Family 22
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 12 noon All Souls
Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday March 3

Saint Louis 12:05 p All Saints
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Msgr. Francis Garvey
Req by: Richard Lehner

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Minnie and Dan Nagro
Req by: Joseph D. Nagro

Tuesday March 4

Saint Louis 12:05 p All Saints
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Family 22
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 12 noon Deceased in the Downtown Family of
Parishes
Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Thursday March 6

Saint Louis 12:05 p All Saints
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Family 22
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Marjorie Donan
Req by: Estate

Friday March 7

Saint Louis 12:05 p Dr. Thomas O'Connor
Req by: Marilyn Neil

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Sr. Mary Augustine, CSSF
Req by: Richard Lehner

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Deceased Religious in the Diocese
Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners



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The Downtown Family of Parishes

Pastor

Rev. Raymond Corbin

Priest

Msgr. Salvatore Manganello

Rev. Ben Fiore, S.J.

Rev. Richard Zaroni, S.J.

Dir. of Religious Education

Ashlee Campbell

Associate Vicar

Rev. Jacek Mazur

Permanent Deacon

Thomas LaBelle

Carmelo Gaudioso

Saint Louis

35 Edward St

Parish Life President

Pearl Brown

Dir. Of Music

Frank Scinta

Business Manager

Kevin Brayer

Trustees

John Beller

Erin Peradotto-Tehaar

Cantors

James Mrozek

Erin Peradotto-Terhaar

Blessed Sacrament

1035 Delaware Ave

Parish Life President

Michael Pitek III

Dir. Of Music

Anthony Domzal

Trustees

Paul F. Jones

Mary C. McCracken

Cantor

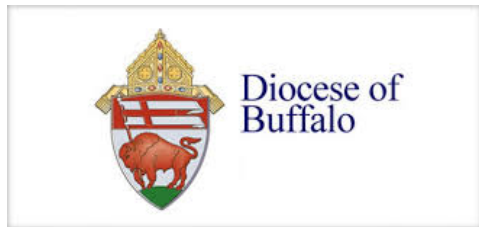
Corey Gallagher

Saint Michael's

651 Washington Ave.

The St. Louis Ash Wednesday Mass will be offered for All members for the Mattimore Family by Evan and Trish Lewis.

News



Happenings

2025 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our goal for this year is the same as last year's, \$65,921.00. You can make your contribution at www.ccwny.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.

LENTEN MISSION

March 30 - April 5 at 6 St. John Paul II Parish, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View. This year's theme is *"Building a Community in Christ"*. Each evening offers dynamic speakers, prayer, fellowship, and faith sharing to accompany you on your journey through Lent, strengthen your faith and relationship with God. Mission is free and open to everyone. Register on website at www.lakeshorecatholicfc.org/lenten-mission or by calling the office at 716-780-7020.

Established in 1989, Mission has brought hundreds of people closer to Christ and His Church. Be a part of a spiritual journey like nothing else.

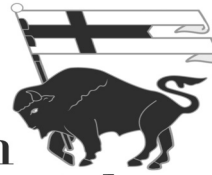
"REBUILD MY CHURCH"

Join us on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 pm as Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes one of the world's most popular saints, Francis of Assisi, in a live theatrical performance entitled "Rebuild my Church". Experience the power of a personal encounter with Christ and St. Francis through this one-man multi-media event. This inspiring dramatic performance brings this well-known saint to life. Accompany Francis on his journey as he recounts his transformative life: a well to do, fun-loving youth, a soldier, touched by suffering, called by God, and transformed by the poor and beggars of his time. See how the son of a wealthy merchant gave up everything for the sake of Christ. Discover how his life touched millions of people with his simple and humble approach amidst an affluent society. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free Event. Our Lady Help of Christians is located at 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2025

The importance of stretching a dollar is essential these days – and a charitable donation is no different! That's why we're happy to report that each dollar raised during the annual Catholic Charities Appeal leverages an additional \$5-6 of government support and contracts for Catholic Charities – meaning your gift goes five to six times as far. More funding means more services for those in need, which in turn builds stronger, healthier communities!

Catholic Charities benefits the Fund for the Faith. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy, the Fund for the Faith provides spiritual nourishment throughout the Diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience, such as hospital chaplaincy, formation of priests and deacons, pro-life ministry, marriage prep and so much more. Support Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. Donate today at www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.



ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Michael's

6:45 am Mass with distribution of ashes

Blessed Sacrament

8:00 am Mass with distribution of ashes

St. Louis

12:05 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

St. Joseph's Cathedral

12:10 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

Blessed Sacrament

12 -2 pm No Mass - distribution by ministers

Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

Oratory of St. Anthony's of Padua

9:00 am Latin Mass with distribution of ashes

12 noon Latin Mass with distribution of ashes

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Latin Mass with distribution of ashes

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH 6PM-9PM, ST. LOUIS HALL MINISTRY NIGHT OF REFLECTION AND RETREAT

Directed by Eileen Warner, MAPM

If you serve in a parish ministry or parish operations of any kind, please join with the four parishes of our family (St. Louis, Blessed Sacrament, Oratory of St. Anthony, St. Michael's) in this night to re-charge our mission together!

Eileen Warner will lead our evening retreat as we reflect on how we have been called into ministry, why God chose us to serve in this time, in place, and ways to recharge and strengthen our spiritual lives.

Eileen is an engaging workshop presenter and retreat director; she holds a Master's degree in Theology; has taught at Canisius University, and Christ the King Seminary; and has served in parish and diocesan ministry for over 30 years.

As we navigate transitions and challenges in our parishes and local Diocese, our retreat will offer us time for prayer, reflection, and insights for renewing our hearts and minds.

All involved in any aspect of parish life are invited!

PLEASE RSVP 716-852-6040 or

churchoffice@stlouisrcchurch.org by March 10, 2025

LENTEN RETREAT/REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

THE BEST LENT EVER! Dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html

WORD ON FIRE! Wof.org/lent-retreat

IN PERSON: Lenten Mission/Retreat with Fr. Matthew Waiter.

Sunday, March 3-Tuesday, March 11 at Oratory of St. Anthony of Padua, 160 Court St., Buffalo

Saint



Louis

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTS

Family #22 is offering the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring. First Reconciliation classes are open to children who are in second grade and First Eucharist classes are open to children who are in third grade. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 at Blessed Sacrament. The First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 4th at 11:00 at St. Louis. For questions and to register (by February 28th), contact Ashlee Campbell (443-744-0354 / religiouised@stlouisrcchurch.org)

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Blyer by Donna and Dennis Burns. The Pieta Altar Candle burns in loving memory of Charles Blyer by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in loving memory of Charles Blyer 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 or use the QR code at the bottom of page 3. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

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, Judy Draves, Maureen Pratt, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Richard J. Wall, Jeanine L., Gail Neil, Cathy DePlato, Fred Wolf, Ed, Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, and Margaret Foegen.

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 2 WEEKS WER

2/16/2025 \$3,045.00

2/22/2025 \$5,009.00

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO

ATTENDED WAS

2/16/2025 192

2/22/2025 356

****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.

ST. LOUIS COFFEE HOUR

Please join us Sunday, March 2 after the 11:00 Mass in the back of Church for our monthly coffee hour.

This is a great chance to meet and know our Parish family and visitors.

Times and dates will be noted in the bulletin and announcements for future coffee hours.

Blessed



Sacrament

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to active participation in our parish life.
New families and individuals should register with us online or at our Parish Office

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF WEST BUFFALO

1069 Delaware Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14209
716-885-6111
Mr. Earl Schunk, Principal

TENEBRAE / TAIZE

Experience an intimate funeral for
Our Lord

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

A CALL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Parish is looking for new liturgical ministers which includes lectors, greeters, and ushers. We are also looking for all interested youth and adults who would like to become altar servers. If you're interested, please stop by the event table and sign the interest sheets or contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com. We will be doing training for these ministries in the very near future.

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 ay 716-352-4771

MOVING AWAY

Our parish will miss you!
Please notify our office and call us at
716-884-0053

Collection Report

2/16 & 23/2025

E-Giving	\$2,308.01
	\$926.01
General Collection	\$1,54.00
	\$2,658.00
Total	\$4,262.01
	\$3,584.01

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY March 2	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45
MONDAY March 3	Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
TUESDAY March 4	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
WEDNESDAY March 5	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY March 6	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 9:22-25
FRIDAY March 7	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
SATURDAY March 8	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
SUNDAY March 9	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

SAINT

MICHAEL'S



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.

A MUSICAL EVENING OF REFLECTION—”THE PATH TO HOPE AND HEALING...SEEKING GOD, FINDING GOD, RESTING IN GOD”

All are welcome for a Lenten musical evening of reflection led by Msgr. Paul Litwin on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm at Christ the King Church, 30 Lamark Dr., Snyder.

Saints of the Weeks

Monday-March 3	St. Kathrine Drexel
Tuesday-March 4	St. Casimir
Wednesday-March 5	Ash Wednesday
Thursday-March 6	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday-March 7	SS. Perpetua and Felicity
Saturday-March 8	St. John of God

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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.