



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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Email to dbfbulletin@gmail.com

April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday

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Week of April 13th, 2025

Saturday, April 12

St. Louis 4:00 pm Mary Ellen Marlette
Req by: Brian Conley and Erin Klass

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm Kathryn Myers
Req by: Maureen Myers

Saint Michael's 5:30 pm Rose Marie Twist
Req by: Kathleen Rose

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

Saint Louis 9 am Intentions of Pope Francis
11 am Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Matthew Matrione
Req by: The Campbell Family

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am Bob Kucharski
Req by: Kathryn VarKonda

Saint Michael's 12 noon Margaret and Anthony Tortora
Req by: Anthony Lleras

Monday, April 14 Monday of Holy Week

St. Louis 12:05 pm Diocese of Buffalo
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Dorothy Gaffney
Req by: Richard Lehner

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Decease of the De Reu and Hutzler Families
Req by: Family

Tuesday, April 15 Tuesday of Holy Week

St. Louis 12:05 pm Kurt D. Klass
Req by: Family

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Patricia Lehner
Req by: Richard Lehner

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Amador and Mary Lleras
Req by: Anthony Lleras

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

St. Louis NO MASS Joseph Miller
Req by: Second Buffalo Regiment

Blessed Sacrament 7:00 pm Patricia Lehner
Req by: Richard Lehner

Saint Michael's 6:45 am NO MASS

Friday, April 18 Good Friday

St. Louis 3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Blessed Sacrament 7:00 pm Tenebrae/Tazie

Saint Michael's 3:00 pm Communion Service

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Pastor Rev. Raymond Corbin 716-852-6040 x 202 FrRayssp@gmail.com	Associate Vicar Rev. Jacek Mazur Japioma@hotmail.com
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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
Saint Michael's 651 Washington Ave.	
Trustee	David Granville Steven Nosek
Musicians	Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak
Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

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ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

160 Court St
716-854-2563 StAnthonyBuffalo@yahoo.com

Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

The **St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS)** will meet on **Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 am** to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord's Resurrection.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm - The Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 20, 11:00 am - choral Prelude and Mass for Easter.

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.

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, especially Patricia M. Smyton 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.

OUR COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK WAS \$8,695.92.
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$637.00
OUR TOTAL WAS \$9,332.92.

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 409.

****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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
Lk 19:38-40

COFFEE HOUR

There will be a coffee hour will be held in the back of the church Sunday, April 27 after the 11:00 Mass.

There are sign up sheets at the front and parking lot entrances if you would like to sign up to help set up, staff, and/or clean up. Or you can call the Church office at 716-852-6040.

Blessed



Sacrament

2024-2025 Church on Fire II: Stay With Us!

Please join us at these Church on Fire services & events:

FRIDAY
April 18:
7:00pm



Your Prayerful Presence is Requested on
GOOD FRIDAY
for
A TAIZÉ / TENEBRAE SERVICE
of Songs, Scripture, & Silence at
THE FUNERAL
of Our
LORD

Limited Seating: Please RSVP**

This unique prayer service will include readings from all four Gospels, meditative chants, instrumental music, and 9th and 20th Century prayer traditions of the Church. Discover a new meaning to Good Friday.

EASTER
SUNDAY
April 20:
11:30 am



**1st Annual
Easter Egg Hunt**

Following the Mass of the Resurrection
approximately 11:30 am

Register your children for the Easter Egg
Hunt at Event table at church entrance. **

BRING YOUR OWN BASKETS

TUESDAY
April 29:
6:00-
9:00 pm

Healing Oils of The Bible

Hands-on Interactive Workshop facilitated by Michael Pitek
Experience 12 Healing Oils of The Bible



- Aloe (Sacred)
- Sandalwood)
- Cassia
- Cedarwood
- Cypress
- Frankincense
- Galbanum
- Hyssop
- Myrrh
- Myrtle
- Onycha
- Rose of Sharon (Cistus)
- Spikenard

Review Scriptural References
Understand how these oils can impact you today
Workshop: Live, in-person format in St. Joseph Hall @
Blessed Sacrament Church

\$25 Registration Fee: **Register by April 25th

Workshop Materials Include 20 page full-color workshop manual, olfactory packets, and demonstration bottles of all 12 essential oils, plus more.

2024-2025 Church on Fire II: Stay With Us! Series
Produced by the Parish Council of Blessed Sacrament Church & Sponsored by



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**** TO MAKE RSVPs:**
Contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com

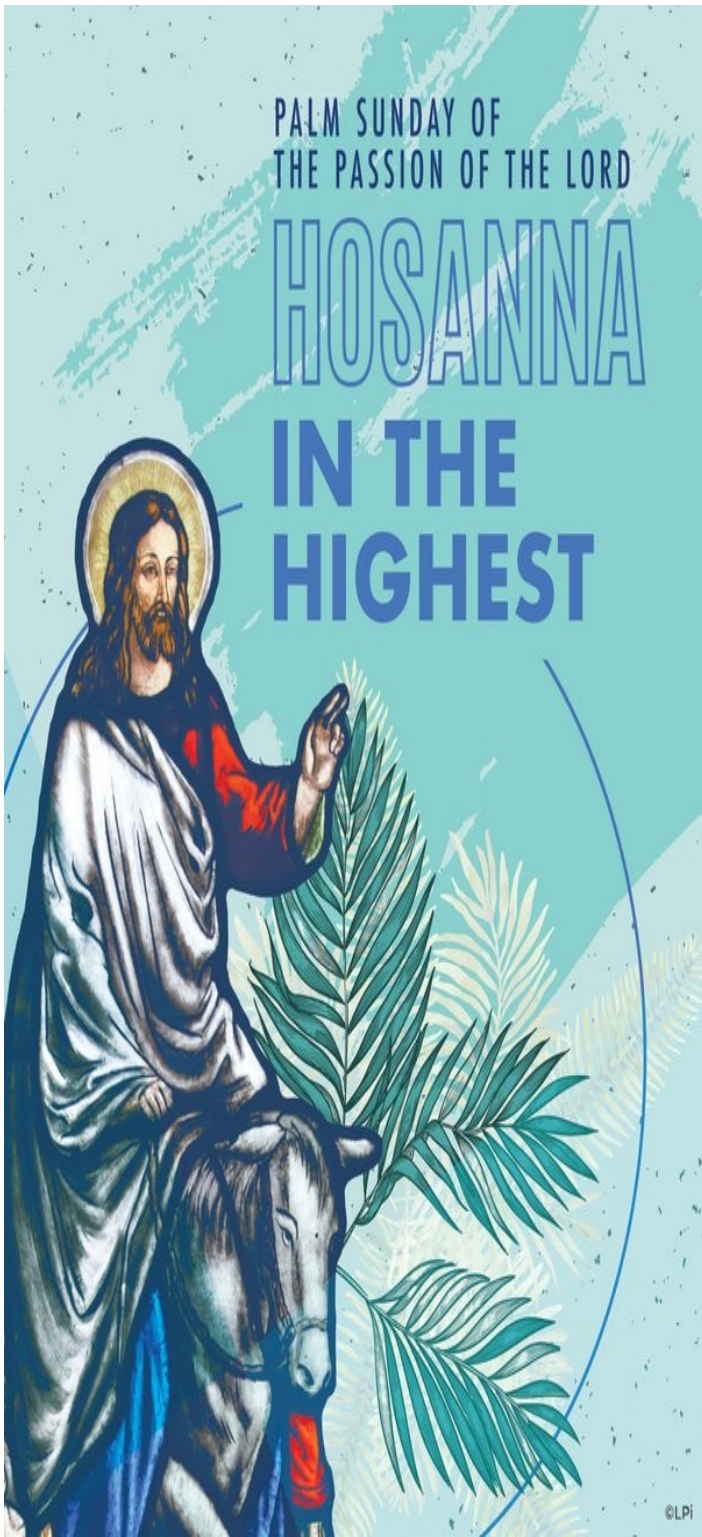
HOLY WEEK FOOD COLLECTION

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Contributing food items during Holy Week can be a form of almsgiving.** From April 12th through Good Friday, April 18th please bring non-perishable and unopened food items for the **Food Pantry at the Network of Religious** communities. Items may be placed in the **blue bin in the vestibule of Blessed Sacrament Church.** Contact Kathleen McCarthy, Peace & Justice Committee at mccarthy2937@aol.com for questions.

COLLECTION REPORT 4/6/2025

The collection report for next week will be noted in next week's bulletin.

This is due to the bulletin needing to be submitted early due to Palm Sunday and Easter.



BAKED GOODS SALE

St. Michael's will hold a baked goods sale on **Saturday, 5/3/2025 before and after the 5:30 Mass and Sunday, 5/4/2025 before and after the 12:00 noon Mass.**

We will offer various pies, various breads, cookies, pizzelles, brownies.

Please join us and enjoy all the delicious items that parishioners have put their hearts into!

SAINT

716-854-6726



MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

3/23/25-119

3/30/25-140

4/6/25 -116

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, Annie Feldman, Phyllis Galie, Mary Biuttner 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 Weihing.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

Musicians: Mark DiGiampaolo, Istvan Hernak

Cantor: Michael Dobrasz

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

UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE OF ST. MICHAEL'S

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

Holy Thursday 4/17 7:00 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

Easter Vigil St. Louis: 7:00 pm

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. Joseph's Cathedral 10:30 am

St. Louis 11:00 am

St. Anthony 11:15 am (Italian Mass)

RITE FOR THE BLESSING OF A CHILD IN THE WOMB

Bishop Michael Fisher (Diocese of Buffalo) and the Respect Life Office Cordially invite you to join us for the

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

We celebrate and pray for mothers, fathers, families, and for children in the womb.

Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:30 am

St. Joseph Cathedral

50 Franklin St. Buffalo 14202

Mass will include a special blessing for unborn children and their parents.

Families will have the opportunity to choose a blessed baby blanket to help welcome their baby and wrap them in love from their diocesan family.

For more information contact the Respect Life Office at

716-847-2205

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
THE MASTER
HAS NEED OF IT.
— LUKE 19:31 —



MOTHERS DAY NOVENA DOWNTOWN FAMILY OF PARISHES

Express your love for a special mother, grandmother, godmother, mother-in-law, an expectant mother, or any woman who has played a motherly role in your life, either living or deceased.

The Novena starts Mother's Day Novena of Holy Masses at Blessed and St. Louis that will begin on Sunday, May 10th.

Envelopes for the Novena can be found at the Main entrance of Blessed Sacrament and the Main St. and parking lot doors of St. Louis.

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.

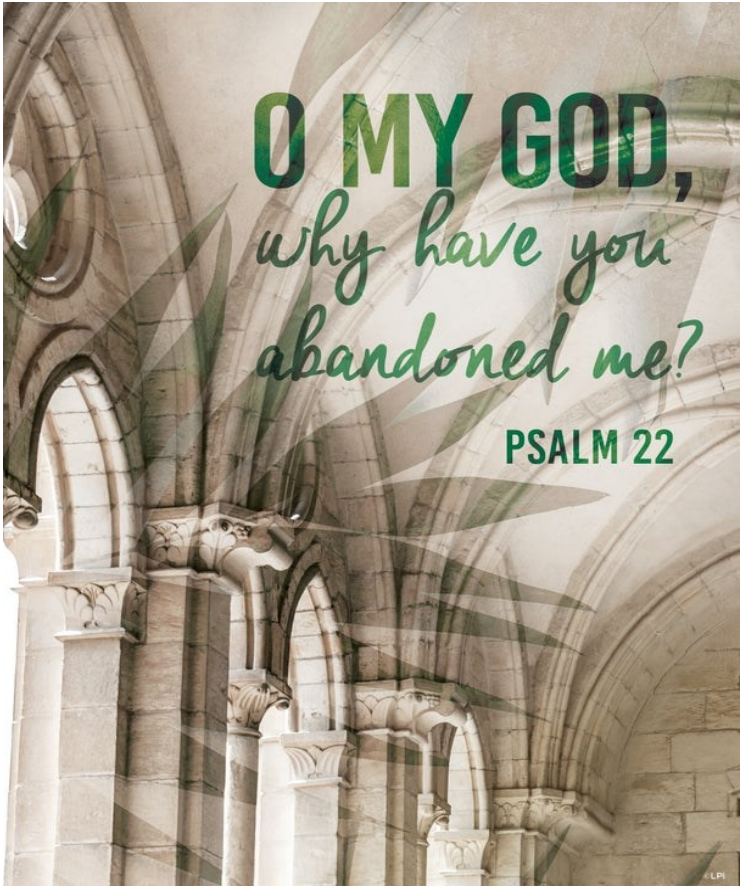
\$4699 Per Person from Toronto.

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

35 Edward St., Buffalo, NY 14202

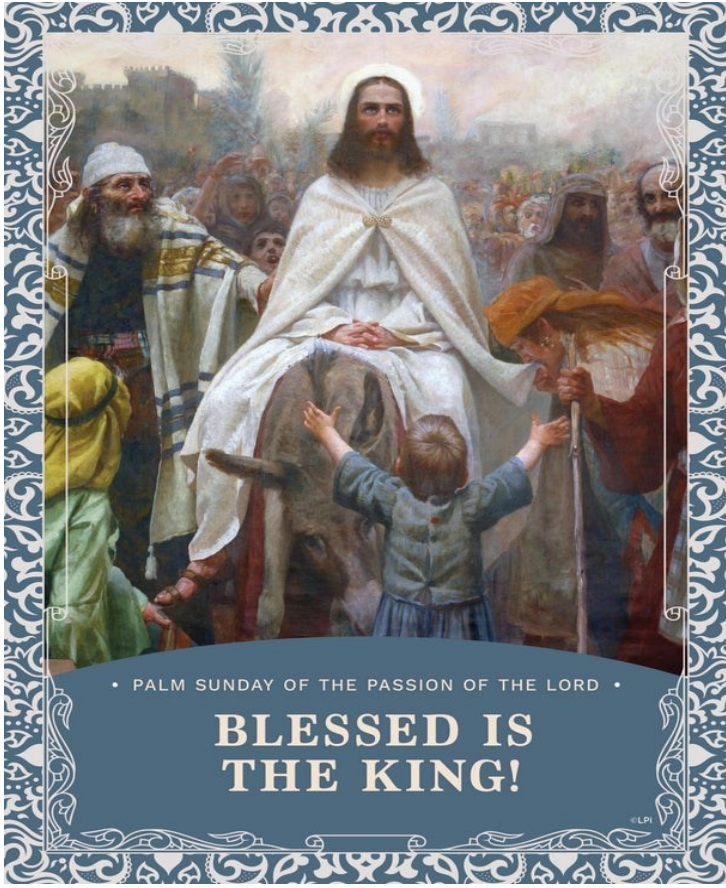
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O MY GOD,
*why have you
abandoned me?*

PSALM 22



• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

**BLESSED IS
THE KING!**

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