

April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025		
Week of Apríl 20 <sup>h,</sup> 2025		
Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil		
St. Louis 7:00 pm	Henry and Gloria Baxter Req by: Evan and Trish Lewis	
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	CLOSED	
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	CLOSED	
Sunday, Apríl 20 Easter Sunday		
Saint Louis 11 am	Deceased Members of the Riester Family Req by: Michael Riester	
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	All Souls	
	Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners	
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Intentions of the Downtown Parish Families	
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Monday, Apríl 21		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: St. Louis Parishioners	
Blessed Sacrament	Mary Segit	
8:00 am	Req by: Richard Lehner	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Req by: Michelle	
Tuesday, Apríl 22		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Carey Burke Req by: Family	
Blessed Sacrament	Intentions of Pope Francis	
8:00 am	Req by: Blessed Sacrament	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Christina Req by: Anthony Lleras	
Thursday, Apríl 24		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Diocese of Buffalo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners	
Blessed Sacrament	George Cassidy	
8:00 am	Req by: Richard Lehner	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Jose Vincente & Eduardo Lleras Req by: Anthony Lleras	
Fríday, Apríl 25		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners	
Blessed Sacrament	Joseph Lehner	
8:00 am	Req by: Richard Lehner	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Brian LaTulip req by: Mary Ann Kotaska Marjorie Dolan req by: Family of Jesus Christ	



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# Louis

# **EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS**

Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:30 pm: "A Choral Evening" with the St. Louis Choir

**Sunday, June 2, 2025 5:00 pm:** The Avanti Chamber Orchestra and St. Louis Choir

### 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.

### 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 Shepheard, 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, Pamela Ahrens, Donald LoFaso, 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 our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

# **COFFEE HOUR**

There will be a coffee hour in the back of the church next 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.

#### 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 \$10,33200 OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$367.00. THE TOTAL COLLECTION WAS \$10,699.00

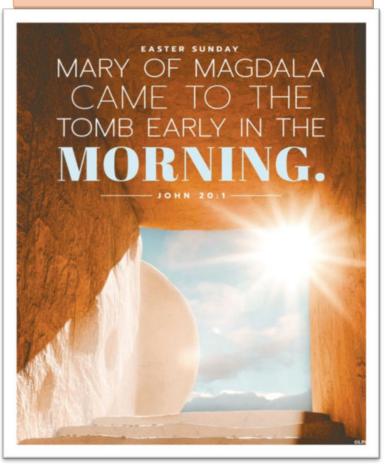
# THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 498.

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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.









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

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

SUNDAY April 20: 11:30 am



Following the Mass of the Resurrection approximately 11:30 am

> All children are invited to participate. We will hold the Easter Egg Hunt in the Playground area. Extra baskets are available.

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



facilitated by Michael Pitek

## **Experience 12 Healing Oils of The Bible**

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   Sandalwood) Galbanum Onych
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\$25 Registration Fee: \*\*Register by April 25th

Workshop Materials Include 20 page full-color workshop manual, olfactory packets, and sample essential oil bottles

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

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\*\* TO MAKE RSVPs:

Contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com

# **COLLECTION REPORT** 4/13/2025

Weekly - \$2,034.00

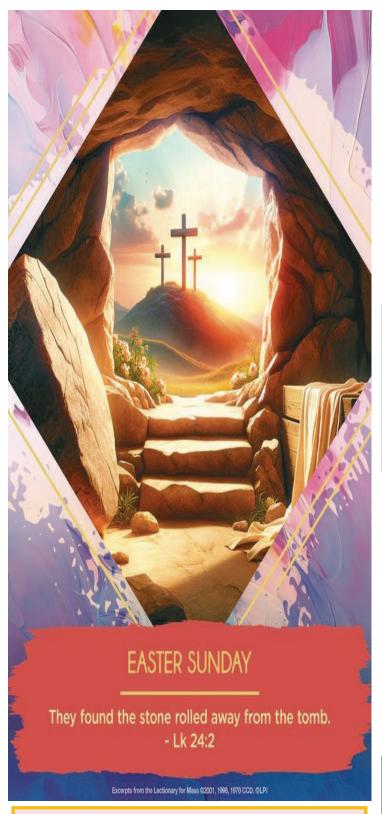
E-Giving - \$ 1,723.01

Total - \$3,757.01

## 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



## **BAKED GOODS SALE**

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

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# MICH&EL'S

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# MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY

Envelopes for Mother's and Father's Day Novenas are located in the back of the Church for your convenience.

### 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

 $\textbf{Email:} \ St Michael Church Buffalo@gmail.com$ 

Musicians: Mark Di Giampaolo, 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.



# The Downtown Family of Parishes

# Happenings

## AN EASTER GREETING FROM YOUR PASTOR

Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! We have now entered into the great season of Eastertide. We are sons and daughters of New Life (that is, new life in Christ). Christ has won for us victory over the grave. This is a reality that we really, really need to hear this year as we continue to 'resize and reshape' our diocese with the promise of renewal for our parishes! It has been a couple years of new challenges for our diocese and Churches (and pastors!). We are blessed to have many new faces joining our downtown family of parishes.

The Church in her wisdom asks us to keep this feast alive for fifty days. We need to reflect on this and just how much our Lord loves us. Easter is so much more than flowers, card, Easter eggs, candy, and even beautiful music. It is the historical event that gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our lives.

To those who have been away from the Church, I sincerely welcome you home this Easter. It is my fervent hope and prayer that by worshipping with us, and celebrating Holy Mass, you will encounter the Risen Christ and a home. In the spirit of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, I too, extend to you the love and mercy of our Risen Lord and sincerely invite you back into the fold of Holy Mother Church. From Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel): "I invite all Christians, everywhere at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to Letting Him encounter them: I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. The Lord does not disappoint those who take his risk; whenever we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms".

I want to welcome to the church and parishes our confirmandi and newest members into the Church at the Great Vigil of Easter. A big thank you to our family CRE, Ashlee Campbell, who directs our faith formation program. We had this year the largest group coming into the church that downtown has ever seen! The Spirit of God is moving and we have to keep up the momentum.

My prayers for you and yours this season of Resurrection.

The tomb is empty and Alleluia is our song! Pray without ceasing!

In His Service and Love, Fr. Ray



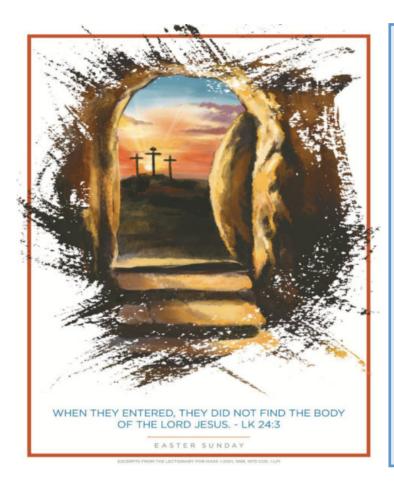
### **CATHOLIC ACADEMY SPRING OPEN HOUSE MAY 8TH**

Catholic Academy of West Buffalo will host an open house for new families May 8th from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Our wonderful bell choir will be performing and classrooms will be highlighting student achievements.

Catholic Academy offers strong academics, excellent religious and moral education in grades Pre-K 3 to 9. Students enrolled in CAWB are eligible to attend a free 3 week summer camp. We have enhanced our sports program, adding Flag football and soccer. Learn about our English as a New Language (ENL) program and specialized tutoring available. Our Pre-K for 3 year olds is a very popular part time program. We are offering a tuition scholarship of \$250 for new families registering for September 2025.

You are invited to tour our building and meet the Catholic Academy family. Office staff will be available to review admission forms and answer questions regarding the different types of tuition assistance available. For information. Call the school at 716-885-6111 or visit us at cawb.org, on Facebook or Instagram.



# MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA DOWNTOWN FAMILY OF PARISHES

Express your love for a special mother, grandmother, godmother, mother-in-law, and 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 Sacrament, St. Louis, and St. Michael's that will be begin on Monday, May 5, 2025.

Envelopes for the Novena can be found at the doors of the churches.

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