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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 religiously@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 dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

May 11, 2025 | The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Week of May 11, 2025

Saturday, May 10

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Mother's Day Intentions Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Olivia, Isabelle, Ricky, Hoka Cromwell (Mothers Day Intentions) Req by: Peter & Tracy Cromwell
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

Saint Louis 9:00 am	Dorothy Plemins & Mary Nagowski (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Peter & Barb Nagowski
11:00 am	Joseph and Ruth State Req by: The State Family
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Marilyn Reich (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Barry Pitek & Randy Bennett
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Maria Luciano (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Her Mother, Christine

Monday, May 12 - SS Nereus and Achilleus

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Leonard Horton (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Clem and Anne Eckert
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Living and Deceased Mothers (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Tuesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Helen B. O'Neill (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Family 22 (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Living and Deceased Mothers (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Thursday, May 15 - St. Isidore

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Jeffrey and Patricia Baetzhold (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Evan and Trish Lewis
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Living and Deceased Mothers (Mother's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Friday, May 16

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Mary Ellen Marlette Req by: Brian Conley & Erin Klass
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Family 22 Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Living and Deceased Mothers Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners



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Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Louis

HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to Paul LaCroix who retired from the St. Louis Parish Council. Paul was the secretary for many years.

Thank you, Paul for all of your dedicated work!!

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 our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet **Wednesday, May 21st at 6 pm.** Weather permitting, this will be a working evening, along with a planning meeting to discuss this year's flowers and plantings. New volunteers are always most welcome! Come and spend your Wednesday evenings helping to beautify God's green acre at Main and Edward. The SLGS, alive in Christ and growing!

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 \$4,546.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,084.00

OUR TOTAL THIS WEEK WAS \$5,630.00.

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 454.**

****Please Note: We are only accepting online giving through WeShare.** You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our **WeShare** account on our web page or the QR code on this page.



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

Happy Mother's Day



Blessed



Sacrament



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2004, 1985, 1970 CCC, ©LPE)

COLLECTION FOR 4/27/25 AND 5/4/25

The collection report for 3/27/25 is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,048.01
Weekly - \$2,788.00
Home Mission - \$159.00
Total - \$4,995.01

The collection for 5/4/25 is as follows:

E-giving - \$3,106.01
Weekly - \$6,196.00
Home Mission - \$45.00
Total - \$9,347.01

Next week, **May 18, 25**, there will be there will be the regular collection and a **Second Collection** for the **Church in Latin America & Church in Africa**.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS RELUCTANT SHEEP

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God is trying to tell us something about ourselves.

We want to see ourselves at the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep - at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don't have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

COFFEE HOUR

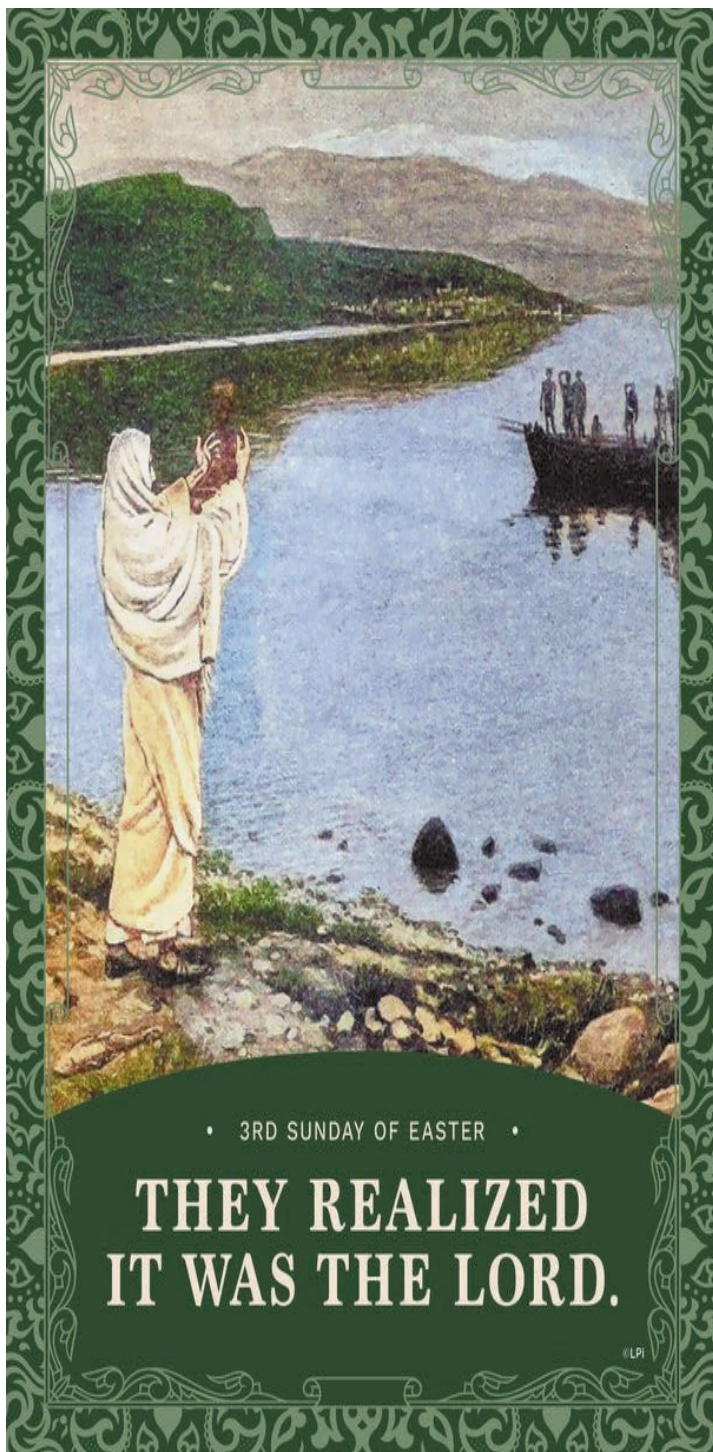
Sundays after the 10:30 Mass in St. Joseph's Hall. We are looking for volunteers to host each Sunday. There is a sign up sheet available at the back table. You can also call/text Celine La Ducca at 716-352-4771

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed food items to the **Holy Week Food Collection**. Two (2) car trunk loads of food items were delivered to the Network of Religious Communities' Food Pantry. God Bless your generosity. Remember the regular **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION** takes place on the 2nd full weekend of each month.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Meeting on **Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:30 am** in St. Joseph's Hall. The book selection is "**Katari - A Beacon in the Wilderness**" by **Jack Casey**. This is the story of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American to be canonized. For information, contact **Bonnie Blum** at blumfam7@gmail.com.



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MICHAEL'S

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4/27/2025 - 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, 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 Weihsing, Mark Lisiecki.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@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

BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who participated in the Bake Sale on 5/3 and 5/4!

It was a great success, everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the goodies!

Thank you to all who baked all the delicious items!

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: As of 4/1/25 the diocese has sent their response packet back to Rome as requested. The dicastery of the clergy will take all the information provided by the Diocese and will make the final decision. This will take approx. 6 months.



Counting the Cardinals



252 Total number in the College of Cardinals

135 Total number of cardinal electors

117 Total number of non-electors

Living Cardinals according to the pontificate of their creation:

St. John Paul II

36 Non-electors

5 electors

Francis

41 Non-electors

Benedict XVI

40 Non-electors

22 electors



Countries that the cardinal electors represent **72**



USA 10 cardinal electors



Italy 16 cardinal electors

Number of countries with one cardinal elector **55**

The continents of Asia and Europe both have **18** countries represented in the conclave, Africa will have **17**.

Countries that the College of Cardinals represents **95**

The oldest member of the college of cardinals is Cardinal Angelo Acerbi who will turn **100** on Sept. 23rd.

The youngest member of the college of cardinals is Cardinal Mykola Bychok, C.S.S.R., Eparchial Bishop of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne of the Ukrainians who was born in **Feb. 1980**.

BEATITUDES

A RETREAT ON THE PRACTICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE BEATITUDES FOR TODAY

Presented by Sr. Marcella Kiesel, OSF from Thursday, May 15 at 10:30 am until Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 pm at Center of Renewal, 4421 Lower Rd., Stella Niagara.

Would you like to deepen your sense of God's unconditional love for you? Be more accepting of your own feelings? Tap into your inner strengths? Recognize oppression and deal with injustice? Accept your own human limitation? Unclutter your heart? Make your contribution to world peace? Persevere in walking in Jesus' footsteps?

If so, then this retreat is vital for you!

For reservations, call 716-754-7376.

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis will be having our **Annual Festival** in the parking lot on **Friday, August 22, 2025**. It will be held from 5 pm to 8 pm.

We are looking for volunteers for Kids Events, Selling tickets, set up and clean up.

Cheesy Chick, The Spotted Octopus will be joining us again this year.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal is now in full swing until June 30th.

All proceeds All funds collected are used to aid the needy in Western New York.

Thank you for your donations.

HOPS FOR HOPE

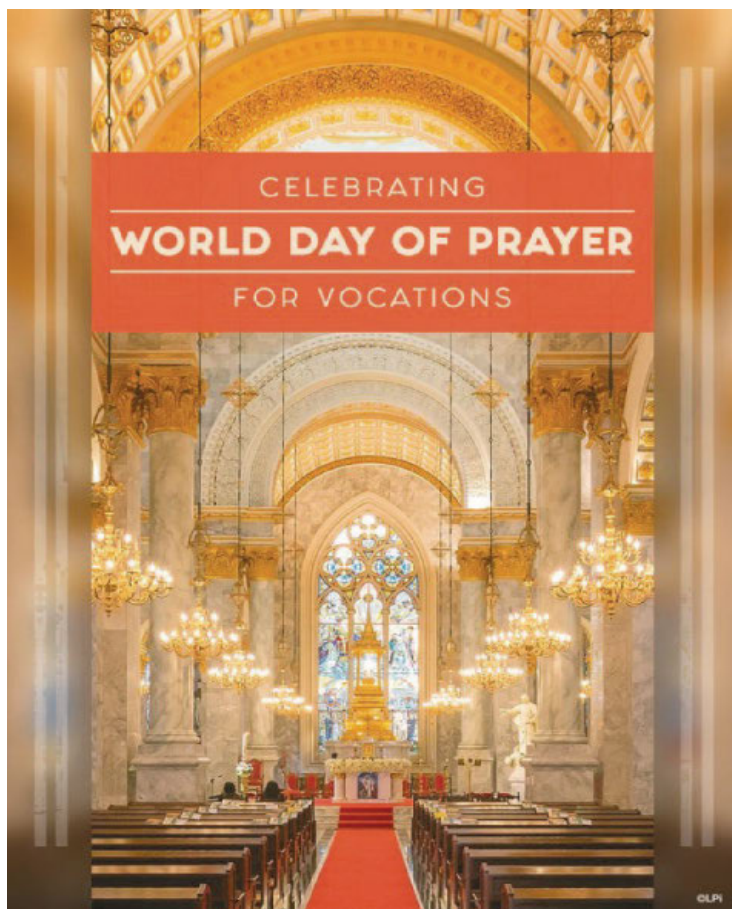
HOPS for HOPE, a week-long celebration of the work of Catholic Charities and a call for support for Appeal 2025 from the community! **HOPS for HOPE** will take place May 16-23 at Resurgence Brewing Co., 55 Chicago St., Buffalo. Theme nights during the celebration will include: "Have a Brew and Learn What We Do" (May 17) and Knights' Night to honor Catholic Service Organizations (May 20).

Check out www.ccnny.org or Catholic Charities social media pages for more information.

Appeal 2025 is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WENY to 44321.

EUCCHARIST MINISTER VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Health is currently seeking Eucharistic Minister volunteers for South Buffalo Mercy Hospital and mercy Skilled Nursing facility at Our Lady of Victory. Weekend availability is requested. For details, contact **Lisa Carey** at **716-862-1106** or email at lcarey2@chsbuffalo.org



LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

Little Portion Friary is in need of volunteers! They serve up to 19 men and 10 women at a time. We provide shelter, daily meals, clothing, personal care supplies, laundry service, a day center, assistance to secure benefits, and permanent housing, life skills, and therapeutic classes, and more.

We need volunteers every day, but especially on weekends, to help care for our guests and household tasks from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 11:00pm-6:00 pm, and 6:00 pm-10:00 pm (weekdays only).

We are also in need of volunteer cooks to prepare and serve dinner at 5:30 pm daily.

To express your interest in helping, reach out to Kelly Deschamps, Volunteer & Community Engagement Management, at volunteers@littleportionfriary.com or 716-404-9801.

PAPAL ELECTION

Do you have questions about the upcoming Papal election?

Join us May 7th at 6:30 pm at SS. Columba-Brigid, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo.

Dr. Dennis Castillo, Professor of Church History at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, joins us by Zoom for **"How is a Pope Elected?"** Light refreshments served.

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