

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.*



780 Main Street (at Edward), Buffalo, NY 14202  
[StLouisRCChurch.org](http://StLouisRCChurch.org)  
716-852-6040  
[ChurchOffice@StLouisRCChurch.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@StLouisRCChurch.org)

## BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"The Bishop's Chapel"*



1029 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209  
[BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org](http://BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org)  
(716) 884-0053  
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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](mailto: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 [dbfbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:dbfbulletin@gmail.com)

May 25, 2025 | The Sixth Sunday of Easter

# May 25, 2025 | The Eighth Sunday of Easter

*Week of May 25, 2025*

## *Saturday, May 24*

St. Louis 4:00 pm Joseph Miller  
Req by: Second Buffalo Regiment

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm Eugene McCarthy  
Req by: James McCarthy

Saint Michael's 5:30 pm Maureen Pratt  
Req by: The Mills Family

## *Sunday, May 25*

Saint Louis 9:00 am Walter Kowal  
11:00 am Req by: Margaret and David Jankiewicz  
Gabrielle Gigante  
Req by: Ursula, Ray, & Linda Gigante

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am All Souls  
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 12 noon Mary Christina  
Req by: Anthony Lleras

## *Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day*

St. Louis 12:05 pm Living and Deceased Veterans  
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Emil Geiser  
Req by: Richard Lehner

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

## *Tuesday, May 27 - St. Augustine*

St. Louis 12:05 pm Douglas H. Schulte  
Req by: Family

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Intentions of Pope Leo, XIV  
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 6:45 am All Souls  
Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

## *Thursday, May 29 - Ascension of the Lord*

St. Louis 12:05 pm All souls  
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am All Souls  
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Souls in Purgatory  
Req by: Anthony Lleras

## *Friday, May 30*

St. Louis 12:05 pm Leah Bellito  
Req by: Mollie Brewster

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Frank Wittman  
Req by: Richard Lehner

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

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## The Downtown Family of Parishes



### **Pastor**

Rev. Raymond Corbin  
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FrRayssp@gmail.com

### **Associate Vicar**

Rev. Jacek Mazur  
Japioma@hotmail.com

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Rev. Ben Fiore, S.J.

Rev. Richard Zaroni, S.J.

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tlabelle1012@gmail.com

Carmelo Gaudio

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### **Saint Louis**

35 Edward St

### **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.

### **Trustees**

David Granville  
Steven Nosek

### **Musicians**

Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak

### **Cantor**

Michael Dobrasz

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL**

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Cathedral@BuffaloDiocese.org

### **ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

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

# Saint



# Louis

## St. Louis Church hosted a special Mass for the National Association of Catholic Chaplains

May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. It was attended by 450 chaplains from around the country. It was the installation of the new Chaplaincy class of 2025. It was presided by The Most Rev. Jeffrey R. Haines, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### 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, Michael Hawkins, 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 after the **11:00 Mass Sunday, May 25.**

The last Coffee Hour of the season will be posted in the June bulletin. Please call the church office if you are interested setting up, staffing, baking, or cleaning up. We will start again in the fall. Thank you in advance.

## 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 \$6,529.00**  
**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$349.00**  
**THIS TOTAL INCLUDED THE LATIN AMERICAN CHURCH**  
**AND THE SANDWICH PROGRAM DONATIONS**  
**OUR TOTAL WAS \$6,878.00**

**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.



## LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS MAY 2025

### Lectors:

**Saturday - May 24 - 4:00** Ann Dumansky

**Sunday - May 25 9:00** - Steve Nosek

**Sunday - May 25 11:00** - Mike Reister

**Saturday - May 31 4:00** Diane Randazzo

**Sunday - June 1 9:00** Bob Sprague

**Sunday - June 1 11:00** Pam Nordstrom

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Saturday - May 24 - 4:00** Jim Ferrini

**Sunday - 25 9:00** Mary O'Shea

**Sunday - May 25 11:00** Jim Ferrini, Deacon Tom

**Saturday - May 31 4:00** Ann Dumansky

**June 1 - 9:00** Mary O'Shea

**June 1 - 11:00** Tim & Lisa McCarthy



# Blessed



# Sacrament



## The Catholic Academy OF WEST BUFFALO

### PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF WEST BUFFALO

1069 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209

716-885-6111

Principal - Mr. Earl Schunk

### LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS MAY 2025

#### **Lectors:**

**Saturday - May 24** M. Cusack

**Sunday - May 25** M. Flores

**Saturday - May 31** P. Jones

#### **Eucharist Ministers:**

**Saturday - May 24** P. Manz

**Sunday - May 25** M.J. Carroll

**Saturday - May 31** C. Jones

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

### BABY SHOWER AND DIAPER DRIVE MAY 11- JUNE 15

The **St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center** is in need of the following items:

- Diapers size 5 & 6
- Onesies 0-3 months (boys/girls)
- Baby bottles
- Wipes
- Receiving blankets (boys/girls)
- Bibs
- Baby wash & lotion

The above items can be brought to Mass and left in the back of the church to be collected and delivered to the Center by volunteers.

The Center will also accept **clean and gently used** items such as bassinets, pack-n-plays, bouncers, high chairs, swings, clothes, and toys.

**Free will donations:** please make check payable to **St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center**. Monies collected will be used to purchase items such as car seats and pack-n-plays, etc.

St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center, 76 Church St., Buffalo, 14202 - 716-847-2205

**For further information**, contact Anne Harrington, 716-864-0085 or [annesharrington@yahoo.com](mailto:annesharrington@yahoo.com)

### 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](mailto:blumfam7@gmail.com).

### SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**Sunday, May 25: "A Taste of Italy"** after the 10:30 Mass.

This will celebrate the last Coffee Hour for the Spring.

We will resume again in September.

### COLLECTION FOR 5/18/2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

<b>E-giving</b> - \$1,681.01	<b>Church in Latin America</b>
<b>Weekly</b> - \$2,592	\$25.00
<b>Total</b> - \$4,298.01	

#### **Second Collections:**

**May 29** - Ascension

**June 1** - Father's Day (**not a second collection - the regular collection**)

**June 8** - The Catholic Communication Campaign



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS (CCLPi)

### Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems...most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want? It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem - especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying because it's not my idea - but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

**SAINT**

716-854-6726



**MICHAEL'S**

651 Washington St.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4/27/2025 - 134    5/4/2025 - 135    5/11/2025 130    5/18/2025 -

### 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 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 Weihing.

### 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

### 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.



**TRAVEL TO IRELAND WITH FR. RAY!**  
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**Hosted by Fr. Ray Corbin**

**Tour Features:**

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- \$650 government taxes & airline surcharges
- Accommodations in first class/select hotels based on 2 (two) persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath
- Most meals (all breakfasts, some dinners, lunch on your own)
- Services of a professional English-speaking driver/guide
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- All admission fees and hotel service charges
- Transfers to/from airports by private motor-coach including meeting/assistance.

For more information call the Church office 716-852-6040 ext 202 or email [rrayssp@gmail.com](mailto:rrayssp@gmail.com)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

By Fr. John Muir

CCLPi

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "**The Anxious Generation**" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To His overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you**" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of His divinity, His bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But He does walk with us and offer us His peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like His because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with His peace.

**FRANCISCAN-BASED REFLECTIVE WALK ON PENTACOST**

**June 7 & 8 rain or shine.** Everyone in the Diocese of Buffalo is welcome to join our Pentecost 2025 Franciscan-based Reflective Walk as well as our 1st Sunday of the month at Delaware Park or Forest Lawn (June-August).

Pentecost 2025 marks the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and October 4, 2026 marks the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death.

After the 4:30 Mass at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, June 7 and 10 am Mass Sunday, & Mass at Assumption June 8, we will walk around the block, roughly 20 minutes church front door to front door. Everyone is welcome!

**EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS**

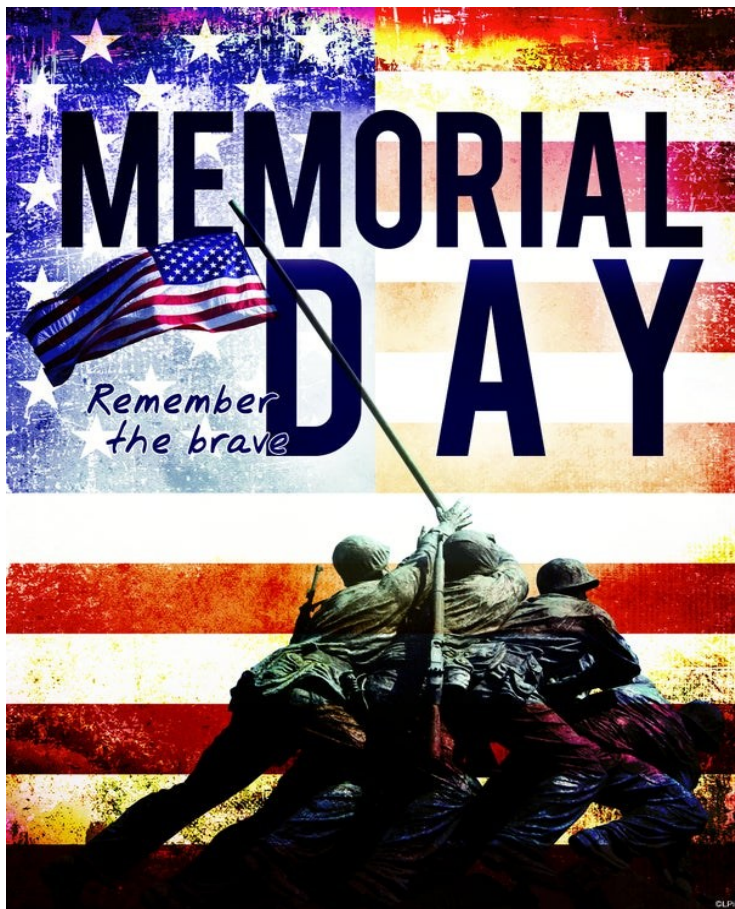
St Louis will be having our Family Friendly Annual Festival in the parking lot on Friday, August 22, 2025. It will be held from 5 pm - 8 pm.

There will also be a Classic Car Show.

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.





Did you know  
that our new  
pope is a  
**mathematician**  
and also holds a  
doctorate in  
Canon Law?

## Pope Leo XIV

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.

✔ Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (OSA) in 1977 and made his solemn vows in 1981.

✔ His educational background includes a **Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University** in 1977, a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and both a **licentiate and doctorate in canon law** from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. His doctoral thesis was on "The role of the local prior in the Order of Saint Augustine."

