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The Downtown Family of Catholic Parishes



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ST. LOUIS

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"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 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.

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Email to dbfbulletin@gmail.com

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

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Week of June 1 2025

Saturday, May 31

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Family 22 Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Family 22 Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Mary Homewood Req by: Anthony Lleras

Sunday, June 1 – Ascension of the Lord

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Eleanor Ferrino Req by: Anthony & Kim Jordan Mickey Harmon & Jordan Cellato Req by: Michael Riester
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Ivan Lee Req by: Solomon Johnson
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Rose Marie Twist Req by: Patty and John Graham

Monday, June 2 – SS Marcellinus & Peter

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Tuesday, June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Camille Krenzglicki Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Family 22 Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Christina Req by: Anthony Lleras

Thursday, June 5 – St. Boniface

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Family 22 Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Joseph Cotter Req by: Family

Friday, June 6 – St. Norbert

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Family 22 Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Thomas Greiner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

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Pastor Rev. Raymond Corbin 716-852-6040 x 202 FrRayssp@gmail.com	Associate Vicar Rev. Jacek Mazur Japioma@hotmail.com
Family Clergy Msgr. Salvatore Manganello Rev. Ben Fiore, S.J. Rev. Richard Zaroni, S.J.	Permanent Deacons Thomas LaBelle tlabelle1012@gmail.com Carmelo Gaudio
Dir. of Religious Education Ashlee Campbell	religiously@stlouiscrcchurch.org 443-744-0354

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

50 Franklin
716-854-5855
Cathedral@BuffaloDiocese.org

ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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

Saint



Louis

WE WELCOME OUR NEW ST. LOUIS PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our St. Louis Family! We're happy you're here!

Stacey & Richard Forgensi, Leslie Zoers & Richard Warne, Jon Aumiller & Kaitlyn Schmidt, Shane Hackenberg, Jeremiah Walsh-Setines, Catherine Seeger & George Rossney, Anthony Marshall, Zachery Murphy, Bonnie Lednard & Keith Zuccala

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

The last coffee hour of the season will be held after the 11:00 Mass Sunday, June 29.

Coffee hours will be posted in future bulletins in the fall. Please call the church office if you are interested setting up, staffing, baking, or cleaning up for future coffee hours.

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 \$4,059.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$ TO BE ADDED NEXT WEEK.**

OUR TOTAL WILL BE NOTED NEXT WEEK

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 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.



LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS JUNE, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - June 7 4:00 - Ann Dumansky

Sunday - June 8 9:00 - Bob Sprague

Sunday - June 8 11:00 - Pam Nordstrom

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - June 7 4:00 Jim Ferrini

Sunday - June 8 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday - June 8 11:00 Tim McCarthy & Paul State

Second Collection June 8 for The Catholic Communication Campaign

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

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Lectors: Please see Sacristy wall for info

Saturday - 4:30 June 7 To be announced - Sunday - 10:30 June 8 To be announced

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PENTECOST 2025 WALK "SEEING BEAUTY IN THE BUILT & NATURAL"

Pentecost 2025 marks the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis's Encyclical Laudato Si' ("On care for Our Common Home") and October 4, 2025 marks the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death. All are invited to remember these occasions by participating in a reflective walk on Saturday, June 7 after the 4:30 Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church and on Sunday, June 8 after the 10:00 am Mass at Assumption church, 435 Amherst St., Buffalo. These reflective walks will take place around the church block (roughly 20 minutes). Following the walk, reflections on beauty seen by the walkers will be uploaded to the internet archive where there are over 100 similar "Seeing Beauty" walk reflections. These walks will happen rain or shine and are the 1st Sunday of the month at Delaware Park or Forest Lawn (June-August). For questions or further information, email imagine.buffalo@gmail.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.

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

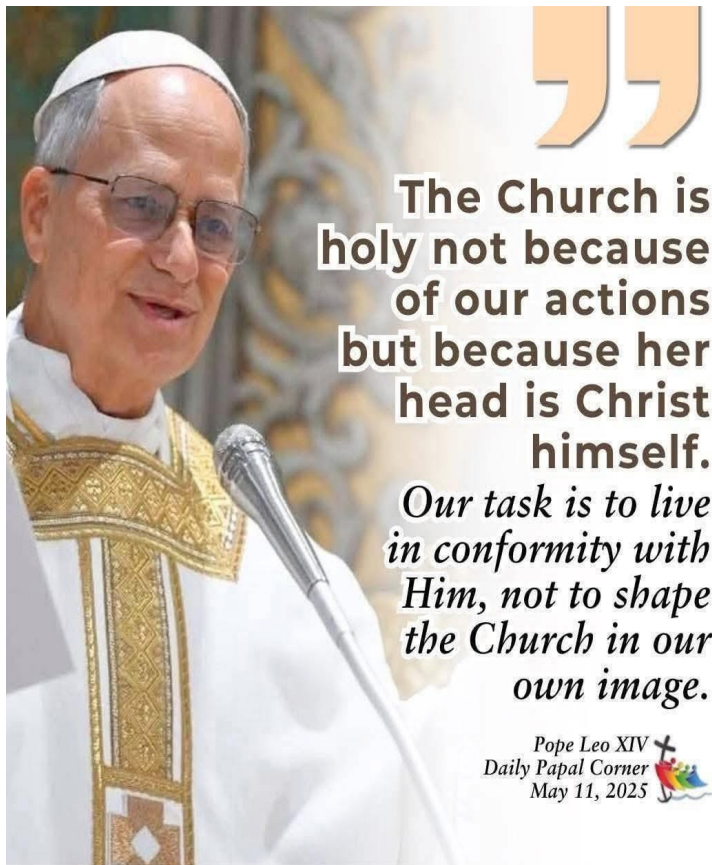
For further information, contact Anne Harrington, 716-864-0085 or annesharrington@yahoo.com

COLLECTION FOR MAY 25, 2025

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

E-giving - \$
Weekly - \$
Total - \$

Second Collection June 8 for the Catholic Communication Campaign.



**The Church is
holy not because
of our actions
but because her
head is Christ
himself.**

*Our task is to live
in conformity with
Him, not to shape
the Church in our
own image.*

Pope Leo XIV
Daily Papal Corner
May 11, 2025



GOSPEL MEDITATION—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE BY FR. JOHN MUIR

CCLPi

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of Heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as He prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper to His Father **"that they may be brought to perfection as one"** (John 17:23). What does that mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect - that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support for one another. He wants the perfection of His disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to Heaven when I die, or is it to be a part of a great procession of souls, together marching towards the Heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in Heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

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716-854-6726



MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

5/4/2025 - 135 5/11/2025 130 5/18/2025 - 113 5/29/2025 -

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 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 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.

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (CCLPi)

Mini Reflection: In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for me. And for you. And for all the people who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

That the World May Believe: I love today's Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me. And you.

And the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And He prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say "God Bless" and think, "That's a weird necklace, and I don't believe in God", but will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn't go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can't explain. He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

"Those who will believe in me through their word". That's me. That's you. That's us. We're the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say "I believe". But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it's not just the Apostles' job, and it's not done. It's not a book that is closed. It's a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it's as much ours as it was theirs: *that the world may believe that you sent me.*

**MAGNIFICAT MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women will be hosting a morning of prayer, testimony, praise and shared meal on June 21 from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm at Joseph's Country Manor, 275 Columbia Ave., Depew.

Guest speaker, Gail Terrana, will share how the Holy Spirit has guided her personal faith journey and how He continues to bless her with lively faith and joy-filled friendships, especially within the Cursillos in Christianity Movement.

Registration deadline is June 6.

Register online at <http://www.magificat-ministry.net/> (click on "Chapter", select "NY", then "Buffalo").

For cost and additional information, call Maureen at 716-883-2290.

WNY INSTITUTE OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY 2025

Ignatian Spiritual Retreat from July 14-18 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at Loyola Hall, Canisius University Campus, Buffalo. Presenter: Dr. Damian Zynda, Director of Mission and Ministry at McQuaid Jesuit & Director of Ignatian Identity at Canisius High School. This course introduces Ignatian contemplative prayer found throughout the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It combines experience and prayer, reflection on experience, discernment, and spiritual direction with theological underpinnings of each element. The course is intended for persons who seek a personal relationship with Jesus as the foundation for their discipleship and/or ministry. \$650 for tuition and lunch; additional \$500 for 4 overnight accommodations of private room, full bathroom, continental breakfast and home-cooked dinner. Registration: email Deacon John Rhein at deaconjrhein@gmail.com.

TRAVEL TO IRELAND WITH FR. RAY!

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Hosted by Fr. Ray Corbin

Tour Features:

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- 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 frrayssp@gmail.com

