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The Downtown Family of Catholic Parishes



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ST. LOUIS

Oldest parish in the Buffalo diocese.



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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.

ANOIDING 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

July 13, 2025 | The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week of July 13 2025

Saturday, July 12

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Faye Lois S. Grobe Req by: The Grobe Family
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Angelo Di Liberti Req by: Barb and Tom Bielicki
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Amy Betros Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, July 13

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Lief Jonassen Req by: Michael McPherson E. Alan Nordstrom, Jr. Req by: Donna Arnone
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Stephen Rogacki Req by: John Kopera
Saint Michael's 12 noon	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday, July 14 - St. Tekakwitha

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Tim and Mary Jerge Reid Family Req by: Mary Jerge
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Columbia Verolini Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Michael Banaziak Req by: The 6:45 am Mass Friends

Tuesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure

St. Louis 12:05 pm	David Jackson Req by: Diocese of Buffalo Audit Department
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Isabell, Ricky, Hoka, Olivia Req by: Peter and Tracy Cromwell
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Thursday, July 17

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Friday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Florence Remboldt Req by: Estate
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Bonnie Werdein Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

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Parish Life President Peter Rizzo	Trustees Paul F. Jones Mary C. McCracken
Dir. Of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Cory James Gallagher
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Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Saint



Louis

THANK YOU, CONOR SHEA!

A huge thank you to Conor Shea *and the many members of the St. Louis Choir* for hosting the picnic after the 11:00 Mass on June 29th!

There was a great turn out and parishioners, visitors, friends had a great time and good food!

Thank you again, Conor and St. Louis Choir for setting this up and feeding many!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch 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, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, 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.

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 \$4,925.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$864.16.
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$5,789.16

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 345.**

****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.

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS JULY 19 & 20, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - 4:00 July 19 Krysta Doefler

Sunday - 9:00 July 20 Steve Nosek

Sunday - 11:00 July 20 Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - 4:00 July 19 Ann Dumansky

Sunday - 9:00 July 20 Patricia Doyle

Sunday - 11:00 July 20 Lisa Mc Carthy

Emily Schimert

Blessed



Sacrament



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Principal - Mr. Earl Schunk

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - JULY 2025

Lectors:

Sat. 4:30 pm

July 5 - R. Lehner

July 12 - F. Conti

July 19 - M. Cusack

July 26 - P. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

July 6 - M. Flores

July 13 - L. Bauer

July 20 - M. Pitek

July 27 - S. Falleta

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4:30 pm

July 5 - Deacon Tom

July 12 - D. Russell

July 19 - C. Jones

July 26 - P. Manz

Sun. 10:30 am

July 6 - Deacon Tom

July 13 - J. Knab

July 20 - M. J. Carroll

July 27 - Deacon Tom

COLLECTION FOR JULY 6, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$3,498.51

Weekly - \$2,251.00

Total - \$5,749.01

There will be a second collection next week, July 20, for Peter's Pence.

From Dennis Galucki, Center Study of Art & Architecture;
History & Nature (C-SAAHN) & IMAGINE Buffalo

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Niagara Legacy Council 2015 Recognition Award;

AIA Buffalo/WNY "Friends of Architecture" 2013 Community Service Award

SAVE THE DATE!

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11:30 AM TO 5:30 PM

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TOUR MAPS

Tour maps will be available at all 5 participating churches and at ExploreBuffalo.org after June 30th.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations - an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned - so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

On Pilgrimage: Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1) Don't complain. **2)** Don't complain (It's so important, it's listed twice). **3)** When you see a bathroom, use it. **4)** When someone offers you something, receive it. **5)** When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to His disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (*like, at all*). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: *I cannot work in these conditions!*

And then, I imagine God, on His celestial throne, sighs and opens the book of the Gospels (surely He keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And He whispers in my heart what He said to His disciples 2,000 years ago.

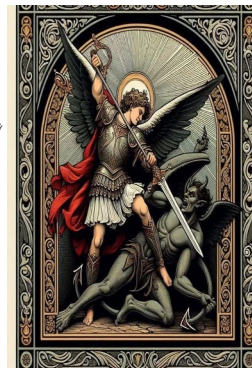
Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed - the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

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MICHAEL'S

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

6/22/25 - 131

6/29/25 - 161

7/6/25 - 109

6/22/25 - \$2,061.00

6/29/25 - \$3,512.00

7/6/25 - \$2,732.00

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, Mark 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.

St. Michael's Update:

The Vatican has upheld the Diocese's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis. An appeal has been filed to a higher Vatican Court. There is a 60 day waiting period for a decision. Updates forthcoming.

News

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Happenings



Parish contribution plan for fulfill Ch. 11 settlement terms:

Downtown Family of Parishes, #22.

"The participation of the entire Catholic family is necessary to bring to a close this painful chapter of our Diocese and achieve a level of restitution that is owed to the many who have had to carry the tremendous burden of physical, emotional and spiritual harm of sexual abuse throughout their lives."-Bishop Michael W. Fisher.

Contribution percentages range from 10 to 80 percent of each parish's 'unrestricted' savings, its interest and investments. Nothing is being taken from operating funds. Those parishes on the possible closed or merged list waiting for decisions from the Vatican are asked for 80% of assets. 50% of the parishes of the diocese have claims. All proceeds provided through insurance carriers would be added to collected parish suggested contributions.

St. Michael-80% at \$2.4 million. **PAID**. A percentage will be given back if St. Michaels would stay open.

Bl. Sacrament-originally 25% at \$80K, minus new roof cost, now 10% at \$22,350. **PAID**

St. Anthony of Padua Oratory, 45%, \$261K. **PAID**

St. Joseph Cathedral- No contribution made.

St. Louis-75%, \$3.2 million. **Contribution To Be Determined**.

I would like to thank all the parishioners who have been supportive in this very painful time to our clergy and Diocese.

A HUGE thank you to the parishioners, 'the angels', who have written the parish donation checks to help cover these contributions. Please be assured that **ANY** weekly donations will not leave the parish and are not applied to any contribution to the bankruptcy settlement. We will get through this together and begin to move on as a church and Diocese.

In Christ, Fr. Ray Corbin, pastor.

Please join us with a Triduum in honor of St. Ann on July 24th, 25th, & 26th at St. Louis Church, Main & Edward Streets.

Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm - Lecture and Litany hosted by Fr. Peter Calabrese, CRSP

Friday, July 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm - Lecture and Litany hosted by Fr. Peter Calabrese, CRSP

Saturday, July 26, 2025 Feast Day of St. Ann - **4:00 pm Mass** said by Fr. Peter Calabrese, CRSP, Litany to follow.

Parking is available directly behind the church, handicap accessible.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE**

Luke 10:25-37


I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's a counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, ***"And who is my neighbor?"*** (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, He exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God Himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

Father John Muir

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15th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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