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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.

#### 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

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June 29, 2025 | SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles

# June 29, 2025 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



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<i>Week of June 29, 2025</i>	
<i>Saturday, June 28</i>	
St. Louis 4:00 pm	Ian Churchill Req by: The Dumansky Family
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Eugene McCarthy Req by: James McCarthy
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Sunday, June 29</i>	
Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Joyce Kenefick Req by: Anthony & Kim Jordan George L. Grobe, Jr. Req by: The Grobe Family
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Norman M. Neil Req by: The Carlin Family
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Intentions of Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Monday, June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>	
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	Michael Banaziak Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Tuesday, July 1 - St. Junípero Serra</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Ruth State Req by: The State Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate
<i>Thursday, July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	
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	For Pope Leo Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Friday, July 4 - Independence Day</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	For All That Served Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

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<b>Saint Michael's</b> 651 Washington Ave.	
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<b>Musicians</b>	Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak
<b>Cantor</b>	Michael Dobrasz

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# Saint



# Louis

## EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

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.

Please join us for these beautiful tributes to St. Ann.

## 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, Sonda 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, Fred Wolf, Ed, Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, 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.*

## 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 \$5,645.00.**

**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$377.67.**

**OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$6,022.67.**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO**

**ATTENDED WAS 368.**

**\*\*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 5 & 6, 2025

### Lectors:

**Saturday - 4:00 July 5** Diane Randazzo

**Sunday - 9:00 July 6** Steve Nosek

**Sunday - 11:00 July 6** Ed Kuzan

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Saturday - 4:00 July 5** Ann Dumansky

**Sunday - 9:00 July 6** Mary O'Shea

**Sunday - 11:00 July 6** Pam Nordstrom

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**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 JUNE 22, 2025**

The collection report for last week is as follows:

**E-giving** - \$1,103.01

**Weekly** - \$2,143.00

**Total** - \$3,246.01

**There will be one collection next week.**

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**TOUR MAPS**

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, "Who do you say that Jesus is?" We know the answer. Will we speak up?

### Some Say

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them - and make no mistake, it is a confrontation - with the question "Who do you say that I am?" they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

### Some say

But Jesus doesn't let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

### Some say.

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating *loudness* of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, *we know*.

But will we answer?

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# MICHAEL'S

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### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6/8/2025 - 142    6/15/2025 - 120    6/22/2025 - 131  
Collection 6/22/2025 \$2,061.00

### 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, 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.

# News

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# Happenings



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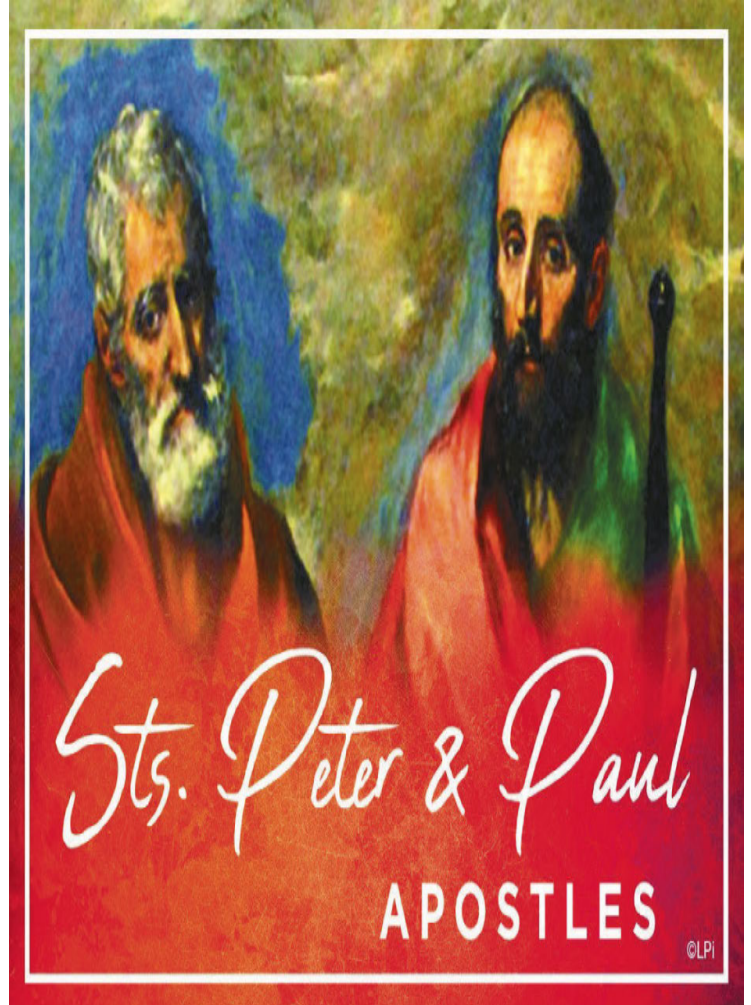
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## **19TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BENEFIT & BASKET AUCTION**

To be held on Saturday, July 19 at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Lewiston.

In support of the Shrine's renovation, the evening will begin with doors opening at 5:00 pm; hors d'oeuvres at 5:45 pm, and dinner at 6:16 pm.

A huge Basket Auction will be held after dinner.

Tickets limited to 300 and are available by calling 716-754-7489.

Basket Auction previews will be on Thursday, July 17 from 12:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday, July 18 from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, and Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 29, 2025

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

**Matthew 16:13-19**

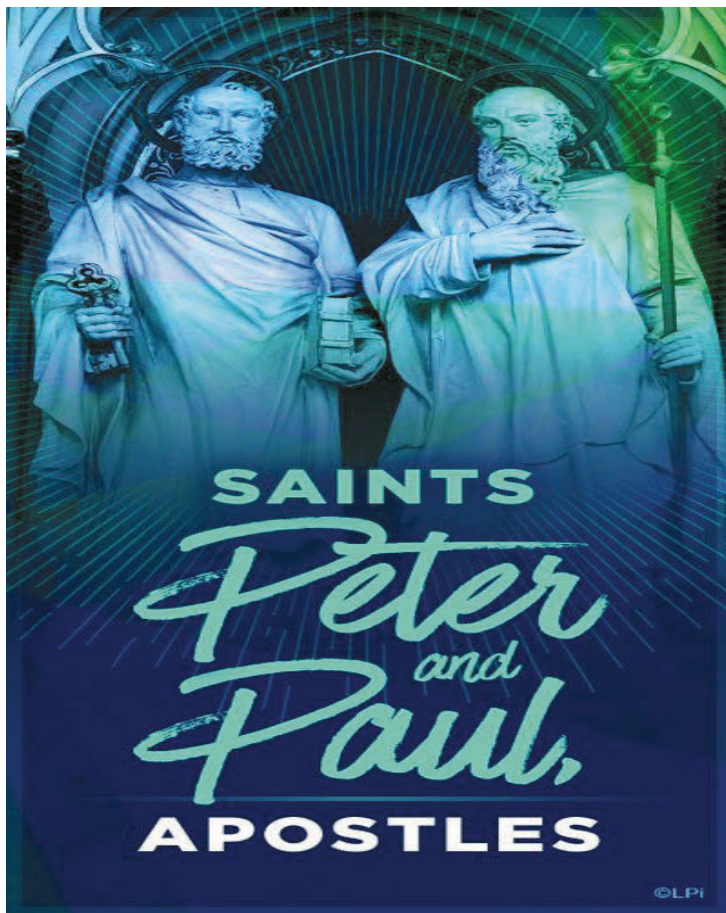
What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate in the inestimable saints, Peter & Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter & Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saint's birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter & Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus & Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter & Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin", with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus & Remus, or in Peter & Paul?

Father John Muir

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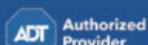
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