

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.



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BLESSED SACRAMENT

"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

November 9, 2025 ~ The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week of November 9, 2025

Saturday, November 8

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Joseph Dumansky Req by: The Dumansky Family
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo XIV Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Those Seeking God Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

*Sunday, November 9 ~ Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica*

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Nenita (Mimi) Q. Cabanban Req by: Nan Q. Peter & Kathy Riester Req by: Michael Riester
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Charlotte & Joseph Kopera Req by: John Kopera
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Lucy Menchini Req by: Ken & Paula Braunstein

Monday, November 10 ~ St. Leo the Great

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

*Tuesday, November 11 ~ St. Martin
of Tours*

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Florence McCarthy Req by: James McCarthy
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

*Thursday, November 13 ~ St. Frances
Xavier Cabrini*

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Charlie Kirk Req by: Rosamaria Recchia

Friday, November 14

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Jeffrey Baetzhold Req by: Evan and Trish Lewis
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Marguerite Geiger 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 deacon.labelle@gmail.com Carmelo Gaudioso
Dir. of Religious Education Ashlee Campbell	religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org 443-744-0354

Saint Louis
35 Edward St

Dir. Of Music Frank Scinta	Trustees John Beller Erin Peradotto-Tehaar
Business Manager Kevin Brayer	Cantors James Mrozek Erin Peradotto-Terhaar

Blessed Sacrament
1035 Delaware Ave

Dir. Of Music Anthony Domzal Cantor Cory James Gallagher	Trustees Paul F. Jones Jim Knab
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Saint Michael's
651 Washington Ave.

Trustees David Granville Steven Nosek Musicians Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak Cantor Michael Dobrasz	
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DOWNTOWN FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Rizzo - **President (BSC)**
Dennis Burns - **First Vice President (St. Louis)**
Alyssa Zakroczemski, **Second Vice President (BSC)**
Anne Harrington, **Secretary (BSC)**

Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Please join us for the Ars Nova Musicians and the St. Louis Choir who will perform at St. Louis Sunday, November 16th at 5:00 pm.

This is always a beautiful evening.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks 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 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, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Sr., Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed Kast, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, Fr. Drew Morgan, Larry Kennebeck, Denise Goodman, 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, Mary Agoston, specially 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 \$10,262.00

OUR COLLECTION FOR ALL SAINTS WAS \$303.00

OUR COLLECTION FOR ALL SOULS WAS \$643.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 452.**

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ATTENDED WAS**

****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 note that starting September 1, 2025 we are starting a drive for WeShare with a goal of signing up 100 parishioners.

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS NOVEMBER 15 AND 16, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday - 9:00 Ed Kuzan

Sunday - 11:00 Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday - 9:00 Patrick Kearns

Sunday - 11:00 Pam Nordstrom, Jim Ferrini

Blessed



Sacrament



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1069 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209
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Mr. Earl Schunk
Principal

COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,935.01

Weekly - \$3,875.00

Total - \$6,810.01

There will be one collection next week

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held following the 10:30 Masses. We need volunteers to "host " the coming Coffee Hours.

Please sign up at the Event Table at the Church entrance.



BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

The **Blessed Sacrament Book Club** will meet on **Monday, November 17 at 10:30 am** in St. Joseph's Hall.

The book selection is "**Light from Light - A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed**" by Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire Academic Publishers, 2021).

Hard cover only copies are available online at Amazon (new and used); E-bay Books; and Word on Fire Academic Publishers. **All are welcome to join the group.**

For further information contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER, 2025

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

November 1 - R. Lehner

November 8 - L. Urbanski-Farrell

November 15 - D. Galucki

November 22 - M. Cusack

November 29 - P. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

November 2 - G. Riedel

November 9 - M. J. Carroll

November 16 - A. Wulf

November 23 - C. O'Leary

November 30 - M. Pitek

Eucharist Ministers

Sat. 4:30 pm

November 1 - Deacon Tom

November 8 - C. Jones

November 15 - F. Conti

November 22 - D. Risse;;

November 29 - B. Bielecki

Sun. 10:30 am

November 2 - M. J. Carroll

November 9 N. O'Rourke

November 16 - M. Sulkowski

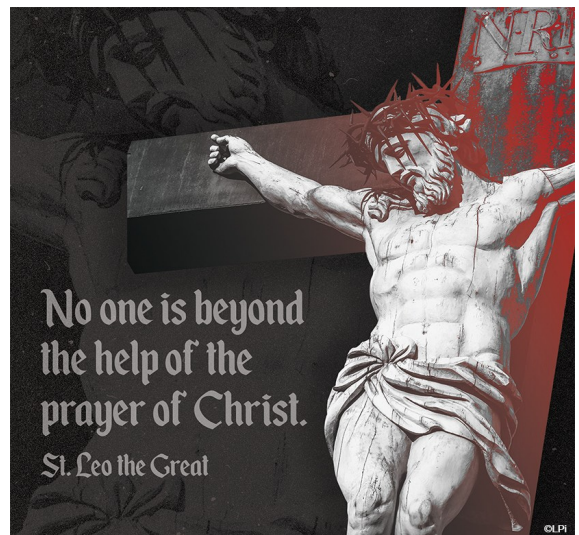
November 23 - J. Knab

November 30 - C. Pitek

FERTILITYCARE™

Wanting to understand the way God created us? Be empowered with knowledge, learn how your fertility works and plan your family naturally.

Upcoming introductory Sessions in the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System will be held at Sisters Hospital on Monday, October 20th at 6:00 pm and Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 am. To preregister, please contact Sisters Hospital Catholic FertilityCare™ Center of WNY at 716-862-1944.



THE ART OF DYING WELL

4 sessions on "The Art of Dying Well"

Explore and dialogue about the Catholic understanding of this important life event for everyone.

Offered by the Augustine Institute and led by Fr. Ray.

1. The story of death,
2. The after life,
3. The hour of our death,
4. The faithful departed.

The last session will include an actual guide to planning our own funeral liturgy.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm,
November 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Where: St. Louis Parish Hall, church basement, handicap accessible.

Register for this free workshop:

dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

or Frrayssp@gmail.com

SAINT

716-854-6726



MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

11/2/25 \$2,641.00

11/2/25 127 parishioners

Weekly Collection needed to cover expenses - \$3,200.

Registered Families - 45

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, 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.

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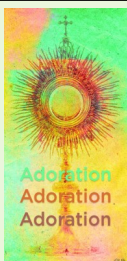


Happenings

ADORATION WITH ROSARY AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Adoration with Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face will occur Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Delaware Ave.

All are invited to come and spend time in prayer and reflection before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

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ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

160 Court St

716-854-2563 StAnthonyBuffalo@yahoo.com

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Confirmation registration is now open! Families should register their child(ren) by January 1, 2026, to ensure they have enough time to complete all Confirmation requirements.

Tenth through twelfth graders are eligible to receive their Confirmation this spring.

Forms, as well as a list of all dates and confirmation requirements, can be found on the St. Louis website:

<https://stlouisrcchurch.org/religious-education/sacrament-preparation/>

For questions, contact Ashlee Campbell via email (religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org) or phone (443-744-0354).

ST. LOUIS ANGEL TREE TIMELINE

Ashlee Campbell will be handling the Angel Tree this year, along with a lot of faith formation volunteers and Jacqueline Bermudez. Here is the timeline for November & December.

Friday, November 14 - Tree is up in the back of St. Louis Church

Saturday morning, November 15 - Volunteers decorate with tags.

Saturday evening, November 15 - Tree becomes "active" and parishioners can take tags.

All Masses November 15/16 & 22/23 - We will have a volunteer to make sure all tags are accounted for

November 29 & 30 - Holiday weekend & German Mass - We will not do anything with the Angel tree that weekend

Starting November 22— Parishioners can return presents

We are supporting up to 40 children (2 presents for each child)

Gift collection will "hopefully" end on December 7th or be mostly done.

Presents will be organized and given to drivers by the 13th/14th so they can be dropped off to families by the 20th.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Thank you Fr. Jacek!

Downtown Family of Parishes says goodbye to Fr. Jacek.

Fr. Jacek will be joining the East Side Family of Parishes to become the Parochial Vicar there to help cover the Polish ministries.

There will be a reception in the back of St. Louis (Main St. entrance) after the November 9th 11:00 Mass.

Thank you and Blessings, Fr. Jacek!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 9, 2026

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel He says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that His own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches - whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity - we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

~ Father John Muir

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