

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](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.

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

October 12, 2025 ~ The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Week of October 12, 2025*

## *Saturday, October 11*

|                              |                                                                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. Louis<br>4:00 pm         | Natalie Lewis<br>Req by: Evan and Trish Lewis                     |
| Blessed<br>Sacrament 4:30 pm | Intentions of Pope Leo<br>Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners  |
| Saint Michael's<br>5:30 pm   | Intentions of Pope Leo, XIV<br>Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners |

## *Sunday, October 12*

|                                    |                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saint Louis<br>9:00 am<br>11:00 am | All Souls<br>Req by: St. Louis Parishioners<br>Downtown Family of Parishes<br>Req by: St. Louis Parishioners |
| Blessed<br>Sacrament<br>10:30 am   | All Souls<br>Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners                                                          |
| Saint Michael's<br>12 noon         | Joan Budzynski<br>Req by: Family Friend                                                                      |

## *Monday, October 13 ~ Columbus Day*

|                              |                                                             |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. Louis<br>12:05 pm        | Gabrielle Gigante<br>Req by: Ursula, Ray, and Linda Gigante |
| Blessed<br>Sacrament 8:00 am | <b>NO MASS</b>                                              |
| Saint Michael's<br>6:45 am   | Thomas B. Menchini<br>Req by: Paula Braunstein              |

## *Tuesday, October 14 ~ St. Callistus I*

|                                 |                                                                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. Louis 12:05 pm              | All Souls<br>Req by: St. Louis Parishioners                                    |
| Blessed<br>Sacrament<br>8:00 am | Walter Geiger<br>Req by: Richard Lehner                                        |
| Saint Michael's<br>6:45 am      | Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners<br>Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners |

## *Thursday, October 16 St Hedwig and Alacoque*

|                              |                                                               |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. Louis 12:05 pm           | Downtown Family of Parishes<br>Req by: St. Louis Parishioners |
| Blessed<br>Sacrament 8:00 am | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                |
| Saint Michael's<br>6:45 am   | Marjorie Dean<br>Req by: Estate                               |

## *Friday, October 17 ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch*

|                              |                                                                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. Louis 12:05 pm           | All Souls<br>Req by: St. Louis Parishioners                       |
| Blessed<br>Sacrament 8:00 am | Mary Hacker<br>Req by: Richard Lehner                             |
| Saint Michael's<br>6:45 am   | Intentions of Pope Leo, XIV<br>Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners |



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| <b>Pastor</b><br>Rev. Raymond Corbin<br>716-852-6040 x 202<br>FrRayssp@gmail.com                        | <b>Associate Vicar</b><br>Rev. Jacek Mazur<br>Japioma@hotmail.com                          |
| <b>Family Clergy</b><br>Msgr. Salvatore Manganello<br>Rev. Ben Fiore, S.J.<br>Rev. Richard Zaroni, S.J. | <b>Permanent Deacons</b><br>Thomas LaBelle<br>deacon.labelle@gmail.com<br>Carmelo Gaudioso |
| <b>Dir. of Religious Education</b><br>Ashlee Campbell                                                   | religiously@stlouisrcchurch.org<br>443-744-0354                                            |
| <b>Saint Louis</b><br>35 Edward St                                                                      |                                                                                            |
| <b>Dir. of Music</b><br>Frank Scinta                                                                    | <b>Trustees</b><br>John Beller<br>Erin Peradotto-Tehaar                                    |
| <b>Business Manager</b><br>Kevin Brayer                                                                 | <b>Cantors</b><br>James Mrozek<br>Erin Peradotto-Terhaar                                   |
| <b>Blessed Sacrament</b><br>1035 Delaware Ave                                                           |                                                                                            |
| <b>Dir. of Music</b><br>Anthony Domzal<br><b>Cantor</b><br>Cory James Gallagher                         | <b>Trustees</b><br>Paul F. Jones<br>Jim Knab                                               |
| <b>Saint Michael's</b><br>651 Washington Ave.                                                           |                                                                                            |
| <b>Trustees</b><br><b>Musicians</b><br><b>Cantor</b>                                                    | David Granville<br>Steven Nosek<br>Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak<br>Michael Dobrasz     |

### **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

## ANNUAL WEIHNACHTSMESSE AT ST. LOUIS

Please consider joining with fellow parishioners and the German-American community on Sunday, November 30, 2025 for this event celebrating our German heritage as we usher in the holiday season. A pre-Mass concert of traditional carols performed by the German-American Musicians begins at 10:30 am. At 11:00 am Fr. Daniel Jamros, SJ from Canisius University will celebrate Mass.

**This year you must RSVP to secure a seat at the reception that follows in the Church Hall. The deadline is November 1, 2025. Please call Mike Riester to reserve your seat at the reception at 716-803-5773.**

## 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, Emma W., Fr. Drew Morgan, Larry Kennebeck, Denise Goodman, Tammy Miller, 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 \$6,756.00  
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$851.17  
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$7,607.17**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO  
ATTENDED WAS 357**

**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. Parishioners will be available to assist with signing up.**

## ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet **Saturday, November 8th at 10 am** to begin the annual fall cleanup.

The Rain date is **November 15th.**

New volunteers are most welcome!

## LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2025

### Lectors:

|                             |              |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Saturday, October 18</b> | <b>4:00</b>  | Ann Dumansky |
| <b>Sunday, October 19</b>   | <b>9:00</b>  | Ed Kuzan     |
| <b>Sunday, October 19</b>   | <b>11:00</b> | Mike Wrona   |

### Eucharistic Ministers:

|                             |              |                     |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Saturday, October 18</b> | <b>4:00</b>  | Marilyn Neil        |
| <b>Sunday, October 19</b>   | <b>9:00</b>  | Steve Nosek         |
| <b>Sunday, October 19</b>   | <b>11:00</b> | Tim & Lisa McCarthy |

# Blessed



# Sacrament



The Catholic Academy  
OF WEST BUFFALO  
1069 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209  
716-885-6111

Mr. Earl Schunk  
Principal

## COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 5, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,722.51

Weekly - \$2,312.00

Total - \$5,034.51

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

## 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 pre-register, please contact Sisters Hospital Catholic FertilityCare™ Center of WNY at

716-862-1944.

## LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - OCTOBER, 2025

### Lectors

#### Sat. 4:30 pm

**October 4:** R. Lehner

**October 11:** D. Galucki

**October 18:** L. Urbanski-Farrell

**October 25:** P. Jones

#### Sun. 10:30 am

**October 5:** S. Falleta

**October 12:** G. Riedel

**October 19:** M.J. Carroll

**October 26:** G. Riedel

### Eucharist Ministers

#### Sun. 10:30 am

**October 4:** D. Russell

**October 11:** B. Bielecki

**October 18:** F. Conti

**October 25:** C. Jones

#### Sun. 10:30 am

**October 5:** M.J. Carroll

**October 12:** M. Sulkowski

**October 19:** J. Knab

**October 26:** M. Sulkowski

## BLESSED SACRAMENT OUTREACH HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS

Hearts For the Homeless of Western New York, Inc. is a mobile soup kitchen that feeds the poor and homeless on the street, characterized by a profound spiritual motivation. The program offers nourishing food as well as winter clothing, pertinent information regarding area services, companionship, and hope for the future.

Please take the time to think about both programs (Coats 4 Kids and Hearts for the Homeless) and contribute what you can. The good news is that you don't necessarily need to spend money, just some time going through drawers, closets, pantries, etc. and donating items that are still useful and in good condition. You will find two large **Bins** in the back of the church where you can deposit your items, to be picked up by volunteers and transported to the designated locations.

Thank you all.

**OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH  
18 GREENWOOD PLACE  
BUFFALO, NY 14213  
716-874-1546**

Our Lady of Hope Parish on the West Side of Buffalo is happy to announce their Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 15th in O'Brien Hall - corner of Grant street and Lafayette Avenues.

Doors will open at 5:00 pm. Basket Auction with many baskets and prizes.

Admission is \$5.00 which includes one sheet of auction tickets.

Please come and enjoy a fun-filled evening.

For more information call 716-885-2469.

50/50 split raffle, kitchen with delicious food, bar and other fun things to do.

**AN EVENING OF REFLECTION**

An evening of reflection with Deacon Greg Moran on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm at the Duffy Center at Immaculate conception Church, 8791 South Main St., Eden.

The topic will be: "The Prodigal Son - No Direction Home."

Fellowship and light refreshments will follow.

There will be a free will offering.

**VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW**

Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Event & Parish Centers at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst, NY.

Over 90 vendors will have items for purchase.

Shopping, basket raffles, door prizes, and much more.

Admission is \$1; children 12 & under free.

For more information, call the parish office at 716-835-8905.

Want to be a vendor? Visit <https://stleothegreatamherst.com/events/>.

**SAINT**

716-854-6726



**MICHAEL'S**

651 Washington St.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS**

10/5/25 \$3,067.67

The next two week's collections will be referenced in the 10/26 bulletin.

**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 Tomesello, Ann Wehling.

**ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION**

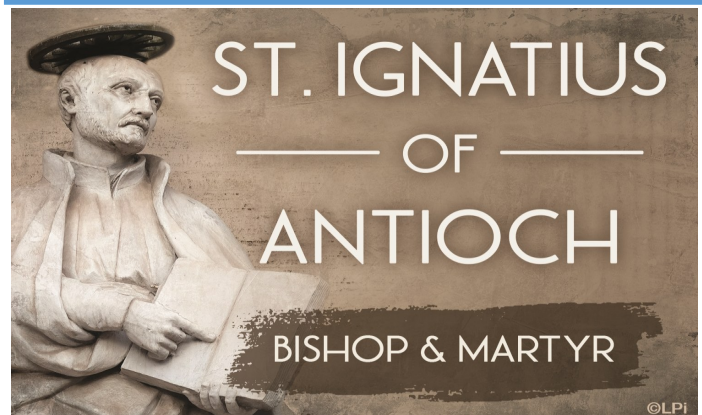
**Email:** StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

**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.

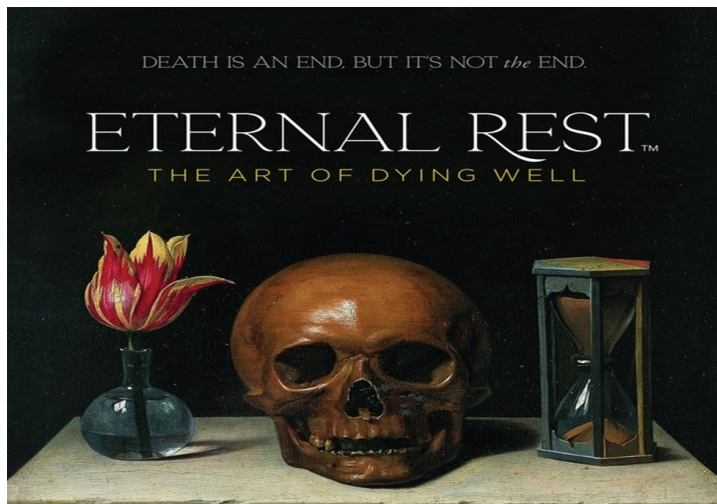


# News

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# Happenings



## 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](mailto:dbfpbulletin@gmail.com) or [Frayssp@gmail.com](mailto:Frayssp@gmail.com)

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

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### ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

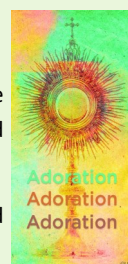
160 Court St

716-854-2563 [StAnthonyBuffalo@yahoo.com](mailto:StAnthonyBuffalo@yahoo.com)

### 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



### JENNIFER PASCUAL ORGANIST AT ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL NEW YORK TO PERFORM AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 7:00 PM

The American Guild of Organists and the Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo are delighted to present a concert of organ music at St. Joseph Cathedral with Dr. Jennifer Pascual, the Director of Music and Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

She is the first woman to hold this position, one of the most prestigious sacred music appointments in the United States.

Dr. Pascual has received many awards and traveled worldwide performing and conducting for popes and clergy, heads of state and special events.

Find out more about Dr. Jennifer Pascual at [saintpatrickscathedral.org/people/dr-Jennifer-pascual](http://saintpatrickscathedral.org/people/dr-Jennifer-pascual)

*Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special concert followed by a reception.*

*All are invited. Free admission*

*A free-will offering will be received.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER- STANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:11-19

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift - this tiny, miraculous life - but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the Eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

~ Father John Muir

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