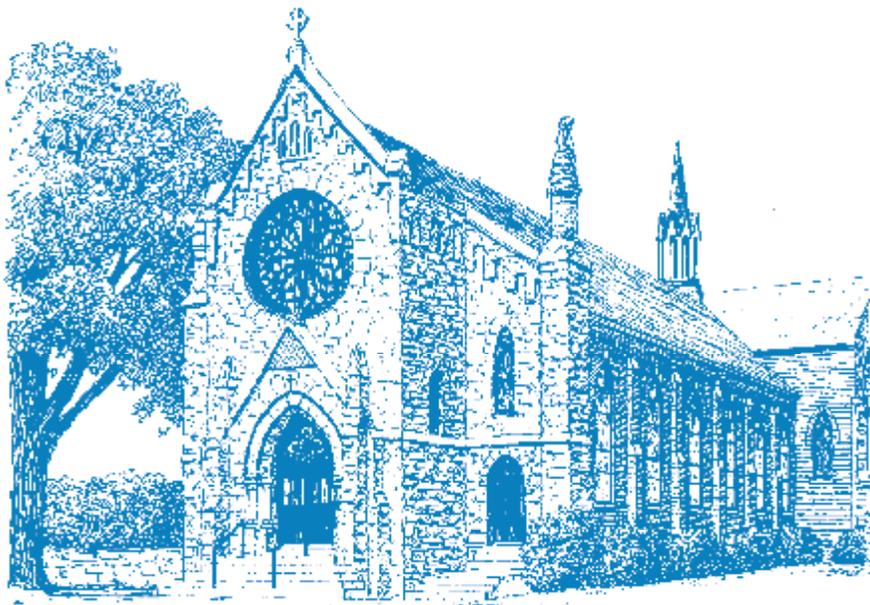


# Blessed Sacrament Church

1029 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209



## **MASSES:**

During re-opening phase — Saturday: 4:30 p.m. • Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.  
8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Please call the rectory for an appointment while the pandemic protocols are in place.

## **BAPTISM:**

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated after consultation with parents. Parents should notify the Parish Office at least one month before the date of Baptism. A Pre-Baptismal instruction is held for parents.

## **MARRIAGE:**

The prospective bride and groom should make arrangements for their wedding at least eight months before the wedding date. No weddings may be scheduled at, or near, the times set for parish liturgies (confession, Saturday afternoon Mass, etc.).

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Welcome to active participation in our parish life. New families and individuals should register with us at our Parish Office.

## **MOVING AWAY:**

Please notify our office. Our parish will miss you! Please call us at 884-0053 to give us your new address.

## **SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED:**

Please notify the Parish Office if you know someone who is in a hospital, nursing home facility, or house bound and in need of visitation.

### **Pastor**

Rev. Joseph D. Porpiglia

### **Deacon**

Deacon William J. Hynes  
Deacon@BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org

### **Sacristan**

Josephine Di Liberti

### **Director of Faith Formation**

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### **Music Ministry**

Tony Domzal, *Music Director*  
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### **Parish Office**

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Office@BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org

### **Office Hours**

Weekdays: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **Parish Website**

BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org

### **Facebook**

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Our Epiphany window—St. Joseph's Hall

### EPIPHANY A.D. 2021

The Christmas Season continues to unfold. Today the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that Jesus is the Savior for all people.

The Magi represent the gentiles. Jesus is made known to them too. Remember that our scriptural readings at Mass are not just about remembering an historical event. Our celebration of Epiphany exists to form us. The lesson today is clear: share the Good News that Jesus is Savior and Lord!

This is not just the task of the clergy; we are individually called to spread this Good News in our homes, workplaces, schools and neighborhoods. In fact, that is THE task of our parish – to proclaim the Gospel to all people in our geographical area.

Be Magi this week. Give a gift to Jesus by mentioning Him to someone in person, in writing or in your social media. Make this Epiphany different; don't just keep the faith, spread it!

### MASSES

#### Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Steven Rogacki by John Kopera

#### Monday, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

12:00 noon Mother's Day Intentions

#### Tuesday, Jan. 5 St. John Neumann, bishop

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners by Fr. Joe

#### Wednesday, January 6

12:00 noon Richard & Elizabeth Hudson  
by Margo Hudson

#### Thursday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Vincent Andrew LoTempio by Family

#### Friday, January 8

12:00 noon Special Intention

#### Saturday, January 9

4:30 p.m. Mary Jane Hall by Camille Brandon

#### Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Blase LaDuca by Carl & Kathy Weigel

### SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

#### For weekend of 20 December:

Weekly	\$1,829.00
Monthly	\$70.00
Christmas	\$48.00
Christmas Flowers	\$55.00
Candles	\$13.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$3.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,388.00</b>

Religious Retirement \$120.00

#### For weekend of 27 December:

Weekly	\$1,862.00
Monthly	\$100.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$3.00
Electronic Giving	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2005.00</b>

Christmas collection \$2,107.00

Thank you for your generosity to Blessed Sacrament Church. To donate electronically, please go to [BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org/donate](https://BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org/donate). For assistance with electronic giving, please contact Peter Rizzo at (716) 430-7776.



## Special Observance in our Diocese

### St. John Neumann

Tuesday is the feast day of Bishop John Neumann. This saint arrived here from Bohemia at the age of 25 and spent four years working in our Diocese, mostly in down-

town Buffalo, Kenmore and Williamsville. After his work in our Diocese, he was ordained Bishop in Baltimore and was appointed Bishop of Philadelphia. When St. Paul VI canonized John Neumann in 1977 he said: *John Neumann bore the image of Christ. He experienced, in his innermost being, the need to proclaim by word and example the wisdom and power of God, and to preach the crucified Christ. And in the Passion of the Lord he found strength and the inspiration of his ministry: Passio Christi confortata me!* If you are comfortable attending Mass, join us Tuesday. I encourage all our parishioners to read more about St. John Neumann this week.

## FOOD COLLECTION

Our monthly collection of non-perishable items is next week—January 9/10th. Start the new year off on the right foot by bringing a donation with you to the container in the church vestibule or leaving it on the side porch of the rectory. Your kindness to those in need is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We are now entering Masses into our 2021 Liturgical calendar. There is no better way to remember those you love than at Mass. Please contact the rectory.

## REMINDER — SAFETY PROTOCOL

Safety protocols are in place during all Masses. Please wear a mask. Pews are designated for use. A team cleans the church after each Mass. We give instructions about receiving communion during Mass. Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Please be aware of social distancing before and after Mass.

## SCRIPTURE SHARING

Every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. we hold a conference call discussion about the up-coming readings. No previous Bible knowledge is needed. Simply call 716-214-3776 a few minutes before. Ever wonder about the readings at Sunday Mass? We can help each other unlock the deeper meanings of Sacred Scripture. Please join us and invite your friends and family.

## MASS OBLIGATION REMINDER

The COVID-19 dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect. You are not obligated to attend Mass. The dispensation has no expiration and will remain in effect until an announcement is made otherwise.



Please return your *Stewardship 2020* form to the rectory or place it in the collection. You may also offer gifts of Time, Talent or Treasure on our website. Thank you for responding to this year's Stewardship Campaign!

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Used during our live-streamed Masses - *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

## AN INVITATION TO OUR VISITORS.

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Church. We are honored that you have joined us for worship in person, via live stream, or have received our bulletin through our email list. We invite you to become a member of the parish as well. It is easy! Simply go to [BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org](http://BlessedSacramentBuffalo.org) to register or call the rectory. We would love to count you as a parishioner this year. May God bless you and your loved ones.

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