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.

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Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis wrote: *I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God* (*Aperuit Illis,* 3).

- **AT MASS**—Our lectors proclaim God's Word at every liturgy. We are truly grateful for their ministry! We should also note on this day dedicated to the Word of God, that the Book of the Gospels is carried in procession at the beginning of Mass and placed on the altar on that spot where the "Word becomes flesh." After the Gospel is proclaimed, the Book of the Gospels is kissed and enthroned in a place of honor.
- **IN OUR HOMES**—Our Faith Formation Families follow the readings closely every week. It's the backbone of the weekly lessons. Contact Ms. Maureen Myers (see bulletin cover) for information or to register your family.
- **NEW PARISHIONERS**—Going forward, new parishioners will be given a Bible from the parish so they can study and reflect on God's Word with us.
- **VIA THE PHONE**—Our Tuesday morning call-in participants discuss the upcoming Sunday biblical readings and share insights with one another. We encourage you to join by calling 716-214-3776 at 8:30am every Tuesday. No previous knowledge is required.
- **ON ZOOM**— In spite of COVID-19, we started an intensive 24-week timeline approach to the Bible. Every Wednesday evening we meet to share our insights. We are about halfway through our parish course.
- **INTERNET, PODCASTS, VIDEO, EMAIL**—The daily readings, as well as the entire Bible, are available free online at https://bible.usccb.org/

- Your fellow parishioners and guests have shared this about God's Word at Blessed Sacrament:

I've enjoyed the Bible Study very much. The class has filled in gaps in my religious education. I was familiar with the Baltimore Catechism but this has really broadened my understanding of the Bible.

Bible Study Class has provided me with more depth of knowledge allowing me to gain more from Mass. I have found the Bible readings interesting, having never read the Bible in the past. The class facilitator...has excellent knowledge and experiences in other cultural settings that broadens the information presented in weekly sessions.

Why should we deepen our understanding of the "words of the Lord?" One reason is to learn how to unlock and open the gate of the road to our salvation! Currently, I am enjoying a 24-week journey with a small group to unpack and discuss the Bible.

A goal of Bible study is to have a personal encounter with God in scripture. This is the right time and opportunity for me to do that through Bible Study in a safe haven.

The Tuesday morning call-in discussion is great. I feel like I can appreciate the Sunday readings so much more now.

COLLECTIONS

Weekly	$1,396.00
Monthly	$53.00
Mary, Mother of God	$20.00
Electronic Giving	$847.00
TOTAL	$2,316.00

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 23—R. Lehner
January 24—J. Turner

January 30—S. LaDuca
January 31—M. McCracken

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

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!

MASSES

Sunday, Jan. 24 3rd Ord. Sunday of the Word of God
10:00 a.m. Jerry Shey by Family
Monday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul
12:00 noon Mother's Day Intention
Tuesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops
8:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions
Wednesday, January 27
12:00 noon Mother's Day Intention
Thursday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, doctor
8:00 a.m. Betty Peterson by Family
Friday, January 29
12:00 noon Connie Muscarella
by Steve Muscarella
Saturday, January 30
4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners by Fr Joe
Sunday, January 31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. Lucille &Salvatore Tripi,
Tripi and Sandino Families

USHERS NEEDED

If you are comfortable attending church, can you help us by serving as an usher at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass? We need help on the 2nd and 5th Saturdays of the month. For information or to volunteer, please contact Kathleen McCarthy at mccarthy2937@aol.com or 881-2897.

VOCATIONS

If God is calling you to the commitment of being a priest, or a religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org. Please remember to pray for vocations daily.

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MARRIAGE HELP

Help For Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is February 26-28, 2021. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited**.**

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis's recent Apostolic Letter *With a Father's Heart* [Patris Corde] is available free at www.vatican.va. It is very readable. Pope Francis ends his Apostolic Letter with this prayer to St. Joseph: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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*.

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

You are not alone. God loves you and we love you! As Pope Francis wrote in *The Name of God is Mercy*: "I am glad that we are talking about homosexual people because before all else comes the individual person, in his wholeness and dignity. And people should not be defined only by their sexual tendencies: let us not forget that God loves all his creatures and we are destined to receive his infinite love." For information on the Church's ministry to, and with, same-sex attracted persons and their families call (716) 559-3099 or contact Deacon Bill at deaconhynes@gmail.com. All calls are confidential.

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