



Blessed Sacrament Church

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1029 Delaware Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14209

JULY 4, 2021 | 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

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MASS SCHEDULE

DURING RE-OPENING PHASE

Sat. | 4:30pm, Sun. | 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Mon., Wed., Fri. | 12:00pm/Noon
Tues., Thur. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

MOVING AWAY

Our parish will miss you! Please notify our office and call us at 716-884-0053 to give us your new address.

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PARISH TRUSTEES

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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

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 prior

to the wedding date. No weddings may be scheduled at, or near, the times set for parish liturgies (confession, Saturday afternoon Mass, etc.).

HOUBOUND & HOSPITALIZATION

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

BRINGING GLAD TIDINGS WITH AN OPEN HEART

June 25, 2021 "Could you be described as "hard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4), particularly in matters of faith? What aspects of the Catholic faith have you yet to embrace with an open heart? Do you question God's plan of sheer goodness (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1) for you, a loved one, or the world? In Mass, do you believe what you cannot see, as you witness ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ? Does the Word of God dwell in you richly? When people spend time with you, do they "know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:5)?

At Baptism, each of us receives an anointing with sacred chrism oil, at which time the priest or deacon prays these words, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." In our Baptism, we are called to "play [our part] in the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the World" (CCC 897). Since today's readings specifically mention "prophet," let's take a little deeper look at what it means to live out our call to and share in Christ's prophetic office.

Christ establishes the lay faithful "as witnesses and provides them with the sense of the faith [sensus fidei] and the grace of the word" (CCC 904). His grace, as we learn from St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "is sufficient for you." Even more incredible, it is our very weaknesses, those moments of doubt, uncertainty, and even troubles, that burst forth His astonishing power. Our

witness is perfected by grace, especially when we are honest about our struggles of faith but still willing to continue to seek His truth. Regardless of what we fail to understand, we still know Jesus is our Lord and Savior. If we could see and understand all, then what would be the purpose of faith?

Witnessing, is not always as easy as sharing what Jesus has done for us or our reason to believe. The most compelling witness comes from the things people see us do over the words we choose to speak. There can be a great difficulty for us to be an evangelizing disciple to our friends, family, or neighbors — possibly the very people we most wish to know the goodness of our God. There is some consolation knowing Jesus himself faced such difficulty, and to know he could be "amazed at [the] lack of faith" some people exhibit. He, however, did not give up, and neither should we.

Instead of becoming discouraged or trying to force our desire for all to believe, perhaps this is when we pray that someone else will bring the Good News to those we cannot. Then use our energy to learn how to better lean on the grace of God to both grow stronger in our faith and to live out our call as Priest, Prophet, and King. To pray the Spirit of the Lord falls upon us so we may bring glad tidings to those willing to have their obstinate hearts softened too.

LPI - Connect! Sunday Reflection
June 25, 2021 Allison Gingras

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN., JULY 4 14TH SUN., ORD. TIME
10:00am | Steven Rogacki by John Kopera

MON., JULY 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria,
priesthood
12:00pm | Father's Day Intentions

TUES., JULY 6 St. Marie Goretti, virgin &
martyr
8:00am | For the Parishioners - Fr. Joe

WED., JULY 7
12:00pm | Rosemary Schmitt
by Margo Hudson

THUR., JULY 8
8:00am | Father's Day Intentions

FRI., JULY 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong,
priest & Companions,

Martyrs
12:00pm | Father's Day Intentions

SAT., JULY 10
4:30PM | Elaine & Walter Was
by Patty Manz

SUN., JULY 11 15TH SUN., ORD. TIME
10:00AM | Thomas LaPenna
by Peter & Tracy Cornwell

COLLECTIONS

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Join us for weekend Mass via livestream by subscribing to our YouTube channel (Blessed Sacrament Church Buffalo). You will be notified when we are livestreaming. Another option is to visit our webpage before Mass and clicking the livestream button. Thank you for joining us in prayer.

TUESDAYS WITH GOD'S WORD

Please join us by phone each Tuesday at 8:30am. We discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. Simply call 716-214-3776. No previous Bible study is required. You are welcome anytime.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Please encourage those you know to send their children to our Catholic School. Call 885-6111 for information. Please keep our students, faculty and staff in your prayers.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities offers marriage counseling to Western New York couples. Our professional staff at the Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. For an appointment, call 716-681-7394 Monday-Friday between 8:45 am-4:45 pm. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation. Thank you!

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to serve as a priest or in religious life? If you are considering such a life, please call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

JULY LECTORS

Sat, July 3 - S. LaDuca
 Sun, July 4 - M. McCracken
 Sat, July 10 - R. Lehner
 Sun, July 11 - P. Flaherty
 Sat, July 17 - F. Conti
 Sun, July 18 - J. Turner
 Sat, July 24 - P. Jones
 Sun, July 25 - M. J. Carroll

CAMP TURNER IS HIRING!

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The 20th annual Capen Garden Walk will be Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, 2021, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, rain or shine. This is a free self-guided tour of about 60 private gardens and carefully nurtured public spaces in the neighborhoods surrounding the University at Buffalo South Campus. In addition, some of the private gardens will be open for Capen by Night on Saturday, July 17 from 8:00-10:00 pm.

The Capen Garden Walk is designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and collaboration as well as to build strong communities. It is named for Samuel P. Capen, the first full-time, salaried Chancellor at the University at Buffalo. The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk began in 2002 with 24 gardens, in an effort to showcase the neighborhoods near the University at Buffalo, including University Heights, Eggertsville, Amherst, and the Town of Tonawanda.

Maps for the walk will be available at the UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, Buffalo (between Montrose and Englewood Avenues) until 4:00 pm both days. Free parking is available at the gallery. Maps will also be available to download on our web page, ourheights.org/gardenwalk after July 14. For more information, visit <http://ourheights.org/>

ROAD TO RENEWAL



Where is Jesus in the Renewal?

The Road to Renewal means that we have to take a hard look at ways in the which our Diocese and parishes have not responded to the mission of Jesus. The Renewal must be about introducing people to Jesus Christ, inviting them to become missionary disciples and journeying with them on their pilgrimage towards heaven. Our Renewal must be about saving souls! All of us can be better at this and our Renewal will help in our efforts.

How does the Renewal impact my parish? [note proposal on opposite page]

Parishes are where ministry is lived. When our parishes are strong and vibrant, our church is strong and vibrant. The Renewal's focus is to strengthen our parishes by working together to develop collaboration among parishes in a family. The Family of Parishes model allows parishes to work more collaboratively and capitalize on what each parish's strengths are. When we work together we are able to accomplish more of Jesus' mission. A Family of Parishes are parishes that are grouped together with a shared pastoral plan (mission) that they work together to accomplish. By working together resources and staffing are focused on the pastoral plan for all of the parishes within the family.

Will all parishes be affected by the Renewal?

Every parish has gifts and talents to offer. Each parish will be participating in the Renewal and will be part of a family of parishes. Since all of us are part of the Roman Catholic Church, this is an opportunity to recognize the larger church at work. When we work together, we not only share in a common mission but we make up the larger Body of Christ.

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