



Blessed Sacrament Church

BUFFALO

1029 Delaware Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14209

AUGUST 1, 2021 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

1035 Delaware Avenue
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Weekdays | 9:00am-1:00pm

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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.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

OF WEST BUFFALO

1069 Delaware Avenue



PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Joseph D. Porpiglia

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DIR. OF FAITH FORMATION

Maureen A. Myers 884-0053

MUSIC MINISTRY

Tony Domzal, Music Director
Cory Gallagher, Cantor

PARISH TRUSTEES

Paul F. Jones
Mary C. McCracken

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Michael P. Pitek III

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.).

HOMEBOUND & 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.

Mass IntentionsSun., Aug. 1 **18th Sun., Ord. Time**

10:00am | Courtney Rynne by Connie LaPenna

Mon., Aug. 2 - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

12:00pm | Claire & George E. O'Neill

Tues., Aug. 3

8:00am | For Parishioners by Fr. Joe

Wed., Aug. 4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest

12:00pm | Bruce Schmitt by Margo Hudson

Thur., Aug. 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of

Saint Mary Major

8:00am | Lucille & Salvatore Tripi & the Tripi

and Sandino Families

Fri., Aug. 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00pm | Dominic J. Bellanti by Nino Geraci

Sat., Aug. 7 - Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,

Martyrs; and Saint Cajetan, Priest

4:30pm | Father's Day Intentions

Sun., Aug. 8 - **18th Sun., Ord. Time**

10:00am | Thomas LaPenna by Connie LaPenna

Reading for the week of August 1, 2021

Sun. 8/1 - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Mon. 8/2 - Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tues. 8/3 - Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed 8/4 - Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thu 8/5 - Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

Fri 8/6 - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Sat., 8/7 - Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sun 8/8 - 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

COLLECTIONS

Weekly \$2222.00

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E-Giving (3 weeks) \$3591.00

Insurance \$50.00

TOTAL \$5913.00

Peter's Pence \$25.00

Special Collectionfor Retired Priests Medical
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Sunday, Aug 8, 2021**LIVESTREAM MASS**Join us for weekend Mass via
livestream by subscribing to our
YouTube channel (Blessed Sacra-
ment 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.**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
PRAYER***My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the Most Holy Sacra-
ment. 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 em-
brace you as if you were already
there and unite myself wholly to
you. Never permit me to be
separated from you. Amen.***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.**AUGUST LECTORS****SUNDAY 10AM MASS**

August 1st - M. McCracken

August 8th - P. Flaherty

August 15th - M. Pitek

August 22nd - J. Turner

August 29th - M. J. Carroll

SATURDAY 4:30PM MASS

August 7th - S. LaDuca

August 14th - R. Lehner

August 21st - F. Conti

August 28th - P. Jones

**FAITH FORMATION
INFORMATION**Summertime Eblast coming soon!
Registration materials are online and
in the mail this coming week. Mark
your calendars Blessed Sacrament
Parish families with Children. Tuesday,
August 3rd 6-9pm, Bidwell Concert
Meet Up and Family Night of shared
snacks and refreshments. Celebrate
Faith in the City. RSVP by August 1st
to Ms. Moe @ 512-8176.**MONTHLY FOOD
COLLECTION REPORT**Thanks to all who contributed to the July
collection 15 bags full of groceries were
collected. The next collection will be
August 14th and 15th. Please place
items in the blue bin located in the
vestibule of the church.**BSC Book Club**The next meeting will be
**Thursday, September 16th at
6:30 PM in Marian Hall**. The book
to be discussed is "**Why I Am
Catholic (And You Should Be
Too)**" by **Brandon Vogt**; Ave
Maria Press; paperback,
2019. Earlier versions of books on
the same topic were written by
famed authors, G.K. Chesterton
and Gary Wills. This book is from
the viewpoint of a "Millennial" who
converted to Catholicism.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

August 1, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey.

Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what

is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

**ROAD TO RENEWAL
PRAYER**



**Inspired by Luke 24:13
Road to Emmaus**

Lord, Jesus Christ, you promise that you will accompany us on our journey of Life. You are the Resurrection and the Life. At times we fail to see you because the circumstances of life are hard. Our Church is dealing with challenges and we need you.

As the disciple's hearts are enflamed on the road to Emmaus, we ask that you guide our efforts and enflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Help us to be bold in renewing our commitment to your mission on earth. Help the Diocese of Buffalo and our parish to recognize you, the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. May our renewal efforts change our attitude and hearts to embrace the future in love so we can proclaim the Gospel of joy. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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