



# Blessed Sacrament Church

BUFFALO

1029 Delaware Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14209

AUGUST 22, 2021 | 21ST SUNDAY OF 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 Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209  
716-885-6111  
Sister Gail Glenn, S.S.J., Principal



### PARISH STAFF

#### PASTOR

Rev. Joseph D. Porpiglia

#### DEACON

Deacon William J. Hynes

#### SACRISTAN

Josephine Di Liberti

#### 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 Intentions**

Sun., Aug. 22 - **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00am | JoAnn Rand by Tom & Barbara Bielecki

Mon., Aug. 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
 8:00am | For Parishioners by Fr. Joe

Tue., Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
 8:00am | Father's Day Intentions

Wed., Aug. 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
 12:00pm | Lucille & Salvatore Tripi and the Tripi and Sandino Families

Thu., Aug. 26  
 8:00am | Dominic J. Bellanti

Fri., Aug. 27 - St. Monica  
 12:00pm | Father's Day Intentions

Sat., Aug. 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
 4:30pm | Claire M. & George E. O'Neill

Sun., Aug. 29 - **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00am | Kim Nesbitt Intentions

**Reading for the Week of August 22, 2021**

Sun 8/22 - Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69

Mon. 8/23 - 1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tue. 8/24 - Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Wed. 8/25 - 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thu 8/26 - 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Fri 8/27 - 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Sat., 8/28 - 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sun 8/29 - Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**COLLECTIONS**

Weekly	\$2208.40
Monthly	\$65.00
E-Giving	\$1785.00
Assumption	\$266.00
Insurance	\$55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,379.40</b>
Retired Priests	\$175.00

**Livestream Mass**

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.

**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.*

**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](http://buffalovocations.org).

**Mark your calendars:  
 Parish Picnic-Sept. 19, 2019**

**AUGUST LECTORS**

**SUNDAY 10AM MASS**

August 15th - M. Pitek  
 August 22nd - J. Turner  
 August 29th - M. J. Carroll

**SATURDAY 4:30PM MASS**

August 21st - F. Conti  
 August 28th - P. Jones

**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. Chesterson and Gary Wills. This book is from the viewpoint of a "Millennial" who converted to Catholicism.

**Telephone Assurance Program**

**TAP** serving Erie & Chautauqua Counties, & the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly & disabled persons to check on their well-being & to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow & last for years through a regular 5 to 15 minute call. These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone and can help them to maintain their independence. If you know of someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls reach out to 716-218-1400-TAP or 585-343-0614-Friendly Phones

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 22, 2021

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is

not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith

in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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## 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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