

BLESSED SACRAMENT

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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July 18, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday Mass: 6:30 pm

Wearing a mask is optional

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm, Wednesdays at 5:45pm and by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 8:30 am - Thursday 9:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Martin Gallagher Ext. 415
Pastor Emeritus	Msgr. Robert K. Golombek
In Residence (retired)	Rev. Msgr. Leo F. McCarthy Ext. 404
Pastoral Associate	Sr. Lucette Kinecki Ext. 403
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Office Manager	DebraAnn Costanzo Ext. 402
Trustees	Celine S. Kingsley & John Rozak
Music Director	Kenneth Fick, Jr.
Food Pantry Director	Judy Carter
Faith Formation	
Grades K-4 CRE	Lucy Stanton
Youth Ministry 5-11 CRE	Carolyn Prefontaine
RCIA Coordinator	Marguerite Mullins

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Celebrated upon appointment through the parish office. A baptismal class is required before an infant's baptism is scheduled. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples need to meet with a priest before a wedding date is set.

ANOINTING: Communal anointing offered twice a year, any time by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: By appointment with a priest. Frequent Spiritual Communion is strongly encouraged.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

To be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, individuals must fulfill the responsibilities and obligations that Church Canon Law requires:

- 1) Have received the Sacraments of Initiation:
Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- 2) If married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- 3) Attend Mass and receive communion regularly.
- 4) Be an active parishioner for at least the past three months.

NOTE: An active parishioner is one who is enrolled on the parish census files and supports the Sunday offertory.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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his heart was moved with pity for them, for they
were like sheep without a shepherd; and he
began to teach them many things.

~ Mark 6:34

PARISH OFFICE HOURS in Father Cotter Hall

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00am - 12:00pm & 12:30 pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION Office 834 - 4282

ST. FAUSTINA'S GATE - FOOD PANTRY

Open - by appointment only 837-2544

NON - PARISH GROUPS:

Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club (BSAC): 871-0595

Kids' Kampus Child Care Center: 831- 9900

The School of Two Hearts Co-op: 632-0676

Kissing the Altar at Mass



*Why do
priests kiss
the altar
at the start
of Mass?*

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass - the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" - we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).

MASS INTENTIONS

Wearing a mask is optional.

Daily Mass is at 8:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration begins on

Wednesday at 8:30 am through Thursday at 9:00 pm

Live Streaming is available on Blessed Sacrament's website.

Please see page 3 for details.

Saturday, July 17

8:00am Ruth & Jean Brady by Family

4:00pm Donna Eddy by Pat Weatherford

Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Wayne Hedges by Pat, Anne & Tommy

11:00am Carol Kaarela by Josephine LoCurto

Monday, July 19

8:00am Father Martin Gallagher (Welcome to Parish)
by Blessed Sacrament Legion of Mary

Tuesday, July 20

8:00am Silvio Stefanucci by Sylvia Rinelli

Wednesday, July 21

8:00am For the People of the Parish

6:30pm In Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague
by Marcia Michno

Thursday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00am Paul Beiter by The Schaner Family

Friday, July 23

8:00am Gloria Scime by Joan Konicki

Saturday, July 24

8:00am Jerome Glose (Birthday Remembrance)
by Przasniak Family

4:00pm Jenny Kadiolka by Thomas Bielecki Family

Sunday, July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Gloria Scime by Ken & Mary Fick

11:00am Onofrio & Rose Incardona by Mary Lou Incardona

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from July 18 – July 24
In Memory of Mr. Hans Dahmen by Sister, Maria**

Please pray for the sick: Joseph Agnello, Christine Ando, Jeanne Barrett, Hannah Becker, Joseph Broncato, Theodora Brown, Catherine Derrick, Rita Deacy, Magdalen Dukarm, Paul Dukarm, Elizabeth Easton, Kyle Farr, Joseph Fennell, Mary Frank, Joan Goetz, Joyce Goodell, Margaret Haywood, Pat Hedges, Becky Hinds, Tracy Huber, Mary Huffnagle, Marcy Kaminski, Virginia Kaprel, Sue Mason, Christine Mayer, Msgr. Leo McCarthy, Joanne Menchetti, Pat Mertz, Anthony Monetti, Darlene O'Keeffe, Lorraine Pfohl, Darlene Rajczak, Patricia Reddish, Dennis Rinelli, Sylvia Rinelli, Joseph Rumschik, Peggy Rumschik, Florian Rzepka, Carol Sajda, Pat Salemi, Nancy Saul, Tony Scime, David Squitieri, JoAnne Varney, John Washington, Deacon Ed Zablocki, and Mary Anne Zakrzewski

And all the sick, especially those with COVID - 19

Please pray for the deceased: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Faith in Marriage

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well is not always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There is never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we do not prioritize prayer, we will find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you are not already praying individually, that is a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

Calendar Lottery Winners

July 8 261	July 12 088	<i>Winners determined by the PA Lottery Pick - 3 Evening Drawing</i>
July 9 229	July 13 869	
July 10 783	July 14 177	
July 11 464		

Readings for Sunday, July 18th

First Reading: I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. (Jeremiah 23:3)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23)

Second Reading: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)

Gospel: When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34)

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$5,110
Loose cash	\$91
Paypal Electronic Donations	\$80
Peter's Pence.....	\$237
Roof Repairs	\$450



Dates are still available
in September.

September

4	22
11	25
18	27

Mass Book Opening

Reservations for Mass Intentions can be made for Masses in **July through December 2021**; please contact the Parish Office: 834 - 4282

Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, to be fair to everyone. The Diocesan recommended stipend offering is \$15.

Volunteers Wanted!

Can you help?

Needed are a couple of volunteers for help with general maintenance around the Blessed Sacrament parish...

Light lifting may be needed at times.

To find out more, please call the office at 834-4282.

Watch Blessed Sacrament's Mass Online

Live Streaming of our Mass is available!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOECTHqZKF0Wql6h-FTsBA>



Please subscribe to our parish's new youtube channel! In these challenging times, with Covid restrictions, we need to promote our Parish and stay connected with Parishioners and Supporters!

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

VOCATIONS CORNER



Jesus' heart was moved to pity because the crowd was lost "like sheep without a shepherd."

Would you be the shepherd Jesus sends to lead his flock?

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.



Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

Consider, my daughter, Who it is to whom your heart is so closely united by the vows. Before I made the world, I loved you with the love your heart is experiencing today and, throughout the centuries, My love will never change. (Diary 1754)

My Response: It comforts me, Lord, when I contemplate how much You really love me.

Congratulations Honor Student!

Congratulations to **Finley Antonio**,
a member of our parish, for being named to the
Honor Roll at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

You're Invited!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group is Meeting:

When: Every 3rd Thursday of the Month 10:30am
starting **September until June.**

Where: Church Choir Room

Please join us!

Important Notice: The Diocese is ordered by the
bankruptcy court to publicize this announcement.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Respect Life NEWS



Thank you to all our generous parishioners who donated to our yearly baby item collection for the St. Gianna's Pregnancy Center as well as our parish outreach! In addition to all the diapers, wipes and baby clothes, we received 2 cribs, a double stroller, a high chair, car seat and a bath tub. These large items still need to be transported to the pregnancy center downtown located next to St. Joseph's Cathedral downtown Buffalo.

I am in need of a volunteer with a van, truck or large SUV who can transport these items to the center at a time and date to be determined. If you are able to do this, please call prolife coordinator, Mary Fick (716)432-2113.

Third Saturday on Main Street Pray the rosary and chaplet with other members of the parish and diocese, in front of Buffalo's most active abortion clinic (2500 Main Street) following 8am Mass from 8:45am-9:45am on August 21th.

Join Compass Care's PrayerNet Women facing unplanned pregnancies need your prayers for strength and courage. Compass Care Buffalo will email you every time a client needs your prayers. To sign up, please email your name and email address to buffaloprayer.net@compasscare.info.

Please consider joining this very important ministry!

Eucharistic Adoration

We are no longer able to maintain Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in Church due to various reasons. Therefore, we ask that you avail yourself of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday through Thursday from 8:00am until Thursday evening until 9:00pm Thank you for your understanding.

Why Marry in a Church?

**Why are Catholics required to get
married in a church, and not
outside or at a different venue?**



Given that the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. Therefore, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, hence a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons, which vary from diocese to diocese, the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

FOOD, FUN, FALL FESTIVAL

The first, outside **Fall Festival** at **Blessed Sacrament**

September 11-12, 2021

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

So, what can you look for?



SAVE THE DATES and plan on joining in the ***food, fun and festivities*** here at **Blessed Sacrament**.

More information will be coming soon.

Hope to see you at this fantastic and fun parish festival.



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