



Blessed Sacrament News

Special OPEN HOUSE Edition

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Open House at Blessed Sacrament Church

As the **only Catholic Church in the Elmwood Village and Delaware District**, Blessed Sacrament Church is holding a series of Open House events throughout November and December. Our doors are open to all in the community. In addition to our weekday and weekend Masses, we invite you to attend an exciting schedule of social events, concerts, lectures, a tour of our stained-glass windows, and an ecumenical prayer service. **All are welcome!**

We are also receiving a new pastor, Rev. Joseph D. Porpiglia, on November 6, 2019. So this is also an opportunity for you to meet him and visit our 132 year-old church whose unique history is tied to the Diocese's early bishops.

Blessed Sacrament Church is located at 1029 Delaware Avenue, just north of the intersection of Delaware Avenue and West Utica Street. The church sits back about 400 feet from the curb and is nestled in amidst the trees, so sometimes it's easy to miss. Two other familiar landmarks are Timon Towers on the corner of Delaware and West Utica, and Catholic Academy of West Buffalo at 1069 Delaware. For additional information, please contact Michael Pitek: call 716-816-0144. (office); or 716-480-8313 (cell). Email: michael@thepitekgroup.com



Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday: 8 am (In St. Joseph's Chapel)
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 & 11 am

Rectory Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am- 2:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am -12:00 pm
Phone: 716-884-0053

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm

Welcome Receptions for New Pastor: November 9 & 10



Fr. Joe

Bishop Richard A. Malone appointed Rev. Joseph D. Porpiglia as the 6th pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, effective November 6, 2019. Fr. Joe, the son of Anthony and Angeline Porpiglia, is the middle child of five children. Following his graduation from Cardinal Mindszenty High School in Dunkirk, NY, he entered the seminary at Wadhams Hall College-Seminary in Ogdensburg, NY. Here he received a BA with a concentration in philosophy. He then attended Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY, where he received a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained by Bishop Edward Head on April 12, 1986 in his home parish of Holy Trinity in Dunkirk, NY.

Following ordination he served as parochial vicar at St. Amelia's in Tonawanda, St. James in Jamestown, St. Teresa's in Buffalo, and Nativity of Our Lord in Orchard Park. He was appointed to his first pastorate in 1998 at St. Patrick and Holy Cross parishes in Salamanca.

He was the first pastor to assume the responsibilities of linking the two parishes with one pastor. In 2008 he was named pastor of St. Benedict's in Amherst. Since 2013, he has served as pastor of both St. Joseph Church in Gowanda and St. Mary's Church in Cattaraugus. Fr. Joe was commissioned into the Navy Chaplain Corps in 1992 and has been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

To help welcome Fr. Joe to our community, the Parish Experience Committee, Cathy Jones, chair, and Barbara Bielecki, co-chair, will host three welcome receptions after each of the weekend Masses: Saturday, November 9th after the 4:30 pm Mass; Sunday, November 10th after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. All receptions will be held in the church.



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Concerts for the Soul: November 16

Concerts for the Soul presents
REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

A Musical-Poetic Journey

November 16: 7:00 pm in the Church

By Donation

Come and Be Inspired By

Tenor Vocalist

CORY JAMES GALLAGHER
& Writer-Poet

AMY GALLAGHER



This evening will be a meaning-filled opportunity to remember those that we hold most dear in our hearts. There is a special opportunity to have your loved one included in the concert with a song dedication or a written message in the program. To arrange a song dedication please contact Cory:

concertsforthesoul@gmail.com or call 716-868-2047.

Notre-Dame Lecture: November 20

Come Celebrate the 850 Year History of
Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris



Free Lecture
by Bob Poczik
November 20: 7:00 pm
In the Church

The world was riveted, shocked and saddened by the fire that destroyed Notre Dame Cathedral on April 15, 2019. Bob Poczik tells the Notre-Dame story that weaves together veneration, desecration, neglect, decline, and renewal. And yet, it is more than the story of a building; it is the story of the meaning and values, the hopes and dreams that this building represents to France and the world.

Taizé Prayer Service: December 8

A Taizé Prayer Service will be held on **Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 pm** in the Church. Everyone in the community is



invited to attend this ecumenical meditative service. The format of the prayer service includes singing repetitive, mantra-like songs; scripture readings; silent meditation; intercessions; and a silent departure. These elements guide the focus of one's prayer in a candle-lit environment. Coming from the monastic community of Taizé, located in the heart of the Burgundy region of France, Taizé prayer began during World War II.

Chicken Parm Dinner: November 17

**Come & Enjoy Blessed Sacrament Church's
Chicken Parmesan & Spaghetti Dinner
And Basket Raffle**

Sunday,
November 17
4:00-6:00 pm



Adults: \$13
Children: \$6
(under 12)

Catered by **ANYTHING'S PASTABLE**

Adult Dinner: Chicken Parmesan, side of Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert

Children's Dinner: Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert

All dinners include bread, butter and beverages

Dinner served in the

Catholic Academy of West Buffalo's Gym

1069 Delaware Avenue (at Lexington Avenue)

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

Pre-order of tickets requested by November 8th. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets can be purchased at church on weekends or by calling the Rectory: 884.0053. **Free Parking** is available in Catholic Academy's parking lot behind the school. See map on the other side.

Stained-Glass Windows Tour: December 1



A tour of Blessed Sacrament Church's 33 stained-glass windows will be given on **Sunday, December 1: at 3:00 pm** in the church. The hour long tour will cover a brief history of the church, its architectural features and the three types of stained-glass windows that are found in the church. The 72 page book, *Lessons in Glass*, that discusses in detail all 33 of the windows is available for purchase. (*Lessons in Glass* makes an excellent Christmas gift!)

Advent Concert: December 12

The Choir of St. Louis Church, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will perform **An Advent Choral Evening** in Blessed Sacrament Church on **Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 pm**. The concert will take place in the church. Featured will be Advent and Christmas works of Bach, Forrest, Ord, Poston, Willcocks, Wood, and others. Free admission.

