

One Night and Seven Churches
Broadway-Fillmore/Polonia & Kaisertown
Holy Thursday
March 29th, 2018



St. Stanislaus, Corpus Christi,
St. Adalbert Basilica, St. John Kanty,
St. Luke's Mission of Mercy,
St. Casimir and St. Bernard Churches

For the twelfth year in a row on Holy Thursday, BFA has put together a self-guided pilgrimage to seven historic churches in the Broadway-Fillmore/Polonia and Kaisertown neighborhoods area partaking in the traditional visitation of the Blessed Sacrament on this holy night.

The visitation period generally begins after Holy Thursday Mass and the churches remain open between 10pm and Midnight.

The Seven Churches:

- St. Stanislaus - Peckham and Fillmore
(7pm Mass -Visitation until 9pm)
- Corpus Christi - 199 Clark Street
(6pm Mass -Visitation until 10pm)
- St. John Kanty's - Broadway and Swinburne
(7pm Mass -Visitation until 11pm)
- St. Luke's - Sycamore & Miller
(7pm Mass - Visitation until 11pm)
- St. Adalbert Basilica - 212 Stanislaus St.
(Visitation 5pm-11pm)
- St. Casimir's - 160 Cable St.
(7pm Mass-Visitation until Midnight)
- St. Bernard's - S. Ogden & Clinton
(6pm Mass - Visitation until 10pm)

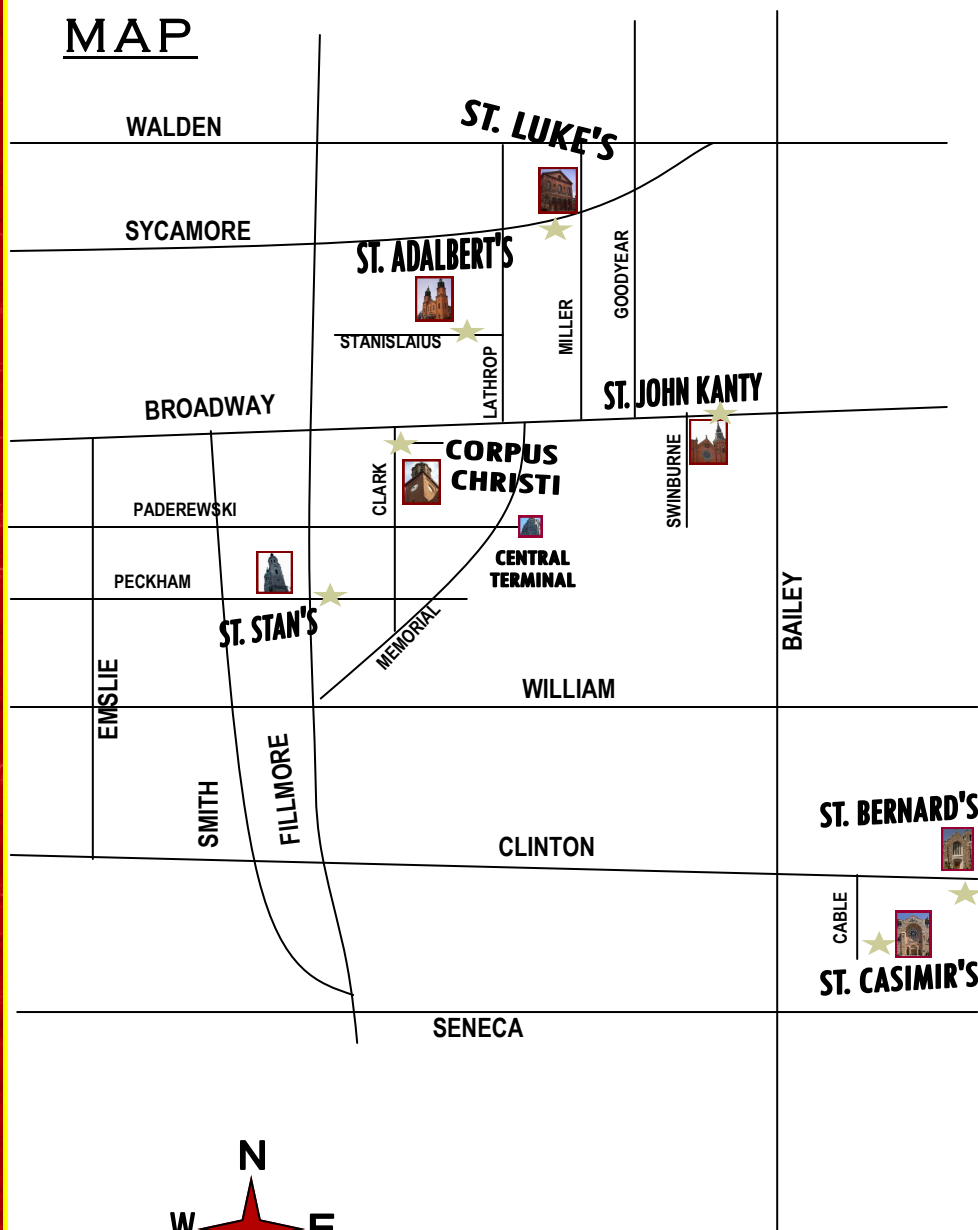
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The churches in Buffalo's heritage neighborhoods are awe inspiring and are deeply rooted in tradition...this is a way to experience their religious, artistic and cultural beauty.

(Holy Thursday Masses may still be occurring when you visit...be respectful.)

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MAP



Wielki Czwartek

(Holy Thursday)

On this feast that marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Triduum (Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday), the Church celebrates two distinct liturgies. In the evening, individual parishes offer the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which commemorates Christ's institution of the Holy Eucharist in the Upper Room. This second liturgy of the feast day begins in the evening because Passover began at sundown. The Mass ends with the ceremonious "stripping of the altar," in which all sanctuary linens are gathered up, the church bells are silenced, and the Holy Eucharist is removed from the tabernacle and placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary. When the Eucharist is processed to the altar of repose, the faithful traditionally remain in quiet prayer and adoration during a period called "the watching."

An excellent traditional Holy Thursday devotion, credited to St. Philip Neri, grew out of this "watching." For centuries Catholics in many parts of the world – especially Italy, Poland, Mexico, and the Philippines – have been visiting seven churches in their diocese on Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This pilgrimage practice originated in Rome, where the faithful visited the seven Roman basilicas, saying prayers and "watching" in adoration at each. The pilgrimage to each church corresponds to the seven "stops" or "stations" of the via crucis that were made by Jesus on his way to Calvary.

Thursday visitations are an excellent grace-filled way to end Lent and enter into the Triduum.