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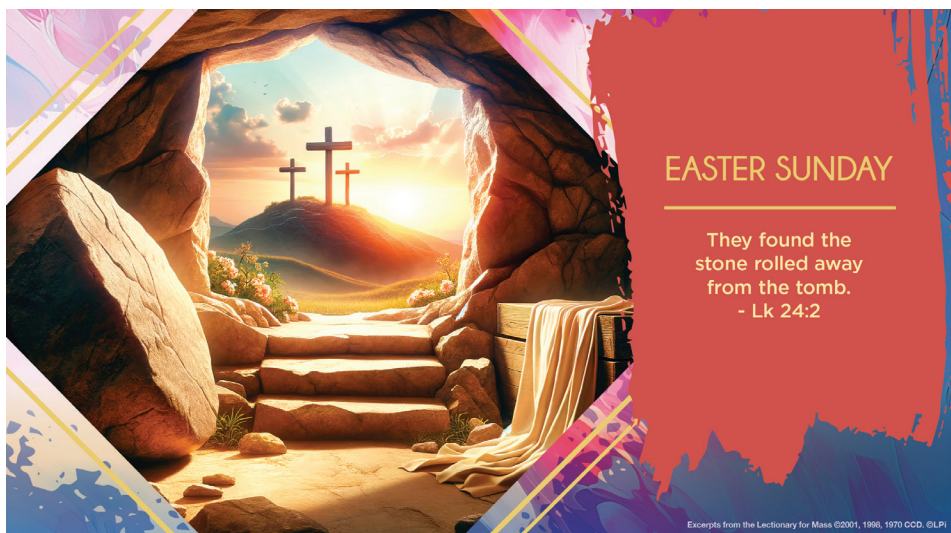
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nations  
*Matthew 28:19*



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of *Christ the Lord*

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*Our Lady of Pompeii* | *St. John the Baptist* | *St. Martha*  
*St. Mary of the Assumption* | *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*  
*St. Philip the Apostle*



## EASTER SUNDAY

They found the  
stone rolled away  
from the tomb.  
- Lk 24:2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1996, 1970 OGD, GILP)

*April*  
*20*  
*2025*

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## CALLING CATECHISTS!

*to join our Faith Formation ministry  
for the 2025-2026 school year*

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED AT:

ST. MARY'S CAMPUS  
ST. JOHN'S ALDEN CAMPUS  
ST. PHILIP'S CAMPUS  
ST. MARTHA'S CAMPUS

### CONTACT

Becky Hoag

becky@stmarysonthehill.org  
Call 716-683-8564

TRAINING & SUPPORT IS PROVIDED

BENEFITS: CHILD ENROLLMENT FEES WAIVED

*Will you answer Jesus' call?*



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Jim Trzaska

### Business/Finance Director

Anne Pomaski

Bulletin Submissions due by  
Friday at Noon one week  
before the published Sunday.  
Please submit to your Rectory  
or scan below to submit:



## Weekday Mass Schedule

8:15 am	St. Martha
8:30 am	Wed., Thurs., Fri. St. John the Baptist
9:00 am	Mon. - Thurs. St. Philip the Apostle
12 Noon	St. Mary of the Assumption (Chapel)
Fri. Noon	St. Philip the Apostle
7:00 pm	Mon. & Tues. St. John the Baptist

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday

First Saturday	8:30 am - St. John the Baptist
4:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, St. Teresa of Calcutta
4:30 pm	Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Philip the Apostle
5:00 pm	St. Martha
7:00 pm	St. Mary of the Assumption

### Sunday

8:00 am	St. Martha, St. John the Baptist
8:30 am	St. Teresa of Calcutta
9:00 am	St. Philip the Apostle
10:00 am	Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Martha, St. Mary of the Assumption
11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, St. Philip the Apostle
11:30 am	Our Lady of Pompeii
Noon	St. Mary of the Assumption



Our Lady of Pompeii Sat 3:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Sat 3 - 4:00 pm

St. Martha Sat before 5 pm Mass

St. Mary of the Assumption Sat 6 - 6:30 pm

*Confessions* St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Sat 3 - 3:30 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Sat 3:30 - 4 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii First Fridays Noon - 6 pm

St. John the Baptist

First Fridays 9 am - 5 pm

First Saturdays 8:30 am

St. Martha

Mon - Fri 9 am - 3 pm (Chapel)

First Fridays 9 pm - Midnight (Church)

St. Mary of the Assumption

First Fridays 12:30 - 2:30 pm

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Last Tues (May - Oct) 6:30 - 7:30 pm



*Adoration*



# Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

1 pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

3 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

3:15 pm

Holy Mass



at



**St. Martha Parish**

10 French Rd.

Depew

716-684-6342

stmarthadepew.org



## Our Parishes

### Our Lady of Pompeii

129 Laverack Ave.

Lancaster, NY 14086

(716) 683-6522

olpparish.com

### St. John the Baptist

2021 Sandridge Rd.

Alden, NY 14004

(716) 937-6959

stjohnalden.com

### St. Martha

10 French Rd.

Depew, NY 14043

(716) 684-6342

stmarthadepew.org

### St. Mary of the Assumption

1 St. Mary's Hill

Lancaster, NY 14086

(716) 683-6445

stmarysonthehill.org

### St. Mother Teresa

of Calcutta

496 Terrace Blvd.

Depew, NY 14043

(716) 683-2746

blessedmotherteresa

parishdepew.org

### St. Philip the Apostle

950 Losson Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14227

(716) 668-8370

spaparish.org

## DON'T MISS A THING

RE-REGISTER AT ONE OF OUR  
FAMILY PARISHES

*Are you part of one of  
our closing or merging  
Parishes?*

Please take a moment to re-register at one of our remaining Parishes. This simple step helps us ensure we have your most current contact information and confirms your desire to stay part of our Family of Parishes. Updating your records allows us to stay connected, provide collection envelopes if needed, and verify attendance should you ever require a Letter of Recommendation.

*Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records  
and keeping our faith community thriving!*



Join our Family of Parishes on our  
new Prayer Challenge to pray for  
more vocations to religious life!



Scan the QR code or head onto  
our website for more  
information.

No computer? No problem!  
Check with your Rectory.

*The Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord is pleased to introduce  
the Pass the Chalice program!*

*The program encourages families to make a personal  
commitment to pray for vocations daily by hosting the chalice  
in their home to increase the awareness of the need for more  
priestly vocations in our Diocese.*

#### How it works:

- Sign up for a week (Sunday to Saturday)
- Pick up one of the two chalices at a church of your choosing
- Go home and unpack the chalice, daily devotional & journal. Place it in a central location.
- Every day, gather your family and pray the suggested prayers. Journal your experience.
- At the end of the week, we will make arrangements for passing the chalice along!



## Other Events

### SMD - Garden Help Needed

Next Mting: 4/29 at 6:30 pm  
St. Martha Meeting Room A  
St. Martha Parish Garden  
Angels are looking for  
more help regularly  
weeding & caring for the  
gardens. Sign up sheets are  
at the church entrances.

### SPA - Men's Club

Next Meeting: 5/1 at 7pm  
St. Philip's Parish Center  
All men are welcome to  
attend!

### SPA - Ministry & Organizations Fair

5/4 at 9 am  
St. Philip's Parish Center  
Come see all the things to  
do at St. Philip's during the  
Ham-n-Egger.

### OLP - Bottle & Can Drive

5/10 - 9 am to Noon  
Our Lady of Pompeii  
Bring your bottles and cans  
to OLP to support our music  
ministry praise & worship  
camp.

### SPA - Prayer Shawl Committee

Next Meeting: 5/13 at 1pm  
St. Philip's Parish Center  
All knitters & crocheters are  
welcome to join!



Join us when Bingo returns  
Thursday April 24th  
Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Check the bulletin for dates  
for our twice a month games.



**Saint Mother Teresa  
of Calcutta Parish**  
496 Terrace Blvd. | Depew



### Gift Card Calendar Sale

*OLBS School*  
20 French Rd, Depew

**We are selling Gift Card May Calendars  
after ALL Masses in April! A \$10 donation  
gives you a chance to WIN EVERY  
DAY IN MAY!!**

St. Martha Parish  
*Knights of St. John*

## 21 Club

NO : 123456

A weekly drawing beginning on Easter for  
\$100 each week for 20 weeks!

The final drawing on the 21st week we  
will pull one:

Grand Prize - \$1000, 2nd Prize - \$500,  
3rd Prize - \$500, 4th Prize - \$300,  
5th Prize - \$200, 6th Prize - \$100

**Tickets: \$20 Donation**

To get your ticket, Call Peter Becker at 716-867-3448,  
ask any Knight of St. John, or pick up a ticket at the  
St. Martha Parish Rectory during office hours.

**\$20**

Tickets:  
Rectory: 716-937-6959  
Jennifer: 716-698-1697

# ST JOHN'S

# Spring Cash Sweepstakes

Drawing to be held May 17, 2025 time TBD

**\$8500 Total Prizes | 16 Prizes | Only 2000 Tickets**

**Need Not Be Present**

JOIN US FOR THIS PARISHIONER  
FAVORITE EVENT ON

## Sunday, May 4

## 9 am - sold out

Eat in or Take-Out

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**\$4.50 - Ham, Egg, & Cheese Sandwich**  
on a buttered hard roll  
with choice of tea, coffee, milk, or juice  
Sandwiches can be purchased on their own  
To Go Available

**\$2.50 - Fruit filled turnovers**

Basket Raffle during breakfast.  
Winners need not be present.

## Ham -n- Egger

**&  
Basket  
Raffle**

THE APOSTLE  
Roman Catholic Community

950 Losson Rd  
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Our Lady of Pompeii Holy Name Society

## Tuition Assistance

The Our Lady of Pompeii Holy Name Society is offering tuition assistance for Catholic grammar school students, those going to Catholic High Schools, and those going to college or a trade school (does not have to be Catholic).

- ✔ Applicant's family must be registered members of the Family of Parishes, no later than May 1, 2024.
- ✔ For 4th Grade, 8th Graders going to Catholic High School in the Fall, & High School students entering college or trade school in the Fall

Apply online at:  
[olpparish.com/holy-name-society.html](http://olpparish.com/holy-name-society.html)  
or by picking up an application at the  
Our Lady of Pompeii Business Office

Deadline is April 28th.

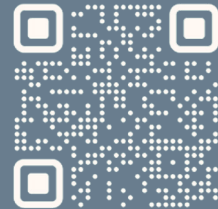



## Join Our Family

Find out more about our Family of Parishes and submit your information to join one of our Parishes by scanning the QR code below or stop by your Rectory to find out more!



For information on Letters of Recommendation, Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings, Collection Envelopes, and adding a name to our Sick List, please see your Rectory or scan the QR code below.





JOIN US FOR THE  
**ST. MARY'S  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Current and new families are invited to join us for our own **SME Art Show, our Battle of the Books competition, and our semi-annual Book Fair.**

THURSDAY, MAY 1  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

EXCEL AT  
SME

FOOD TRUCKS  
ON SITE & LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE.

2 St. Mary's Hill  
Lancaster  
[smeschool.com](http://smeschool.com)

# Annual Basket Raffle

Presented by the Ladies Club of St. Philip the Apostle



**Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
St. Philip the Apostle Parish Center, 950 Lossen Rd, Cheektowaga, NY

**over 100 baskets**

TICKETS.. \$5 for a sheet 25 chances of or 5 Sheets \$20 (125 chances)



**Emeril Lagasse Air Fryer**  
Extra large French door air fryer toaster oven combo. 25 cooking functions and digital controls. Accessories included (cook book), stainless steel finish, and 26 Qt capacity.

**Special Raffles**  
Tickets \$5 for one, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20



**Russell's**  
STEAKS • CHOPS • AND MORE  
for a chance to win an overnight package at Salvatore's Grand Hotel, including dinner and breakfast.

If you would like to make a donation, please call Cindy Pronti at 716-713-3254

Refreshments & coffee will be available to purchase



## Weekly Readings

### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

### Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22  
Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10  
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26  
Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9  
Lk 24:35-48

### Friday:

Acts 4:1-12  
Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a  
Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21  
Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21  
Mk 16:9-15

### Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16  
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
Jn 20:19-31



## Think About the Readings?

### Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In his speech, Peter emphasizes that he and the Apostles were chosen as “witnesses” to tell others of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Have you ever told anyone why you believe in Jesus?

### Col 3:1-4

Paul urges the Corinthians to celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection with sincerity and truth.

How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

### Jn 20:1-9

We hear how Mary of Magdala, Peter and the Beloved Disciple initially react to seeing Jesus’ empty tomb.

How do you share startling news with others?

Wishing you and your loved ones all the joy of this Blessed Easter celebration!



*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4

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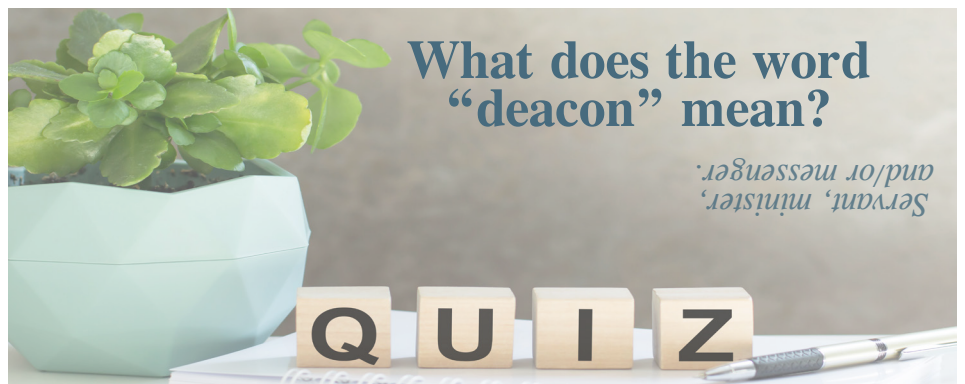
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## What does the word “deacon” mean?

*Servant, minister, and/or messenger.*

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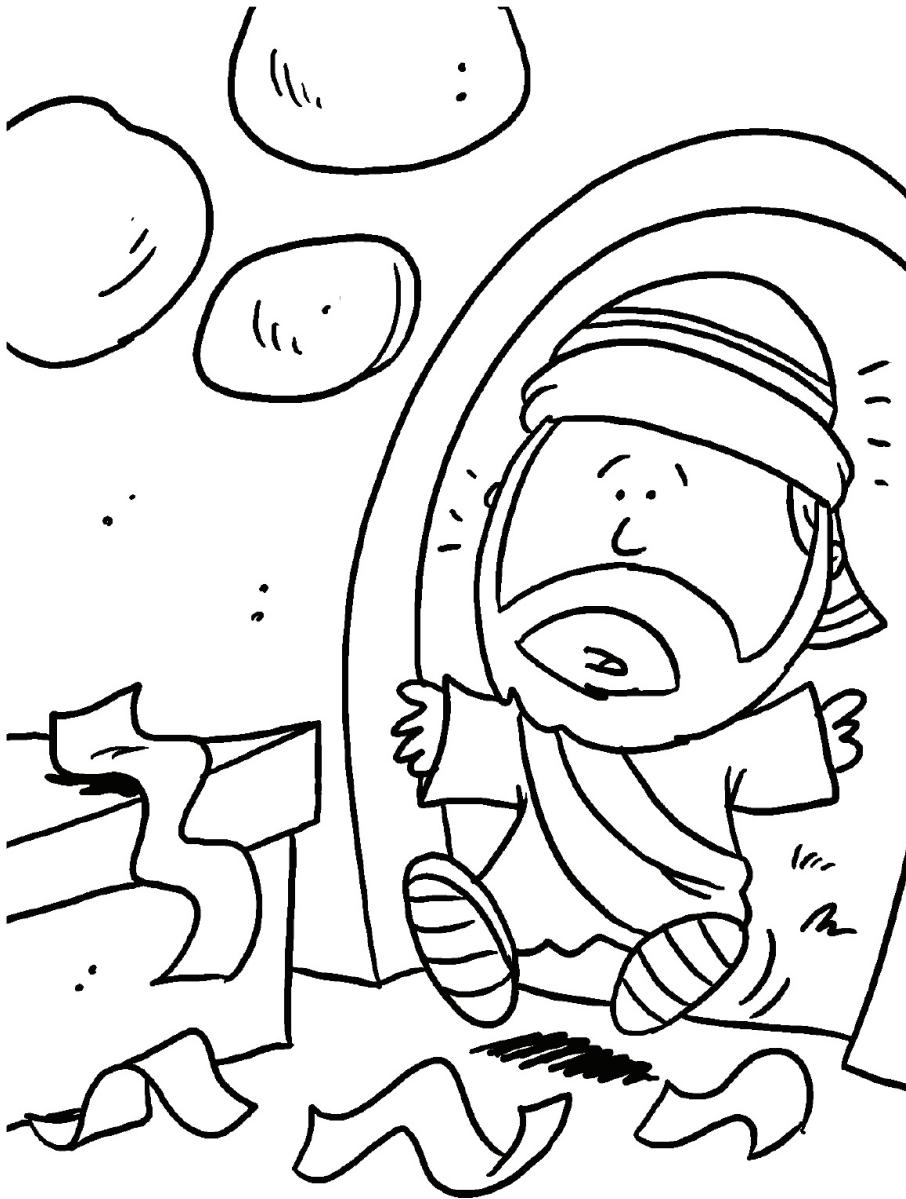






# COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## Kid's Page

### *Sharing the Gospel*

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

### *My Weekly Mission*

*I will tell someone that  
Jesus is alive.*

### *Prayer*

Jesus, you died and rose from  
the dead so I can share your life on  
Earth and in Heaven. Thank you!  
Amen! Alleluia!



# Mass Intentions

*Would you like to request an intention at one of our Parishes?*

Stop by the Parish Rectory of where you wish to have your intention said at and they will be happy to assist you in making your request.

Donation:  
Mass Intentions  
\$15/Mass

Sanctuary Lamp  
\$10 to \$15/week  
Please check with  
your Rectory

## Sanctuary Lamp

*Week Of: April 20 - 26*

### SJB

Jamie Hoelscher from  
Michael & Maureen Lankes

### SMT

Anne DiPizio from  
Kowtun Family

### SPA

Dorothy Suszka from  
Margaret Mikler & Family

*OLP - Our Lady of Pompeii  
SJB - St. John the Baptist  
SMD - St. Martha  
SML - St. Mary of the Assumption  
SMT - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta  
SPA - St. Philip the Apostle*

## Monday, April 21

8:15 am SMD - David Sliwinski - Lipiec Family  
9:00 am SPA - John Noworyta - Paul Noworyta  
12 Noon SML - Carolyn Baker - Family  
7:00 pm SJB - Peter Lynch - George

## Tuesday, April 22

8:15 am SMD - Donald Bauer - Mary & Family  
8:30 am SJB - Alice Roll  
9:00 am SPA - Maria Vander-Velden - Vicky Hutt  
12 Noon SML - John Hagil - Hagil Family

## Wednesday, April 23

8:15 am SMD - Angelo Cane - Cane Family  
8:30 am SJB - Yavicoli Family Living & Deceased - Helen Sortino  
9:00 am SPA - Richard Kardas - Rob & Ann Marie Gaik  
12 Noon SML - Fleisch-Linetty Families - Estate

## Thursday, April 24

8:15 am SMD - Frances & Edmund Gadowski - Kaczmarek Family  
8:30 am SJB - Fr. Irwin Spahn & Family Members - Fr. Gary Kibler  
9:00 am SPA - Gary Aberhorn - Wife  
12 Noon SML - Ronald Celano - Dolores

## Friday, April 25

8:15 am SMD - Patricia Schnettler - Paul Pilley  
8:30 am SJB - Natalie Andrezjewski - Behrend Family  
12 Noon SPA - All Mothers; For the Parishioners of the BDCL  
SML - Helen Helinski - Estate

## Saturday, April 26

4:00 pm SMT - Michael Halicki - Family  
SJB - Gordon Plant - Sandy  
4:30 pm OLP -  
SPA - Tony Jubulis - Wife, Marilyn  
5:00 pm SMD - Angeline Fiorello - Fiorello Family  
7:00 pm SML - Lorraine Chadwick - Family

## Sunday, April 27

## *Second Sunday of Easter*

8:00 am SMD - Ed & Rita Trzaska & Ed & Betty Pachla  
- Deacon Jim & Diane  
8:30 am SJB - Richard DeVita - Family  
9:00 am SMT - Frank Zawodzinski - Jenny Petz & Family  
10:00 am SPA - Joseph Barsukiewicz - Dolores Osuch  
SML - Douglas Ferguson - Fred & Irene Steates  
SMD - Stanley Wypij - Patricia Wypij & Family  
11:00 am OLP -  
SPA - Aloysius Zielonka - Arlita, Judy, Cindy, & Barbara  
11:30 am SJB - Eric Bartram - Bartram Family  
Noon OLP -  
SML - Ruth Peters - Estate



*Weekly Giving*

**Sunday, April 13**

*These will be  
reported in  
next weekend's  
bulletin*

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good deed

## **Every Bit Helps**

Your generous donations help keep our church running, covering essential costs like utility bills, staffing, and ongoing maintenance. They also support the ministries and organizations that serve our Parishioners, ensuring we continue to meet the spiritual needs of our community.

Whether you give weekly, monthly, or annually, your financial support makes all the difference.

Thank you for helping us continue to be there for you and for others.  
Your contributions allow us to keep the doors open  
and the mission of the Church alive!

**Reminder: Support Your Church!**



*Those in Poor Health*

### SMT

Sam Chapman, Diane Dumansky, Joe & Laureen Enright, Barb Fox, Lorraine Hoffman, Gerry Killian, Dave Kornacki, Carmela Kosobucki, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Theresa Little, Robert Loniewski, Susan Loniewski, Carol Majka, Samantha Marzec, Dana Miller, Joan Niertit, Larry Pignataro, Debbie Pirog, Thomas Pirog, Jim Purpora, Karen Schaller, Donald Schwartz, Grace Schwartz, Richard Schwartz, Terri Skurzewski, Kurt Swiderski, Jennie Taylor, Sharon Thompson, and Rose Zalenski.

### SPA

Brenda B., Raymond Barczak, James & Irene Bonsack, Michelle Canavan, Skender Capullari, Mia Derenda, Carol Drozdowski, Josephine Dublino, Felicia Dziekan, Marilyn Farmer, Rosie Flowers, Mitzi Fuller, Diane Gilhooly, Ann Marie Gleber, Christina Gravius, Marilyn Heidle, Dianne Jagiello, Deborah Jax, Roger Johansson, Michelle Kania, Eugene Kanski, Alyssa Kelchin, Kathy Kirk, Leah Kostorowski, Mary Jane Lang, Daniel Lawicki Sr., Janet Leighbody, Robert Loniewski, Terri Mazur, David McGuire, Dennis Mock, Gina Mormul, Richard, Notartomas Family, Linda Osiak, Paul Pronti, Bernadette Penn, Marie Reede, Donna Reeves, Sister Ann Helene, David Sheridan, Strozyk Family, Carol Tank, Paul Verostko, Delphine Wachowiak, Helen Walkowiak, Courtney Whelpley, Jerry Wick, Kathy Wind, Kim Yonkosky, Carlo Zavatti

## *Upcoming* **Second Collections**

April 27  
**Catholic Home  
Missions Appeal**

*Home mission dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are Catholic dioceses that require external assistance to provide essential pastoral services, such as Mass, sacraments, and religious education. Nearly 40% of dioceses in these areas are designated as home mission dioceses.*

## *Online Giving*

*To give electronically to any of our Parishes, please scan the QR Code below and then select your desired Parish.*

