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go and make disciples

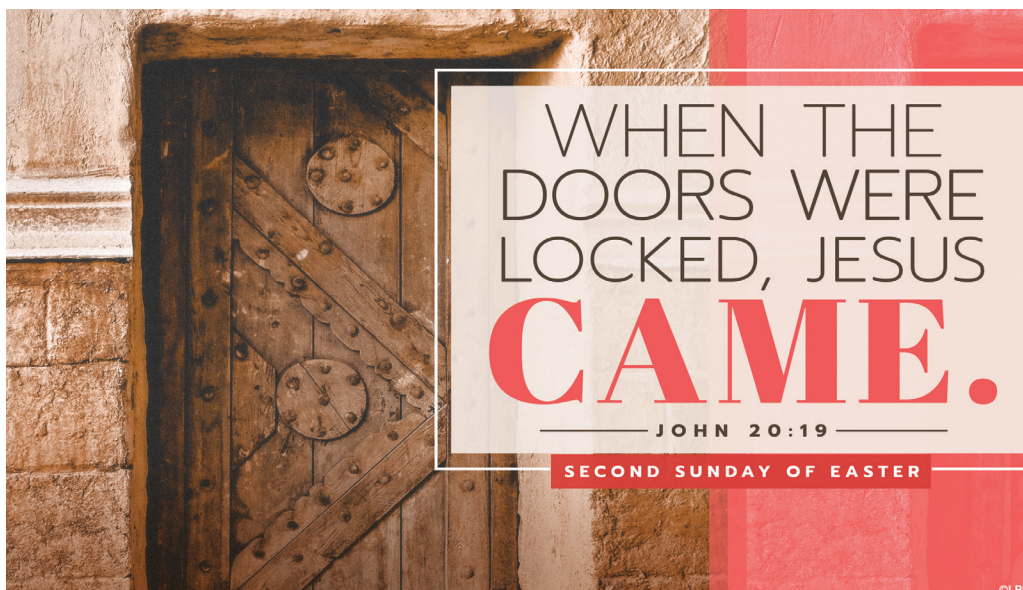
of *All*
nations
Matthew 28:19



Beloved Disciples
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*



April
27,
2025

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We have received from the Diocese of Buffalo the decree announcing the reduction of the Church of St. James in Depew to profane, but not sordid use. This means that after the earlier announcement of the merger of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, it is also the intention of the Diocese to sell the property of St. James Church and its associated buildings. "Profane but not sordid use" refers to the designation given to church buildings that are no longer used for Catholic worship but can be repurposed for secular activities that are not immoral or offensive to the Catholic faith.

Anyone who wishes to appeal the decision to sell St. James Church has 10 days from April 26th to file notice with the Diocese. The appeal would only be for the sale of the Church. The decree to merge St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish has already been approved and the deadline for that appeal has passed.

A full copy of the decree is posted in the rear of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Copies will also be available there to take home if you are so interested.



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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	Tues. - 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. 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. Mother 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. Mother 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
Mondays 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

St. Martha

Mon - Fri 9 am - 3 pm; Holy Days Subject to Change (Chapel)
First Fridays 9 pm - 10 pm (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



Free Monthly Faith Inspiration Series

May 12 7-8 pm

Inspirational Outdoor Concert "Break Every Chain" with Mary Palmer & the OLP Music Ministry **Bring your chair!**
6:15 pm - Slider Sandwich, side dessert
RSVP for dinner at 716-683-6522 by 5/4
Free will donations accepted

157 Laverack Ave | Lancaster | olpparish.com

JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Monday, May 5 at 12:30 P.M.
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
129 Laverack Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086

Special Prayer Intention

Call on our Mother in prayer to inspire our State Legislators to recognize the dignity of life from conception until natural death and reject the Physician-Assisted Suicide bill.

Wedding Announcement

May 17th, 2025
St. John the Baptist

William D. Kisiel
&
Amanda L. Armatys



St. John
the Baptist
Roman Catholic Church

The winner of the St. John Holy Name April 2025 monthly raffle was James Cieszki with ticket # 118 and winning \$172.



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

Our Parishes

Our Lady of Pompeii
129 Laverack Ave.

Lancaster, NY 14086
(716) 683-6522

olpparish.com

Mon - Thurs : 9 am - 4:30 pm
Fri : 9 am - 3 pm

St. John the Baptist
2021 Sandridge Rd.

Alden, NY 14004
(716) 937-6959

stjohnalden.com

Tue - Thurs : 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Martha

10 French Rd.

Depew, NY 14043
(716) 684-6342

stmarthadepew.org

Mon - Fri : 9 am - 4 pm
Closed Noon - 1 pm

St. Mary of the Assumption
1 St. Mary's Hill

Lancaster, NY 14086
(716) 683-6445

stmarysonthehill.org

Mon/Tues/Thurs : 9 am - 4 pm
Wed/Fri : 9 am - 3 pm

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

496 Terrace Blvd.

Depew, NY 14043
(716) 683-2746

blessedmotherteresa
parishdepew.org

Mon - Thurs : 10 am - 3 pm
Friday : 10 am - 2 pm

St. Philip the Apostle
950 Losson Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-8370

spaparish.org

Mon - Thurs : 9 am - 4 pm
Closed Noon - 1 pm
Fri : 9 am - Noon



Other Events

SJB - Holy Land Gifts

4/26 & 4/27 after Masses
St. John's
A selection of hand carved
olive wood gifts will be on
sale. Come support artisans
in the Holy Land.

SMP - Garden Help Needed

Meeting: 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!



ANNUAL DINNER

MONDAY, MAY 5TH

Polish Villa on Union Rd.

Dinner will served at 5:30 pm

\$20 per members and \$29 for nonmembers

The Menu is: Salad, Roast Beef, Breaded Pork Chops, Potato Pancakes,
Lazy Pierogi, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, and Dessert

Please send check made out to: *St. Martha Altar & Rosary Guild* and Mail
to: *Mildred Stabler, 40 Green Terrace, Depew, NY 14043* before April 30th.
Join us for a relaxing evening!

St. Martha Parish

Altar &

Rosary Guild

JOIN US FOR OUR

May Crowning

**May 4 - 10 am Mass
at St. Martha Parish**

We will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary
with the May Crowning tradition.
The crowning is symbolic of Mary as the Queen
of Heaven and of our lives.

We invite all the children of the parish to
participate in this special Family Mass

**Please scan the QR code to
sign your child up to assist
in our celebration! Join us
for a coffee and donut
social after mass.**

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Kucewicz at
skucewicz@school.olbsdepew.org or Mrs. Glaub at
cglaub@school.olbsdepew.org or Mrs. Szpylman at
jszpylman@stmarthadepeew.org.




As we come to the close of our
Faith Formation Program this year we
express our appreciation for the Teachers
and Teacher aides who taught the children
this year:

**Charles Boundy, Gabe Morabito, Sarah McCabe,
Jessica Matthews, Isabella Dienstbier, Antoinette Duran,
Chris Lamprecht, Nancy Lamb, Cyndi Veiders,
Sister Ellen McCarthy, Jessica Damian, Susan Moscicki,
and Sylvia Thomas.**



**Saint Mother Teresa
of Calcutta Parish**


**Saint Mother Teresa
of Calcutta Parish**

Split Club

RESULTS

Week Two Results

\$185.00 Total \$92.50 Split

**So put in your April envelopes and Good Luck!
Thank you for supporting our parish!**





**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.**

**EXCEL AT
SME**
COLLABORATIVE, AND ENGAGING LEARNING. EXPERIENTIAL.

**FOOD TRUCKS
ON SITE & LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE.**

**SPRING
OPEN
HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 1
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster
smeschool.com**

**St. Philip's Ladies Club Meeting
Monday, April 28 at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Center.**

**This month Rhiannon Starks, Wildchild Farms,
will speak on how to make Floral and Herbal Teas.**

*The Ladies Club is open to all ladies 18 and over.
You do not have to belong to St. Philip's Parish
to join our club. All are welcome*

*Ladies
Club*

**JOIN US FOR THIS PARISHIONER
FAVORITE EVENT ON
Sunday, May 4
9 am - sold out
Eat in or Take-Out**

**\$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.*

Men's Club Ham-n-Egger

St Philip
THE APOSTLE
Roman Catholic Community

950 Losson Rd
Cheektowaga
spaparch.org

**Veterans
Committee**

**Next
MEETING**

**May 15
7 pm
Parish Center**

**All Veterans and
family of Veterans are
invited to join our
special group!**

St Philip
THE APOSTLE
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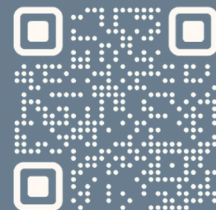
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to join one of our
Parishes by scanning the
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Envelopes, and adding
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Weekly Readings

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

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)
Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Think About the Readings?

Acts 5:12-16

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Is there something in your life that needs healing?

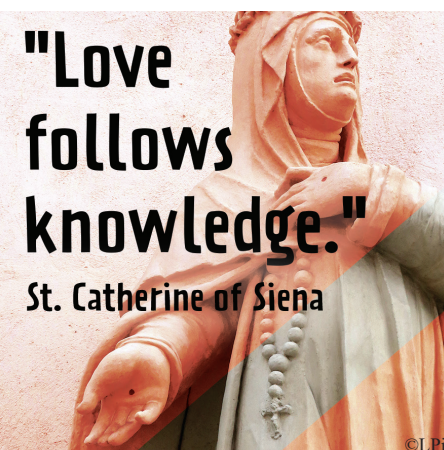
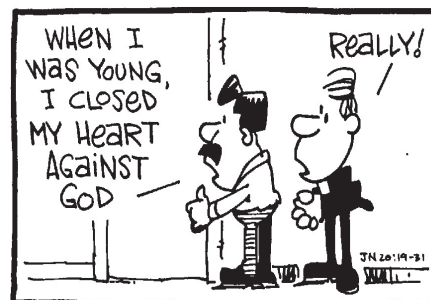
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." How does Jesus calm your fears?

Jn 20:19-31

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Love follows knowledge."

St. Catherine of Siena

**SHARE
YOUR
FAVORITE
PRAYER**

Prayer Starter

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth
the living just because He lives."*



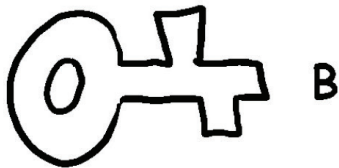
Hymn by the Gaither's



Find the matching shadow.



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Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them he was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness.

*Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide?
Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.*

Prayer

Dear God,
thank you for
being with me
when I am
afraid. Amen!

My Weekly Mission

*When I am afraid,
I will ask Jesus to
come and help me*



Our Schools

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

PreK - 3rd
20 French Rd.
Depew, NY 14043
716-685-2544
olbsdepew.org

St. John the Baptist

PreK3 - 8th
2028 Sandridge Rd.
Alden, NY 14004
716-937-9483
stjohnsalden.com

St. Mary of the Assumption

PreK3 - 8th
2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086
716-683-2112
smeschool.com

Faith Formation

Our Lady of Pompeii

716-683-6522
faithformation@
olpparish.com

St. John the Baptist

716-937-6959 x 103
faith.formation@
stjohnsalden.org

St. Martha

716-685-2546
jszpylman@
stmarthadepew.org

St. Mary of the Assumption

716-683-8564
becky@stmarysonthehill.org

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

716-683-2746 x 208

St. Philip the Apostle

716-668-8370 x 510
spareled@spaparish.org

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 27 - May 3
SJB

Jamie Hoelscher
from Michael & Maureen Lankes

SMT

Anne DiPizio
from Kowtun Family

SPA

Anniversary of
Sam & Carol Cascio

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

Monday, April 28

8:15 am SMP - Steven Paul Zatko - Wife, Pat
9:00 am SPA - Jan Rhinehart - Arlita, Judy, Cindy, & Barbara
12 Noon SMA - Kathy Slawatycki - David & Karen Nowak
7:00 pm SJB - Robert Hamilton - Family
St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, April 29

8:15 am SMP - Friends & Church Family - Judy Enger & Pat Zatko
8:30 am SJB - Larry Kocher - Wife
9:00 am SPA - Sr. Mary Francelita - Tim & Joan Derkovitz
12 Noon SMA - Scott Eagan - Mom. Stan. Kelli. Melissa

Wednesday, April 30

8:15 am SMP - Tony Stang - Marie Maciejewski
8:30 am SJB - Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am SPA - Melissa King - William Mayback & Jackie Tyrpak
12 Noon SMA - Herbert Wutz - Family
St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday, May 1

8:15 am SMP - Irene Recktenwalt - Paul & Laura Howse
8:30 am SJB - Alice Parker - Jeff Hamm
9:00 am SPA - Robert Ignasak - Leo Stachura
12 Noon SMA - Ruth Wunner - Denise Golpl
St. Alhanasius

Friday, May 2

8:15 am SMP - Stanley & Clare Lipiec &
Daughters Patricia & Mary - Sister, Theresa
8:30 am SJB - John Schmitt - Dorothy Schmitt
12 Noon SMA - Faithful Departed
SPA - All Fathers
Ss. Philip & James

Saturday, May 3

8:30 am SJB - Special Intention - Mary Refermat
4:00 pm SJB - Patricia "Ida" Smith - Everett & Sandra Boone
SMT - Michael Halicki - Family
4:30 pm OLP - Terry Distefano - Distefano Family
Mae Nestico & David - Donna Faatz & Family
SPA - For the Parishioners of St. Philip's & the BDCL
5:00 pm SMP - Jerome, Lenore, & Richard Bitterman - Paul Becker & Family
7:00 pm SMA - Joann Pace - The Sparmo Family

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am SMP - Lucia Lehner - Children & Grandchildren
SJB - Diane Luechesi - Bill Rolampart
8:30 am SMT - Frank Zawodzinski - Jenny Petz & Family
9:00 am SPA - Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen P. Verostko - Verostko Family
10:00 am OLP - Michael Muslak - Wife, Mary Anne
Deacon Donald & Elizabeth Schultz - Daughter, Margaret
SMP - Ladies Guild
SMA - Emilia Przywuski - Love the Kaite Family
11:00 am SJB - Glenn Kocher - Family
SPA - Bob & Bina Krajewski - Greg & Lynne Miller
11:30 am OLP - Jerry Geles - Wife
Noon SMA - Gene Wach - Ann M. Favre

Weekly Giving

Our Lady of Pompeii

Regular: \$
Loose: \$
Online: \$
Total: \$

Second Collections: \$
Second Collections: \$
Second Collections: \$

St. Martha

Regular: \$
Loose: \$
Online: \$
Total: \$

Second Collections: \$
Second Collections: \$
Second Collections: \$

St. Mother Teresa

Regular: \$3,949
Loose: \$687.81
Youth: \$42
Caring & Sharing: \$425
Flowers: \$137
Capitol Improve.: \$100

Sunday, April 13

St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$8,599.25
Online: \$1,207.25

Easter: \$85
Fuel: \$288
Holy Land: \$30

St. Mary of the Assumption

Regular: \$4,990
CPL: \$7,870.73
Hunger Bowl: \$50
Flowers: \$103
Special Projects: \$60
Holy Land: \$58

St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$8,348.50
Loose: \$846
Online: \$2,678.50

Home Mission: \$20
Flowers: \$354
Holy Land: \$165
Easter: \$609
Ascension: \$5

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.



Those in Poor Health

Frank, Thomas Kasic, Diane Liptak, Adrienne Graber, Lt. Gabriella Czech, Jonathan, Michael Sikorski, Carol Majka, Barb L., Ken, Roger Chiuppi, Ann Detzler, Karen Kowalec, Cindy Moulding, Thaddeus Conway, Carol Lenihan, David Ezzo, Donnalee Dauria, Meghan McLaughlin, Rachel Karpinski, Janice Weber, Rose Ross, Judy Wagner, Mary Rambach, Anthony Scalfaro, Ron and Mark Wojciechowski, Tim Musielak, Tom Pirog, Christopher Dowd, Chris Krajewski, Barbara Jochiniack, Zenon Norek, Kim Wolcott, Joanne Conboy, Janet Knott, Kate Wojcik, Daniel Domino, Alice Barrett, Anna, Anthony Karam, Beth Wojtasiewicz, Ben Ignasiak, Cecelia Loomis, Chelsea, Debi and David Passalugo Sr. & family, Edward Wojtasiewicz, Ellen Piontkowski, Eric Davies, Eric Edward Boswell, Erik Binkowski, Esther Van Splunder, George Pusitaeri, Gladys Hens, Ian Nowicki, Irene Domagala, Irene Jaskier, Jack Kintzel, James Streicher, Jessica Kryszak, Joseph Stock, Judy Incorvia, Judy Staskiewicz, Karen Ast, Lamar Butler Jr., Lisa Rogers & family, Marlene Smith & family, Mary Joe Allen-Stock, Mary Pat Smith, Matt Davis, Michael Hens, Michelle Tobolski, Pat Farruggio, Patricia Williams, Richard Domagala, Robert Ginter, Robert Kryszak, Rosa Fahy, Samantha

Erin Heerdt, Officer Troy Blackchief, Kevin Schmidt, Derek Zakrewski, Robert Reynders, Mary Chris Jerome, John Zbock, Jane Dutro, Tammy Bosse Phillips, Tim Bosse, Jennifer Hunter, Judith Baumgart, Stanley Babula, Lorraine Wysocki, Michael Knauber, John, Jaylyn, Maryann Ruppert Delzer, Kerstin Milioto, M. Margaret Benz, Joseph Zaklikowski, Marian Kihl, Mary Kless, Paul Kazmierczak, Robert Becker, Joey Urso, Susan Czapl, Gregory Waite, Hudson, Sissy Noll, Maeve Lutter, Grace Ackerly, Adrienne Graber

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.

Brenda B., Raymond Barczak, James & Irene Bonsack, Skender Capullari, Josephine Dublino, Felicia Dziekan, Marilyn Farmer, Rosie Flowers, Mitzi Fuller, Diane Gilhooly, Ann Marie Gieber, Alyssa Kelchin, Kathy Kirk, Mary Jane Lang, Daniel Lawicki Sr., Janet Leighbody, Theresa Lisowski, Terri Mazur, Dennis Mock, Gina Mormul, Paul Pronti, Sister Ann Helene, David Sheridan, Strozyk Family, Paul Verostko, Delphine Wachowiak, Helen Walkowiak, Carlo Zavatti, Judy Schmidt

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