

Therefore,
go and make disciples

of *All*
nations
Matthew 28:19



Beloved Disciples
of *Christ the Lord*

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St. Philip the Apostle



May
4
2025

Wedding Announcements

May 17th, 2025 - St. John the Baptist
William D. Kisiel & Amanda L. Armatys

3rd Bann - St. Mary of the Assumption
Patrick Uhteg Jr. & Sarah Lewandowski
Howard Lamb & Shirley Biro



Newly Baptized

St. Philip the Apostle
Joseph Mathew Roeder



Dearly Departed

SMT - Wanda Zwolak

SPA- Salvatrice Wierzbowski,
Frances A. Freitas



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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

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

Guest Speaker

Dr. Stanley L. Bukowski MD.

Local internal medicine physician with experience in caring for the chronically ill, the disabled and the dying, speaks to his opposition on the legalization of Physician assisted suicide.

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.

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



OLP MUSIC MINISTRY

BOTTLE CAN DRIVE



CJ WILD'S FOOD DRIVE!

In honor of CJ's Diaconate Ordination, our parish family will be donating to the local food pantries! Donations of non-perishable goods are requested! Donations can be brought to the Bottle & Can Drive or placed by the baptismal font.
musicministryolpparish.com
129 LAVERACK AVE LANCASTER, NY

All proceeds go to
Rockstar Praise
and Worship Music
Camp!

**MAY 10TH
9-NOON**



Thank you for
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MEGA RAFFLE

Want in on the last early bird drawing to be held 5/1 for \$150?

Purchase your ticket(s) at St. Mary's Elementary School. Your \$100 ticket admits two adults to the live event where you will eat dinner, enjoy drinks and be present for the live event drawings! Thank you for your support of our SME students and their Catholic Education



If you have questions about your order or the event, please contact the Mega Raffle Committee at their hotline: 716-473-7117, leave a message: 716-683-2112 or email: megaraffle@smeschool.com.

CEMETERY TOUR

MAY 18 AT 1:00 PM

📍 Parish Center & Cemetery

Join us for a Historical Presentation of St Mary's cemetery with an optional walking tour.

Other Events

SPA - Senior Weekly Golf Outing

Starts 5/7 at 12:30 pm
Kiss' N Greens
 13822 North Rd. Alden
 St. Philip's Men's Club is sponsoring their annual weekly golf outings. \$20 for 9 holes with cart. All are invited to join. Questions? Rich Cymerman 716-570-1660

SPA - Prayer Shawl Committee

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

SMP - Rosary

St. Martha Parish
 5-Decade: Monday-Friday after 8:15 am Mass in the Chapel
 Saturdays @ 4:25 pm, Sundays @ 7:25 am & 9:25 am in church.
 20 Decade: Thursdays @ 6 pm in the Chapel.
 Outdoor Rosary: 1st and 3rd Mondays May 19 - Oct. 20 by the statue of Mary.

SPA - Veterans Committee

Next Meeting: 5/15 at 7pm
St. Philip's Parish Center
 All Veterans & Patriots are invited to attend.

SMT - Closing Mass

June 8th at 8:30 am
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 All are invited to join us as we celebrate our history and say good bye to our Parish. More information to come.



Once again, we are looking for help with this year's National Association of Letter Carriers **STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE** scheduled for **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025.**

We could use your help in the St. Martha Parish Cafeteria between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You **DO NOT** have to commit for the **ENTIRE DAY**, **ANY AMOUNT OF TIME** would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the Pantry @ 206-0387. Thank you!



St. John
the Baptist
 Roman Catholic Church

This November, St. John the Baptist Parish will celebrate its 175th Anniversary.

A organizational meeting to begin planning this event will be held: Tuesday, May 6th at 7PM at the school. We will need people to work on planning a dinner, publicity, revising our historical booklet, creating a display our history, planning the Anniversary Liturgy, raising funds, and more. Please plan to attend this first organizational meeting. If you cannot attend this first meeting but would like to help, call Kathy at 937-7881 or 432-3761.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LAWN FETE GROCERY BOOTH 2025

Our Lawn Fete this year will be featuring a Grocery Booth and we need your help to stock it! We will be collecting certain non-perishable goods from now until the week before our event. Thank you for your support! A tote marked "Lawn Fete Grocery Booth" will be available in the back of church for your donations.

May 10 - 16: Cleaning Products

dish soap, laundry soap, cleaning solutions, sponges, rags, etc.

May 17 - 23: Paper Products

toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, plates, plastic cups, tissues, etc.

May 24 - 30: Personal Care Items

toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, body wash, deodorant, etc.



St. John the Baptist & St. Philip the Apostle will be collecting donations for the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers

SPA May 3 - May 11
SJB May 11 - June 15

A bin will be available in the main church entrance to drop off your donations.

Items Needed:

Diapers: Sizes 1, 5, & 6
 Clothing: 0-3 months, 3T, & 4T
 Wipes, Baby Wash & Lotion, Medium Flow Baby Bottles,
 Bibs, Towels, Washcloths, pacifiers, diaper cream,
 Household Cleaning Supplies, Paper Products, Bath Items

Thank you for
 supporting
 mothers in need
 of help!



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Len Grosso
716-830-3271

**Stop by the new
Muffin Man Food Trailer
Tuesday - Thursday
6:30 am - 11:00 am
to get your fresh made mega
muffins to start your day right!**

Running from May 1 - November 1
A portion of the sales will benefit St. Philip the Apostle Parish



Parking Lot of



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Cheektowaga
spaparish.org



CHIAVETTA'S

DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Tuesday, May 13
Noon - 6 pm

1/2 Chicken, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$16
1/2 Rack Ribs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$19
Full Rack Ribs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$30

***Side options given day of event**
Cash or Credit Accepted
No tickets or reservations.





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&
DEMENTIA**


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EVENTS


Join us for a free education series and learn about Alzheimer's, Dementia, Caregiving, and how to have those tough conversations.

All evenings begin at 7 pm

MAY	27	Understanding Alzheimers & Dementia
JUNE	10	Building Foundations of Caregiving
JUNE	24	Tips for Tough Conversations

**Registration Required. Call Jim at 716-668-8370 x 220
or email him at outreachspa@spaparish.org
and leave your full name and
contact information (phone/email)**



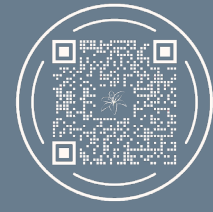


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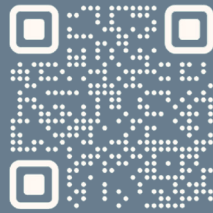
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Weddings, Collection
Envelopes, and adding
a name to our Sick List,
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Weekly Readings

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

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8
Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40
Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42
Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)
Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30



Think About the Readings?

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The Apostles “rejoiced” when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead.

Have you ever found joy amid your own suffering?

Rv 5:11-14

John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb.

In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom.

How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?



Prayer of Belief

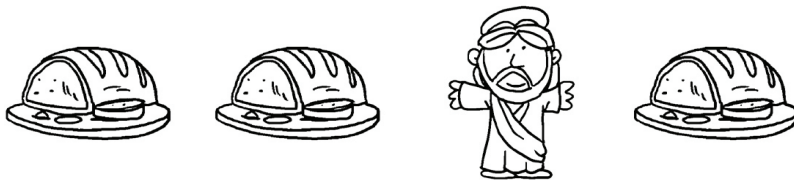
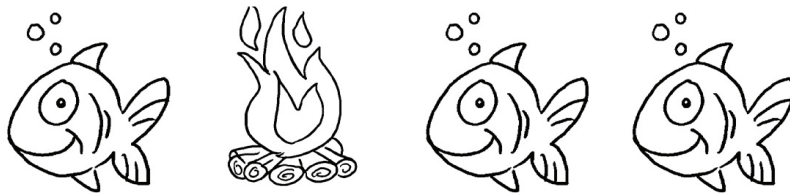
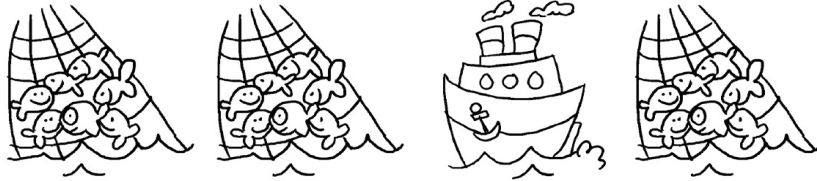
Lord,

*Help me to see You and to recognize what I see.
Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond.
Help me to join You where and when You call.
Amen.*





Circle the picture that is **different**.
Then color in all the pictures.



Sharing the Gospel

When the apostles ran out of food, they went fishing.
They fished all night long, but they didn't catch anything.
In the early hours of the morning, they saw Jesus standing
on shore. He told them to put their nets down in the water
on the right side of their boat.
They caught so many fish that their net was filled to the top.
They were very glad they had listened to Jesus.

Prayer

Lord,
help me listen
and follow the
directions of my
parents.

My Weekly Mission

When my parents
ask me to do
something, I will do
it right away.



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: May 4 to May 10

SJB
Healing for Dawn Duncan

SMT
Eddie Kuczmariski
from Geraldine Brogowski

SPA
Shawn Knoop
from Danny & Renee Denz

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

Saturday, May 3

Ss. Philip & James

- 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 - Peter 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

Monday, May 5

- 8:15 am SMP - Barbara Klein - Pat
- 9:00 am SPA - Norbert Czerniak - Wife, Marie
- 12 Noon SMA - Marianne Gable - Family
- 7:00 pm SJB - Alfred Kopala - Fr. Lukas

Tuesday, May 6

- 8:15 am SMP - Watson & Zon Families - Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Adrienne Zuppa - Neil Zuppa
- 9:00 am SPA - Richard Sikora - Wife & Children
- 12 Noon SMA - Denise Tynan - Jim & Marian Snyder

Wednesday, May 7

- 8:15 am SMP - Anthony Stabler - Gram
- 8:30 am SJB - Edward Burzynski - Family
- 9:00 am SPA - John Russillio - SPA Veterans Committee
- 12 Noon SMA - Faithful Departed

Thursday, May 8

- 8:15 am SMP - Stang Wedding Anniversary - Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Living & Deceased Sortino Family Members - Helen Sortino
- 9:00 am SPA - Joseph Salhab - Lydia O'Connor
- 12 Noon SMA - Hudack & Raynor Families - Estate

Friday, May 9

- 8:15 am SMP - Theresa Gorenko - Family
- 8:30 am SJB - George & Marie Anniversary Remembrance- Son, George
- 12 Noon SMA - Josephine & Walter Nowak - Ron & Kim Nowak
SPA - All Souls; BDCL Parishioners

Saturday, May 10

- 4:00 pm SJB - Alexander Glazob - Nancy Weisbeck
SMT - Dennis Keefe - Diane Keefe & Family
- 4:30 pm OLP - Mothers Day Intentions
SPA - Bigos & JHanczak Families - Larry & Ronnie
- 5:00 pm SMP - For All Mothers
- 7:00 pm SMA - Gordon McDougall - Wife, Happy Birthday

Sunday, May 11 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 am SMP - For All Mothers
SJB - Open Intention
8:30 am SMT - Janet Corda - Kowtun Family
9:00 am SPA - Matthew & Mildred Matuszewski - Daughter, Geraldine
10:00 am OLP - Mothers Day Intentions
SMP - For All Mothers
SMA - Mary Heitzman - Heitzman Family
11:00 am SJB - Open Intention
SPA - Emily Walkowiak - Daughter, Helen
11:30 am OLP - Mothers Day Intentions
Noon SMA - Loretta & Richard Malecki - Family

Weekly Giving - Sunday, April 20

Our Lady of Pompeii

Regular: \$
Loose: \$
Online: \$
Total: \$
Easter Flowers: \$

St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$7,577.25
Online: \$953.45
Fuel: \$147
Holy Land: \$479
Building Fund: \$55
Cemetery Care: \$5
Latin America: \$1

St. Martha

Not Reported

St. Mary of the Assumption

Regular: \$4,999.97
CPL: \$3,867.78
Flowers: \$311
Easter: \$1,879
Special Projects: \$40
Holy Land: \$110
Home Missions: \$10
Latin America: \$5
Black/Native Missions: \$21

St. Mother Teresa

Regular: \$
Loose: \$
Youth: \$
Caring & Sharing: \$
Flowers: \$
Capitol Improvements: \$

St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$10,379
Loose: \$1587.76
Online: \$2,541
Flowers: \$151
Holy Land: \$1,024



Keep in your Prayers

Anna, Frank, Jonathan, Ken, Samantha, Karen Ast, Alice Barrett, Erik Binkowski, Eric Edward Boswell, Lamar Butler Jr., Roger Chiuppi, Joanne Conboy, Thaddeus Conway, Lt. Gabriella Czech, Donnalee Dauria, Eric Davies, Matt Davis, Ann Detzler, Irene Domagala, Richard Domagala, Daniel Domino, Christopher Dowd, David Ezzo, Rosa Fahy, Pat Farruggio, Robert Ginter, Adrienne Graber, Gladys Hens, Michael Hens, Ben Ignasiak, Judy Incorvia, Irene Jaskier, Barbara Jochiniack, Anthony Karam, Rachel Karpinski, Thomas Kasic, Jack Kintzel, Janet Knott, Karen Kowalec, Chris Krajewski, Jessica Kryszak, Robert Kryszak, Barb L., Carol Lenihan, Diane Liptak, Cecelia Loomis, Carol Majka, Meghan McLaughlin, Cindy Moulding, Tim Musielak, Zenon Norek, Ian Nowicki, Chelsea, Debi and David Passalugo Sr. & family, Ellen Pionkowski, Tom Pirog, George Pusitieri, Mary Rambach, Lisa Rogers & family, Anthony Scalfaro, Michael Sikorski, Marlene Smith & family, Mary Pat Smith, Esther Van Splunder, Judy Staskiewicz, Joseph Stock, Mary Joe Allen-Stock, James Streicher, Michelle Tobolski, Judy Wagner, Janice Weber, Patricia Williams, Ron and Mark Wojciechowski, Kate Wojcik, Beth Wojtasiewicz, Edward Wojtasiewicz, Kim Wolcott Hudson, John, Jaylyn, Grace Ackerly, Stanley Babula, Judith Baumgart, Robert Becker, M. Margaret Benz, Officer Troy Blackchief, Tammy Bosse Phillips, Tim Bosse, Susan Czapla, Maryann Rupert Delzer, Jane Dutro, Adrienne Graber, Erin Heerd, Jennifer Hunter, Mary Chris Jerome, Paul Kazmierczak, Marian Kihl, Mary Kless, Michael Knauber, Maeve Lutter, Mary Mineo, Kerstin Milioto, Sissy Noll, Robert Reynders, Kevin Schmidt, Joey Urso, Gregory Waite, Lorraine Wysocki, Joseph Zaklikowski, John Zbock 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 Gleber, 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, Strozzyk Family, Paul Verostko, Delphine Wachowiak, Helen Walkowiak, Carlo Zavatti, Judy Schmidt

Upcoming
Second Collections

May 18
Church in
Latin America & Africa

For many living in Latin America and Africa, a rising secular culture and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ.

Online Giving

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