

Therefore,
go and make disciples

of *All*
nations

Matthew 28:19



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St. John the Baptist | St. Martha
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill & Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
St. Philip the Apostle



August
24
2025

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New Parishioners

SPA - Norbert Orlowski



*Upcoming
Wedding*

SJB - September 13, 2025
Zachary R. Thrush & Sara E. O'Connor



Dearly Departed

SPA - James Ladowski, Jeffrey Streczywilk

Welcome!

We're glad you're here today. May this time of prayer, Word, and Eucharist draw you closer to Christ and to one another.

Please take a moment to look inside for news, upcoming events, and ways to grow in faith and community.



Moderator

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Rev. Lukasz Kopala

In Residence

Rev. Paul Steller

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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, Hill Campus
in the 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
4:30 pm Our Lady of Pompeii Campus,
St. Philip the Apostle
5:00 pm St. Martha
7:00 pm St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus

Sunday

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



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

St. Martha Sat before 5 pm Mass

St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus

Sat 6 - 6:30 pm

Confessions

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Sat 3:30 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Sat 3:30 - 4 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 Hill Campus

First Fridays 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus First Fridays Noon - 6 pm

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



Adoration



Daily

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 8:30 am Tues. - Fri. St. John the Baptist
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 Noon St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus

Starts 9/6 & 9/7



Updated 7/27/25



FAMILY TOUR DAY

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine – Youngstown, NY

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025

Board 9:15 am • Depart 9:45 am • Return 5:00 pm

\$49/person – Round-trip Motor Coach

Depart: SMA - Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster

Rosary outside Basilica before 12:00 pm Mass
 Buffet Dinner in Cafeteria
 Time to explore grounds & bookstore

Reserve by Sept. 22
Space Limited

Mail checks to:
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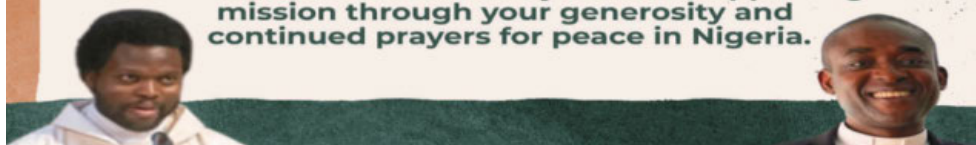
Supporting the Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria

August 23 & 24



Our Family of Parishes will welcome Fathers Peter Okojie and William Orbih, priests from the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria. They will share a mission appeal to support rural evangelization and speak to us about the vibrant faith and urgent needs of their growing communities.

The Archdiocese of Abuja, established in 1981, now serves nearly a million Catholics. Its rapid growth is driven in part by the influx of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) fleeing violence in other regions of Nigeria. Recent attacks, especially in Benue State, have resulted in thousands of deaths and the displacement of over 1.5 million people. This appeal aims to support these resettled communities by providing worship centers, simple housing for priests, and motorcycles for catechists. Your gift is more than a donation—it's a way to bring the hope of Christ to communities in need. Please join us in supporting this mission through your generosity and continued prayers for peace in Nigeria.



Our Parishes

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

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10 French Rd.

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Mon - Fri : 9 am - 4 pm

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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

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

129 Laverack Ave.

Lancaster, NY 14086

(716) 683-6522

St. Philip the Apostle

950 Losson Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14227

(716) 668-8370

spaparish.org

Mon - Weds: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
 or by appointment



Other Events

SPA - Men's Club

9/4 at 7 pm

*St. Philip the Apostle
Parish Center*

All men are invited to our next Men's Club meeting! Come see what's planned for the year ahead and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie.

SPA - Social Club

9/13 at 6 pm

*St. Philip the Apostle
Parish Center*

Join us as the St. Philip's Social Club kicks off its first meeting of the Fall with friendship, food, and lively conversation. All ages are welcome—come connect, share, and be part of the fun!

SMA - Coffee Hour

Every Sunday

after 10 am & Noon Mass

St. Mary of the Assumption

Stop by for coffee, treats, and fellowship! Contact Elaine at: edristoj@aol.com or 716-683-8611 to volunteer.

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 at 6 pm until Oct.
20 by the statue of Mary.



SJB Holy Name Society Monthly Raffle

August 2025 monthly raffle was Tom Chi
with ticket #343 and winning \$146.



Celebrate
St. John the Baptist Church
175th Anniversary!
Sunday, October 26th, 2025: Mass at 3 PM
*Tickets will be available at the entrances to the church
following all Masses on August 30-31st.*
Tickets are \$25 each.
Get your tickets early as seating is limited.

  
SAVE THE DATE
— 09.27.25 —
COME AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS | DON'T MISS THIS FUN
MORE INFO COMING SOON!
2028 SANDRIDGE RD., ALDEN, NY 14004

St. Martha Parish



No Senior Meeting on September 8th. Officers are on vacation.

St. Martha Parish Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. - Fri 9am to 3pm. | Closed Holy Days & Holidays.

Any questions, contact Jerry Kaczmarczyk @716-685-4768.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION - On the First Friday of the Month from
9pm - 10pm in the Church. For information call Jerry Okun at 716-684-4907.

Please consider an hour during the week to be in the Adoration Chapel with Jesus.

***YES - I would like to spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration!***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Day Available: _____

Time Available: _____

Please return to the Parish Office or in the collection basket.



Stop by and
meet us @
coffee hour
following
Masses on
8/24!



Women in God's Spirit Book Group

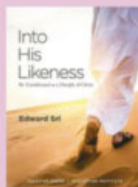
9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8,
11/22 and 12/6

9-11am at St Mary's
1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster

Come and experience the friendship and fellowship of WINGS this
Fall as we journey through a study by Dr Edward Sri entitled
"Into His Likeness - Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ"
The cost is \$30.

For more information & to register contact:
Kim Dobiesz at wingsbdc@gmail.com or 716-200-2261

*** Register by 9/1/25 ***



WINGS - "Women in God's Spirit" is a dynamic group of women of all ages,
backgrounds and experiences who gather to share and grow in
their love for Jesus. All that is required to join is an open heart and mind!

ROCKSTARS FOR JESUS

Rockstars for Jesus is not only a children's choir, but a supportive, nurturing community where
children and families can explore the world of music as well as grow in their Catholic Faith!
The Rockstars meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings in the church at OLP and sing at the
11:30 Family Mass once a month. They also have the opportunity to participate in the annual
Christmas Pageant as well as Living Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season. The
Rockstars have many fellowship opportunities throughout the season which spans from August
to May; opportunities such as monthly fellowship/coffee hours and Music Ministry events.

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AND MUSIC!**

K-8th Grade!

musicministry@olpparish.com



Holy Hour

Tuesday, August 26
6:30pm

Please join us for quiet
meditation and music as
we spend an hour in the
Presence of the Lord.



Eucharistic Adoration
on the last Tuesday of
every month from
May to October.



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Pop-Up

DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Tuesday, September 9
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.



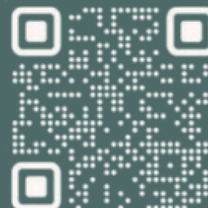
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Weekly Readings

Sunday:

Is 66:18-21

Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8

Ps 139:1-3, 4-6

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13

Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13

Ps 128:1-2, 4-5

Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)

Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12

Mk 6:17-29

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11

Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9

Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk 14:1, 7-14



Think About the Readings?

Is 66:18-21

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. What are you hoping for in the future?

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?

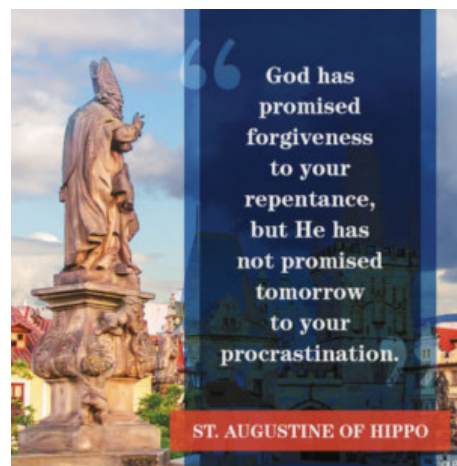
Lk 13:22-30

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?

GO OUT
TO THE WORLD
AND TELL THE
GOOD NEWS.



PSALM 117



“ God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.”

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,

Guide me through the narrow gate.

Remove from me anything that distracts me from You,

Your love, Your invitation, Your mission.

Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.

Amen.





Sharing the Gospel

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Prayer

Dear God,
help me to do all
that I can to grow
closer to you.

My Weekly Mission

Pray to God with
your family, and ask
God to change your
hearts so that you
love him more than
anything else.



Our Schools

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

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20 French Rd.
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716-685-2544
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716-683-8564
becky@stmarysonthehill.org

St. Philip the Apostle
716-668-8370 x 502
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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 \$25/week
Please check with
your Rectory

Listed As:

Location - Who it is for -
Who it is from

Sanctuary Lamp

Week Of: August 24-30

SJB

Madeline Gabalski
from School #34

SPA

Frank Mikler
from Margaret & Family

SJB - St. John the Baptist

SMP - St. Martha

*SMA - St. Mary of the Assumption
Hill Campus*

*OLP - SMA Our Lady
of Pompeii Campus*

SPA - St. Philip the Apostle

Saturday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima

- 4:00 pm SJB - Madeline Gabalski - Rose Family (Paula, Jackie, Mike & Sienna)
4:30 pm OLP - Martha & Stanley Jasiczek Sr. - Patricia Jasiczek
Mae Nestico - Ted & Anita Conway
SPA - Jim Kisker - Wife & Family
5:00 pm SMP - Pat Zatko - Cathie Coyne
7:00 pm SMA - James Gasiewicz- Rosanne & Roger Faulhaber

Sunday, August 24 *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am SJB - Madeline Gabalski - Dick & Jerry Retzlaff
SMP - Elizabeth Kania - Dorothy Resutek
9:00 am SPA - Diane Kopp - Tim & Family
10:00 am OLP - Terry Distefano - Distefano Family
Brownie & Betty Bartell - Chris Kowal
SMP - William T. Erdman, Sr. - Mr. & Mrs. Ken Levan
SMA - Franklyn Habitzreuther- Loving Sister, Doreen
11:00 am SJB - Deceased Members of Kuderawec & Niezgoda Families
- Family
SPA - Jeffrey Bekasi - Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Jarnot & Family
11:30 am OLP - David Len - Family
Noon SMA - William Maher- The Laistner Family

Monday, August 25

- 8:15 am SMP - John Wall - Friends of the Pantry
9:00 am SPA - Michael McNamara - Lynn & Family
12 Noon SMA - Dominica Pollaii & Family-Rose & Joe
7:00 pm SJB - Ann. of New Life - Sharon Jastra - Husband, Walter

Tuesday, August 26

- 8:15 am SMP - Clifford P. Phalen - Kensity Family
8:30 am SJB - James Creighton - Wife, Ruth
9:00 am SPA - In Thanksgiving - Jim & Elaine Rudnicki
12 Noon SMA - Marianne Gable-Family

Wednesday, August 27

St. Monica

- 8:15 am SMP - James Fox - Barbara Fox
8:30 am SJB - Fr. Irwin Spahn & Members of his Family - Fr. Gary Kibler
9:00 am SPA - Diane Zabel - Kathy Kirk
12 Noon SMA - Kathleen Becker-Christine & Michael Wesolowski

Thursday, August 28

St. Augustine

- 8:15 am SMP - Norval Kranz - Arlene & Family
8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am SPA - Lynn Dischner - Family
12 Noon SMA - Donald Hiller-Fr. John Schaus Knights of Columbus

Friday, August 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 8:15 am SMP - Blanche Sorgi (In Memory)
8:30 am SJB - Dcn. Richard & Mary Mahaney - Family
12 Noon SMA - Scott Eagan-Love, Mom
SPA - All Mothers; BDCL Parishioners

Saturday, August 30

- 4:00 pm SJB - Joanne Ferguson - Diane Krzyzanowski
4:30 pm OLP - Cynthia Kobel - Jim & Lynette Wargo
SPA - Paige Casillo - Mark, Lynda, Tyler, & Brent Casillo
5:00 pm SMP - Anthony Tripi - Wife, Alice
7:00 pm SMA - Kazimierz Krauze-Loving Wife

Sunday, August 31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	SJB - Lino W. Cometto III - Joe & Darlene Dahl
	SMP - Gene Wach - Loving Friends
9:00 am	SPA - Joseph Salhab - Jenny Prince
10:00 am	OLP - Frank Paolini - Family
	SMP - Edwin & Olivia Stuckel (In Memory)
	SMA - Jamie Volkenner-Rosanne & Roger Faulhaber
11:00 am	SJB - Karl- Cecily
	SPA - James Przybyl - Gerry & Ron Przybyl
11:30 am	OLP - Donald Grande - Mary & Donald Montero; David Len - Family
Noon	SMA - Gerry, Pat, Joan, Pat & Mickey (Panasiewicz)-Loving Family

Weekly Giving - Sunday, August 10

<u>St. John the Baptist</u>	<u>St. Mary of the Assumption</u>	<u>St. Philip the Apostle</u>
Regular: \$7,645	Regular: \$4,233.45	Regular: \$7,036
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Assumption: \$15	Hunger Bowl: \$40	Online: \$5,832.50
Ret. Medical: \$241	Special Projects: \$56	Assumption: \$85
St. Martha	Assumption: \$34	Ret. Medical: \$245
Not Reported	Ret. Medical: \$106	Emergency Needs: \$20
		Peter's Pence: \$5



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

How it works:

- Sign up for a week (Sunday to Saturday)
- Pick up at a church of your choosing
- Every day, pray the suggested prayers. Journal your experience.
- At the end of the week, we will make arrangements for passing the chalice along!

The program encourages families or individuals to pray for vocations daily by hosting the chalice in their home. You do not have to have a family member in a vocation, just a want to pray for more vocations!



Scan the QR code or head onto our website for more information.
No computer? No problem!
Call Brian Wild at: (716) 393-6155



Keep in your Prayers

This list is for Parishioners of our Parishes that are in need of prayers. Names will be on this list for two months and then removed.

To place someone on this list, please call 716-668-8370 x 330 and follow the message of what information to leave or head onto our online submission form at:

form.jotform.com/bdclfamilymarketing/sick-list

Sister Ann Helene, Kathy Caros, Joanne T. Conboy, Laila Desjardins, Ann Detzler, Mary Lou Dexter, Weston Faith, Debbie Fay, Tim Freeman, Greg Gable, Herb Geissler, Ann Marie Gleber, Adrienne Graber, Chris Haag, Deborah Herlan, Susan Hoiden, Betty Hollmer, Marie Hoshino, Joan Imiola, Shirley Jaskier, Monica Karaszewski, Barbara Kidder, Kathy Kirk, Diane Larka, John Lewandowski, Theresa Lisowski, Dale A Lombardo, Robert Loniewski, Jodi Narloch, Mary Ann Natalino, Tom Necci, Jim Nowinski, Kelly Ostermeier, Shirley Salerno, John & Karen Schaller, Kathleen Solecki, Carole Stevens, Helen Walkowiak, Ken Warren, Jerry Wick, Joseph Zaklikowski



Upcoming
Second Collections

August 24
Mission Cooperative

Please see towards the beginning of the bulletin for more information about this year's Missionary visitors.

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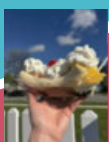
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