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go and make disciples

of *All*
nations

Matthew 28:19



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August
31
2025

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New Parishioners

SPA - Gehen Family, Hejmanoski Family



Newly Baptized

*SMA - Emily Joy Kochmanski,
Ryan Atlas Komendat, Ava Lee Dean,
Sienna W. Rogers, Josephine Marie Niewczyk*



*Upcoming
Wedding*

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



Dearly Departed

*SMA - Kathleen C. Wojeowicz,
Ann M. Freeman, William M. Urbanek
SPA - Narie (Elaine) Sliwinski*



Moderator

Msgr. Richard W. Siepka

In Solidum

Rev. Bart Lipiec
Rev. Lukasz Kopala

In Residence

Rev. Paul Steller

Deacons

John Hendricks
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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 *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

8:15 am St. Martha
 8:30 am Tues. - Fri. St. John the Baptist
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 Noon St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus

Updated 7/27/25



Starts 9/6 & 9/7



Adult Confirmation Class



Are you an adult (18+) who is Baptized & received First Eucharist in the Catholic Church, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Join us for a 5-week course from 11 am until Noon on Sundays, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, & 12 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Learn how to strengthen your Faith and how to commit to living it out through word and deed! This course will cover the essentials of the Catholic Faith and will end with a Confirmation Mass sometime in October or November.

For more information and to register, please contact Becky Hoag, Director of Faith Formation at St. Mary's, at 716-683-8564 or via email at becky@stmarysonthehill.org.

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus

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.
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St. Philip the Apostle

950 Losson Rd.
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spaparish.org

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

Grief Sharing Group

2 Wednesdays per month
 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Beginning October 22

A place where you can be with people who understand the pain of your loss and how you feel. DVD Presentations are given by Grief Experts who will share their personal stories of loss, giving inspiring lessons. Counselors are present to lead discussion at each session.

Registration and a fee are required by 9/14. Please see the form on BDCLFamily.org or contact Sister Joyce at 683-6522 X103 or jking@olpparish.com



Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
 Ministry Center
 129 Laverack Ave.
 Lancaster



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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.



Celebrate
St. John the Baptist Church
175th Anniversary!
Sunday, October 26th, 2025: Mass at 3 PM
Bishop Michael W. Fisher, Main Celebrant
Dinner and Dancing to Follow at the School
Tickets for Dinner/Dance \$25
*Tickets will be available at the entrances to the church
following all Masses on August 30-31st.
Get your tickets early as seating is limited.*

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**back to
school**
Family Mass



St. Martha Parish
Unified in Spirit & Faith
10 French Rd. | Depew
stmarthadepew.org

Sunday, September 14
10:00am

All children are invited to take part by serving as readers, ushers, greeters, gift bearers, or prayer leaders.
Don't forget to bring your school backpack to place on the altar for a blessing—and pick up a Backpack Blessing Tag before Mass to keep with you all year.

☑ Scan the QR code to sign up!
☺ Join us afterward for coffee and donuts.

Let's begin the new school year together, asking for God's blessings of joy and success guided by Christ's love.



Questions? Contact:
Ms. Kucwicz: kucwicz@gmail.com
Mrs. Glaub: cglaub@school.olbsdepew.org
Mrs. Szpylman: jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org





St. Martha Parish
Unified in Spirit & Faith

FOOD PANTRY



ATTENTION: PANTRY VOLUNTEERS IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Pantry volunteers on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 6PM** in the cafeteria. Please plan on attending as we will be discussing future Pantry policies. Audrey adds that to entice you, refreshments will be served. Any questions, please call Pat at 716-685-9335 or Thea at 716-861-7084.

There will be no St. Martha Senior
meeting on September 8th.

Junior Ladies of Charity



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SEP**

**1-3
PM**

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

We are seeking new members! If you are a young lady between 6th & 12th grade interested in making a difference in your community, earning service hours, making new friends & having fun join us!



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ALUMNI REUNION

Calling all St. Mary's Elementary Graduates!

It's been a long time since we all got together. Join us for this fun event & come share your favorite SME memories!!

Saturday, September 6, 2025

St. Mary's Elementary, Lancaster, NY

- 1-2pm** Tours of the School
- 2pm** Outdoor Mass – bring a lawn chair
- 3-5pm** Chiavetta's catered buffet dinner, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, dessert all included (**ticket required**)


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OF THE
ASSUMPTION

Buy Tickets





CHIAVETTA'S

Pop-Up

DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Tuesday, September 9

Noon - 6 pm

1/2 Chicken, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$16

1/2 Rack Rihs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$19

Full Rack Rihs, 2 sides, roll & butter - \$30

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Weekly Readings

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

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8
Ps 52:10, 11
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Col 1:15-20
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33



Think About the Readings?

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

Sirach speaks of the virtue of humility and the wisdom of knowing one's limits. Can you think of a time when you needed to depend on others?

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

The author of Hebrews speaks of our direct access to God through the new covenant established by Jesus.

How might we take advantage of such a gift?

Lk 14:1, 7-14

With the parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus teaches the Pharisees to be open and even inviting to the poor and marginalized. How might you exercise this virtue in the coming week?

PSALM 68

IN YOUR GOODNESS,
O GOD,
YOU HAVE MADE A HOME FOR THE POOR.



Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care.

Amen.

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Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.

Prayer

Dear God,
help me to be
a good friend.

My Weekly Mission

When you sit down
with your family for
dinner tonight, ask if
you can serve the food.
You may surprise your
parents and get some
big smiles from them.



Our Schools

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716-683-8564
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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.

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\$10 to \$25/week
Please check with
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Location - Who it is for -
Who it is from

Sanctuary Lamp

Week Of: Aug. 31 - Sept. 6

SJB

Derek Zakrzewski
from Grandma

OLP

Salvatore & Jenny Farruggio
from Farruggio Family

SPA

Diane Kopp
from Tim & 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 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

Monday, September 1 Labor Day

- 8:15 am SMP - Angelo Cane - Cane Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Anthoni Zawadzki - Veterans Committee
- 12 Noon SMA - Mark Fleischman (1 year Anniv.) - Fleischman Family
- 7:00 pm SJB - Special Intention for Jodi - A. Shel

Tuesday, September 2

- 8:15 am SMP - In Memory of Paul Prusakowski
- 8:30 am SJB - Lino W. Cometto III - Mr. & Mrs. Everett Boone
- 9:00 am SPA - Patricia Miodonski - Husband
- 12 Noon SMA - Dolores Fialkiewicz - Loving Children

Wednesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

- 8:15 am SMP - In Memory of Joseph & Patricia McAllister
- 8:30 am SJB - Joanne Ferguson - Ann Walters
- 9:00 am SPA - Blessings Received
- 12 Noon SMA - Lenora & Edward Weber - Donna Michael

Thursday, September 4

- 8:15 am SMP - Bob Albrecht - Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Henry & Charlotte Narloch - Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Isabelle & Alfred Feldt - Berowski & Feldt Families
- 12 Noon SMA - Daniel Walker - Kathi, Stan & Family

Friday, September 5

- 8:15 am SMP - Roger Stabler - Wife, Mildred
- 8:30 am SJB - Dec. Mem of the Chrzanowski Family - The C's
- 12 Noon SMA - Adam Curtis - Jim & Marian Snyder
- SPA - All Fathers; BDCL Parishioners

Saturday, September 6

- 8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory
- 4:00 pm SJB - Ronald Strasser - Jeanne Graf
- 4:30 pm OLP - Anthony Distefano - Distefano Family
- John J. Trainer - John & Marcia Garbasz
- SPA - John & Joan Wierzbicki - Estate
- 5:00 pm SMP - Bob Albrecht - Family
- 7:00 pm SMA - Mass for Healing for Paul Przybysz - Prayers for Healing Paul

Sunday, September 7 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am SJB - Madeline Gabalski - Carol Hacker
SMP - Hens & Steck Grandparents - Debbie Steck
- 9:00 am SPA - Henry & Alice Isbrandt - Jim & Chris Isbrandt
- 10:00 am OLP - Mae Nestico - McCarthy Family
Patricia Zak - Richard Zak & Family
SMP - Members of the Altar & Rosary Guild
SMA - Frederick & Alice Lewandowski - Love, Rose & Paul
- 11:00 am SJB - Leonard & Beverly Bryniarski - Valerie Weisbeck
SPA - Daniel Foley - Divine Mercy Team
- 11:30 am OLP - Frank & Mary Ann Stancanpono - Faatz Family
- Noon SMA - Phyllis Mucha - Family

Weekly Giving - Sunday, August 17

St. John the Baptist St. Mary of the Assumption St. Philip the Apostle

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St. Martha

Not Reported

Mass Intention & Sanctuary Lamp

Both are meaningful ways to offer prayers for loved ones or special intentions.

Mass Intentions are mentioned during the liturgy and remembered by the priest throughout the Mass. Mass Intention offerings go to the priest who celebrates the Mass.

Sanctuary Lamps burn near the tabernacle to honor Christ's presence. Though always lit, intentions are offered for a full week. (Note: Not all parishes offer this.) Donations for this request cover candle and other Mass costs.

These intentions can be requested by anyone—for birthdays, anniversaries, prayers of thanksgiving, and especially in remembrance of deceased loved ones.

Have a special prayer you'd like prayed for?

Stop by your Rectory during Office Hours and request your Mass Intention or Sanctuary Lamp! Some Parishes offer ways to make your request if you are not able to make it during office hours. Check with yours to find out your options.



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, Tim Freeman, Greg Gable, Herb Geissler, Ann Marie Gleber, Adrienne Graber, Chris Haag, Susan Hoiden, Betty Hollmer, Marie Hoshino, Shirley Jaskier, Monica Karaszewski, Barbara Kidder, Kathy Kirk, Diane Larka, John Lewandowski, Theresa Lisowski, Dale A. Lombardo, Robert Loniewski, Judy Luderman, Jodi Narloch, Mary Ann Natalino, Tom Necci, Jim Nowinski, Kelly Ostermeier, Shirley Salerno, John & Karen Schaller, Kathleen Solecki, Ron & Angie Soper, Carole Stevens, Ken Warren, Jerry Wick, Joseph Zaklikowski

Upcoming Second Collections

September 14
Seminarian &
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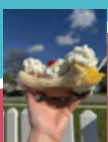
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