

Therefore,
go and make disciples

of *All*
nations

Matthew 28:19



Beloved Disciples
of *Christ the Lord*
Roman Catholic Family of Parishes
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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



November
9
2025

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Welcome!

Whether you come every week or this is your first time in a while, please know that you are most welcome and that we're grateful to celebrate with you.

If your parish uses the Breaking Bread song book (Missal/Hymnal), you'll find everything you need to follow along with the Mass in the first 30 pages — including the prayers, responses, and when to stand or kneel. The readings for each week follow according to the date.

May this celebration of prayer, Word, and Eucharist draw you closer to Christ and to one another. Please take a moment to look inside for parish news, upcoming events, and ways to grow in faith and community.

Welcome — we're truly glad you're here!



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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, Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
4:30 pm	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
9:30 am	Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
10:00 am	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 - 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

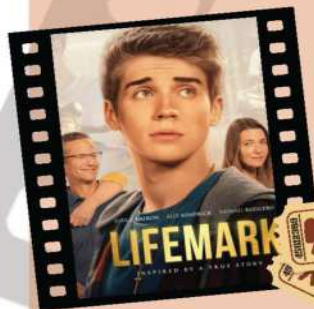
St. Philip the Apostle Last Tues (May - Oct) 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Adoration

Feminists Choosing Life of New York & Regional Catholic Parishes
Present Actor & Producer Kirk Cameron's

LIFEMARK



A story of the struggle between abortion & adoption, told through the lives of one struggling woman and the son she chose to give birth.

Panel discussion on the status of NY Adoption policy and Q&A to follow.



Tuesday, November 18

5:30 - 8:00 PM

**St. Philip the Apostle Parish
Parish Center**

950 Losson Road, Buffalo, NY 14227

Register on Eventbrite
(\$3 per ticket) by
Sunday, 11/16/25 here:



Proceeds to benefit, Eternal
Choice of Love Mobile
Sonograms, Buffalo, NY

Light Refreshments, PG-13,
info@fcny.org

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Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helps keep our church grounds beautiful and our worship spaces decorated throughout the year. We are truly blessed and grateful for your time, talent, and dedication in maintaining our buildings, grounds, and sacred spaces for all to enjoy.

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God's Family is a welcoming Faith Formation program for families with members of all ages who have special physical, cognitive, or emotional needs. Each session includes a Faith lesson, prayer service, and fellowship time. Volunteers are welcome to help with music, crafts, and small groups.

**Monthly during the school year
every 3rd Saturday from 1-2:30 PM
at St. Philip the Apostle Parish Center
950 Losson Rd. Cheektowaga**

Cost: \$25 per adult or \$50 per family

Register online at bdcfamily.com
(click Faith Formation Classes)

Questions or to volunteer:
godsfamily.buffalo@gmail.com



Our Parishes

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stjohnalden.com

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St. Martha

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Depew, NY 14043

(716) 684-6342

stmarthadepew.org

Mon - Fri : 9 am - 4 pm

Closed Noon - 1 pm

Food Pantry: 716-206-0387

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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(716) 683-6522

St. Philip the Apostle

950 Losson Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14227

(716) 668-8370

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



Other Events

SPA - Drive Thru Chicken Dinner

11/11 from Noon - 6 pm
St. Philip the Apostle
 No ticket/reservation. Cash or credit. 1/2 chicken, 1/2 or full rack of ribs with sides and a roll with butter.

SMA - Craft Show

11/15 from 9 am - 3 pm
St. Mary's Elementary
 A celebration of crafts with free admimssion, food, basket raffle, & 50/50

SJB - Holy Name Society

11/16 after 8 am Mass
 Cafeteria
St. John the Baptist
 All men of the Family of Parishes are welcome to our next meeting.

SMP - Family Mass

11/16 at 10 am
 Church
St. Martha
 Family Mass with children assisting with the Mass. Refreshments to follow.

SMP - Senior Fitness Class

11/10, 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm
 School Gym
St. Martha
 Free senior fitness class with exercises for people 60 and over. This class is open to the Family of Parishes. The classes will be 11/10, 17 & 24, 12/1 & 15. To register, please call the Rectory at 716-683-6342 ext. 200.

SMA - Youth Bills Watch Party

12/14
St. Mary of the Assumption
 More information to come on how to cheer the Bills on with the BDCL Youth Ministry Group (grades 7-12).



Children's Christmas Choir

The St. John's Folk Group is once again hosting its annual Children's Mass at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. Any child (preferably aged 4-10) interested in participating in the mass as a reader, gift bearer, singer, and/or special performer is asked to contact Tracy Martin via call/text at 716-860-4888.

Practices will be held in the church on
 Sat., Dec 20th from 1-3 PM and
 Mon., Dec. 22nd from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM



Thanksgiving Food Collection at St. John's



St. John's Parish will be collecting food for those in need this Holiday Season at all Masses from now through Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 AM. The collection will benefit the Alden-Marilla Food Pantry and our own Blessing Box. Please place your dry and canned food items in the bins at the entrance of the church.

Thanksgiving Mass, Thanksgiving Day, November 27th at 9 AM: On this day, you can bring your offerings of food up to the altar during Offertory time.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Martha Giving Tree

THIS YEAR THE ST. MARTHA GIVING TREE WILL BE DECORATED WITH GIFT CARD REQUESTS. ALL GIFT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAMILIES OF ST. MARTHA PANTRY.

AFTER TAKING AN ENVELOPE OFF THE TREE, PLEASE PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FROM THE STORE INDICATED ON THE ENVELOPE. PLACE THE GIFT CARD IN THE ENVELOPE, SEAL IT, AND PLACE IT IN THE ST. MARTHA COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS OR DROP IT IN THE RECTORY SLOT ATTACHED TO THE BUILDING.

YOUR GIFT CARDS WILL MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRIER FOR MANY FAMILIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

PLEASE RETURN ALL ENVELOPES BY SUNDAY
 DECEMBER 7TH

AN INVITE TO BAKE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

If you enjoy baking and would like to bake a treat for one of our OLP Grief Sharing group sessions, please call Sister Joyce 716-683-6522 Ext: 103

Bakers needed for: 11/13, 12/3, 12/11, 12/17/2025,
 1/15/2026, 1/21, 2/12, 2/18, 3/12, 3/18, 4/16, 4/22

(2 bakers per date, Wed dates - 25 people,

Thurs dates - 15 people in grief group) Thank you and God bless!



Please be sure all items have not past their 'sell by' date.

Thanksgiving

FOOD DRIVE



Together, we can make sure every family in our community has a meal to be thankful for.

This season of gratitude, let's come together to share God's love with those in need. We will begin collecting non-perishable food items starting **November 8th** and continue through **Thanksgiving Day, November 27th**. Please take a tag from the wreath and return your items with the tag attached.



SPONSOR A FAMILY



With a \$50(cash) donation, our team will provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner for a local family who would otherwise go without this Thanksgiving. Please place your donation in the box. The collection will end **November 23rd**.

"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD" - MATTHEW 25:35



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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR TOWEL COLLECTION

St. Mary's Ladies of Charity is collecting bath and hand towels for our annual World Day of the Poor project. Later this month the ladies will fill good will bags for the homebound and less fortunate for Christmas.

**Please place new bath and hand towels in the boxes provided at the church entrances.
Please label the donations with "LOC".**

Thank you for your generosity.

1 St. Mary's Hill | Lancaster



Mark your calendar for the annual Ladies Club Bake Good/Wreath Sale!
Will be held after all Masses the weekend of November 22nd & 23rd in the Parish Center.
Just in time for your Thanksgiving table.



Mass of Remembrance

**NOVEMBER 10 AT 6:30 PM
CHURCH**



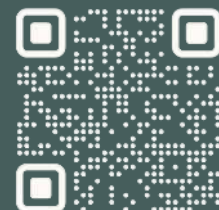
A special memorial Mass will be celebrated to commemorate all the deceased members and family members of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, especially the recently deceased.
A coffee social will follow in the Parish Center.
All are invited to participate in this celebration of new life.

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 our Schools & Cemeteries, Live Stream opportunities, 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.



Weekly Readings

Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7
Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11
Ps 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1
Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175
Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9
Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43
Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a
Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)
2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19



Think About the Readings?

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

The prophet Ezekiel envisions a future of restoration and renewal for the exiled Israelites held captive in Babylon. What future do you hope for with your family?

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Paul tells us that as believers in Christ, the Spirit dwells in us, making us holy, the temple of God. Can you share a time when you felt the Holy Spirit active in your life?

Jn 2:13-22

The disciples understood the full meaning of Jesus' cleansing of the temple only after his resurrection from the dead. What has hindsight taught you about your life?

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

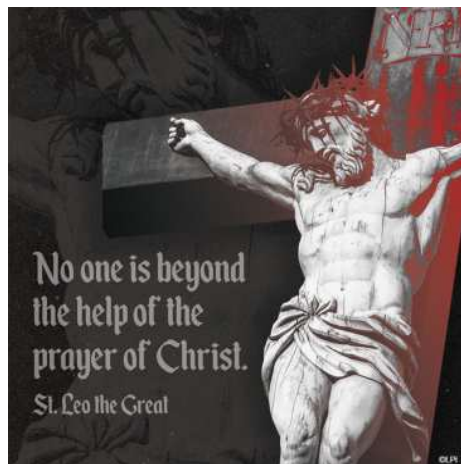
In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir

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**THE WATERS
OF THE RIVER
GLADDEN THE
CITY OF GOD,
THE HOLY
DWELLING
OF THE
MOST HIGH!**

Psalm 46





Sharing the Gospel

The temple in Jerusalem was very special.
It was the place people came to pray, to give offerings,
and to be close to God. One day Jesus went to the temple.
People weren't praying there at all.
They were buying and selling animals.
No wonder he was angry!

Prayer

Lord, I will fill your
house with prayer,
songs, and worship.

My Weekly Mission

God promised to live
inside of us. Love and
respect God by taking
good care of your body,
just like your body was
God's temple.



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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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Who it is from

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Week Of: Nov. 9 - 15

SJB
Deceased Members of Pelz & Narloch Families

SMA
In Loving Memory of
Robert Nowicki
from Mom, Dad & Ann Marie

OLP
Joseph & Margaret Giambra
from The Farruggio Family

SPA
Ronald Rydzynski
from Wife, Lucy, & 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, November 8

- 4:00 pm SJB - Carol Sentz - Sentz Family
OLP - Mae Nestico - OLP Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers
4:30 pm SPA - Donald Rogowski - Nancy
5:00 pm SMP - Robert Rusinek - Wife, Anna & Children
7:00 pm SMA - Barbara Schaefer - Family of Barbara A. Schaefer

Sunday, November 9 *Dedication of Lateran Basilica*

- 8:00 am SJB - Dec. & Liv. Members of the HNS - Holy Name Society
SMP - Julie Ann Zatko - Paul, Kathy & Erin Bellitto
9:00 am SPA - Raymond Gorski - Wife, Children, & Grandchildren
9:30 am OLP - Louis Salvatore, Sr. - Family
10:00 am SMP - Holy Name Society
SMA - Rick Kowalski - Family
11:00 am SJB - Madeline Gabalski - Mr. & Mrs. Everett Boone
SPA - For Those Who Have Served Our Country
- Veterans Committee
11:30 am OLP - Deceased Members of Slagor Family - Gerri Hoffman
Noon SMA - Anthony Ricci - Mark & Karen

Monday, November 10

- 8:15 am SMP - Peter Cervi - Louis Cervi
9:00 am SPA - Charles Monkelbaan
12 Noon SMA - Raymond Boreanaz - Love, Victoria
7:00 pm SJB - Deceased Members of the Pelz Family - The C's

Tuesday, November 11 *St. Martin of Tours*

- 8:15 am SMP - Robert Stachowiak - Nancy Stachowiak
8:30 am SJB - Ann. Remembrance of Sharon Jastrzab - Husband, Walter
9:00 am SPA - Jim Kisker - Wife & Family
12 Noon SMA - Frank Dexter - Clifford & Cynthia Martin

Wednesday, November 12 *St. Josaphat*

- 8:15 am SMP - Edwin Kamela - Family
8:30 am SJB - Matthew & Dorothy Czechowski
9:00 am SPA - Edward & Dorothy Taberski - Family
12 Noon SMA - Tadeusz Niedzwiedz - Wife & Children

Thursday, November 13 *St. Frances Xavier*

- 8:15 am SMP - In Memory of Paul Prusakowski
8:30 am SJB - All Souls - Deceased Members of the George Family
9:00 am SPA - Living & Deceased Blue Army Members - Blue Army
12 Noon SMA - Robert Gegenfurtner - Gerry & Shirley Fleischman

Friday, November 14

- 8:15 am SMP - Eleanor Blachowski - St. Martha Seniors
8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory
12 Noon SMA - Sharon Sanders- Cathi Sojka
SPA - All Souls; Parishioners of the BDCL Family

Saturday, November 15 *St. Albert the Great*

- 4:00 pm SJB - Charles Dollard - Mr. & Mrs. Bart Pricola
OLP - Jim Bednasz - Carol Bednasz
Anthony Distefano - Distefano Family
4:30 pm SPA - Melissa King - Jim & Caroline Calamita
5:00 pm SMP - Patricia Schnettler - Jerry & Fran
7:00 pm SMA - Linda Lewandowski - Friends of Bereavement Committee

Sunday, November 16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	SJB - Ken & Marie Woods - Joe & Darlene Dahl SMP - Samuel & Frances Emmanuele - Charlie & Anita Earley
9:00 am	SPA - James Sawicki - Tom & Pat Albrechcinski
9:30 am	OLP - Sue Hejmanowski - Linda
10:00 am	SMP - Marie Stroka - Cathy & Ed Sunderline SMA - Emilia Przywuski - Love the Kaite Family
11:00 am	SJB - Charles Dollard - Behrend Family SPA - Emily Kindzierski - Ralph, Joanne, & Family
11:30 am	OLP - Duane Carr - Ed Lewandowski & Annette Szafranski
Noon	SMA - Kenneth Eschberger - The Knights of Columbus

Weekly Giving - Sunday, October 26

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New Parishioners SPA - Mr. & Mrs. Spangler,
Mr. & Mrs. Wartinger, Mr. & Mrs. Wojcik,
Mr. Zywnski



Dearly Departed SJB - Theodore "Ted" Kyre
SPA - Esther Fischer, Thaddeus Zygmunt



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

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Mary Lou Dexter, Mitzi & Max Fuller, Kenneth Geary,
Ann Marie Gleber, Stephen Hill, Graydon Johnson, Kathy Kirk,
John Lewandowski, Dale A. Lombardo, Robert Loniewski, Judy Luderman,
Mary Ellen McNeill, Arelene Miodonski, Rose Marie Nawrocki, Shirley
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