

Therefore,  
go and make disciples

of *All*  
nations

*Matthew 28:19*



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*November*  
*23*  
*2025*

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**Reminder:**

Parish Rectories & Family Offices will be closed  
November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving.  
Offices will open again on Monday, December 1.



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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*





**Friday, December 5  
7:00 PM**

**St. Martha Church**

10 French Rd. | Depew



Join us for the Advent Stations—a beautiful prayer journey to prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.

Unlike the Stations of the Cross, these seven stations reflect on Hope, God's Promises, and Salvation through Scripture, meditation, and prayer.

All are welcome to share this peaceful and meaningful start to the Advent season.

## Our Parishes

### 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

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.

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

## Snowbirds

*Staying Connected While You're Away*

If you'll be traveling or away for an extended time, please let your Parish Rectory know—we're happy to pause your collection envelopes until you return. When you're back, just give us a quick call and we'll restart them right away.

If you'd like to continue supporting your Parish while you're away, all of our Parishes offer simple and secure online giving. Just scan the QR code or visit your Parish's website to stay connected and keep making a difference, no matter where you are.



SCAN ME



Our Parishes are always looking for volunteers to assist with the beautiful ministries that make our Masses so special!

There are many ways to share your time and talents:

- Altar Servers – Children who have made their First Communion
- Funeral Servers – Adults who assist at Funeral Masses
- Eucharistic Ministers – Those who help distribute Holy Communion
- Lectors – Readers who proclaim the Word of God at Mass
- Ushers & Greeters – Friendly faces who welcome those attending Mass and assist in other ways.

Serving in a ministry is a wonderful way to grow in faith, build community, and be part of the heart of parish life.  
***If you feel called to serve, please contact your Rectory for more information.***

Your "yes" can make a big difference! ❤️





## Other Events

### OLP - Rockstars Family Mass

11/23 at 11:30 am

Church

*Our Lady of Pompeii Campus*

Come pray with our youngest disciples! Coffee and sweets to follow.

### SPA - Bake Good & Wreath Sale

11/22 & 11/23

Parish Center

*St. Philip the Apostle*

The Ladies Club is holding their annual Bake Good & Wreath sale after all Masses just in time for Thanksgiving! Stop in and support our club.

### SPA - Veterans Committee

12/11 at 6:30

Parish Center

*St. Philip the Apostle*

All veterans and patriots are invited to join our committee and attend this meeting.

### 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).



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

# FIAT

*Beloved Disciples  
of Christ the Lord*

*Let it be done to me*

**DECEMBER 1, 2025 @ 7PM**

Mary Palmer joins us for our 2025 Advent Retreat "FIAT" ! Mary will lead us on a musical journey through surrender, patience, and allowing the Spirit to enter into the most vulnerable parts of our hearts as we prepare for Jesus! The evening asks-do we allow the Christ child to love us, move us, and heal us?



We are blessed to also have our former Parochial Vicar, Fr. Aaron Kulczyk as part of our retreat-leading exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and offering anointing of the sick! Fr. Aaron's passion for healing has led him to powerful encounters with the most weak and vulnerable.

*Our Lady of Pompeii Church  
129 Laverack Avenue  
Lancaster, NY 14086*

*"Refreshments to follow"*

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, lift their voice and surrender to the love and gentleness of the Child Jesus!







**ST. MARY  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION**

## Yoga Tuesdays

Yoga is back this Holiday Season. Join us Tuesday's in December from 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Mary's (inside the school).

Bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. If you would like more information, please contact Jane Schmitt at [janeschmitt@hotmail.com](mailto:janeschmitt@hotmail.com).



**ST. MARY  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION**

## *Christmas Basket Drive*

*We're spreading holiday cheer by collecting items for our Christmas Baskets!*

What we're collecting:

Non-perishable foods  
Paper products  
Cleaning supplies  
Personal care items

- You can also donate gift cards for Tops and Walmart to help us purchase fresh meats & vegetables for families in need.

**Donation  
deadline:  
December 14th**



**Thank you for helping make the season brighter for our community!**

PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOR MARY AND  
CELEBRATE THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BY  
PRAYING THE

## **LIVING ROSARY**

When praying the living rosary we will be drawn closer to our Lord, His Mother, and each other as each of us represent a "bead". We'll pray through the decades out loud together forming the chain of the rosary as we go

St Philip the Apostle Church  
Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

## *An Advent Morning of Reflection*

**Saturday, December 6**

Discover the beauty and depth of the Gospel stories surrounding Jesus' birth as Msgr. Richard Siepka—well-versed in Scripture and gifted in teaching—brings the Infancy Narratives to life.

It's a warm, inspiring, and informative way to enrich your faith and start the season with renewed understanding.

Register by Monday, December 1  
Call Elizabeth 716-6748581 or Marilyn 716-334-9352

**Registration begins at 8:30am  
Presentation from 9-11:30am**



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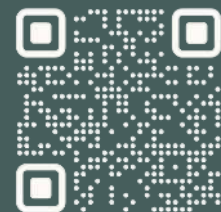


## *Join Our Family*

*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:

2 Sm 5:1-3

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

### Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45

Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61

Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67

Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday:

Dn 6:12-28

Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74

Lk 21:20-28

### Friday:

Dn 7:2-14

Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81

Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27

Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87

Lk 21:34-36

### Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44



## Think About the Readings?

### 2 Sm 5:1-3

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

### Col 1:12-20

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

### Lk 23:35-43

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?



## Women's Advent Retreat WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



**Saturday, December 13**  
**9 am - 4 pm**  
**Mass at 4 pm**

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### *Sharing the Gospel*

When someone hurts you, you might get very angry. You might want to say or do mean things to get even. Before you do anything, pray first. Ask God to help you say and do the right things. When Jesus hung on the cross, he said, "Father, forgive them." When you love God and forgive yourself and others, God will say, "I promise that when you die, you will be with me in paradise."

### *Prayer*

Dear God, thank  
you for sending  
Jesus to forgive my  
sins.

### *My Weekly Mission*

I will ask God to  
help me forgive  
when I am  
hurt and angry.



### *Our Schools*

#### *Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament*

PreK3 - 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*

#### *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*

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becky@stmarysonthehill.org

#### *St. Philip the Apostle*

716-668-8370 x 502  
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# 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:  
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Sanctuary Lamp  
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your Rectory

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Who it is from

## Sanctuary Lamp

Week Of: Nov. 23-29

### SJB

Healing for Dawn Duncan  
from Mom & Dad

### SPA

Drew Polvino  
from Wife & Children

*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 22

*St. Cecilia*

- 4:00 pm SJB - Helen Pierce | Daughter, Mary Reformat  
OLP - Phil Vogel | Barbara Mordino  
4:30 pm SPA - Melissa Fuller King | Bussman Family  
5:00 pm SMP - Raymond Borchlewicz | Paul & Nancy Dlugosz  
7:00 pm SMA - Fabian Helinski | Family

## Sunday, November 23 *Lord Jesus, King of the Universe*

- 8:00 am SJB - Joanne Ferguson | Family  
SMP - Elfrieda Nowak | Barb Stang & Family  
9:00 am SPA - Thomas Hochulski | Pat & Chet Okonczak  
9:30 am OLP - Terry Distefano | Distefano Family  
10:00 am SMP - Jamie Volkenner | Paula Wisniewski  
& Clair Schneckenberger  
SMA - Robert Mann | Scibor Family  
11:00 am SJB - Leonard Bryniarski | Valerie Weisbeck  
SPA - Anna & Roman | Family  
11:30 am OLP - Paul J Grzybowski | Wife Pat & Jerry Geles | Wife  
Noon SMA - Jack Newhouse | Love, Jean

## Monday, November 24

- 8:15 am SMP - John & David Miller | Brian Miller & Family  
9:00 am SPA - Richard Wier | Barbara Wier  
12 Noon SMA - Curtis Allen | Family  
7:00 pm SJB - Helen & Bud Pierce | Daughter

## Tuesday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

- 8:15 am SMP - Frances Emmanuele | Charlie & Anita Earley  
8:30 am SJB - Ted Kuciel | Allan & Kathy Duncan  
9:00 am SPA - Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Chris Isbrandt  
12 Noon SMA - Jean Fronczak | Jim & Marian Snyder

## Wednesday, November 26

- 8:15 am SMP - In Memory of Edwirn Stuckel  
8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 am SPA - Lawicki, Cielski, & Krol Families | Family  
12 Noon SMA - Ann & Walter Ciszewski | Family

## Thursday, November 27

*Thanksgiving Day*

- 9:00 am SJB - Birthday Rememb. Kara Cummings & Felix Wnuk | Family  
SMP - For All Parishioners  
SPA - Laura J. Roof | Kathy Kirk  
10:00 am SMA - Carolyn Baker | Family  
10:30 am OLP -

## Friday, November 28

- 8:15 am SMP - Ed Loveless | Coyne Family  
8:30 am SJB - Fr. Irwin Spahn & members of his family | Fr. Gary Kibler  
12 Noon SMA - Arlene Roberts | Rene & Debbie  
SPA - All Fathers; Parishioners of the BDCL Family

## Saturday, November 29

- 4:00 pm SJB - Dorothy Hamm | Jeff Hamm  
OLP - Kelly McCarthy | The McCarthy Family  
John J. Trainer | Anniversary - The Family  
4:30 pm SPA - Gary Aberhorn | Wife  
5:00 pm SMP - Paul Linhardt | Tom & Terry Necci  
7:00 pm SMA - Harry & Rose Jarmuz | Jarmuz Family



**Sunday, November 30**

**First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am SJB - Diana Schlicht | Tom  
SMP - Christina Geller | Ann Wall & Family  
9:00 am SPA - Charles & Carol Monkelbaan | Family  
9:30 am OLP - John Piatkowski | Daughters Diane and Donna  
10:00 am SMP - James Ruppert & Michael Giangualano | Kathy Lipiec  
SMA - Barb Bigos, Happy Birthday | Love, Darlene  
11:00 am SJB - Charles Dollard | Mr. & Mrs. Bart Pricola  
SPA - Carolyn Ball | Michele, Marilyn, Mary Lee, & Pat  
11:30 am OLP - Minnie Farruggio | The Farruggio Family  
Noon SMA - Richard Czosek | Family

## ***Weekly Giving - Sunday, November 9***

St. John the Baptist	St. Mary of the Assumption	St. Philip the Apostle
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OSV: \$1,056.80	Loose: \$1,021.25	Loose: \$1,054
Building: \$2,391	CPL: \$7,908.95	Online: \$5,038.75
Fuel: \$40	Special Projects: \$81	(11/3 - 11/7)
Cemetery: \$420	Christmas Flowers: \$207	All Saints: \$96
Friends of SJB: \$5	All Saints: \$130	US Military: \$1,464
Christmas: \$10	Human Devel.: \$20	World Mission: \$5
	<b>OLP Campus</b>	Christmas Flowers: \$115
<b>St. Martha</b>	Regular: \$5,481.25	Human Devel.: \$15
Not Reported	Loose: \$114	
	Fuel: \$33	
	All Saints: \$18	



*New Parishioners*

**SJB - Robert & Linda Plewa**



*Newly Baptized*

**SMA - Emery Thomas McGraw**



*Dearly Departed*

**SMP - James Hehr, Alice Werynski**  
**SMA - Joyce Stencel**



*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](http://form.jotform.com/bdclfamilymarketing/sick-list)*

Sister Ann Helene, Nancy Alden, Eileen Barron, Connie Cieslinski, Dawn Duncan, Weston Faith, Mitzi & Max Fuller, Kenneth Geary, Ann Marie Gleber, Stephen Hill, Graydon Johnson, Kathy Kirk, Steven Kotlowski, John Lewandowski, Robert Loniewski, Mary Ellen McNeill, Arelene Miodonski, Rose Marie Nawrocki, John & Karen Schaller, Laura Schmitt, Bruce Sheldon, Christian Vinci, Andrew Vogt, Delphine Wachowiak, Jackie Wolfram, Ginny Zajac

## *Upcoming* **Second Collections**

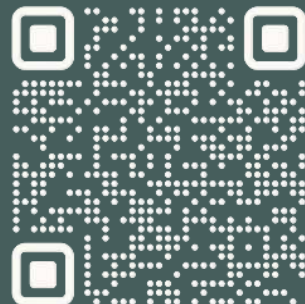
**November 23**

**Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development**

*The Catholic Campaign  
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(CCHD) helps low-income  
communities build  
sustainable futures through  
local programs like La  
Cosecha, which provides  
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tions. Learn more at [uscgb.org/cchd](http://uscgb.org/cchd).*

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