

**December 28, 2025**

*The Holy Family*



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY

*January 1, 2026*

### Dec. 31 - Vigil

- 4:00 pm St. John the Baptist  
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus  
4:30 pm St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus  
St. Philip the Apostle  
5:00 pm St. Martha

### Jan. 1 - Holy Day

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



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## Welcome!

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

All our Parishes use the Breaking Bread missal/hymnal, everything you need to follow along with the Mass is found in the first 30 pages, including the prayers, responses, and when to stand or kneel.

The readings are listed by date.

*For the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus, your readings and music will be on the screens.*

If it's been a while since your last Mass, welcome home! If you're visiting, thank you for sharing this time with us! The Lord is always glad to see you—and so are we. Take this time to rest in His presence, listen to His Word, and be renewed in spirit.

May this celebration of prayer, Word, and Eucharist draw us closer to Christ and to one another. We warmly invite you to join us for events and opportunities to grow in faith and community.

***We're truly glad you're here.***

### Abbreviations

SJB - St. John the Baptist Parish

SMP - St. Martha Parish

SMA - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish  
Hill Campus

OLP - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish  
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

SJC - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish  
St. James Church

SPA - St. Philip the Apostle Parish

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Welcome and May God Bless you and your family!*

SJB - Evalina Jane Douglas, Lyla Joan McConnell, &  
Broady Thomas Bucinell

### NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome to our Family!*

SPA - Karasiewicz Family

*Please keep our Military and First Responders in your thoughts and prayers as they protect and serve our communities.*

### THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene, Eileen Barron, Roman Cham, Dawn Duncan, Laila Desjardins, Weston Faith, Mitzi & Max Fuller, Ann Marie Gleber, Kathy Kirk, Steven Kotlowski, Elaine Ladowski, John Lewandowski, Gary Lifton, Theresa Lisowski, Mary Ellen McNeill, Arelene Miodonski, Jodi Narloch, Shirley Salerno, Mike Sawyer, John & Karen Schaller, Andrew Vogt, Delphine Wachowiak, Ginny Zajac, Joseph Zaklikowski  
*Names will be on this list for two months and then removed.*

*To place a Parishioner on this list, please call 716-668-8370 x 330 and follow the message or head onto our online submission form at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>*

### DEARLY DEPARTED

SJB - Mary Haslinger, Nancy Haungs

SPA - Joyce Wojciechowski

### SANCTUARY LAMP - DEC. 28 - JAN 3

#### SJB

Healing | Anthony & Jamie

#### SMA

In Loving Memory of Robert Nowicki

| Mom, Dad & Ann Marie

In Memory of the Kwandrans & Panasiewicz Families

| Loving Family

#### SPA

Church & Kiener Families | Barbara DeMaoribus

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday, December 27

*St. John*

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 4:00 pm | SJB - James Creighton   Wife, Ruth<br>OLP - Anthony & Terry DiStefano<br>  DiStefano Family<br>Irene & Stanley Jasiczek, Jr.   Patricia |
| 4:30 pm | SPA - David Wdzieczny   Sister & Godchild   |
| 5:00 pm | SMP - Eugene Kasproicz   Bill & Fran Suszka   |
| 7:00 pm | SMA - Marianne Gable   Family   |

## Sunday, December 28

*The Holy Family*

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 8:00 am  | SJB - Marie Woods   Joe & Darlene Dahl                   |
|          | SMP - Gene Kasproicz   Wife, Joan & Family               |
| 9:00 am  | SPA - Elizabeth Kent   Kochalski Family                  |
| 9:30 am  | OLP -  |
| 10:00 am | SMP - Franklin & Lucia Lehner   Children & Grandchildren |
|          | SMA - Stella & Theodore Panasiewicz   Loving Family      |
| 11:00 am | SJB - Bill Brown   Wife                                  |
|          | SPA - Joseph Sahab   Laurette Irwin                      |
| 11:30 am | OLP -  |
| Noon     | SMA - Lou, Nancy, Matt & Lenore Monin/Johnson   Family   |

## Monday, December 29

*St. Thomas Becket*

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 8:15 am | SMP - Ann Flading   St. Martha Maintenance Volunteers |
| 9:00 am | SPA - Matthew Dlugosz   Barbara Vogel                 |
| 12 Noon | SMA - James & Dakota Gasiewicz   Paul & Jeanne Nest   |
| 7:00 pm | SJB - Holy Souls in Purgatory                         |

## Tuesday, December 30

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 8:15 am | SMP - Merwin & Jean Uebelhoer   Family                   |
| 8:30 am | SJB - Donna Hamm   Jeff Hamm                             |
| 9:00 am | SPA - Michael & Frances Dlugosz (Living)   Barbara Vogel |
| 12 Noon | SMA - Mary Marino   Bill & Brenda Cansdale               |

## Wednesday, December 31

*St. Sylvester I*

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 8:15 am | SMP - Betty Kilanowski   Family              |
| 8:30 am | SJB - Holy Souls in Purgatory                |
| 9:00 am | SPA - Richard Krakowiak   Veterans Committee |
| 12 Noon | SMA - All Souls in Purgatory   Craig Allen   |
| 4:00 pm | SJB - Holy Souls in Purgatory                |
|         | OLP -  |
| 4:30 pm | SMA -  |
|         | SPA - Henry Siepka                           |
| 5:00 pm | SMP - Micheal Hottum   Barbara Stang         |

## Thursday, January 1

*Solemnity of Mary*

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 9:00 am  | SMP - In Memory of Joseph & Patricia McAllister |
|          | SPA - Carolyn Ball   Marcia Hitzel              |
| 10:00 am | SMA - Kazimierz Krauze   Loving Wife            |
| 10:30 am | OLP -   |
| 11:00 am | SJB - Doris Matteson   Mary Lou Scott           |

## Friday, January 2

*Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory the Nazianzen*

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 8:15 am | SMP - Joan, Tony, Holly, Karen & Judy   Family |
| 8:30 am | SJB - Charles Dollard   MaryAnn & Family       |
| 12 Noon | SMA - Andrew Makula   Jarmuz Family            |
|         | SPA - All Mothers; BDCL Parishioners           |

## Saturday, January 3

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 8:00 am | SJB - Charles Dollard   MaryAnn & Family             |
| 4:00 pm | SJB - Elizabeth "Libby" Easton   Jeanne & Jenny Graf |
| 4:30 pm | OLP - Jeff Gregoire   The Wargo Family               |
|         | SPA - Colette Romano   Mary Scherber                 |
| 5:00 pm | SMP - Eugene Kasproicz   Bill and Fran Suszka        |
| 7:00 pm | SMA - Bill Anstett   Family                          |

## Sunday, January 4

*Epiphany of the Lord*

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 8:00 am  | SJB - Ken Woods   Joe & Darlene Dahl   |
|          | SMP - Walter Ciszewski   Family  |
| 9:00 am  | SPA - John & Joan Wierzbicki   Estate  |
| 9:30 am  | OLP - Deceased Members of the DiStefano & Cammarono Families   Anthony DiStefano |
| 10:00 am | SMP - Members of the Altar & Rosary Guild  |
|          | SMA - Floyd Adolf   Family   |
| 11:00 am | SJB - James Eschborn   Mary Lou Scott  |
|          | SPA - Edward Williams   Ladies Club Executive Board                              |
| 11:30 am | OLP - Jeffrey Szeffler   Julie Schultz   |
| Noon     | SMA - Jacqueline Fischer   Estate  |



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**1/5**

## **BDCL Respect Life Committee**

*St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus*

The Rosary begins at 1:00 pm in the Church, followed a meeting at 1:30 pm in the Rectory. All are welcome!

**1/6, 6:30 pm at Bobby J's**

## **Blessed Virgin Sodality**

St. Mary's Blessed Virgin Sodality (formerly St. Mother Teresa Sodality) is a women's group devoted to the Blessed Mother. We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus. Christmas Party on January 6 at Bobby J's. For info or to RSVP, contact Ann at 716-998-2967.

## **SJB Holy Name Raffle**

St. John Holy Name December 2025 monthly raffle was Greg Hollander with ticket #103 and winning \$258.

## **SMP Knights 21 Club Raffle**

The Knights of St. John will hold a raffle beginning April 21, offering a chance to win \$100 each week for 20 weeks. An Early Bird drawing will be held on March 8, with a Grand Prize drawing in Week 21 for \$1,000, plus 4 smaller prizes. Donation: \$20 per ticket

Tickets available: St. Martha Parish Rectory, after Masses in Dec. and Jan., or by calling Peter at 716-867-3448.

## **OLP Spaghetti Dinner - SAVE THE DATE**

Be sure to mark your calendar to join us for a homemade spaghetti dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

## **Family Parish Rectories**

All Rectories will be closed on Thursday, January 1.

## **2025 Tax Letters**

It's time to start preparing for your taxes. Not all Rectories automatically send contribution letters, contact your Rectory in February to request your letter. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## **St. Martha Parish Food Pantry**

Always Accepting Donations



Collection barrels in the vestibule of Church

### **Most Needed Items:**

Tea, Coffee, Pudding, Crackers, Rice A Roni, Mandarin Oranges, Salad Dressing, Hamburger Helper

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## **Jesus Is Here Diocese Conference**

1/17 10 am - 3 pm  
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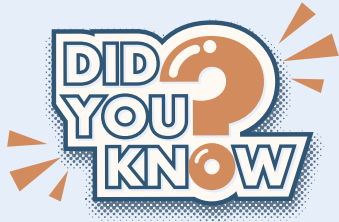
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Our Parishes are always looking for volunteers to assist with the beautiful ministries that make our Masses so special!

Ways to share your time and talents:

Altar Servers – Children who have made their First Communion

Funeral Servers – Adults who assist at Funerals

Eucharistic Ministers – 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!***



Join us this winter and spring for faith-building opportunities that invite you to grow in both faith and community at the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.

### **Monthly Faith Enrichment Series**

January 5 at 7:00 PM

Open to all

Fr. Peter Santandreu presenting Exploring the Rights & Obligations of the Faithful: Facts You Might Not Know. This free event will include refreshments following the presentation.

### **Women's Book Club**

*Life Lessons from St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

By: Joseph F. Schmidt & Marisa Guerin PhD

Mondays at 6:30 PM - 1/12, 2/9, 3/16, 4/13

Discover St. Thérèse's practical wisdom for living a life of grace, peace, and gratitude.

### **The Wild Goose DVD Bible Study**

Open to all

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14

Explore a deeper encounter with the Holy Spirit through The Wild Goose series with Fr. Dave Pivonka.

Sign-up forms for Book Club & DVD Study on the Family website at [BDCLFamily.org](http://BDCLFamily.org), or contact Sr. Joyce at: [jking@olpparish.com](mailto:jking@olpparish.com) by January 2nd.

## GROWING TOGETHER

*A Weekly Faith Challenge*

Even though the world has moved on from Christmas already, we as Catholics continue to celebrate. These days between Christmas and the Epiphany are filled with joy, light, and the beautiful reminder that God chose to enter a real family—one that knew love, sacrifice, uncertainty, and hope. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, a reminder that every family—no matter its shape, size, or story—is held in the heart of God.

This week's challenge: Take a moment each day to thank God for your family—those present, those far away, and those who live on in your heart. Ask the Holy Family to guide, strengthen, and bless your home in the year ahead.

*Msgr. Richard Siepka*  
*Our Moderator*



## HEALING MASS

**1/28 at 6:30 pm**  
*St. John the Baptist*

6:30 pm | Rosary  
7 pm | Mass  
Officiant: Fr. Robert DiGiulio

Are you or anyone you know suffering? Come and join our Family Healing Mass with the Disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Questions:** Ministry for Outreach & Prayer Services 716-348-0829



## FAITH IN ACTION

This Christmas season, parishioners across our Family of Parishes shared Christ's love through service, generosity, and prayer. These moments remind us of what it means to be Church: sharing Christ's joy, hope, and love with one another and with the world.



The Rockstars for Jesus, our children's music group from OLP Campus, visited Harris Hill Nursing Facility and Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehabilitation on a caroling tour bringing Christmas cheer.



Thanks to your incredible generosity, Our Lady of Pompeii Giving Tree donations were doubled over past years – a beautiful reminder of the compassion & love alive in our community.



At St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Fr. Sean DiMaria celebrated the December Faith Formation Family Mass where children brought ornaments forward for the Jesse Tree, preparing their hearts for the coming of Christ.



Faith Formation families engaged in a service project at St. Mary's by filling "stockings" with personal care items for guests of Little Portion Friary, Friends of Night People, & the Buffalo City Mission.



St. Philip Faith Formation children held their prayer service with their Jesse Tree, celebrating the family history of Jesus, following their food collection for the 14 Holy Helpers Food Pantry.



Students from OLBS School went caroling to some of the homebound and senior parishioners of St. Martha Parish.



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

|        |          |        |
|--------|----------|--------|
| listed | engaged  | sheep  |
| Joseph | traveled | Savior |
| Mary   | baby     | angels |

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| Jephos   | _____   |
| shepe    | _____   |
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| Siorav   | _____   |
| enagedg  | _____   |
| anlsge   | _____   |
| traledve | _____   |

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family.  
Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.

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## VOCATIONS REFLECTION

Fr. David Baker

The Holy Family made many sacrifices to accomplish God's plan. Let's all be open to the idea that God might call someone from our family to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God is calling! [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)

## FAITH BUILDERS

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### SUNDAY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

#### MONDAY

1 Jn 2:3-11  
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
Lk 2:22-35

#### TUESDAY

1 Jn 2:12-17  
Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
Lk 2:36-40

#### WEDNESDAY

1 Jn 2:18-21  
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
Jn 1:1-18

#### THURSDAY

Nm 6:22-27  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

#### FRIDAY

1 Jn 2:22-28  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Jn 1:19-28

#### SATURDAY

1 Jn 2:29-3:6  
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6  
Jn 1:29-34

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Is 60:1-6  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12





Every Sunday on our new Family of Parishes Social Media pages you will find our new video series reflecting on the week's Gospel, giving a weekly challenge, and sharing upcoming events at our Parishes!

Follow us: **BDCLFamily**



## STEWARDSHIP

WEEK OF DEC. 14

*Thank you for your continued support & generosity!*

### **St. John the Baptist**

Regular: \$8,008.51

OSV: \$1,215

Fuel: \$710

Building: \$100

Cemetery: \$50

Religious Ed.: \$20

All Saints: \$20

Immac. Concept.: \$1,399

Religious Retirement: \$2,592

### **St. Martha**

Did Not Report

### **St. Mary of the Assumption**

#### **Hill Campus**

Regular: \$3,030

Loose: \$970.66

CPL: \$6,672.73

Christmas Flowers: \$40

Immac. Concept.: \$555

Religious Retirement: \$1,724.56

### **Our Lady of Pompeii Campus**

Regular: \$6,015.50

Loose: \$615

Fuel: \$175

Split Club: \$90

Christmas Flowers: \$148

Immac. Concept.: \$715

Christmas: \$25

Religious Retirement: \$953

Poverty: \$10

### **St. Philip the Apostle**

Regular: \$7,372.50

Loose: \$480

Online: \$2,142.50

Christmas Flowers: \$105

Immac. Concept.: \$1,339

Religious Retirement: \$1,904



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## IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS

Many people wrap up Christmas on December 26, but in the Catholic Church, our Christmas season continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—next Sunday.

Why does the season last so long? Because the mystery of the Incarnation—God becoming one of us—is far too great to celebrate in a single day. The Church invites us to slow down, rejoice in His birth, and take in the wonder of God entering our world. Each Christmas feast draws us deeper into the story: the humble manger, the visit of the magi revealing Christ as Light to the nations, and His baptism—where His public ministry begins.

As the world quickly moves on, the Church gently reminds us to linger in this grace. It is still Christmas—a time to celebrate the light, joy, and hope Christ brings, and to share His peace and love with those around us. May we carry the light of Christ with us into the New Year.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

### **January 1 - Solemnity of Mary**

### **January 25 - Catholic Relief Services**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection brings help and hope to vulnerable families affected by poverty, war, and natural disasters. Your gift supports CRS's global mission of providing lifesaving assistance and empowering communities to build a more stable future.



## DEVOTIONS

### ADORATION

*(Holy Days Subject to Changes)*

St. John the Baptist

First Fridays 9am – 5pm & Mondays 7:30pm – 8:30pm

St. Martha

Mon.–Fri. 9 am – 3pm (Chapel)

First Fridays 9 pm – 10pm (Church)

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus First Fridays 12:30 – 2:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

First Fridays Noon – 6 pm

St. Philip the Apostle

Last Tues. (May–Oct) 6:30 – 7:30pm

### CONFESSION

St. John the Baptist Sat. 3 – 4:00pm

St. Martha Sat. before 5pm Mass

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus Sat. 6 – 6:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Sat. 3 – 3:30pm

St. Philip the Apostle Sat. 3:30 – 4pm

## SACRAMENTAL

### BAPTISMS

Please contact your Rectory. A class is required every three years.

### WEDDINGS

Preparations begin at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact your Rectory.

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### *Homebound or Sick Parishioners*

Please contact your Parish Rectory.

#### *Low Gluten Hosts*

Please see an Usher before Mass for direction.

### CARE IN TIMES OF ILLNESS

During Office Hours: Please contact your Rectory.

After Office Hours:

St. John the Baptist: 716-937-6969 x 113

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