

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## PASTOR APPOINTMENT

Our Family of Parishes received a letter and decree from Bishop Michael W. Fisher appointing **Fr. Rich as Pastor of Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord**. Since our Family of Parishes began in 2022, Fr. Rich has served as Moderator, working alongside Fr. Bart and Fr. Lukasz (*In Solidum*) to lead and strengthen our parishes together.

With this new appointment, **Fr. Bart and Fr. Lukasz have been appointed Senior Parochial Vicars for the Family.**

Fr. Rich shared that he is humbled and excited to accept title change and asks for your prayers as we continue forward together. United with our deacons, staff, and all who serve in ministry, we will continue doing our best to provide for the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parishioners in these challenging times. May God continue to bless the work of our Family & priests.



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# PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family!

SMA - Myles Robert Ortman, Cecelia L. Hoffart

SPA - Bennett Kleinfelder

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Family!

SMP - Kenneth Idzik, Michael Czajka, Mark Derringer

## THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene  
Eileen Barron  
Roman Cham  
Joanne T. Conboy  
Wendy Dobbins  
Dawn Duncan  
Kathy Duncan  
Laila Desjardins  
Weston Faith  
Tim Freeman  
Mitzi & Max Fuller  
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Barbara Kidder  
Kathy Kirk

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Gary Liftin  
Theresa Lisowski  
Donna Mahoney  
Mary Ellen McNeill  
Michael Munn  
James Nowinski  
Shirley Salerno  
Mike Sawyer  
John & Karen Schaller  
"Ace" David Thornton  
Jackie Wolfram

*Names will be on this list for two months.*

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<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>

## DEARLY DEPARTED

SJB - Barbara Benker  
SMP - Robert E. Kryta, Joseph Aschieri  
OLP - Dorothy Schnorr  
SPA - Filomena DiBartolomeo, Allen Krupski

## SANCTUARY LAMP - FEB. 1 - 7

SJB  
Nicholas Smith | The C's

SPA  
Kathy Kirk



# 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

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

A prayerful offering of remembrance.

Contact your Rectory to request  
Mass Time | Intention | Who Requested

Donation: \$15 per Mass  
Blank Line - No Intention Requested

### Saturday, January 31

St. John Bosco

4:00 pm SJB - Rita Kozma | Nancy & Ralph Witt  
OLP - Tony Destefano | Daughter, Blatner  
4:30 pm SPA - Colette Griffin Romano | Husband, Anthony & Family  
5:00 pm SMP - Gene Kasprowicz | Christine Bogdan  
7:00 pm SMA - Mary Heitzman | Family

### Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am SJB - Janet & Kenneth Justinger | Mike & Amy Justinger  
SMP - Donald Nugent | Susie  
9:00 am SPA - Gemma & Aquiles Radoc | Marilyn Pawlik  
9:30 am OLP - Teresa Walkow | Kotansky Family  
10:00 am SMP - Members of the Altar & Rosary Guild  
SMA - Rick Kowalski | Family  
11:00 am SJB - Nicholas Smith | The C's  
SPA - Lawrence Menard | Mark & Gerrie Janis  
11:30 am OLP - Gloria Juszczka | Family  
Noon SMA - Michael Nix | Gilbert Nix

### Monday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

8:15 am SMP - Michael Hottum | Linda & George Kaczmarek  
8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 am SPA - Victor Carbone | Veterans Committee  
12 Noon SMA - Frank Chambers | Neumann Family Prayers for Healing  
7:00 pm SJB - Fr. Irwin Spahn & Members of His Family | Fr. Gary Kibler

### Tuesday, February 3

St. Blaise

8:15 am SMP - Michael Hottum | Herko Family  
8:30 am SJB - Poor Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 am SPA - Robert Hardick | Wife & Daughter  
12 Noon SMA - Gary Paul Prayers for Healing | Jim & Marian Snyder

### Wednesday, February 4

8:15 am SMP - John Herko, Jr. | Wife & Children  
8:30 am SJB - Deceased Members of the George Family  
9:00 am SPA - Gaetano Mariani | Melina Zavatti & Family  
12 Noon SMA - Donna Knapton | Aunt Lor

### Thursday, February 5

St. Agatha

8:15 am SMP - Stanley C. & Charlotte V. Kosicki | Stephanie & Tom Ptak  
8:30 am SJB - Holy Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 am SPA - Eleanore Was | Kathy Kirk  
12 Noon SMA - Stephen, Frances, & Joanne Koszuta | Estate of Joan Koszuta

### Friday, February 6

St. Paul Miki

8:15 am SMP - Rose Laffrado | St. Martha Seniors  
8:30 am SJB - Edward Lukaszek | Mike & Debbie Pirog  
12 Noon SMA - Helen Helinski | Estate  
SPA - All Souls; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

### Saturday, February 7

8:00 am SJB - Poor Souls in Purgatory | Mary Refermat  
4:00 pm SJB - Ronald Dombrowski | Sister, Lorraine Grzybek  
OLP - Bill & Jeannie David | The Davis Family  
4:30 pm SPA - John Noworyta | Wife  
5:00 pm SMP - Gene Kasprowicz | Terrie & Walter Domino  
7:00 pm SMA - Sandy King | Estate

### Sunday, February 8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am SJB - Aloysius Zielonka | Zielonka Family  
SMP - Joseph Nagowski | Jim & Kathy Richert  
9:00 am SPA - Tim Kopp | St. Philip's Men's Club  
9:30 am OLP - Janice Sugg | Laura & Harold  
10:00 am SMP - Members of the Holy Name Society  
SMA - Deceased Members of Lewandowski & Schrader Family | Love, Rose & Paul  
11:00 am SJB - Anthony & Rosemarie Agone | Family  
SPA - Ginge Hussian | Tom & Kathy Kozik  
11:30 am OLP - Joanie Conway-Puccio | The Braun Family  
Noon SMA - James Stewart | Stewart Family

# LENT WITH THE BDCL

## Ash Wednesday - February 18

These are all full Masses with ashes distribution.  
All are welcome to attend at any campus.

6:45 am St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus  
8:15 am St. Martha  
8:30 am Our Lady of Pompeii Campus - SMA  
St. John the Baptist  
9:00 am St. Philip the Apostle  
Noon St. Martha  
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus  
St. Philip the Apostle  
5:30 pm Our Lady of Pompeii Campus - SMA  
7:00 pm St. John the Baptist  
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus  
7:30 pm St. Martha

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

6 pm St. Philip the Apostle  
7 pm St. John the Baptist  
St. Mary of the Assumption  
Hill Campus  
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus  
7:30 pm St. Martha

*"From dust you came and  
to dust you will return."*



## OLP Stations of the Cross Leader & Theme Schedule

Feb 20, Holy Name Society, JP II  
Feb 27, Deacon Matt, Everyone's Way of the Cross  
March 6, Seminarian Seamus, Liguori  
March 13, Respect Life Committee, Pro Life  
March 20, Holy Rosary Society, Marian  
March 27, Music Ministry, Living Stations of the Cross

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **SMP Altar & Rosary Society**

Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm  
St. Martha, Room A

We begin with the recitation of the rosary,  
followed by a brief meeting, and a  
presentation on Mary and the rosary.  
Non-members are welcome to attend.

## **Monthly Faith Enrichment**

February 2 at 7:00 PM  
Open to all adults  
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Fr. John Stanton will discuss "Presenting  
Ourselves to the Father." This free event  
will include refreshments following the  
presentation.

## **SJB Pancake Breakfast**

2/8 from 9 am - 11:30 am  
St. John the Baptist  
  
\$10 pre-sale, \$12 at door, \$8 12 & under  
Pre-sale, call Amanda 716-698-3513  
Breakfast: Unlimited pancakes, sausage,  
coffee, juice

## **SPA Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Feb. 10 at 1 pm  
St. Philip's Parish Center  
  
New Members Welcome!

## **OLP Candy Drive**

Feb. 14 - Mar. 15  
  
Please join our wrapped Easter Candy  
Drive for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and  
drop them off in the front of church.

# MARCH 2 & 3, 2026

6:00PM | OUR LADY OF POMPEII

*Free Event*

*No Registration*

## PRESENTATION BY:

- GREG WASINSKI

## MUSICAL GUEST

- CARRIE FORD



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## Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille, a program for struggling couples, simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage.

## Next Weekend Retreat: May Pre-registration required.

Our last weekend had a wait list.  
Call soon to get your spot.

*Additional weekend options are available sooner as well.*

For more info call  
(716) 474-9371  
(All calls are confidential)  
or visit: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)

## BEFORE CANA

*Before Cana is a Diocesan requirement prior to being married in the Church.*



## Saturday, February 21

Registration 8:30 am  
Session 9 am

St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus Parish Center

Lunch will be provided; participants are kindly asked to bring a snack to share.

**Please mail a \$90 payment**, which covers the cost of booklets, handouts, and lunch.

At the conclusion of the day, each couple will receive a certificate of completion to present to the priest officiating their wedding.



## Pre-registration required.

Scan the QR code or ask your Rectory for a registration form.  
Questions: 716-683-6445

## GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins His ministry with a clear message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He then calls His first disciples—Peter and Andrew, James and John—and they immediately leave their nets behind to follow Him. It's a powerful reminder that Jesus calls ordinary people—right in the middle of everyday life—and He calls us, too.



### This week's challenge:

For this week, the challenge is simple: each day, take one small step of discipleship. Ask:

***What net is Jesus asking me to let go of? Where is He calling me to follow more closely?***

Maybe it's worry...  
distraction... impatience...  
or fear. Even a small  
change can open our  
hearts to the light of Christ.

*Msgr. Richard Siepka  
Our Pastor*



## FAITH IN ACTION



### ACTS OF SERVICE

Our St. Philip the Apostle Faith Formation students recently had the opportunity to put their faith into action through community service at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. With generous hearts and willing hands, they helped prepare over 200 sandwiches for distribution in downtown Buffalo and assisted in serving over 200 lunches at the center.

A beautiful day of compassion, teamwork, and lived discipleship—reminding us that when we serve those in need, we serve Christ Himself. We sincerely thank our students and volunteers who participated in this meaningful outreach. What a blessing this day was for all!



## COMING SOON

*Stay Connected*

The BDCL Family of Parishes is starting a new weekly email to help you stay informed and spiritually encouraged. Each week you'll receive parish and Family updates, upcoming events, short faith formation, our weekly video, and a direct link to the bulletin. Keep an eye on your inbox, and visit [BDCLFamily.org](http://BDCLFamily.org) to make sure your email is on our list!



### ROCKSTARS KICK OFF 2026

Our Rockstars children's choir had a great time at our first rehearsal of 2026 on January 7! Thank you to our young singers and families for sharing your gifts and joy. We can't wait for what's ahead this year!

# PUZZLE

Circle the happy faces!  
How many happy faces can you count?



## WEEKLY PRAYER

*Bless Us, Lord*

Jesus,

You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.

Amen.

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## VOCATIONS REFLECTION

*Fr. David Baker*

Before preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus went up the mountain "and his disciples came to him." These days, Jesus is calling disciples, but often they won't come. Break this trend and answer the call today! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

## FAITH BUILDERS

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### SUNDAY

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13  
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10  
1 Cor 1:26-31  
Mt 5:1-12a

#### MONDAY

Mal 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### TUESDAY

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Mk 5:21-43

#### WEDNESDAY

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17  
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7  
Mk 6:1-6

#### THURSDAY

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12  
1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd  
Mk 6:7-13

#### FRIDAY

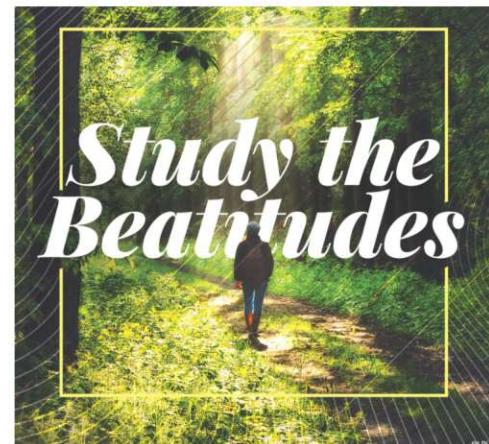
Sir 47:2-11  
Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51  
Mk 6:14-29

#### SATURDAY

1 Kgs 3:4-13  
Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
Mk 6:30-34

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Is 58:7-10  
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity through the weekly collection, individual donations, and support of parish fundraisers. Your faithful giving helps sustain parish operations, support ministries, and strengthen the programs and outreach that serve our community. Because of you, our parishes can continue to grow in faith and remain welcoming places of worship and belonging. All gifts remain with your parish or help support the needs of our Family of Parishes.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 1/18

### St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$6,665.95  
OSV: \$1,080  
Solemn. of Mary: \$40  
Fuel: \$488  
Maintenance: \$20  
Snow Removal: \$20

### St. Martha

Regular: \$7,415  
Loose: \$442.26  
Online: \$658  
Buildings: \$144  
Christmas: \$86  
Christmas Flowers: \$6  
Religiopus Retirement: \$67  
Human Development: \$2  
Catholic Relief Svcs.: \$30  
Solemnity of Mary: \$122  
Coughlin Fund: \$65

### St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus  
Regular: \$2,819  
Loose: \$902  
CPL: \$18,517.17  
Special Projects: \$25

### Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,843  
Fuel: \$300

### St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$6,281  
Loose: \$584  
Online: \$1,821.50  
Christmas: \$40  
Solemn of Mary: \$27  
Ash Wednesday: \$20  
Catholic Relief Svcs.: \$18  
Easter Flowers: \$3



## FEBRUARY - GIVING FROM THE HEART

*"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

— Matthew 6:21

Our giving reflects what we value most. Jesus reminds us that what we choose to support with our resources reveals where our heart truly belongs. When we give to the Church, we invest in a spiritual home that nurtures faith, offers comfort, and gathers God's people together.

Your offertory gifts support the everyday mission of the parish—maintaining our church and facilities, supporting ministries and programs, and ensuring that worship, faith formation, and outreach can continue to grow. Through your generosity, the Church can remain present in the lives of families, children, seniors, the homebound, and those in need.

All donations remain with your Parish or help meet the needs of our Family of Parishes, strengthening our shared mission and ensuring we can serve both current parishioners and future generations.

Thank you for supporting the mission of the Church through your faithful generosity. Every bit helps—and every gift is a gift from the heart.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

### February 15 - Church in Central & Eastern Europe

This collection helps rebuild and strengthen the Church in Ukraine and 27 other countries, supporting ministries, seminaries, and vital aid.



**Give Online**

## DEVOTIONS

### ADORATION

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** *All are welcome. No appointment.*  
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: 716-937-6959 x 113

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*Bulletin submissions due by Friday at Noon, one week before the published Sunday. Submit to your Rectory.*



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## SCHOOLS

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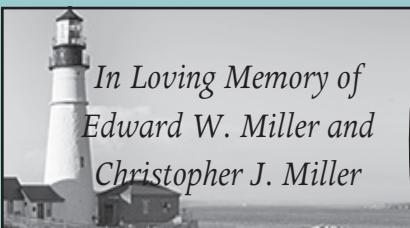
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