

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

HE HAS BEEN
RAISED!

— MATTHEW 28:6 —

EASTER SUNDAY

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WELCOME HOME

Whether you're here every week or just returning, Mass is a place to begin again.

Take a moment. Breathe.

Christ is risen —
and He is here.

If it's been a while,
you are not forgotten.

There is a place for you here.

No matter where you're
starting, God is already
walking with you.

***Find ways to take your
next step this week inside.***



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Welcome!

Whether you come every week, are returning after some time away, or are visiting from another faith tradition — we are grateful you are here.

All of our parishes use the Breaking Bread missal/hymnal. The first 30 pages include the prayers, responses, and posture guidance for Mass. Readings are listed by date. (At Our Lady of Pompeii Campus, readings and music are displayed on the screens.)

If it's been a while, welcome home.

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 invite you to join us in the many 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

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Family!
 SJB - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly

UPCOMING WEDDING

May God Bless these unions!
 SMP - 4/18/26
 Gregory White & Maggie Speyer

SJB - 4/25/26 *Convalidation*
 Jack & Ashley Turner

THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene	Susan Loniewski
Megan Bodnarchuk	Patrick McGinley
Richard Czajka	Mary Ellen McNeill
Anna Marie DePalmo	Arlene Miodonski
Laila Desjardins	Rose Marie Nawrocki
Dawn Duncan	Shirley Salerno
Mitzi & Max Fuller	Karen Schaller
Rita Hake	Bruce Stewart
Tricia Hrycko	Strozyk Family
Kathy Kirk	Sanford Swan
Elaine Ladowski	Marisia Szarzanowicz
John Lewandowski	Jerry Wick
Theresa Lisowski	

Names will be on this list for two months.

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<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>*

DEARLY DEPARTED

OLP - Betty Kiscunas
 SPA - Joyce Stachowiak, Dorothy Alba,
 Ann Marie Lipinczyk

SANCTUARY LAMP - APR. 5 - 11

SJB
 Kathryn Wnuk | Family

SPA
 John & Amy Noworyta |
 Wife & Mom, Millie



Saturday, April 4 *Holy Saturday*

8:00 pm SMP - For All Parishioners
SMA - Michael Pucci, Happy Heavenly Anniversary | Catherine & Children

Sunday, April 5 *Easter Sunday*

6:30 am SMA - Nicholas E. Baumgart, Happy Heavenly Birthday Week
8:00 am SJB - Frank & Edith Kellner | Kellner Family
SMP - For All Parishioners
9:00 am SPA - Frank Mikler | Margaret & Family
9:30 am OLP - Conrad Hejmanowski | Linda Hejmanowski
10:00 am SMP - For All Parishioners
SMA - Kathy Marzec | Sharon Tuszni0 & Family
11:00 am SJB - Margaret Kruse | Family & Friends
SPA - James Kent | Donna Smock & Jim Nikischer
11:30 am OLP - Mary Sheehan | Renee Mantelli
12 Noon SMA - Mr. & Mrs. Clifford J. Schneider | Estate

Monday, April 6

8:15 am SMP - Mary Braun | Son, Bob
9:00 am SPA - Leonard Janicki | Jeanne Janicki
12 Noon SMA - David Wojcik | Donald Bednarski
7:00 pm SJB - Special Intention for Donald

Tuesday, April 7

8:15 am SMP - Adam & Helen Baginski | Granddaughter
8:30 am SJB - In Reparation of the Holy Face of Jesus
9:00 am SPA - Rev. Ed Sheedy | Kathy Kirk
12 Noon SMA - Donald Skokowski | Family

Wednesday, April 8

8:15 am SMP - Ruth Chadwick | Jim & Donna Speyer
8:30 am SJB - Refermat Family
9:00 am SPA - John Noworyta | Betsy & Family
12 Noon SMA - Sharon Helwig | Mary Alice Kotansky

Thursday, April 9

8:15 am SMP - Craig Flading | St. Martha Maintenance Volunteers
8:30 am SJB - Chet & Emily Pasturzynski | Mary Refermat
9:00 am SPA - Emily Stachura | Family
12 Noon SMA - Joseph Rautenstrauch Family | Estate

Friday, April 10

8:15 am SMP - Kuwik Family | Family
8:30 am SJB - Patrick Comerford | Wife
12 Noon SMA - Marianne Gable | Family
SPA - All Fathers; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

Saturday, April 11

4:00 pm SJB - Lino W. Cometto III | Alvina
OLP - Kelly McCarthy | Family
4:30 pm SPA - Carolyn Ball | Husband & Family
5:00 pm SMP - Joseph & Ceil Guzdek | Bill Fran Suszka
7:00 pm SMA - Bernice T. Smith | Daughter, Susan

Sunday, April 12 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00 am SJB - Current & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society | SJB Holy Name Society
SMP - Craig Flading | Barb & Warren Handley
9:00 am SPA - James Kent | St. Philip's Social Club
9:30 am OLP - Michael Musielak | Mary Anne
10:00 am SMP - Members of the Holy Name Society
SMA - Helen Helinski | Family
11:00 am SJB - Leonard & Bev Bryniarski | Valerie Weisbeck
SPA - Kucharski & Widomski Families | Dee & Gerry
11:30 am OLP - Richard Catanzaro | The Everett Family
Noon SMA - Cheryl White | Aunt Susie

UPCOMING EVENTS

SMP Adoration

4/10 | 9-10 pm
St. Martha Church

SJB Holy Name Society

Winner of the March 2026 monthly raffle was Keith Landers with ticket # 45 and winning \$ 186.

Next Meeting
4/12 after the 8am Mass

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Presentation

4/13 | 7 pm
St. Martha Cafeteria

St. Martha Holy Name Society hosts Jerry Sheldon for a presentation on the SHP history, mission of providing beds for children in need, & ways to support.

Faith Enrichment Series

4/13 | 7 pm
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Church

Join Fr. Leon Biernat as he discusses one of the Church's newest Saints, St. Carlo Acutis. Refreshments follow in the Ministry Center.

SPA Drive-Thru Chicken & Rib Dinner

4/14 | Noon - 6 pm
St. Philip the Apostle Parking Lot

Chiavetta's returns for their Chicken (\$16), ½ rack (\$19), whole rack (\$30) dinners with 2 sides & roll. No reservations. Cash/Credit.

SPA Prayer Shawl

4/14 at 1 pm
St. Philip the Apostle Parish Center
All are invited to join this meeting!

Hospice - Healthcare Planning

4/23 | 6:00 PM
St. Martha's Parish (Cafeteria)

An informative evening on navigating healthcare decisions and for yourself and your loved ones.

Divine Mercy Sunday 4/12

Adoration & Confession | 2-3 PM
The Divine Mercy Chaplet | 3 PM
Benediction & Mass | 3:15 PM

All are invited to attend!

St. John the Baptist
2021 Sandridge Rd.
Alden



"Knot" to be Missed...

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKET RAFFLE

PRETZEL PALOOZA

Friday, April 17
School Gym

Doors: 6 pm
Drawings: 7:30 pm

\$5 Admission
Limited Seating | Age 13+
BYO Snacks & Drinks

Reservations Required by 4/10
Call/Text Michelle @ 716-870-1035

St. John the Baptist School
2028 Sandridge Rd.
Alden

Basket Raffle
\$5 for sheet of 25

Cash Drawings

Large Prize Raffles

By His Wounds

Monthly Faith Enrichment Series Finale

Inspirational Outdoor Concert presented by Mary Palmer & the OLP Music Ministry

5/11

6:15 pm Optional Dinner
Slider Sandwich, side, dessert
RSVP by 5/3 to 716-683-6522 x 103

7 pm Concert
Bring a lawn chair
Rain location OLP Auditorium

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
129 Laverack Ave | Lancaster



ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Formed through the Diocese of Buffalo's Road to Renewal, our Family of Parishes is rooted in a simple truth: ***we are stronger when we walk in faith together.***

By sharing resources, supporting one another's ministries, and proclaiming the Gospel as one, we deepen our worship and extend Christ's love into our communities.

Why "Beloved Disciples"?

In the Gospel of John, the "Beloved Disciple" remains close to Jesus. Many have reflected that this unnamed disciple invites each of us to see ourselves there — loved, called, and sent. ***As beloved disciples, we grow closer to Christ and help others grow in faith as well.***

Why the Lily?

Our lily logo reflects that growth. Its petals represent our parishes coming together as one Family, while the center reminds us that Christ and the Holy Trinity are at the heart of all we do. ***The lily, a symbol of Mary, speaks of renewal, hope, and new life — signs of what God does when we trust Him.***

Together, we grow — in faith, in service, and in hope.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are other meaningful ways to offer prayers for loved ones or special intentions:

Mass Intentions

Remembered and mentioned during the Mass.
The offering supports the priest who celebrates the Mass.

Sanctuary Lamps *Not at all Parishes*

A candle burns near the tabernacle for one full week in honor of Christ's presence. Donations cover candle costs.

Who may request?

Anyone—for birthdays, anniversaries, thanksgiving, or in memory of deceased loved ones.

Availability

- St. John the Baptist: 2026 & 2027 available
- St. Martha: dates through August 30 now open
- St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus & Our Lady of Pompeii Campus: at St. Mary's Rectory; 2026 still available; 2027 Fall
- St. Philip the Apostle: 2027 opens 4/14 & 4/15 from 10 am - 2 pm; 3 Masses (1 weekend) & 1 Sanctuary Lamp restriction



To Request

Stop by your Rectory during office hours.
Some parishes offer alternate request options.

GROW IN FAITH THIS EASTER SEASON

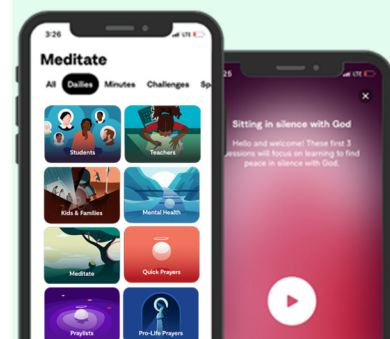
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GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

What if the part of your life that feels the most over... is actually where something new is about to begin?

Early on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb expecting silence... expecting an ending. But instead — the stone is rolled away. The disciples don't fully understand yet... but they know something has changed. Everything they thought was finished... isn't.



This week's challenge:

We all have places that feel sealed off. Parts of life where we've quietly said, "it is what it is." But Easter interrupts that.

Instead of trying to fix everything... bring one of those places to Him. Simply say:

"Jesus... if something new is possible here... I'm open."

Resurrection sometimes begins the moment we stop closing the door.



Msgr. Richard Siepka
Our Pastor

FAITH IN ACTION



Pictured Above: Joe Kugler, Family, Bishop Mike
No picture of Ronald at the Mass.

On March 14 at St. Joseph's Cathedral, members of our Family were honored with the annual diocesan Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker:

SJB – Ronald "Rocky" Kotas
SMA – Joseph Kugler

This award recognizes those who generously give of themselves in service, quietly helping our faith communities grow through their dedication.

We are deeply grateful for the many ways Rocky and Joe have shared their time, care, and faith.

STAY CONNECTED

Scan the code to:

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- Get our weekly email
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Stay connected and grow throughout the week — right at your fingertips.



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OLP Spaghetti Dinner

Thank you to everyone who made the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Spaghetti Dinner such a success! We are grateful to the planning team, to all who cooked, served, baked, volunteers, and all who attended — including our youth and BDCL Family helpers. We are truly blessed!

Photo by: Josie Palmeri



BDCL HOLY NAME SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition assistance is available for BDCL Family students of any school entering 4th grade, 9th grade, or graduating seniors attending college or trade school in Fall 2026.

Email for application - Due: May 4:
BDCLHolyNameSociety@gmail.com

Circle the group in each row that has **more**.
Then color in all the pictures.



FAITH BUILDERS

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9

MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a
Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
Mk 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

Parents, your little ones belong in the Church.

Their sounds, their wiggles, and their questions are signs of life in every parish family. Do not worry if they get fussy or distracted. **You are doing holy work** by bringing them close to Jesus.

During the “*Ecce Agnus Dei*,” the priest lifts the Host and says, “*Behold the Lamb of God.*” This is a beautiful moment to draw your child close and whisper, “**Look. What do you see?**” Let their imagination run toward Jesus. Let their eyes search for Him with joy.

Here are a few things your child might see during Mass when the Host is lifted up:



The Heart

Sometimes the Host is held over the paten in the shape of a heart. Tell your child this shows the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His love is real. His love is for them.



The Manger

Sometimes the Host is held so that one quarter of the circle looks empty. It can remind us of the manger. Jesus became small for us. He wanted to be close.

The Cross

When the Host is held over the chalice in the form of a cross, remind them that Christ died for us. His Blood poured out for the whole world. His sacrifice is present on the altar.



The Rising Sun

If one half of the Host is lifted above the chalice, it looks like a sunrise. Teach them that Jesus is the Morning Star. He rises for us. He brings light to our day.



A Simple Way to Pray With Your Child

1. Hold your child close during the “*Behold the Lamb of God.*”
2. Point toward the Host and quietly ask, “**Look. What do you see?**”
3. Celebrate whatever they notice.
4. End with a gentle smile or a small hug.

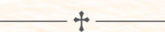
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 3/22

St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$7,228.26
OSV: \$20
Black & Indian Missions: \$10

St. Martha

Regular: \$4,783
Loose: \$986.50
Online: \$703
Buildings & Grounds: \$80
Solemnity of Mary: \$35
Easter Flowers: \$162

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus

Regular: \$3,535.20
Loose: \$977.50
CPL: \$3,025.89
Building Fund: \$25
Fuel: \$40
Easter Flowers: \$265
Black & Indian Missions: \$43

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,680
Loose: \$666
Easter Flowers: \$774
Black & Indian Missions: \$13

St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$7,150.50
Loose: \$531.01
Online: \$1,681.50
Easter: \$45
Easter Flowers: \$887
Ascension: \$3
Holy Land: \$24



Give Online

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

BDCL Food Drive

For our BDCL Caring & Sharing Pantry Celebrate Deacon CJ Wild's Ordination by donating non-perishable food at Our Lady of Pompeii. Donations will be blessed at his first Mass and given to our Family Caring & Sharing Pantry.

St. John's Works of Mercy Ministry

We assist individuals and families who are experiencing hardship. Whether it's a phone call, diapers, a simple prayer, a home-cooked meal or some other difficulty, call the Rectory (716) 937-6959 or email: worksofmercy@stjohnsalden.org.

St. Martha Food Pantry

For families in our Parish & Neighborhood Always accepting donations, collection barrels in the vestibule of Church. Most Needed Items: Coffee, Applesauce, Sugar, Tea, Rice, Jelly, Laundry Detergent, Pork and Beans, Cookies Need assistance? Call 716-206-0387 for an appointment.

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Bottles & Cans + Food Drive

Bottle/Can - Rockstars for Jesus | Food - Local Pantries 5/9 from 9 am - Noon Bring your bottles and cans for us to recycle or non-perishable food for us to donate.

St. Philip the Apostle ACT (As Christ Taught)

Care and concern for those in our community who are in temporary need of food and other forms of assistance. Contact Jim Calamita at 668-8370, ext. 220, for information.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bins

Available at St. John the Baptist, St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus, & St. Philip the Apostle.

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Help *from* all



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SCAN ME

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION (*Holidays & Holy Days Subject to Change*)

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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ST. JAMES CHURCH (SJC)

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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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Rev. Lukasz Kopala
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SCHOOLS

Schedule a tour — contact the school office.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament PreK - 3rd
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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
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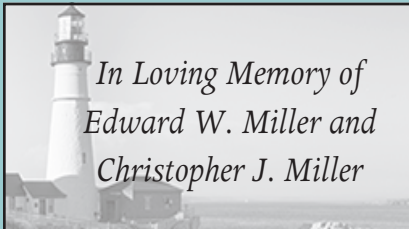
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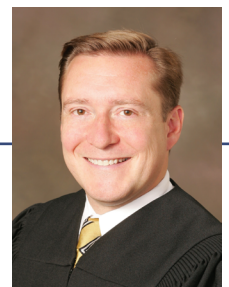


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