

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter



**I AM
THE GATE.**

JOHN 10:9

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Some paths feel uncertain.

*At times, we wonder where
to turn or what comes next.*

But Christ says:

I am the Gate.

In Him, there is welcome.
In Him, there is safety.
In Him, there is peace.
In Him, there is new life.

***When the road
feels unclear,
stay close to Him.***

Walk with Him this
week and trust where
He leads.

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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!

SJB - Harper L. Garwol, Eliana S. Garwol,
Amelia G. D'Avanzato

SMA - Milo J. Steele, Winnie L. Grazen,
Alexander R. Garbacz, Aurora R. Garbacz,
Anastasia R. Garbacz

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Family!

SMP - Wilson Family, Kush Family

UPCOMING WEDDING

May God Bless these unions!

SMA - 4/11 Jacob Loecher & Alexis Mucci

5/1: Nicholas Grupp & Mary Musialowski

5/2: Owen McCarthy & Kelly Norek

5/16: Trevor Zink & Abbigail Molino

THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene

Eileen Barron

Megan Bodnarchuk

Richard Czajka

Anna Marie DePalmo

Laila Desjardins

Dawn Duncan

Kathy Duncan

Weston Faith

Max Fuller

Ann Marie Gleber

Rita Hake

Susan Hoiden

Tricia Hrycko

Kathy Kirk

Theresa Lisowski

Mary Ellen McNeill

Michael Munn

Rose Marie Nawrocki

Carol Nowinski

Shirley Salerno

Karen Schaller

Donna Stengel

Bruce Stewart

Strozyk Family

Sanford Swan

Marisia Szarzanowicz

Jerry Wick

Joseph Zaklikowski

Names will be on this list for two months.

*Add Someone: 716-668-8370 x 330 or
<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>*

DEARLY DEPARTED

Leslie Anne Gore

SMA - Lauren Chapman

OLP - AnnaMarie DePalmo

SANCTUARY LAMP - APR. 26 - MAY 2

SJB

Health Blessings for Kathy Duncan

SPA

Edward & Anthony Janczak |
Ronie & Larry



EVERY STEP OF THE
WAY TO HEAVEN IS
HEAVEN.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

Saturday, April 25 *St. Mark*

- 4:00 pm SJB - Larry Jay | Fr. Lukasz Kopala
- OLP - Kim Nuwer | Family & Friends
- 4:30 pm SPA - James & Louise Calamita | Jim & Caroline Calamita
- 5:00 pm SMP - Jerome, Lenore, & Richard Bitterman | Becker Family
- 7:00 pm SMA - Lorraine Chadwick | Family

Sunday, April 26 *4th Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 am SJB - Aloysius Zielonka | Zielonka Family
- SMP - Michael Hottum | Mom & Dad
- 9:00 am SPA - Diane Kusmierczyk | Marcia & Jerry Stack
- 9:30 am OLP - Janice Sugg | Laura & Harold
- 10:00 am SMP - Brian and Anders Bart | Family
- SMA - Richard Bulman | Carol Robinson
- 11:00 am SJB - Eric Bartram | Bartram Family
- SPA - Paul Covert | Marie & Martin Murray
- 11:30 am OLP - Richard A. Graczyk | Family
- Noon SMA - Stanley & Elenore Puto | Mark Puto

Monday, April 27

- 8:15 am SMP - Craig Flading | St. Martha Maintenance Volunteers
- 9:00 am SPA - Richard Millerski | St. Philip's Veterans Committee
- 12 Noon SMA - Monica Newman | Greg Newman
- 7:00 pm SJB - Fr. Irwin Spahn & Members of His Family | Fr. Gary Kibler

Tuesday, April 28 *Ss. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort*

- 8:15 am SMP - Mary & Karl Stang | Barb Stang
- 8:30 am SJB - Robert Hamilton | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Victor Carbone | Ada, Brian & Camille Churchwell
- 12 Noon SMA - Healing Intentions for Monica Niznansky | Monica Lynn

Wednesday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena*

- 8:15 am SMP - Angeline & Louis Fiorella | Lou Fiorello & Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Larry Kocher | Wife, Shirley
- 9:00 am SPA - Anniversary Remembrance of Sam Cascio | Wife, Carol
- 12 Noon SMA - Scott Egan | Mom, Stan, Kelly & Melissa

Thursday, April 30 *St. Pius V*

- 8:15 am SMP - Michael Hottum | Mr. & Mrs. Aubry
- 8:30 am SJB - Danielle Lamb | David Olejniczak
- 9:00 am SPA - James Ladowski | St. Philip's Veterans Committee
- 12 Noon SMA - Herbert Wutz | Family

Friday, May 1

- 8:15 am SMP - Samuel Emmanuele | Charlie & Anita Earley
- 8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory
- 12 Noon SMA - Intentions for Steve & Craig Allen & Family
- SPA - All Fathers; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

Saturday, May 2

- 8:00 am SJB - Msgr. Henry Stahovich | Mary Refermat
- 4:00 pm SJB - Deceased Members of the Gioffre Family | Carol Comerford
- OLP - Andrew & Elizabeth Jakubowski | Patricia Jasiczek
- 4:30 pm SPA - Mary Jane Burzynski | Chester & Dolores Bukowski
- 5:00 pm SMP - Don Nugent | Lucarelli Family
- 7:00 pm SMA - Craig Pautler | Ward & Linda Pautler

Sunday, May 3 *5th Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 am SJB - Antoinette Wrest | Wrest Family
- SMP - Kathryn & George Wheeler | Jim & Barb Wheeler
- 9:00 am SPA - Florence & Clarence Schifferli | Family
- 9:30 am OLP - Teresa Walkow | Family
- 10:00 am SMP - Members of the Altar & Rosary Guild
- SMA - Living and Deceased Members of the Stroh & Pfeiffer Families | Thomas H. Stroh
- 11:00 am SJB - Special Intention: Martin Solecki
- SPA - Gerald Krzenien | Natalie Priore
- 11:30 am OLP - Gregory Cain | Everett Family
- Noon SMA - Stephen, Frances and Joanne Koszuta | Estate of Joan Koszuta

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

4/28 | 6 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Center

Free & open to **caregivers of those with dementia** in any form. No registration. Continues every 4th Tuesday of the month.

OLP Weekday Rosary

Monday - Friday during May | 11:30 am

No Memorial Day

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Church

Hosted by OLP Holy Rosary Society.

All are welcome to join in prayer!

SJB Cemetery Clean Up

5/2 | 9 am

St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Please park along the **cemetery side of the church lot and check in**. Bring a rake if you have one.

SMP Bimonthly Rosary

First & Third Monday | 6 pm

May - October

St. Martha Blessed Mother Statue

Please come and **join us as we pray** for the needs and intentions of our families, community, church, country & the world.

Rain Location: Church

BDCL Monthly Faith Enrichment Series

5/11

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

By His Wounds Inspirational Outdoor Concert

Presented By: Mary Palmer & OLP Music Ministry

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

SJB Trivia Night

5/30 | 6:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Gym

Gather your team, dust off your brain, and get ready for a **night of trivia, drinks, raffles**, and fun — all for a great cause! More details soon.



RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

Join us in prayer as we celebrate the gift of life and honor our Blessed Mother this May.



Procession Celebrating Life

5/3 | 11:00 AM

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus →

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Walk together (approx. 15 minutes) as we process to the Grotto to pray the Rosary for Life and honor Mary for Mother's Day. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Unable to walk?

Join us at Our Lady of Pompeii Campus by 11:20 AM for the Rosary.

Please bring a rosary & a chair if needed.



Stations & Rosary Walk

5/2 | After 4:00 PM Mass

St. John's Cemetery

As we mark 28 years of the St. John's 200 Club for Life, we continue our commitment to building a culture of life through prayer and witness. Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross for Life and a Rosary Walk, honoring our Blessed Mother.

All are welcome—feel free to bring flowers.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Have you ever wondered what God might be calling you to do with your life?

This Sunday, we join the Church in praying for vocations and for all who are listening for God's call.

What is a Vocation?

How God invites each of us to live with purpose.

He calls us in different ways:

Marriage – building a life of love and family

Priesthood – serving and leading God's people

Religious Life – dedicating life to prayer & service

Single Life – living faithfully & intentionally

Every vocation matters. Every calling is important.

How Does It Begin?

It usually doesn't come all at once.

It starts simply— a thought... a pull... a sense that God might be inviting you to something more.

If you've ever felt that, it's worth paying attention.

Take the Next Step

Talk with one of our priests, or reach out to Fr. David Baker, Diocesan Vocations Director 716-847-5535 | buffalovocations.org

Vocations Prayer Service

4/26 | after 11 am Mass

St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Honoring the priests in our cemetery. Meet at the parking lot side entrance of church to the cemetery. Under 1/2 hour service. Dress for weather.

You can also support "Pass the Chalice," a simple way to bring prayer for vocations into your home.

Scan the QR Code for more info.

No computer? Call Brian Wild at 716-393-6155.



Let Us Pray

*Lord, you continue to call your people.
Raise up faithful priests, deacons, and religious
to serve your Church with courage and love.
Bless our priests and all who are discerning.
Open hearts—especially in our young people—
to listen and respond with a generous "yes." Amen.*

God is still calling. Your life has a purpose.

ST. JAMES FEAST DAY MASS

5/3 | 2 pm
St. James Church

Come **join Fr. Bart** as we celebrate the Feast Day of our St. James worship site with Mass and prayer.



This special gathering is an opportunity to return to this sacred space, give thanks for its history, and celebrate the faith that has been lived here.

All are welcome.

OLD ROSARIES WANTED

Do you have old rosaries tucked away at home that you no longer use?



During the month of May, the St. Martha Altar & Rosary Guild will be collecting rosaries to be sent to an organization that redistributes them to those in need.

Collection baskets will be available at the church entrances.

Thank you for helping these treasured sacramentals continue to inspire prayer.



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GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

Have you ever had a conversation that completely changed your perspective... but you didn't realize it until later?

That's where we find the disciples in today's Gospel. They're walking away from Jerusalem — trying to make sense of everything that just happened. Talking it through... feeling disappointed... maybe even a little lost.

And Jesus comes up and starts walking with them. But they don't recognize Him. He walks with them right in the middle of their confusion. And only later do they realize who He is.



This week's challenge:

Sometimes faith looks like that. Not something obvious.

Just living your day. And only later realizing — God was there.

So, this week... just pay attention.
In a conversation.
In a quiet moment.
In something small that shifts your perspective.
And at the end of the day, ask yourself:

"Where was God walking with me today?"

Because more often than not...

He's already there.



*Msgr. Richard Siepka
Our Pastor*

FAITH IN ACTION



SJB EASTER EGG HUNT

Smiles, laughter, and Easter joy filled the grounds of St. John the Baptist as many families came out for the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday.

Thank you to all who helped make this fun tradition possible and to everyone who joined us for a joyful morning together.

Moments like these help build faith, friendship, and community across generations.



FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES EVENING

Nearly 200 people from near and far gathered on April 13th to hear Fr. Leon Biernat's inspirational presentation on St. Carlo Acutis in OLP Church and enjoy fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

A second class relic of St. Carlo was made available by Anna of the Acutis Initiative as well.

Scan the QR code to watch the recorded presentation.



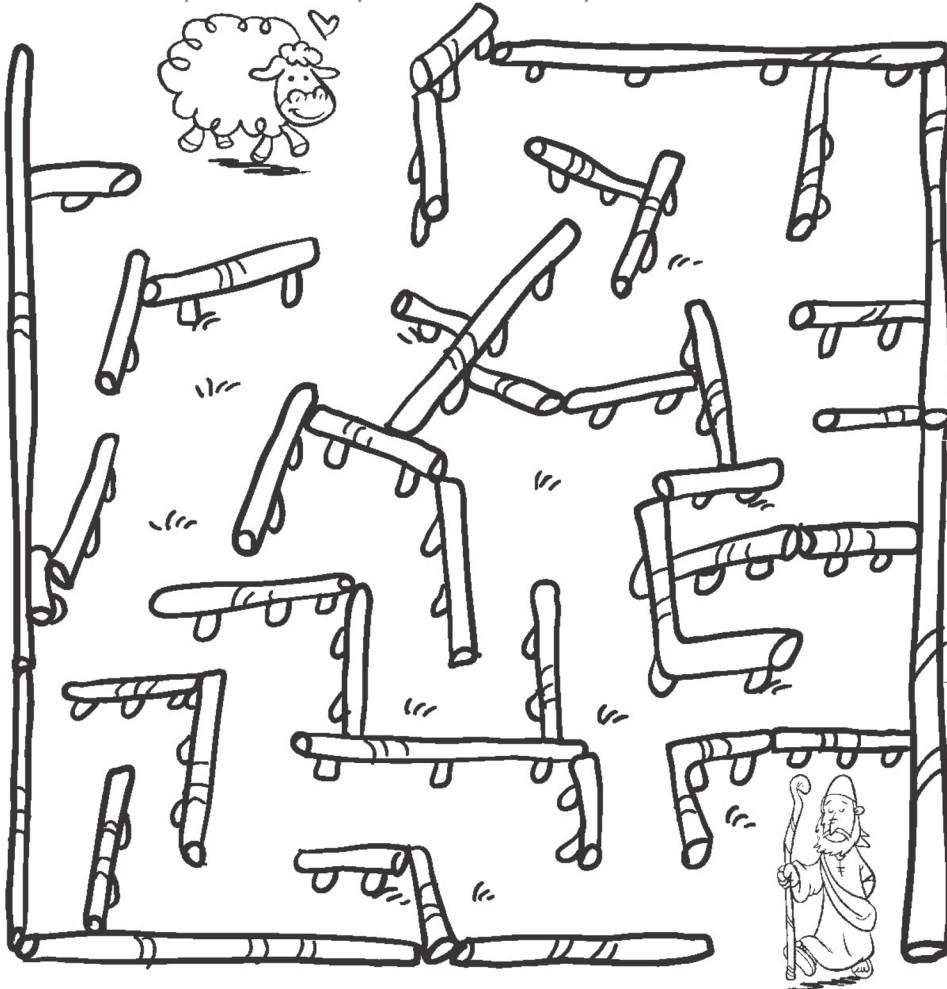
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Tuition assistance is available for BDCL Family students of any school entering 4th grade, 9th grade, or graduating seniors attending college or trade school in Fall 2026.

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

PUZZLE

Help the sheep find the shepherd.



VOCATIONS REFLECTION

Fr. David Baker

Jesus is still calling shepherds to care for His flock. Very few answer the call, and so many souls go without this care. Change the trend! Consider the priesthood.

Fr. Dave Baker 716-847-5535 | buffalovocations.org

WEEKLY PRAYER

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
Help me to know your voice and to respond.
Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead. Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.
Refresh my soul.
Amen.

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FAITH BUILDERS

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24-13:5a
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY

Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

April 26 - Catholic Home Mission Appeal

This collection supports dioceses across the United States where resources are limited and parishes struggle to provide essential ministries like Mass, faith formation, and the training of priests, deacons, and lay leaders. Please consider giving generously.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 4/12

St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$6,244.51
OSV: \$965.75
Fuel: \$747
Maintenance: \$105
Snow Removal: \$25
Easter: \$445
Holy Land: \$26

St. Martha

Regular: \$7,120
Loose: \$602.40
Online: \$900
Buildings & Grounds: \$260
Ascension: \$20
Holy Land: \$60
Easter Flowers: \$25
Latin America: \$10

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus

Regular: \$2,421
Loose: \$1,342.71
CPL: \$7,678.11
Special Projects: \$45
Easter: \$420
Holy Land: \$258

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$5,022
Loose: \$601

St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$6,733
Loose: \$683
Online: \$1,535
Easter: \$1,419.25
Easter Flowers: \$42
Holy Land: \$62
Ascension: \$10
Latin America: \$10



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APRIL - NEW LIFE, SHARED TOGETHER

"See, I am making all things new."

— Revelation 21:5

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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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Submit to your Rectory.*

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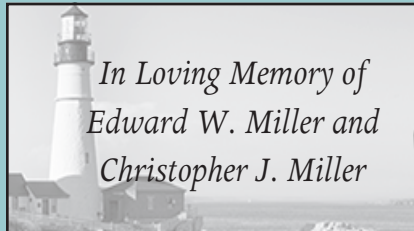
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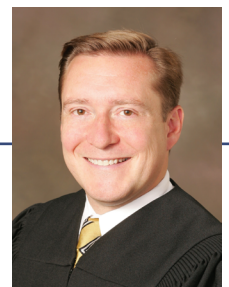
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