

**May 17, 2026**

*7th Sunday of Easter*

RAISED HIS EYES TO  
**HEAVEN.**

— JOHN 17:1 —

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## **REMEMBER YOUR RED**

Help us celebrate the birthday of the Church **next weekend (5/23 & 5/24)** by **wearing red** to Mass for **Pentecost Sunday!**

*Red reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit and the joy of the Church being sent out into the world.*



**We hope you'll join in this simple & visible celebration of our faith!**

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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 - Gabriella K. Pawlikowski, Gaeton Camillo,  
Julianna Camillo

## NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome to our Family!*  
SPA - Smothermon Family

## UPCOMING WEDDING

*May God Bless these unions!*  
SMA - 5/23: Alex Heist & Kayla Mansell  
6/5: Matthew Herbert & Jillian Klotzbii

## THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene	Irene Jaskier
Nancy & Paul Alden	Mary Ellen McNeill
Eileen Barron	Michael Munn
Arlene Chase	Carol Nowinski
Joanne T. Conboy	Janet Romessu
Anna Marie DePalmo	Shirley Salerno
Mary Lou Dexter	Karen Schaller
Dawn Duncan	Donna Stengel
Kathy Duncan	Paul Synor
Weston Faith	Marisia Szarzanowicz
Ann Marie Gleber	Paul Willard
Rita Hake	Jackie Wolfram
Susan Hoiden	Joseph Zaklikowski
Tricia Hrycko	

*Names will be on this list for two months.  
Add Someone: 716-668-8370 x 330 or  
<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>*

## DEARLY DEPARTED

SMA - William C. Brautlacht  
OLP - Michael E. Zimmer Jr.

## SANCTUARY LAMP - MAY 17-23

SJB  
Healing & Good Health for Paul Willard |  
The C's

SPA  
Harold & Mary Weiss | Family



# GLORY

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

JOHN 17:1

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GLP

# 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, May 16**

- 4:00 pm SJB - Dec. 3rd Degree Members of Fr. John Schaus Knights of Columbus | Knights of Columbus
- OLP - Thomas Juszczak | Mioducki Family
- 4:30 pm SPA - Leonard Imiola | Family
- 5:00 pm SMP - Michael Hottum | Greg & Elizabeth Urbanski
- 7:00 pm SMA - Barbara Schafer | Family

**Sunday, May 17**

*7th Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 am SJB - Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society | Holy Name Society
- SMP - Stanley & Theresa Zak | Children & Grandchildren
- 9:00 am SPA - Benjamin Dunning | Sue Miller
- 9:30 am OLP - Louis Salvatore | Family
- 10:00 am SMP - Stanley, Mary, Frank & Leona Chowaniec | Family
- SMA - Ann DePalmo | Kathy & Jerry Yost
- 11:00 am SJB - Aloysius Zielonka | Zielonka Family
- SPA - Richard Krakowiak | The Birthday Club
- 11:30 am OLP - Bob Hoffman | Geri Hoffman
- Noon SMA - Lorraine Chadwick | Family

**Monday, May 18**

*St. John I*

- 8:15 am SMP - Angeline Fiorello | Lou Fiorello & family
- 9:00 am SPA - Leonard Imiola | Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Anniversary Mass for Monica & Gregory Neumann
- 7:00 pm SJB - Lino W. Cometto I | Wife, Alvina

**Tuesday, May 19**

- 8:15 am SMP - Betty Kilanowski | Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Fr. Gary Kibler
- 9:00 am SPA - Bernice Falk | Daughters
- 12 Noon SMA - Jerry Collins | Mary Jane & John Starr

**Wednesday, May 20**

*St. Bernardine of Siena*

- 8:15 am SMP - MaryAnn Weber | Rosemary Peters
- 8:30 am SJB - Christine Schmidt | Maryann Dollard
- 9:00 am SPA - Richard & Dorothy Bosinski | Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Joyce Stencil | John & Andrea Marschner

**Thursday, May 21**

*St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions*

- 8:15 am SMP - Len Mazurek | Kathy, Wendy & Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Betty Walter | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Deceased Members of Capodagli Family | Jeanne Janicki
- 12 Noon SMA - Edward & Frances Calkins | Family

**Friday, May 22**

*St. Rita of Cascia*

- 8:15 am SMP - Bernacki & Wypij Families | Patricia Wypij & Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Joyce Kirszenstein | Tom
- 12 Noon SMA - Kimberly Kegler | Mom & Dad
- SPA - All Fathers; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

**Saturday, May 23**

- 4:00 pm SJB - Dorothey Pautler | Family
- OLP - Patricia Walter | Family
- 4:30 pm SPA - Victor Carbone | Ada, Brian & Camille Churchwell
- 5:00 pm SMP - Joe Aschieri | Dennis & Carol Ryszkiewicz
- 7:00 pm SMA - Linda Bingham | Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kausch

**Sunday, May 24**

*Pentecost Sunday*

- 8:00 am SJB - Margaret Kruse | Debbie Pirog
- SMP - Betty & Leonard Kania | Jaskier Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Rita Blamowski | Pat & Stan
- 9:30 am OLP - John Wade | Mary Anne
- 10:00 am SMP - Frank & Mae Tripi | Alice
- SMA - Eleanor Woloszynski | Family
- 11:00 am SJB - Madeline Gabalski | Children
- SPA - Dr. Norman Schaaf | Dan & Kathleen Jarrot
- 11:30 am OLP - Joey Krickovich | Family
- Noon SMA - Huber Family | Andrea Knab

## COME CELEBRATE OUR NEW

# Diocesan Priest

### Faces of the Family

6/3 | Noon on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram

The Kromer Sisters sit down and chat with Deacon CJ about his calling, upcoming ordination, and priestly ministry hopes.

### Ordination Mass

6/6 | 10 am at St. Joseph Cathedral

Deacon Christopher Jordan "CJ" Wild will be ordained to the priesthood at a special Mass.

**The public is invited to celebrate** one of our own answering God's call with a generous "yes."

### Mass of Thanksgiving

6/7 | 2 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Church

**Fr. CJ Wild will return to his home church to celebrate his First Mass as a priest**, followed by a reception.

Everyone is invited to join our entire Family of Parishes as we give thanks with Fr. CJ and pray for him as he begins his priestly ministry.

Finger Foods & extra hands needed for the reception:

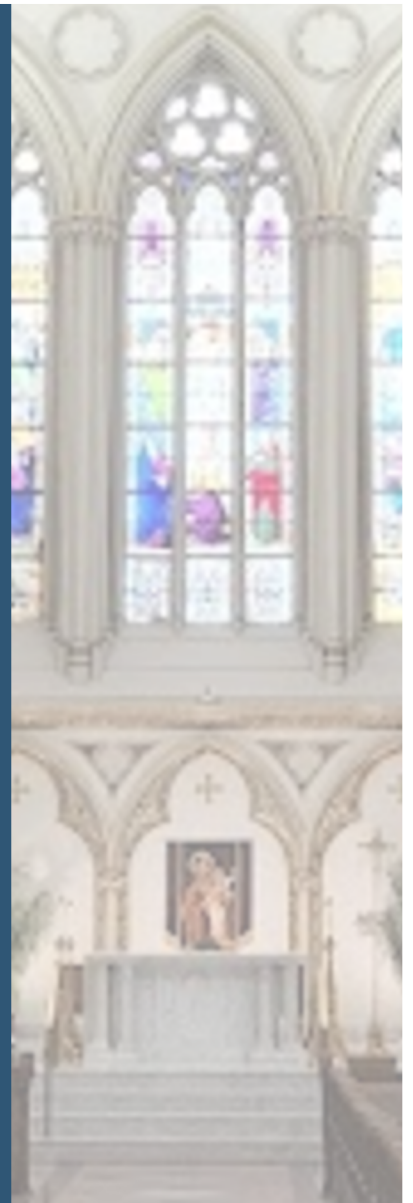
Call Linda K | 716-574-5779

### Food Donations



In honor of Fr. CJ, we are collecting non-perishable food donations for our new BDCL Caring & Sharing Ministry.

**All food donations can be dropped off in the OLP Campus Church and will be blessed at Fr. CJ's First Mass.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BDCL Holy Name Society**

5/17 | 7:40 am Breakfast, 8 am Meeting, 9:30 am Mass

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus  
Marian Room - Breakfast & Meeting  
Church - Mass

Mass includes recognition of this year's scholarship winners. Males 18+ are invited to join.

### **SJB Holy Name Society Meeting**

5/17 | after 8am Mass  
St. John the Baptist

## ST. JAMES CHURCH DEDICATION DAY MASS

6-14 | 2 pm  
St. James Church

Come **join Fr. Bart** as we celebrate the Day of Dedication of our St. James Church worship site with Mass and prayer. **All are welcome.**



## WINE DONATIONS

Support St. John the Baptist's Trivia Night!

Looking for **bottles of wine** to be donated for a wine pull on 5/30.  
**Minimum \$10 retail value.**

Contact: Jennifer | 716-698-1697



# BEFORE CANA

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

## Saturday, August 1

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 to St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus.**

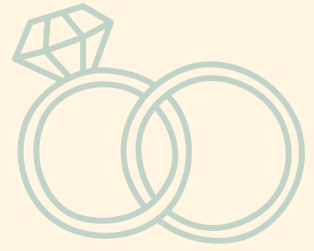
*Covers the cost of booklets, handouts, and lunch.*

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



## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

It was recently decided after many hours of prayer and thought by **Fr. Lukasz Kopala** that at the **end of June he will be concluding his ministry within our Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord Family of Parishes.**

We are grateful for the time he has shared with our Family, especially for his pastoral leadership and care for the communities of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish, as well as his service to our Family during his time serving *In Solidum*.

Fr. Lukasz has been a valued part of our Family, and we thank him for the many ways he has shared his priesthood, faith, and care with our communities.

**At this time, there is no information on his next assignment,** but we will share updates as soon as we know more.

Please continue to **keep Fr. Lukasz in your prayers** as he prepares for this next chapter in his ministry.



## SPA BOOK STUDY

6/2, 6/9, 6/16 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**-or-**

6/5, 6/12, 6/19 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Center



Cost: \$7

Forgiveness - Choosing to Receive & to Give

**Register by:** 5/19 to Elizabeth 716-674-8581 or Marilyn (call/text) 716-334-9352

## St Martha Family Mass



**SUNDAY  
MAY 31, 2026  
10:00AM**

SCAN TO SIGN UP



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN  
TO ACT AS GREETERS, READERS,  
USHERS, & GIFT BEARERS**

**JOIN US AFTER  
MASS FOR COFFEE  
& DONUTS**

# GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

**What do you do when something meaningful ends and you're not quite sure what comes next?**

There's often a moment where you just stand there, **unsure of what to do.**

The disciples have walked with Jesus, learned from Him, and now He's no longer with them in the same way. This isn't an ending. It's a turning point. Jesus lifts everything to the Father and trusts Him for what is next.



### **This week's challenge:**

We all reach moments like that. **Moments where we wish we had more clarity.**

But the Ascension reminds us that faith doesn't always begin with knowing what's next. **Sometimes it begins with trust.** Trusting that God is still at work. Trusting that we are not alone... even when things change.

This week, when something feels unclear or unsettled, try this:

Pause and place that moment in God's hands.

**"Lord... I trust You with this."**

Not as a perfect act of faith— but as a step toward it.



Msgr. Richard Siepka  
Our Pastor

# FAITH IN ACTION



## SMP May Crowning

Children of **St. Martha Parish** took part in a beautiful **May Crowning on May 3**, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way.

A **May Crowning** is a long-standing Catholic tradition in which flowers and a crown are placed before a statue of Mary as a sign of love, devotion, and gratitude to our Blessed Mother. It is a reminder of Mary's faithful "yes" to God and her loving care for all.

***It was wonderful to see our young people helping lead this beautiful expression of faith and devotion within our Family.***

**First Communion pictures will be shared next week!**

## BDCL Weekly Email

Stay connected with Family news, events, and inspiration.



Scan the QR code or visit our website to sign up!



### **Already Signed Up?**

***If you do not see the email in your inbox***, please check your spam/junk folder and mark it as "Not Spam."

***If the email is reaching your inbox***, please reply once with a quick "Hi" or short note to help your email provider recognize our messages as wanted emails.

***If you requested to be added but are not receiving the email in any folder***, please contact: [marketing@bdclfamily.org](mailto:marketing@bdclfamily.org)

# OLP ADORATION CHANGE

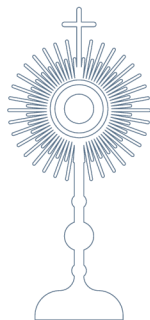
## ***Spend Time with Jesus in Adoration***

Looking for a quiet moment to pray, reflect, or simply rest in the Lord's presence?

Beginning with the **First Friday of June**, Adoration at the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus will take place from:

**Noon – 5 PM**

**All are welcome.**



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## FAITH BUILDERS

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

#### MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
Jn 16:29-33

#### TUESDAY

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
Jn 17:1-11a

#### WEDNESDAY

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab  
Jn 17:11b-19

#### THURSDAY

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Jn 17:20-26

#### FRIDAY

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab  
Jn 21:15-19

#### SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7  
Jn 21:20-25

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

### VOCATIONS REFLECTION

*Fr. David Baker*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come.'

Deacons and priests feel this on their ordination day. Religious sisters, brothers, and consecrated virgins feel it on the day of their solemn profession. Their hour has come. ***If you can imagine yourself standing in that scene, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).***

In all your actions seek  
in the first place the  
*Kingdom of God*  
& his glory!

—ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

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# 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 your generosity, our parishes remain active, welcoming, and alive. All gifts remain with your parish or help support the needs of our Family.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 5/3

### St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$10,493.26  
 OSV: \$1,236.75  
 Fuel: \$20  
 Building: \$25  
 Cemetery: \$100  
 Catholic Home Mission: \$35  
 Latin America: \$10

### St. Martha

Regular: \$6,987  
 Loose: \$518.13  
 Online: \$685  
 Buildings & Grounds: \$599  
 Easter: \$5  
 Ascension: \$35  
 Catholic Home Missions: \$132  
 Latin America: \$10

### St. Mary of the Assumption

#### Hill Campus

Regular: \$3,290  
 Loose: \$1,094.35  
 CPL: \$6,748.78  
 Special Projects: \$95  
 Catholic Home Missions: \$8  
 Special Mission: \$30  
 Latin America: \$5

#### Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$5,181  
 Loose: \$476  
 Catholic Home Missions: \$10  
 Special Mission: \$21

### St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$6,687  
 Loose: \$650.50  
 Online: \$1,414.50  
 Easter: \$20  
 Ascension: \$75  
 Catholic Home Missions: \$160  
 Latin America: \$15  
 Memorial: \$100



Give Online

# Hallow

## Parish Mission

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

June 6 - 8  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Free Event | No Registration**




St. Philip the Apostle  
Parish Center  
950 Losson Rd. | Cheektowaga

Roman Catholic Family of Parishes  
bdclfamily.org

Join us for three interactive & uplifting evenings of reflection, prayer, & conversation as we explore the transformative power of prayer in our lives.

## ST. JOHN'S TRIVIA Night

### FUNDRAISER



**MAY 30, 2026**



**GATHER YOUR SMARTEST FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF TRIVIA, GAMES, FOOD, DRINKS & FUN!**



**DOORS OPEN | 6 PM  
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## 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 – 5 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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All Masses

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### **ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE (SPA)**

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(716) 668-8370 | spaparish.org

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or by appointment

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#### **HILL CAMPUS (SMA)**

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All Weekend Masses

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#### **ST. JAMES CHURCH (SJC)**

496 Terrace Blvd., Depew, NY 14043

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

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John Owczarczak, Jim Trzaska

Business/Finance Director: Anne Pomaski  
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## SCHOOLS

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament PreK - 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  
Schedule a tour – contact the school office.

St. Mary of the Assumption PreK3 - 8th  
2 St. Mary's Hill Lancaster, NY 14086  
716-683-2112 | smeschool.com  
Schedule a tour – contact the school office.

## FAITH FORMATION

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faith.formation@stjohnsalden.org

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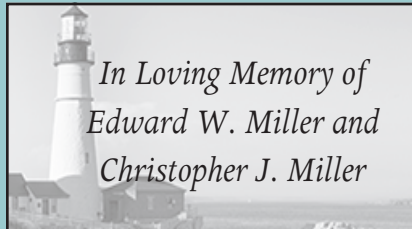
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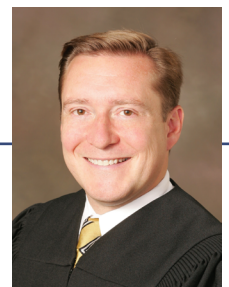
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