

**May 31, 2026**

*The Most Holy Trinity*

THAT THE WORLD  
MIGHT BE  
**SAVED.**

— JOHN 3:17 —

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Some of the most important things in life are hard to fully explain — love, mercy, grace, forgiveness.

***The Trinity is one of those mysteries.***

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three Persons. One God. Not distant from us, but constantly reaching toward us in love.

The Father created us.  
The Son saved us.  
The Holy Spirit remains with us still.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are reminded that we belong to this relationship of perfect love.

***The Trinity is not simply something we believe — it is the life of God shared with us.***



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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 - Lennon T. Prawel, Alora J. Carrick,  
Lainey M. Piersa

### NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome to our Family!*  
SJB - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Karalus

### UPCOMING WEDDING

*May God Bless these unions!*  
SMA - 6/5: Matthew Herbert & Jillian Klotzbii

### THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene	Cole Huson
Nancy & Paul Alden	Irene Jaskier
Eileen Barron	Dianne Knavel
Amy Bonamici	Carl & Ann Matthias
Arlene Chase	Mary Ellen McNeill
Joanne T. Conboy	Michael Munn
Rich Cymerman	Carol Nowinski
Mary Lou Dexter	Janet Romessu
Dawn Duncan	Shirley Salerno
Kathy Duncan	Karen Schaller
Krista Dusza	Donna Stengel
Weston Faith	Paul Synor
Max Fuller	Shirley Wheeler
Alexandra Getz	Paul Willard
Ann Marie Gleber	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>*

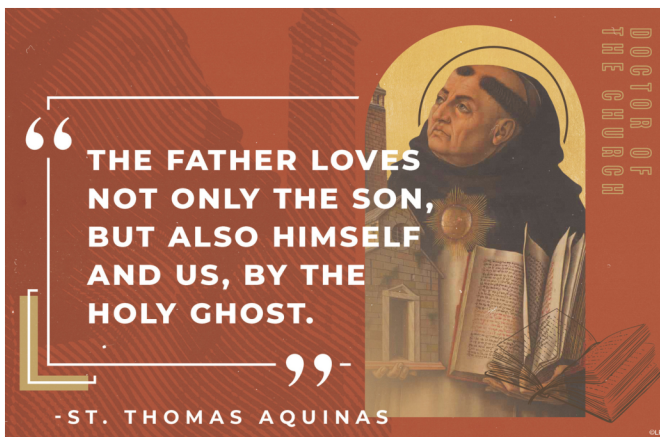
### DEARLY DEPARTED

SMP - Dolores Gerevics, Philip Giglio, Phyllis Trybus  
SMA - Geraldine Walter, Dorothy Hibscheweiler (Hibbs)  
SPA - Marcia Polak, Chester Ostrowski

### SANCTUARY LAMP - MAY 31 - JUN 6

SJB  
Restored Health for Dawn Duncan

SPA  
Mark Kozlowski | Family



“**THE FATHER LOVES  
NOT ONLY THE SON,  
BUT ALSO HIMSELF  
AND US, BY THE  
HOLY GHOST.**”

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

# 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 30**

- 4:00 pm SJB - Richard Greis | Mother-in-Law, Lorraine Grzybek
- OLP - Cathy Markut | Toni Markut & Family
- 4:30 pm SPA - Sharon Cassidy | Rosemary Green
- 5:00 pm SMP - Michael Hottum | Barbara Stang
- 7:00 pm SMA - Frank & Wanda Kaczmarek | Family

**Sunday, May 31**

*Most Holy Trinity*

- 8:00 am SJB - Ann Walter | Aunt Sue
- SMP - Evelyn Rich | Arlene Kranz & Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Marie C. DeCarlo | Janowski Family
- 9:30 am OLP - Joseph & Alice Dudas | Chris
- 10:00 am SMP - Deceased Members of the Lipiec & McDonagh Families | Family
- SMA - Mirek Wioskowicz | Alina Krauze
- 11:00 am SJB - Lincoln Rotundo | Grandma & Grandpa
- SPA - Patricia Eisenhauer | John & Annette Breen
- 11:30 am OLP - Bob Hoffman | Geri Hoffman
- Noon SMA - Edward & Frances Calkins | Family

**Monday, June 1**

- 8:15 am SMP - Betty Kilanowski | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Norbert Czerniak | Wife, Marie
- 12 Noon SMA - Janice Korzeniewski | Larry Korzeniewski
- 7:00 pm SJB - Dennis Kulczycki | Marty & Kathy

**Tuesday, June 2**

- 8:15 am SMP - Glenn Wheeler | Jim & Barb Wheeler
- 8:30 am SJB - James G. Pasek | Mike & Debbie Pirog
- 9:00 am SPA - Kiener Family | Barbara Jean DeMaiorbus
- 12 Noon SMA - David Stock | Stock Family Members

**Wednesday, June 3**

- 8:15 am SMP - Miles Schwarzenholzer | Adrienne Pasquariello
- 8:30 am SJB - For the Intentions of Denise
- 9:00 am SPA - John Murphy | Daughter, Mary
- 12 Noon SMA - Frank Chambers Healing | Family

**Thursday, June 4**

- 8:15 am SMP - Deceased Members of Chowaniec & Satison Families | Family
- 8:30 am SJB - Thomas Lipa | Kathy & Don Lipa
- 9:00 am SPA - Emily Walkowiak | Daughter, Helen
- 12 Noon SMA - Leslie Anne Gore | Sue, Jenny & Heather

**Friday, June 5**

- 8:15 am SMP - Sam & Shirley Carocci | Kowalski Family
- 8:30 am SJB - James J. Beaudoin | Peter Satola
- 12 Noon SMA - Marianne Gable | Family
- SPA - All Mothers; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

**Saturday, June 6**

- 8:30 am SJB - Special Intention | Mary Refermat
- 4:00 pm SJB - Anniversary of New Life, Kathryn Wnuk | Family
- OLP - Living & Deceased Members of the Barker Family | Everett Family
- 4:30 pm SPA - Jan Corda | Carol
- 5:00 pm SMP - Bob Rusinek | Wife, Anna
- 7:00 pm SMA - Adele & John Kuczka | Terry Kuczka

**Sunday, June 7**

*Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

- 8:00 am SJB - James Refermat | Mary Refermat
- SMP - Louise & Paul Hens; Maria & Frederick Steck-Grandparents | Debbie Steck
- 9:00 am SPA - James Wzykowski | Wife, Son, & Daughter-in-Law
- 9:30 am OLP - Shirley Stefanik | Everett Family
- 10:00 am SMP - Members of the Altar & Rosary Guild
- SMA - Kazimierz Krauze | Wife & Children
- 11:00 am SJB - Danielle Lamb | Gabe & Joan Ciulla
- SPA - Janet Wilson | Jim, Rosan, & Family
- 11:30 am OLP - Donald Grande | Grande Family
- Noon SMA - Norb Neu & Eileen Ryan

# 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

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SMA Sodality

6/1 | 6:30 pm  
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

The St. Mary's Blessed Virgin Sodality will have their final meeting before Summer break. **All women of the Family are invited to attend.**

### SPA Ushers

6/1 | 6:00 pm  
St. Philip the Apostle  
Parish Center

The St. Philip's Ushers will have their final meeting before Summer break. **All SPA Ushers are encouraged to attend.**

### SJB Holy Name Raffle Winner

The winner of the St. John Holy Name May 2026 monthly raffle was Ruth Creighton, ticket #253, winning \$207.

The next St. John Holy Name meeting is Sunday, June 14 after the 8am Mass.



**BDCL ST. VINCENT  
DEPAUL SOCIETY**

### Annual Scrap Drive

6/6 | 2 pm - 7 pm  
6/7 | 9 am - 1 pm  
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus  
Bring your scrap metal to be recycled.

### Coffee Can Collection

6/13 & 6/14 | After All Masses  
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus

Your support goes a long way!  
Thank you!



# SUMMER

## Camps

Give your children something more than just a busy summer — give them a place to grow in faith, friendship, and joy.

### Rockstars for Jesus – Music Camp

August 3–6 | 10:00 AM–12:30 PM

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

All Children | Free

A fun, high-energy week of praise & worship, music, games, and creativity.

Questions: [musicministry@olpparish.com](mailto:musicministry@olpparish.com)

High school volunteers (grades 9–12) are needed to help make this camp special.



Campers



Volunteers

### St. Martha's Vacation Bible School

June 29–July 3 | 9:30 AM–12:00 PM

St. Martha Parish

Pre-K4 - 4th grade

\$20/child; \$30/family

A joyful week of faith-filled learning, activities, and community.

Questions: [vbs@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:vbs@stmarthadepew.org)



Sign Up Here

## SPA DRIVE-THRU DINNER

6/9 | 12 pm - 6 pm  
St. Philip the Apostle  
Parking Lot



Chiavetta's hosts their monthly drive-thru dinner. **Portions of the sales go to support our Parish.**

Chicken (\$17), ½ Rack Ribs(\$20),  
Whole Rack Ribs (\$31)

Includes sides & roll with butter.  
Cash & Credit. No tickets/reservations.

## 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.**



## SJB LAWN FETE

### Grocery Booth Donations

Help support the St. John the Baptist Lawn Fete (July 17–19) by donating non-perishable items.



### May 23–29: Personal Care Items

toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant

### June 6–12: Beverage Items

pop, juice, powdered drink mix, hot chocolate, tea, coffee

### June 13–19: Pasta & Side Dish Items

pasta, sauce, rice, mashed potatoes, stuffing, mac & cheese

### Drop-off:

Collection tote available at the back of SJB church  
*Please check expiration dates*

### Sponsors

We are still looking for event sponsors. Scan the QR Code for more information. Flexible payment options | Multiple Levels



# GROWING TOGETHER


A Weekly Faith Challenge

**Most of us don't struggle with being busy. We struggle with being disconnected.**

You can go through an entire day—talking, working, checking things off—and still feel like something's missing. Something deeper.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the Spirit— not as an idea, but as a presence. A presence that stays. That guides. That keeps us connected. Not something distant, but something alive in our lives right now.

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

 When Jesus speaks, He is revealing who God is. Not distant. But relationship. One God—living in perfect connection. And if that's who God is, then connection isn't optional for us. It's essential.

We don't just get busy— we drift. We rush conversations. We keep prayer quick or skip it. We miss connections with God and others. God remains constant. Always drawing us back.

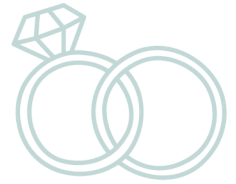
This week, stay connected. Be present in one moment. Say a real prayer. Choose patience when it would be easier not to.

Faith grows not in knowing more but in living that connection.



Msgr. Richard Siepka  
Our Pastor

# BEFORE CANA



8/1

Registration 8:30 am

Session 9 am

St. Mary of the Assumption  
Hill Campus Parish Center

### **Planning a Catholic wedding?**

Before Cana is a required part of marriage preparation.

### **Pre-registration required.**

Scan the QR code or contact any BDCL Rectory for a registration form.



*\$90 fee includes materials and lunch.*  
Please bring a snack to share.

Each couple will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the day.

Questions: 716-683-6445



# FAITH IN ACTION

## ***BDCL 2026 Confirmati***

*Congratulations to all the young people of our Family of Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 13 at St. Martha Parish!*

*May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and inspire you as you grow in faith and live as witnesses of Christ in the world.*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Confirmandi**

Those about to be Confirmed

#### **Confirmati**

Those newly Confirmed



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

God	gave	eternal
loved	believes	Son
world	perish	save

oGd	<u>G</u> <u>o</u> <u>d</u>
presih	_____
noS	_____
levod	_____
geva	_____
eetrnla	_____
wrodl	_____
bleevise	_____
vase	_____

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!  
 Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace.  
 Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness.  
 Amen.

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## VOCATIONS REFLECTION

Fr. David Baker

The Trinity is a mystery... which our Baptism plunges us into!

**Take an even further step into this mystical reality by considering the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.**

Find out more by contacting Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

# FAITH BUILDERS

## WEEKLY READINGS

### SUNDAY

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
 2 Cor 13:11-13  
 Jn 3:16-18

### MONDAY

2 Pt 1:2-7  
 Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16  
 Mk 12:1-12

### TUESDAY

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18  
 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16  
 Mk 12:13-17

### WEDNESDAY

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
 Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef  
 Mk 12:18-27

### THURSDAY

2 Tm 2:8-15  
 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
 Mk 12:28-34

### FRIDAY

2 Tm 3:10-17  
 Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168  
 Mk 12:35-37

### SATURDAY

2 Tm 4:1-8  
 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22  
 Mk 12:38-44

### NEXT SUNDAY

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a  
 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
 1 Cor 10:16-17  
 Jn 6:51-58



# UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

## June 14 - Catholic Communications

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps share the Gospel through Catholic media, including livestreams, social media, videos, podcasts, and other digital outreach efforts.

Your support helps the Church continue bringing faith, hope, and connection to people both locally and around the world.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 5/17

### St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$8,232.26

OSV: \$1,340.75

Fuel: \$40

Building: \$25

Cemetery: \$2,468

Ascension: \$2,142

Latin America: \$11

### St. Martha

Regular: \$5,992

Loose: \$1,072.15

Online: \$845

Buildings & Grounds: \$335

Easter Flowers: \$5

Ascension: \$1,099.60

Holy Land: \$5

Latin America: \$365.50

### St. Mary of the Assumption

#### Hill Campus

Regular: \$1,749

Loose: \$998

CPL: \$2,749

Special Projects: \$50

Special Mission: \$71

Latin America: \$113

Ascension: \$726

#### Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,149

Loose: \$522.40

Special Projects: \$100

Ascension: \$489

Latin America: \$39

Special Mission: \$22

### St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$7,161

Loose: \$693

Online: \$1,707.50

Ascension: \$1,637

Latin America: \$886



**Give Online**

Dear Parish Family:

As you know, the Diocese of Buffalo bankruptcy proceedings have been pending for more than six years. In furtherance of the efforts of all Parishes within the Diocese to achieve a fair and just resolution of abuse claims, and in an effort to bring the bankruptcy proceedings of the Diocese of Buffalo to a successful conclusion, a revised Chapter 11 plan that soon will be filed by the Diocese provides that all parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo will file "rapid prepackaged bankruptcy" cases immediately before a hearing on confirmation of the plan. This will happen if and only if sufficient votes are received for approval of the plan. This approach has the support of pastors and the Diocese.

The parish bankruptcy cases will not be commenced until later this year and will come at the very last minute before the "confirmation" hearing on approval of the Diocese's plan. It is anticipated that parishes will emerge from bankruptcy within 48 hours. This approach has been discussed among all pastors and is the approach that was followed by parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as in the Archdiocese of New Orleans which resulted in the successful resolution and emergence from their respective Chapter 11 cases.

We will provide further updates as this process advances and are heartened at the possibility of at last providing victim-survivors the possibility of closure and healing. With the prospect of finally achieving this goal, we look to the future with renewed commitment and focus on our mission and work in service to the Catholic faithful throughout Western New York and our broader community.

## Fertility & Infertility

Presented By:



Catholic FertilityCare Center of WNY



June 22

7 pm



**Our Lady of Pompeii Church**

129 Laverack Ave.  
Lancaster



**Join us for an inspiring & informative evening exploring the beauty of Catholic teaching on marriage & family planning.**

*Certified Practitioners present  
Q&A & refreshments*

*Those 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent.*

- Catholic Teaching on Marriage Overview of the Creighton Model
- FertilityCare™ System & NaPro TECHNOLOGY
- Cooperative medical approaches to infertility & GYN issues
- Alternatives to contraception, IVF, & sterilization

**NO REGISTRATION | FREE EVENT**

## 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

St. Martha: 716-684-6342 x 202

St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus & Our Lady of Pompeii Campus, St. Philip the Apostle:

716-668-8370 x 9

Anointing of the Sick: For serious illness, surgery, or advanced age; offers healing, strength, and peace.

Last Rites: For those nearing death; final sacraments offering forgiveness and hope of eternal life.

## OUR PARISHES

### **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (SJB)**

2021 Sandridge Rd., Alden, NY 14004

(716) 937-6959 | stjohndalden.com

Office: Tue–Thurs, 8:30am–1:30pm

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### **ST. MARTHA (SMP)**

10 French Rd., Depew, NY 14043

(716) 684-6342 | stmarthadepew.org

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Live Stream: youtube.com/@stmarthadepew

All Masses

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

950 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14227

(716) 668-8370 | spaparish.org

Office: Mon–Wed, 9:30am–2:30pm

or by appointment

Live Stream: stphiliptheapostleparish.org/live-stream/

All Masses

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### **ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

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

1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086

(716) 683-6445 | stmarysonthehill.org

Office: Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm

Live Stream: stmarysonthehill.org/mass-live-stream/

Daily at 12 noon and Sunday at 10:00am

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#### **OUR LADY OF POMPEII CAMPUS (OLP)**

129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086

Live Stream: youtube.com/@olplivestream1382

All Weekend Masses

 @ourladyofpompeii Lancaster

#### **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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## STAFF INFORMATION

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In Residence: Rev. Paul Steller

Deacons: John Hendricks, Matt Hens,  
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](http://olbsdepew.org)

St. John the Baptist PreK3 - 8th  
2028 Sandridge Rd. Alden, NY 14004  
716-937-9483 | [stjohnsalden.com](http://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](http://smeschool.com)  
Schedule a tour – contact the school office.

## FAITH FORMATION

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St. Martha  
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St. Mary of the Assumption  
716-683-8564  
[becky@stmarysonthehill.org](mailto:becky@stmarysonthehill.org)

St. Philip the Apostle  
716-668-8370 x502  
[spareled@spaparish.org](mailto:spareled@spaparish.org)

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one of our Parishes



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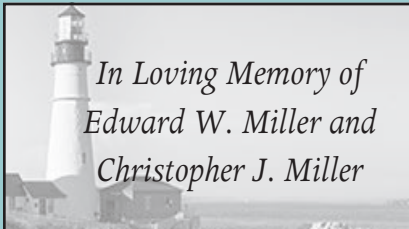
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