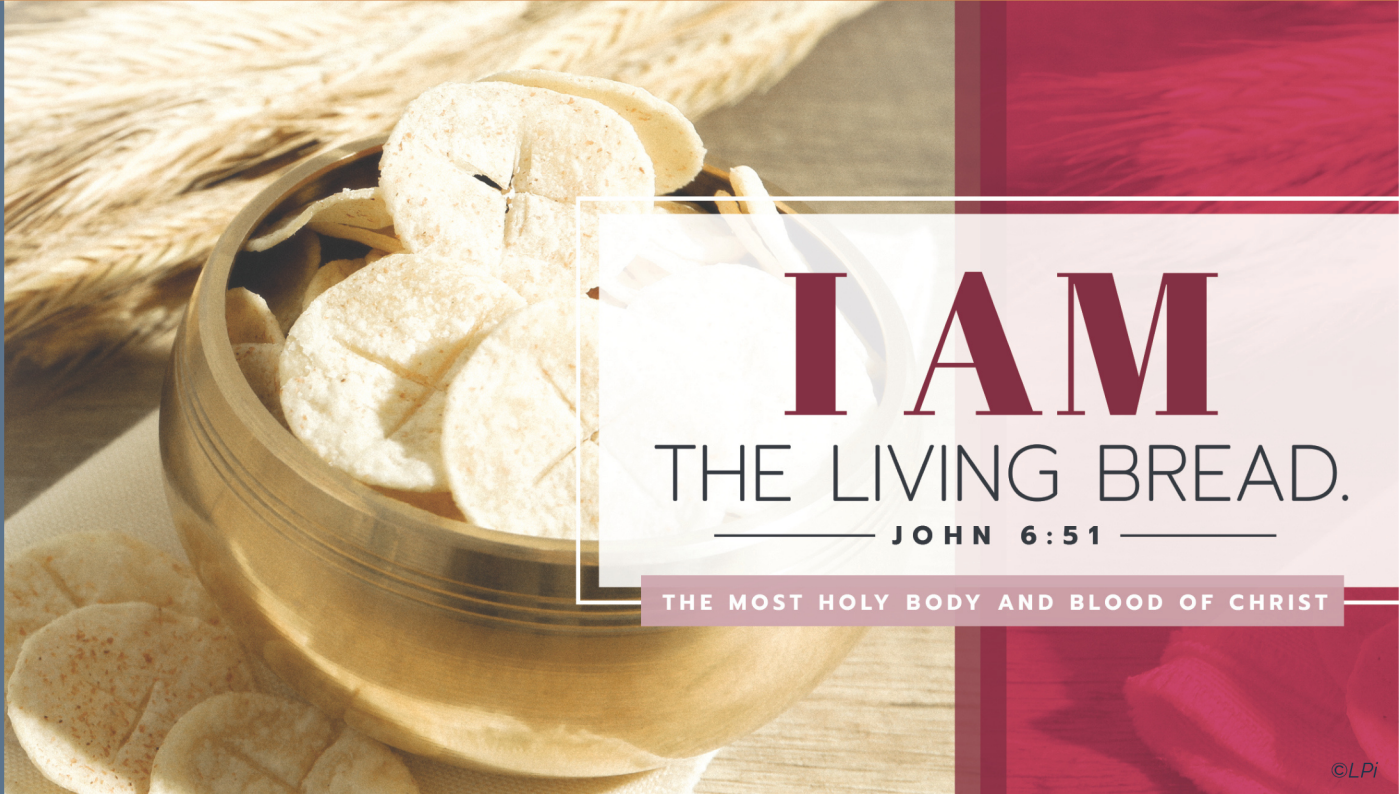


**June 7, 2026**

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Meals are meant to bring people together.

To slow us down.  
To reconnect us.

Maybe that's part of why the Eucharist matters so much.

***On Corpus Christi, we celebrate Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.***

He does not remain distant from us. He stays close to His people, feeding us with His Body and Blood and reminding us that we are never alone.

In a world where many people feel exhausted, distracted, or disconnected, ***the Eucharist reminds us that Christ is still with us*** — inviting us to remain close to Him and to one another.



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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 - Westley G. Myers

## NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome to our Family!*  
SJB - Alspaugh Family, Zosh Family,  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zdziebko  
SPA - Maureen Anglum

## THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene	Irene Jaskier
Nancy & Paul Alden	Kathy Kirk
Eileen Barron	Dianne Knavel
Amy Bonamici	Carl & Ann Matthias
Arlene Chase	Mary Ellen McNeill
Joanne T. Conboy	Michael Munn
Rich Cymerman	Janet Romessu
Mary Lou Dexter	Shirley Salerno
Dawn Duncan	Karen Schaller
Kathy Duncan	Donna Stengel
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Cole Huson	

*Names will be on this list for two months.  
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## DEARLY DEPARTED

SMA - John Arcadi  
SPA - Mary Jane Lang

## SANCTUARY LAMP - JUN 7 - 13

SPA  
Plotnicki Family | Dan & Barb



*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, 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 Wyzykowski | 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

**Monday, June 8**

8:15 am SMP - Hilary Weir | Doug & Ellie Kleber  
 9:00 am SPA - Paul Vogel | Barbara Vogel  
 12 Noon SMA - Raymond Boreanaz | Victoria Boreanaz  
 7:00 pm SJB - Deceased members of the George Family

**Tuesday, June 9**

8:15 am SMP - Deceased Members of the Forsyth & Mahony Families | Tim & Charlene Mahony  
 8:30 am SJB - All Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00 am SPA - Audrey Horbett | Kathy Kirk  
 12 Noon SMA - John Piatkowski | Donna & Diane

**Wednesday, June 10**

8:15 am SMP - Alice Kamela | Doug & Ellie Kleber  
 8:30 am SJB - Fr. Irwin Spahn & Members of His Family | Fr. Gary Kibler  
 9:00 am SPA - Henry Siepka  
 12 Noon SMA - Edward & Frances Calkins | Family

**Thursday, June 11**

8:15 am SMP - Lucille Zon & Her Family  
 8:30 am SJB - Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00 am SPA - John and Hattie Stefaniak | Kathy Stefaniak  
 12 Noon SMA - Gloria Glover | Kathi, Stan & Family

**Friday, June 12**

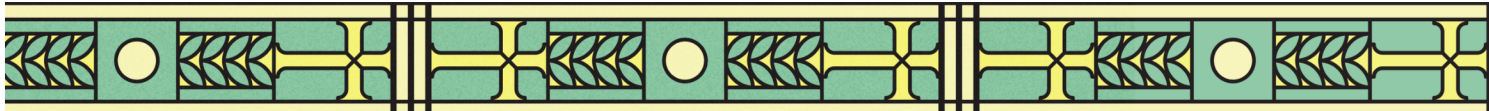
8:15 am SMP - For All Parishioners (Parish Anniversary)  
 8:30 am SJB - Birthday Wishes for Margaret Ryan | Mary Czechowski  
 12 Noon SMA - Mark & Betsy | Mom & Dad  
 SPA - All Souls; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

**Saturday, June 13**

4:00 pm SJB - Conrad Grzybek | Wife, Lorraine  
 OLP - Irene & Stanley Jasiczek, Jr. | Daughter, Patricia  
 4:30 pm SPA - Living & Deceased 4:30 pm Ushers | 4:30 pm Ushers  
 5:00 pm SMP - Leroy Heath | John & Andrea Marschner  
 7:00 pm SMA - Also & Alda Beltrami | Family

**Sunday, June 14** *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am SJB - Current & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society | Holy Name Society  
 SMP - 50th Wedding Anniversary of Henry & Felicia Lehman  
 9:00 am SPA - Frances Kozlowski | Sue & John Marshall  
 9:30 am OLP - Michael Schalberg | Parents Andy & Carol Schalberg  
 10:00 am SMP - Members of the Holy Name Society  
 SMA - Bill Anstett | The Family  
 11:00 am SJB - Repose of the Soul of Margaret Young | Daughter & Family  
 SPA - Cecelia Przybyl & James Przybyl | Delphine, Ron, & Geraldine  
 11:30 am OLP - Debbie Fetterman Wiles | Mom, A.J., Mara, & Trey  
 Noon SMA - Lotti & Art Herdzik | Art & Jean Herdzik



# Hallow Parish Mission

THE POWER OF PRAYER

June 6 - 8

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Free Event | No Registration  
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St. Philip the Apostle Parish Center  
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Join us for three interactive & uplifting evenings of reflection, prayer, & conversation as we explore the transformative power of prayer in our lives.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPA Drive-Thru Dinner

6/9 | 12 pm - 6 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Parking Lot

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

Includes sides & roll with butter.

Cash & Credit. No tickets/reservations.

### SPA Sanctuary Carpeting

6/9 - 6/11

St. Philip the Apostle Church

The carpeting on the altar is being installed these days. Daily Mass will be in the Parish Center.

### BDCL SVdP Coffee Can Collection

6/13 & 6/14 | After All Masses

St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus

The BDCL St. Vincent dePaul Society thanks you for your support!

### OLBS CLOSING MASS

6/12 | 8:15 am

St. Martha Church

Please join Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School during our last School Mass. Attendees are welcome to walk around the building one last time at the conclusion of Mass.



### SMA MEDITATION & YOGA

6/20 | 10 am - 11 am

St. Mary of the Assumption  
Hill Campus Parish Center

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### SPA FATHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE

6/20 & 6/21

St. Philip the Apostle Church Vestibule

Join us in supporting the U.S. Bishops' 250 Works of Mercy initiative by donating to support the 14 Holy Helpers Food Pantry.

Most needed items: laundry detergent, fabric softener, paper towels, dish soap, and canned fruit.



# FAITH IN ACTION



## RESPECT LIFE PROCESSION

On May 9, members of our Family gathered for the Respect Life Procession from St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus to the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus.

23 people took part in the walk to OLP, where they prayed the Rosary for Life together.

It was a beautiful time of prayer, witness, and community as we honored the dignity of life.



Left to Right: Fr. Paul, Matthew, Tara, Becky

## YOUTH HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**Congratulations to Matthew Betz and Tara Patro** on being inducted into the **2026 Lancaster Youth Bureau Hall of Fame** on May 7!

Matthew, nominated by Fr. Paul, and Tara, nominated by Becky Hoag, were recognized for generously sharing their time, talents, and faith with both our parish family and the wider community. **We are incredibly proud of them and grateful for the joy, kindness, and leadership they bring.**



## GOD'S FAMILY UPDATES

Members of God's Family, **our Faith Formation program for people with special needs**, learned about Ascension Thursday and celebrated a May Crowning during their final class of the year.

We also **joyfully celebrate Lucy Fields**, who received her **First Holy Communion** at St. Mary's Church on May 17. Our Family rejoices with you as you receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Congratulations!



## BABY SHOWER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. John the Baptist & St. Philip the Apostle Mother's Day Baby Shower benefiting the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Center.

Your generosity will help support mothers, babies, and families in need, bringing comfort, hope, and care.

# GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

**Do you ever notice how people can sit together and still feel completely disconnected?**

Everybody's busy. Distracted. Already thinking about the next thing.

**That's part of why the Eucharist matters so much.**

Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." He doesn't remain distant from us. He stays close — through something as simple and familiar as a meal.



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

Meals are meant to bring people together.

To slow us down. To reconnect us.

And maybe that matters even more right now, when so many people feel exhausted, lonely, or overwhelmed.

The Eucharist reminds us that faith is not just about knowing about God. It's about receiving His presence.

So this week, slow down. At Mass. At Communion. In the moments that matter.



*Msgr. Richard Sjepka  
Our Pastor*

# FAMILY COUNCIL UPDATES

At their last meeting on May 6, the BDCL Family Council discussed:

### **Liturgy Pillar**

- Shared updates to the Family liturgy plan
- Discussed building more shared Family traditions
- Continued planning for Advent and future liturgical celebrations

### **Spiritual Pillar**

- Discussed the role of the Spiritual Pillar
- Focused on non-liturgical devotions and coordinating opportunities for prayer

### **Forming Disciples Pillar**

- Continued planning & brainstorming future goals
- Discussed the Before Cana marriage preparation program

### **InReach/OutReach Pillar**

- Discussed parish outreach and updating parishioner information
- Began conversations about a future Family-wide Unity Mass

### **Stewardship Pillar**

- Continued efforts to recruit new members based on talents and skills
- Worked on clarifying the pillar's role and responsibilities

### **Administration Pillar**

- Reviewed staffing recommendations and future Family staffing needs
- Discussed long-term planning for Family-wide collaboration

### **Other Items Discussed**

- The Family has reached 62% of its Catholic Charities goal
- 79 candidates made their Confirmation
- Work continues on the Family Funeral Book and parish record organization
- Continued updates were shared regarding Road to Renewal and parish transitions within the Family

**Faces of the Family**

**Kromer Sisters & Deacon Matt Hens**

**Video Available on YouTube & Social Media**

**7/8**

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# COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## FAITH BUILDERS

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### **SUNDAY**

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

#### **MONDAY**

1 Kgs 17:1-6  
Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Mt 5:1-12

#### **TUESDAY**

1 Kgs 17:7-16  
Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8  
Mt 5:13-16

#### **WEDNESDAY**

1 Kgs 18:20-39  
Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11  
Mt 5:17-19

#### **THURSDAY**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (58o)  
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13  
Mt 5:20-26

#### **FRIDAY**

Dt 7:6-11  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10  
1 Jn 4:7-16  
Mt 11:25-30

#### **SATURDAY**

1 Kgs 19:19-21  
Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10  
Mt 5:33-37

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Ex 19:2-6a  
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5  
Rom 5:6-11  
Mt 9:36-10:8

### VOCATIONS REFLECTION

*Fr. David Baker*

The Eucharist is our everything, the source and summit of the Christian life. The source of our peace and our strength, and the summit we reach toward every day.

***Without priests, we don't have it. Keep this fountain of God's mercy flowing!***

Consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Dave Baker: 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)



# 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 5/24

### St. John the Baptist

Regular: \$6,104.26  
OSV: \$1,062.70  
Fuel: \$5  
Maintenance: \$2,420  
Cemetery: \$243  
Ascension: \$55

### St. Martha

Regular: \$6,209.25  
Loose: \$609.16  
Online: \$755  
Buildings & Grounds: \$20  
Ascension: \$131  
Human Development: \$19.75  
Latin America: \$52

### St. Mary of the Assumption

#### Hill Campus

Regular: \$2,963  
Loose: \$1,406  
CPL: \$4,656.78  
Special Projects: \$34  
Latin America: \$26

#### Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$5,307.45  
Loose: \$606  
Ascension: \$20  
Latin America: \$25  
Catholic Home Mission: \$10

### St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$5,694  
Loose: \$485.03  
Online: \$1,751.50  
Ascension: \$25  
Latin America: \$132.50  
Black & Native Missions: \$25  
Peter's Pence: \$20



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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### JOB OPENINGS

Queen of Heaven School is currently seeking applicants for two positions within its faith-filled school community:

#### **Administrative Assistant**

- 12-month position
- Start date as soon as possible
- Ideal for someone organized, dependable, and passionate about working in a school environment

#### **Principal**

Queen of Heaven School is seeking a dynamic Catholic leader committed to academic excellence, faith formation, and building strong partnerships with students, families, faculty, and the parish community.

Applications accepted through June 10.

#### **For more information or to apply, contact:**

mdamico@qofhschool.org (Administrative Assistant)  
frgreg@qofhchurch.org (Principal Position)

## CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6/12 | 5:15 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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*Bulletin submissions due by Friday at Noon,  
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Submit to your Rectory.*

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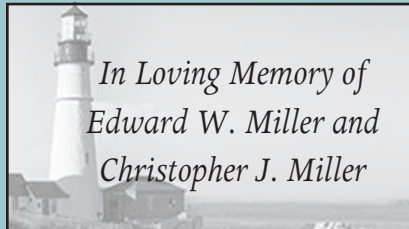
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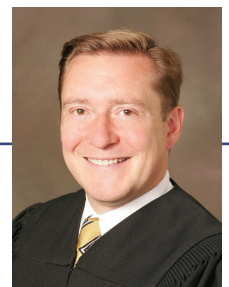
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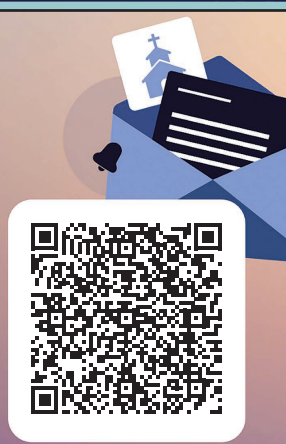
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