

**July 12, 2026**

*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



“A SOWER  
WENT OUT TO  
**SOW.**”

— MATTHEW 13:3 —

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**A seed doesn't make much of an impression.**  
*Yet, inside that tiny seed is the potential for something far greater.*

Faith often looks the same.

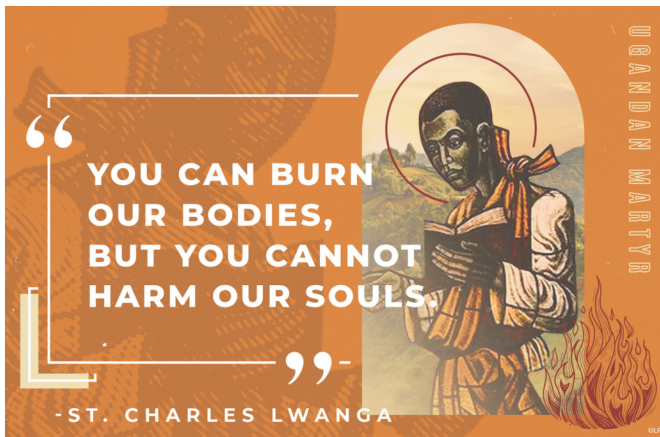
A simple prayer.  
A kind word.  
An invitation to Mass.  
A quiet conversation.

**God works through the small moments,**  
planting seeds that continue to grow  
long after we've forgotten them.

**Look for the small ways God may be at work in your life**—and consider what seeds He may be asking you to plant in the lives of others.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Welcome and May God Bless you and your family!*  
SMA - Baby Kaniecki, Duke J. Light,  
Isabelle G. Buchnowski, Joseph Lelonek,  
Cameron M. Humphrey

### UPCOMING WEDDING

*May God Bless this union!*  
SMA: 7/11/26  
Nicholas Bailey & Julie Trzaska

### THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene	Tricia Hrycko
Joanne T. Conboy	Cole Huson
Rich Cymerman	Irene Jaskier
Krista Dusza	Richard Jezuit
Weston Faith	Kathy Kirk
Max Fuller	Theresa Lisowski
Alexandra Getz	Mary Ellen McNeill
Anne Marie Gleber	Shirley Salerno
	Karen Schaller

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

### DEARLY DEPARTED

SMA - Arlene Chase, Thomas J. Dryja  
OLP - Vera Maines  
SJC - Susan Przybysz  
SPA - John Wagner, Nicholas Sarnowski

### SANCTUARY LAMP | JULY 12-18

SPA  
Leonard Janowski | Wife, Son, & Family



*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

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, July 11** *St. Benedict*

- 4:00 pm OLP - Teres Walkow | Darryl & Gloria Horn
- 4:30 pm SPA - Daniel & Rita Stachowiak | Stackowiak & Herod Families
- 5:00 pm SMP - God's Blessing for Dolores Feyl, 100th Birthday | Peter & Susan Mankowski
- 7:00 pm SMA - Mary Ann Helinski | Family

**Sunday, July 12** *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am SMP - Donald Nugent | Wife & Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Ted Zygmunt | Kevin Ziemba & Tess Cerra
- 9:30 am OLP - Thomas Juszcak | The Juszczyk Family
- 10:00 am SMP - Members of the Holy Name Society
- SMA - Estelle Jasiczek | Ciszewski Family
- 11:00 am SPA - Donald Russo | Wife & Family
- 11:30 am OLP - Jeffery Zeffler | Julie Schultz
- Noon SMA - Roslyn Dumas Mass for Healing | Monica & Greg Newman

**Monday, July 13**

- 8:15 am SMP - Deceased Members of Kosicki & Krempa Families | Stephanie & Thomas Ptak
- 9:00 am SPA - Raymond & Mary Jane Burzynski | Tom & Pat Albrechcinski
- 12 Noon SMA - John & Jacob Meth | Joan Gasiewicz

**Tuesday, July 14**

- 8:15 am SMP - Mary Ann Miller | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Bernard & Regina Borchlewicz | Barbara Vogel
- 12 Noon SMA - Christian C. for Spiritual, Emotinal & Physical Healing | The BDCL SVdP

**Wednesday, July 15**

- 8:15 am SMP - Thomas Goldyn | Chris & Diane Zawisza
- 9:00 am SPA - James Kent | Liz Wichlacz & Ron Moore
- 12 Noon SMA - Helen Helinski | Estate

**Thursday, July 16**

- 8:15 am SMP - Craig Flading | Rose
- 9:00 am SPA - All Mothers; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes
- 12 Noon SMA - John Flanigan | Wife & Family

**Friday, July 17**

- 8:15 am SMP - Valerie Gordon | Kathy Mazurek
- 12 Noon SMA - Janice Korzeniewski | Family
- SPA - John Ehlers

**Saturday, July 18**

- 4:00 pm OLP - Joey Krickovich | Family
- 4:30 pm SPA - Victor Carbone | Edwina Bobeck
- 5:00 pm SMP - Sharon Cervi | Louis Cervi
- 7:00 pm SMA - Stan Bielec | Family

**Sunday, July 19** *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am SMP - Clara Carney | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Jim & Laurie Bauer | Family
- 9:30 am OLP - Cathy Markut | Toni Markut & Family
- 10:00 am SMP - Alfonso & Rita Alongi | Knittel Family
- SMA - Bob Rusinek | Anna
- 11:00 am SPA - Jason Tymorek | Mom, Dad, Brothers, & Sisters
- 11:30 am OLP - Terry DiStefano | Joann Blatner
- Noon SMA - Narlatta Kaul | Andrea Knab

# GRIEF SHARING

*You Don't Have to Grieve Alone*



**Losing someone you love changes life in ways that can be difficult to understand.**

Grief Sharing is a supportive group where you can connect with others who understand, receive encouragement, and find hope.

### TOPICS INCLUDE



- Is This Normal?
- Surviving the Holidays
- Self-Care
- Anger & Regrets
- Questions for God



### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Videos by grief experts
- Group discussion
- Practical tools for navigating grief
- A caring environment



### REGISTRATION *Due By 9/14*

\$5 registration fee

Scan the QR code or contact your Rectory to register



### QUESTIONS

Sr. Joyce King

716-683-6445 | [sisterjoyce@stmarysonthehill.org](mailto:sisterjoyce@stmarysonthehill.org)

**WEDNESDAYS | 6:30–8 PM**  
*Beginning October 21*

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus  
Ministry Center  
129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SMP COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL

7/12 | after 8 am & 10 am Mass  
St. Martha

Join us for coffee and donuts! It is a perfect chance to connect with your St. Martha Family. All are welcome!

### SPA CHIAVETTA'S DINNER

7/14 | Noon - 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.

### BDCL WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

1st Tuesday & 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Monday | 6:30 pm  
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Church

Join us as we come together to pray for our personal needs and our Family of Parishes.

### CARNIVAL KIDS CONCERT

7/16 | 6 pm  
St. Martha  
Parking Lot  
*Gym if raining*



Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra

Come enjoy an evening of music with the Lancaster Schools Steel Drum Band, the Carnival Kids Orchestra!

The Holy Name will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers, and the Altar & Rosary Guild will be selling water, pop, chips, and cookies.

Be sure to have your lawn chair or a blanket with you.

**Bring your family, friends, and neighbors—everyone is welcome!**

## SHARE COMFORT THROUGH HOSPITALITY

One of the ways we care for families after a funeral is by gathering around a meal and offering the support of our parish.



### SMA Funeral Breakfast Ministry is looking for:

- Bakers willing to donate baked goods
- Volunteers and committee members to help serve and organize funeral breakfasts

*If you'd like to help with this meaningful ministry, we'd love to hear from you.*

Contact: Elaine at 716-553-2618 or the SMA Rectory for more info.

## St. Martha Parish Food Pantry

Always Accepting Donations

Collection barrels in the vestibule of Church



### Most Needed Items:

Cookies, Salad Dressing, Crackers, Instant Potatoes, Chef Boyardee, Manwich, Juice

Cooking Oil

Toothpaste

### Need assistance?

Call 716-206-0387 for an appointment.

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**GOLF  
OUTING  
8/3**



**REGISTRATION: 9 AM  
SHOTGUN START: 10 AM**

**Spend a great day on the course while supporting a great cause!**

### **\$125 per golfer**

*Registration includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, draft beer/pop.*

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**For golfer or sponsorship information, contact Wally at 716-684-0281.**

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## GROWING TOGETHER

*A Weekly Faith Challenge*

**Have you ever noticed that a Bible passage you've heard dozens of times can suddenly sound different?**

A verse you've heard for years suddenly speaks to what you're experiencing, and a story you thought you knew takes on a whole new meaning.

That's why Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. A farmer scatters seed everywhere. The seed never changes. What changes is the soil that receives it.



***This week's challenge:***  
**Create a little space each day to receive God's Word.**

Even a few quiet minutes can help the seeds He plants begin to take root.

As we move through different seasons of life, God continues to speak. **This week, don't just hear the Gospel—listen for what God might be saying to you today,** and give His Word the opportunity to take root.

Every time we open our hearts, He helps our faith grow.



*Msgr. Richard Siepka*  
*Our Pastor*

## Faces of the Family

**Kromer Sisters & Deacon Matt Hens**  
**Video Available on YouTube & Social Media**

7/8



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## FAITH IN ACTION

**Thank you**  
*for your generosity!*

The **14 Holy Helpers Sharing Committee** expresses its sincere gratitude to the **parishioners of Saint Philip the Apostle for their generosity** of over 50 bags of items and \$85 during the recent 250 Works of Mercy ~ **Father's Day Food Drive!**

Our shelves were stocked and the monetary collection given will be used to purchase refrigerated and frozen food.

The Sharing Committee is truly blessed by the continued support shown by your parish for this important outreach effort. **Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!**

**My heart is overflowing with gratitude** as I continue to think about and reflect on the weekend I was ordained to the priesthood and celebrated Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii.

For twenty-eight years, I've called Lancaster home, and so many of you have helped me to prepare for the priesthood. **I am especially grateful for all who have offered their prayers and words of encouragement along the way.**

Thank you, as well, to everyone who made their way to St. Joseph Cathedral and Our Lady of Pompeii to be apart of these sacred moments. Thank you to the music ministers at OLP who prepared a beautiful liturgy on Sunday, to all who helped organize and contribute to the reception on Sunday, and to all who donated several hundred pounds of food for the pantry.

**If you find your way to Southern Allegany county, stop by. In the meantime, let us pray for each other.**

—Father C.J. Wild

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer  
soil  
root

rocky  
thorns  
path

birds  
choked  
seed

frarme    f a r m e r

sede        \_\_\_\_\_

ptah        \_\_\_\_\_

brisd        \_\_\_\_\_

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rtoo         \_\_\_\_\_

cohekd      \_\_\_\_\_

silo         \_\_\_\_\_

**Blessing for Abundant Growth**

Dear God,  
Bless our efforts in Your Name. Help us to understand Your will. Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided. We want to be rich soil — help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place You call.  
Amen.

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**VOCATIONS REFLECTION**

Through the Holy Spirit, the sower scatters seed and bears fruit "one hundredfold."

**Consider a Church vocation and let God increase the reach of your words.**

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

**FAITH BUILDERS**

**WEEKLY READINGS**

**SUNDAY**

Is 55:10-11  
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14  
Rom 8:18-23  
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**MONDAY**

Is 1:10-17  
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23  
Mt 10:34-11:1

**TUESDAY**

Is 7:1-9  
Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Mt 11:20-24

**WEDNESDAY**

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16  
Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15  
Mt 11:25-27

**THURSDAY**

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
Ps 102:13-14ab, 15, 16-18, 19-21  
Mt 11:28-30

**FRIDAY**

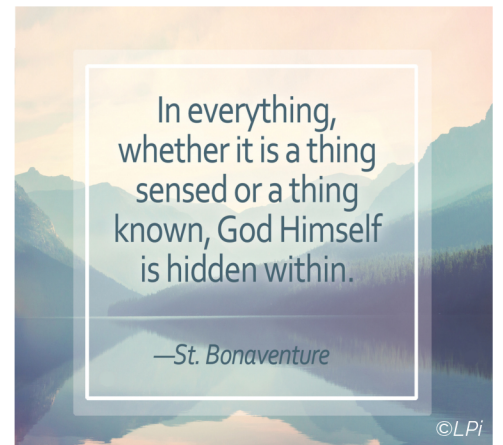
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16  
Mt 12:1-8

**SATURDAY**

Mi 2:1-5  
Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14  
Mt 12:14-21

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

### August 2 - Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Fund

The Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits Fund helps provide healthcare and medical assistance for retired priests of the Diocese of Buffalo. Your generosity supports the priests who have faithfully served our parishes throughout their lives and now rely on our care and prayers.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 6/28



### St. Martha

Regular: \$7,080

Loose: \$682

Online: \$710

Buildings & Grounds: \$25

Peter's Pence: \$30

### St. Mary of the Assumption



#### Hill Campus

Regular: \$3,396

Loose: \$1,532

CPL: \$2,456.78

Special Projects: \$45

Cath. Communications: \$40



#### Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,849

Loose: \$638

Fuel: \$15



### St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$6,517.50

Loose: \$548

Online: \$1,464.75

Cath. Communications: \$60

Peter's Pence: \$60



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of Christ the Lord*

# REGISTRATION is now open!

**2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION**

**BE SURE TO:**

- Read the class descriptions
- Review the program calendars
- Choose the best option for your family

*Register Today!*

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
<https://forms.gle/sNSF7kmqEIVhZGjQ6>

*We look forward to another year of growing in faith, building friendships, and encountering Christ together!*

## FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT

The new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit would allow all taxpayers to receive a 100% federal tax credit, up to \$1,700, for donations that fund scholarships helping students with tuition, tutoring, and other education costs.

If New York opts in, this program would bring millions of dollars in privately funded support to families, while allowing taxpayers to redirect a portion of their federal taxes to help students across the state, including our Catholic school families.

### Tell Gov. Hochul to opt in!

Go to <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/79dcb627/wK-bHMjq7USH-NhWFQgR-Q?u=http://www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit> to take action today, or scan the QR code.



## DEVOTIONS

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

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. 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. Martha: 716-684-6342 x 202

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

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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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St. Philip the Apostle  
716-668-8370 x 502 | [spareled@spaparish.org](mailto:spareled@spaparish.org)

## SCHOOL

St. Mary of the Assumption (SME) PreK3 - 8  
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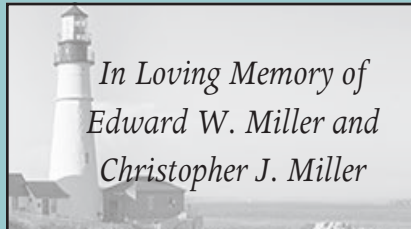
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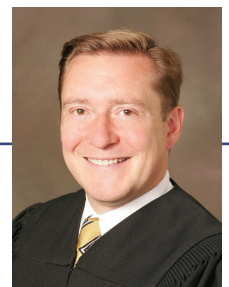
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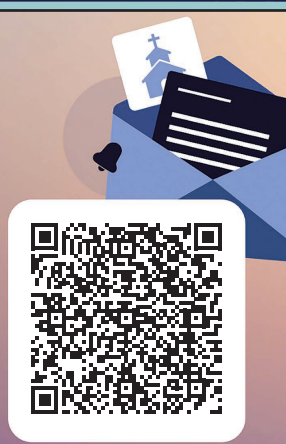
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