

July 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WHOLE BATCH WAS
LEAVENED.

— MATTHEW 13:33 —

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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***Sometimes the biggest changes begin
where no one is looking.***

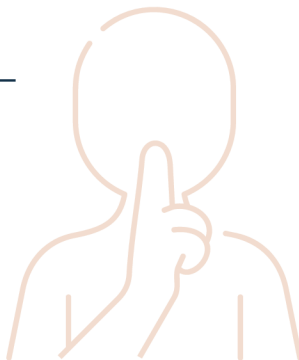
A seed disappears into the ground.
A little yeast is mixed into dough.
A quiet act of kindness goes unnoticed.

God often works the same way.

His Kingdom doesn't always
arrive with fanfare.

More often, it grows quietly—
in faithful hearts, simple
moments, and everyday
acts of love.

**Where might God
be quietly at work
in your life today?**



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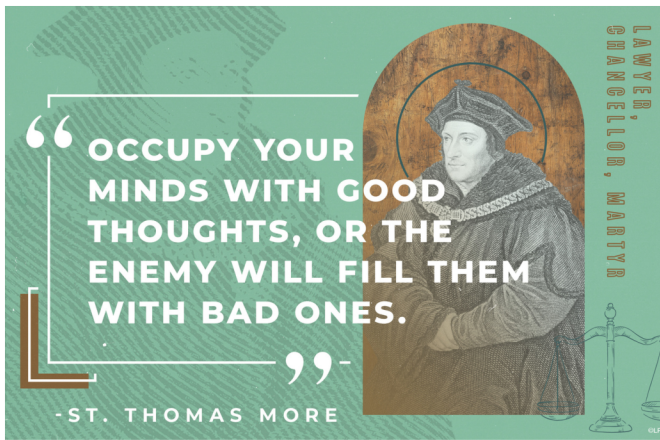
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Welcome!

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

SMA - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hill Campus
 OLP - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
 SMC - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish St. Martha Campus
 SJC - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish St. James Church
 SPA - St. Philip the Apostle Parish

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 - Anthony S. Philippone, Maxton E. Zalenski, Atlas A. Fowler

UPCOMING WEDDING

May God Bless these unions!

SPA: 7/18/26

Christopher Bopst & Doreen G. Wan-Min-Kee

SPA: 8/1/26

Anthony G. Gallo & Megan K. Robinson

THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene

Rich Cymerman

Krista Dusza

Weston Faith

Max Fuller

Alexandra Getz

Anne Marie Gleber

Tricia Hrycko

Cole Huson

Richard Jezuit

Kathy Kirk

Theresa Lisowski

Mary Ellen McNeill

Shirley Salerno

Karen Schaller

Louise Storms

Margaret Zabransky

Joseph Zaklikowski

Gregory Zygmunt

Names will be on this list for two months.

Add Someone: 716-668-8370 x 330 or

<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>

DEARLY DEPARTED

SMA: Donna M. Stengel

OLP: Rita Volpe

SMC: Henrietta Bystrak, Suzanne Piecuch, Mark Derringer, Joseph Golba

SJC: Marie Schmid

SPA: Daniel Sikorski

SANCTUARY LAMP | JULY 19-25

SPA

Donna Goldluck | Jack & Kathy



Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

8:15 am SMC - Friends of the Pantry | Friend
9:00 am SPA - James Kent | Lois & Terry Dobbins & Family
12 Noon SMA - Erin Murray | Kathi, Stan & Family

Tuesday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:15 am SMC - Robert Spider & Angelo Cane | Cane Family
9:00 am SPA - James Bonsack | Maria Woloszyn
12 Noon SMA - Karen Chase | Karen Virag-Tumiel

Wednesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:15 am SMC - Scibor Family | Audrey
9:00 am SPA - Rita Blamowski | Pat & Stan
12 Noon SMA - Daniel & Barbara Plotnicki, Special Intention

Thursday, July 23

St. Bridget

8:15 am SMC - Deceased Members of Ptak & Lusiak Families | Thomas & Stephanie Ptak
9:00 am SPA - Thomas Tschopp | Family
12 Noon SMA - Roslyn Dumas, Mass for Healing | Monica & Greg Newman

Friday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhiluf

8:15 am SMC - Andrew R. McNett, Jr. | Mom, Travis, & Family
12 Noon SMA - Marianne Gable | Family
SPA - All Fathers; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

Saturday, July 25

St. James

4:00 pm OLP - 4th Degree Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus - St. John Neuman K of C
4:30 pm SPA - Tony Jubulis | Wife & Family
5:00 pm SMC - Donald J. Stroud | Stroud Family
7:00 pm SMA - Paul Sterlace | Wife

Sunday, July 26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am SMC - Janet Corda | Janene Corda
9:00 am SPA - Vincent A. DeMaioresibus | Barbara Jean DeMaioresibus
9:30 am OLP - John Kowal | Wife, Chris
10:00 am SMC - Craig Flading | Rose
SMA - Alice Kaniecki | Family
11:00 am SPA - Nancy Nestorowich | Jim & Roseanne Schaefer
11:30 am OLP - Thomas & Linda Farruggio | MaryBeth Farruggio & Daughters
Noon SMA - Kenneth & Gladys Smith | Andrea Knab

SHARE WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bulletin • Website • Social Media • Weekly Email

Every ministry, event, meeting, and act of service helps strengthen our Family of Parishes.

Whether you're planning something new this fall or celebrating something that recently happened, we'd love to help share it with our Family.

If it's happening in our Family, we want to know about it!

WHAT CAN I SUBMIT?

- ✓ Upcoming meetings & events
- ✓ Ministry news & announcements
- ✓ Service opportunities
- ✓ Flyers & graphics
- ✓ Photos from parish life
- ✓ Celebrations, milestones & special moments

Simply send your information to your Rectory.

Please include the date, time, location, details, and a graphic or photo if available.

Submit it early, and we'll look for additional opportunities to share it.

Every submission is shared at least once. Many submissions are also shared on our website, social media, or in our weekly email, helping even more people stay connected.

DON'T ASSUME WE ALREADY KNOW

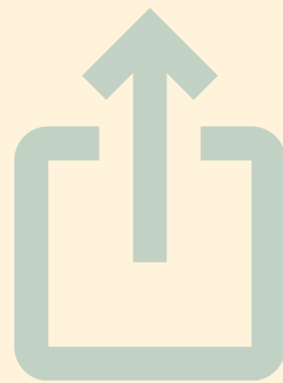
Many wonderful things happen across our Family of Parishes, but if we don't hear about them, we can't help share them with others.

Is your ministry meeting, serving, celebrating, or planning something new?

Did someone in your parish do something worth celebrating?

We'd love to hear from you and share your story!

Bulletin deadlines & graphics specifications are available at bdclfamily.org/bulletin-submit



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

7/28 | 6 pm
St. Philip the Apostle | Parish Center

The WNY Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will hold their next caregivers support group meeting. Free and open to all caregivers facing helping a loved one with dementia of any kind. No registration.

SPA HOLY HOURS FOR OUR NATION

7/21 & 7/28 | 6:30 pm
St. Philip the Apostle | Church

250 Hours of Adoration initiative led by the USCCB, come spend an hour in Adoration praying for our nation.

This month is a Holy Hour for Peace.

CARNIVAL KIDS CONCERT

7/16 | 6 pm
St. Mary of the Assumption
St. Martha Campus
Parking Lot
Gym if raining



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

SMC Holy Name:

selling hot dogs & hamburgers

SMC Altar & Rosary Guild:

selling water, pop, chips, & cookies

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

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

BDCL

**GOLF
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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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21 CLUB WINNERS

From the Knights of St. John International: Here are the current **winning numbers for the 21 Club Raffle.**



Early Bird #0227

Week 1 #0109, Week 2 #0046, Week 3 #0568, Week 4 #0493, Week 5 #0223, Week 6 #0493, Week 7 #0174, Week 8 #0374, Week 9, #0102, Week 10 #0457

Congratulations to all these winners!!

SMA CHRISTMAS IN JULY

7/26 | After Mass
St. Mary of the Assumption
Hill Campus



Celebrate Christmas in July after Mass! Enjoy a festive treat, a cookie, a cup of coffee, and fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

If you have a favorite cookie or dessert that you would like to share, contact:

Elaine Driscoll
716-683-8611 | edristoj@aol.com

HOLY LAND GIFTS

8/8 & 8/9
After All Masses
St. Mary of the Assumption
Hill Campus



8/22 & 8/23
After All Masses
St. Philip the Apostle

Browse a beautiful collection of **handcrafted olivewood religious gifts from the Holy Land**, including Nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, Last Supper carvings, and more.

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Thank you for helping keep the Christian presence alive in the Holy Land!

GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

It doesn't take long to see what's wrong with the world, and before long it's easy to wonder: Where is God in all of this?

Jesus understood that question.

That's why He tells stories about wheat and weeds growing together, a tiny mustard seed becoming a great shrub, and yeast quietly transforming dough.

They all point to the same truth: **God's Kingdom is already here.** It doesn't erase every hardship or evil overnight, but it is quietly transforming the world.



This week's challenge:

It's easy to focus on everything that's broken.

But don't let the presence of weeds convince you there's no wheat growing. **Don't let the darkness make you forget that God is still at work.**

When you're tempted to become discouraged, ask yourself:

"Where is God's Kingdom already breaking through?"

You may discover hope in places you weren't expecting.



*Msgr. Richard Siepka
Our Pastor*

**GOD WORKS
WITHIN THE**

Mess



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EVERY MINISTRY MATTERS

Every Mass is made possible by parishioners who generously share their gifts.

Throughout this series, we're highlighting the many ministries that help our community worship with reverence, beauty, and hospitality.

Altar Servers (Youth)

Every Mass is a team effort, and our altar servers play an important role in helping the liturgy unfold with reverence and grace.

Altar servers assist the priest during Mass by carrying the cross and candles, preparing the altar, presenting the gifts, and helping with the many small details that allow the celebration of the Eucharist to flow smoothly.

Serving is much more than learning what to do at the altar.

It offers a chance to **grow in faith, become more confident, develop leadership skills, and experience the Mass from a unique perspective.** Many priests first discovered their vocation while serving at the altar.

Altar servers help the entire congregation worship by allowing the priest to focus on prayer and the celebration of the sacraments.

Ready to Serve?

Youth who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become altar servers for weekend Masses. **Contact your Parish Rectory to learn more or to sign up.**



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Blessing for Summer

O God,
Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You. Amen.

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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

Tiny mustard seeds become the largest of bushes.
God loves to use the small and powerless.

***The world may have overlooked you, but Jesus hasn't.
Think about serving the Church.***

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or
visit buffalovocations.org

FAITH BUILDERS

WEEKLY READINGS

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

MONDAY

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11
Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY

Jer 3:14-17
Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY

2 Cor 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Mt 20:20-28

NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



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 7/5

St. Mary of the Assumption



Hill Campus

Regular: \$3,950.25

Loose: \$1,011.75

CPL: \$4,176

Special Projects: \$135

Special Mission: \$10



Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,748

Loose: \$561

Peter's Pence: \$60

Catholic Communications: \$5



St. Martha Campus

Will be reported
next week



St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$6,022.50

Loose: \$860

Online: \$3,253

Peter's Pence: \$737.55



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to give online

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.

Debtor(s)

Case No.: 1-20-10322-CLB

Chapter: 11

Tax ID: 16-0743984

ORDER FOR HEARING ON AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT COMBINED WITH NOTICE THEREOF

TO THE DEBTOR(S), CREDITORS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:

An amended disclosure statement and plan under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code having been filed by debtor on June 17, 2026, **IT IS ORDERED** and notice is hereby given that:

1. The hearing to consider the approval of the amended disclosure statement shall be held before the Honorable Carl L. Bucki United States Bankruptcy Judge on:

DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF HEARING

August 26, 2026 at 10 A.M.

Robert H. Jackson U.S. Courthouse
2 Niagara Square, 5th Floor, Orleans Courtroom
Buffalo, NY 14202

Parties may appear in person or by telephone.

To access the Telephone Conference System, parties should dial: 571-353-2301.

When prompted for the 'Number you wish to Dial' enter: 483077448#

When prompted for the 'Security Pin' enter: 9999#

2. Requests for copies of the amended disclosure statement and plan shall be mailed to the debtor, c/o Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, One Lincoln Center, Syracuse, NY 13202.
3. No later than **July 28, 2026**, this Order shall be published by the debtor in its online newspaper and in parish bulletins.

Dated: JUNE 30, 2026

HONORABLE CARL L. BUCKI

Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court

DEVOTIONS

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

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus First Fridays 12:30 – 2:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus First Fridays Noon – 5 pm

St. Martha Campus Mon.–Fri. 9 am – 3pm (Chapel)
First Fridays 9 pm – 10pm (Church)

St. Philip the Apostle

Last Tues. (May–Oct) 6:30 – 7:30pm

CONFESSION *All are welcome. No appointment.*

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus Sat. 6 – 6:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Sat. 3 – 3:30pm

St. Martha Campus Sat. before 5pm Mass

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 Campus: 716-684-6342 x 202

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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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