

July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LIKE A NET THROWN INTO THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 13:47 —

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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What Are You Looking For?

Some things are easy to overlook.
A hidden treasure.
A pearl of great value.
A quiet invitation from God.

**Jesus reminds us that the
Kingdom of Heaven is worth
giving everything for.**

The question isn't
whether the
treasure is there.

***It's whether we're willing
to recognize its value.***



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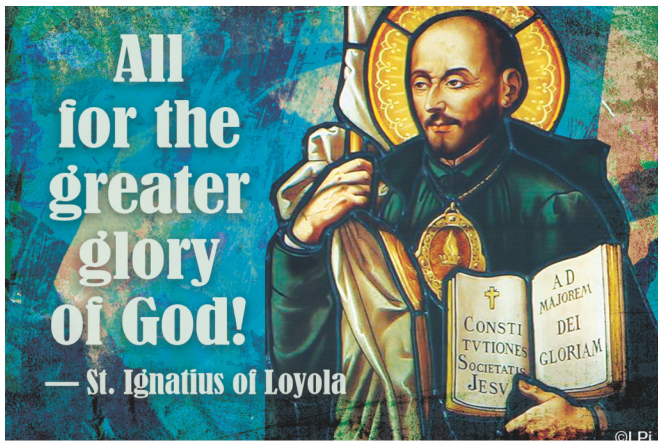
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Welcome!

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!

SMC: Logan M. MacKay, Alaina M. Onions

SPA: 7/19 - Aubrey Q. Huston

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Family!

SPA: Cronin Family

UPCOMING WEDDING

May God Bless this union!

SPA: 8/1/26

Anthony G. Gallo & Megan K. Robinson

THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene

Weston Faith

Alexandra Getz

Anne Marie Gleber

Tricia Hrycko

Cole Huson

Richard Jezuit

Kathy Kirk

Theresa Lisowski

Mary Ellen McNeill

Douglas Moore

Shirley Salerno

Karen Schaller

Michelle Tobolski

Margaret Zabranskey

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

OLP: Cecylia Pielaszkiewicz

SMC: Harry Piniarski

SPA: Edward Dziekan, Margaret Zabranskey,
 Louise Storms

SANCTUARY LAMP | JUL 26 - AUG 1

SPA

Gawrys Family | Family



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. DeMaioribus | Barbara Jean DeMaioribus
- 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

Monday, July 27

- 8:15 am SMC - Donald J. Stroud | Stroud Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Susan Leonardi | Husband, Pat, & Daughter, Jennifer
- 12 Noon SMA - Arlene Chase from Karen Virag | Tumiel

Tuesday, July 28

- 8:15 am SMC - Brian Joseph Miller | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Deceased Members of the Leone, Myers, & Weiglein Families | Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Lauren Chapman | Don & Terry Pitt

Wednesday, July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

- 8:15 am SMC - Parishioners of St. Martha, Feast of St. Martha
- 9:00 am SPA - Kathleen McAuley | McAuley Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Julia Calanita | Annette & Loving Sisters

Thursday, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

- 8:15 am SMC - Those We Promised to Pray For
- 9:00 am SPA - Richard & Dorothy Bosinski | Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Lottie & Art Herdzik | Art & Jean Herdzik

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

- 8:15 am SMC - Paul & Mary Ann Seitz | Kathy, Wendy, & Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Benjamin Domanowski | Love, Mom
- SPA - Colette G. Romano | Anthony M. & Nicholas A. Romano

Saturday, August 1

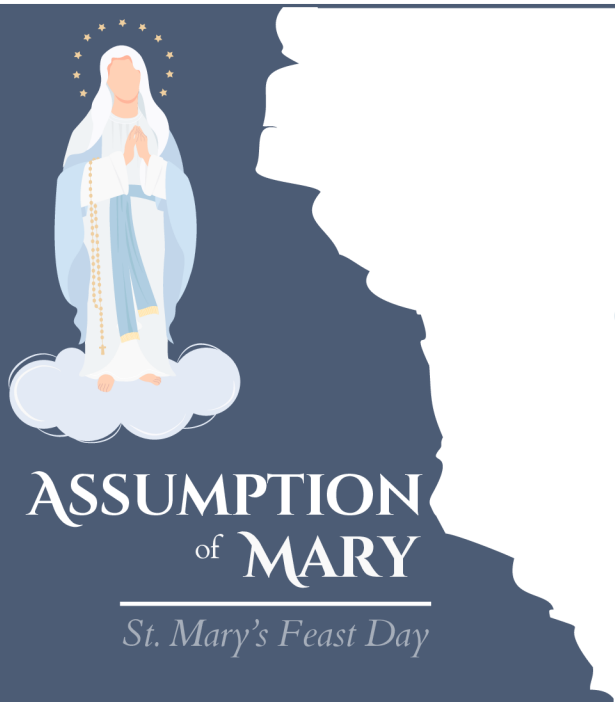
St. Alphonsus Liguori

- 4:00 pm OLP - Martha & Stanley Jasiczek Sr. | Patricia
- 4:30 pm SPA - Victor Carbone | Edwina Bobeck
- 5:00 pm SMC - Matilda Schiavone | Husband & Family
- 7:00 pm SMA - Fabian Helinski | Family

Sunday, August 2

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am SMC - Craig Flading | Rose
- 9:00 am SPA - Lysiak & Wojtasczyk Families | Family
- 9:30 am OLP - Janice Sugg | Laura Harold
- 10:00 am SMC - Members of the SMC Altar & Rosary Guild
- SMA - 65th Wedding Anniversary, Mary Ann & Anthony Kushner
- 11:00 am SPA - James Bonsack | Wife, Irene & Family
- 11:30 am OLP - Edward Juszczak | Family
- Noon SMA - Frank Chambers | Monica & Greg Newman



ASSUMPTION of MARY

St. Mary's Feast Day

HOLY DAY | AUGUST 15

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

9:00 am St. Philip the Apostle
10:00 am St. Mary's Hill Campus

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

7:00 pm St. Mary's Hill Campus
*Outdoor Regular Weekend Mass
for Feast Day with
Ice Cream Social After*

UPCOMING EVENTS

SMA CHRISTMAS IN JULY

7/26 | After Mass

St. Mary of the Assumption | Hill Campus

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

Bakers, contact: Elaine Driscoll
716-683-8611 | edristoj@aol.com

SPA HOLY HOURS FOR OUR NATION

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's Holy Hour is offered for peace.

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



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SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

In the midst of the noise, uncertainty, and challenges of our world, **Jesus is always waiting for us.**

Time spent in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can bring peace, strength, and a renewed sense of God's presence.

The **St. Martha Campus Adoration Chapel** is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Could you spend an hour with Him? It may become the most meaningful hour of your week.

To become an SMC Adorer, call: Jerry Kaczmarczyk - H: 716-685-4768 | C: 716-547-0670



ST. MARTHA PARISH BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

For most parishioners, very little will change right away.

- **Masses will continue** at the St. Martha Campus.
- Ministries, groups, and **events will continue** as scheduled.
- The **St. Martha Rectory remains open** for parish business at this time.
- As we continue integrating our campuses, **some administrative procedures may gradually move** to the SMA Rectory.

If changes become necessary, we'll share that information well in advance.

On July 14, 2026, St. Martha Parish officially merged with St. Mary of the Assumption Parish as part of the Diocese of Buffalo's Road to Renewal initiative and is now a Secondary Worship Site.

Going forward, ***the former St. Martha Parish will continue as the St. Martha Campus (SMC) of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.*** joining the Hill Campus (SMA) and Our Lady of Pompeii Campus (OLP) as worship sites within one parish.

LOOKING AHEAD

As with all of our campuses, the Family of Parishes will **continue to evaluate** attendance, participation, and financial sustainability **as we discern the long-term future** of the locations in our Family.

We remain grateful for the faith, dedication, and rich history of the St. Martha community, and we look forward to continuing that legacy together as one Family.

A NEW LOOK

You may also notice a new campus logo being used.

The **St. Mary of the Assumption logo represents the Hill Campus** and serves as the foundation for the logos of all three campuses.

The updated **St. Martha Campus logo** reflects its place within St. Mary of the Assumption Parish while **incorporating the familiar orange** from the former St. Martha Parish logo.

Likewise, the **OLP logo incorporates the gold tones** of its previous identity.

Together, the three logos **visually unite the campuses** as one parish while honoring the unique history and identity of each.



**ST. MARY
OF THE
ASSUMPTION**



**ST. MARTHA CAMPUS
ST. MARY OF THE
ASSUMPTION**



**OUR LADY OF POMPEII CAMPUS
ST. MARY OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

One of the hardest things in life isn't finding what's valuable. It's recognizing it before it's gone.

Jesus tells several short parables about people who discover something of incredible value. A hidden treasure. A pearl of great price. A net gathering every kind of fish. Then, He looks at His disciples and asks: **"Have you understood all these things?"**

It's an interesting question because it goes much deeper. He is asking whether they've begun to see the Kingdom of God for what it truly is.



This week's challenge:

The people in these parables respond with joy because they recognize the gifts they have been given.

Jesus leaves His disciples with that question. And He leaves it with us to invite us to see what God has been placing before us all along. Because the answer isn't simply found in what we know. We discover it by recognizing the treasure God has placed before us.



Msgr. Richard Siepka
Our Pastor

HAPPY FEAST OF ST. MARTHA!

Our entire Family joins in celebrating the **Feast of St. Martha on Wenesday.**



We give thanks for all who worship, volunteer, and serve at the St. Martha Campus.

We pray that St. Martha's example of faith, hospitality, and service continues to enrich our entire Family of Parishes.

EVERY MINISTRY MATTERS

THE UNSEEN MINISTRIES

Not every ministry happens in front of the congregation. **Some of the most important acts of service take place quietly before Mass begins or after everyone has gone home.**

These volunteers help create a beautiful, reverent, and welcoming place where we can gather to worship God.

Sacristans prepare everything needed for the celebration of Mass, including the altar, sacred vessels, vestments, liturgical books, bread, and wine. Their careful preparation allows the liturgy to unfold smoothly and prayerfully.

Decorators use flowers, seasonal colors, and other liturgical decorations to reflect the beauty and meaning of the Church year. Their creativity helps draw our hearts into the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

Altar Linen Volunteers lovingly wash, press, and care for the linens used during the Eucharist. Because these linens are used at the altar, they are handled with special care and reverence.

Cleaning Volunteers care for our church by keeping it clean, orderly, and welcoming. Their work helps ensure that everyone who enters finds a peaceful place for prayer and worship.

Though these ministries are often unseen, their impact is felt at every Mass.

Their faithful service helps create an atmosphere of reverence, beauty, and hospitality where our parish family can fully enter into the celebration of the Eucharist.

If you enjoy serving behind the scenes and using your gifts in practical ways, contact your Parish Rectory to learn more about these ministries.



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM
HEAVEN
TREASURE

HIDDEN
FIELD
FOUND

PEARLS
SOLD
BOUGHT

FAITH BUILDERS

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Jer 13:1-11
Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21
Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

Jer 14:17-22
Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

Jer 15:10, 16-21
Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

THURSDAY

Jer 18:1-6
Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

Jer 26:1-9
Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14
Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

Jer 26:11-16, 24
Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY

Is 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

T N F H D E O K M I O
H B O U G H T E F A V
E I U S E L R A I K T
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M E D N S T O A L N D
A H L H E A V E N T A

Blessing for Our Family of Parishes

Dear God, Pour Your blessing upon our Family,
in need of Your renewal and inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning,
and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You
wholeheartedly. Amen.

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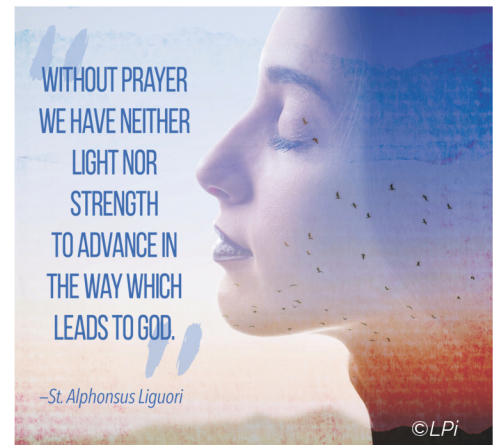


VOCATIONS REFLECTION

*"We know that all things work for good for those who
love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

A famous quote from St. Paul to the Romans. It's still true!
Surrender to God's plan and see how He works it all out!

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



WITHOUT PRAYER
WE HAVE NEITHER
LIGHT NOR
STRENGTH
TO ADVANCE IN
THE WAY WHICH
LEADS TO GOD.

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

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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 7/12

St. Mary of the Assumption



Hill Campus

Regular: \$4,144

Loose: \$1,032

CPL: \$7,509.73

Special Projects: \$187

Peter's Pence: \$144



Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,422.01

Loose: \$708.30

Special Projects: \$100

Peter's Pence: \$105



St. Martha Campus

7/5

Regular: \$7,410

Loose: \$571.25

Online: \$2,346

Building & Grounds: \$432

Ascension: \$6

Assumption: \$5

Peter's Pence: \$60

7/12

Regular: \$5,349

Loose: \$629.10

Online: \$760

Easter: \$10

Building & Grounds: \$85

Peter's Pence: \$583



St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$6,882

Loose: \$700

Online: \$2,622.50

Peter's Pence: \$253



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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.

Case No.: 1-20-10322-CLB

Chapter: 11

Tax ID: 16-0743984

Debtor(s)

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

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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.

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All Masses



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or by appointment

Live Stream: stphiliptheapostleparish.org/live-stream/

All Masses



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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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