

Light of Christ

A Roman Catholic Community of the Northtowns

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He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. – Isaiah 40-29-31



Clergy:

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(in residence at St. John the Baptist parish)

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(in residence at Blessed Sacrament parish)

Rev. Martin Gallagher – Parochial Vicar

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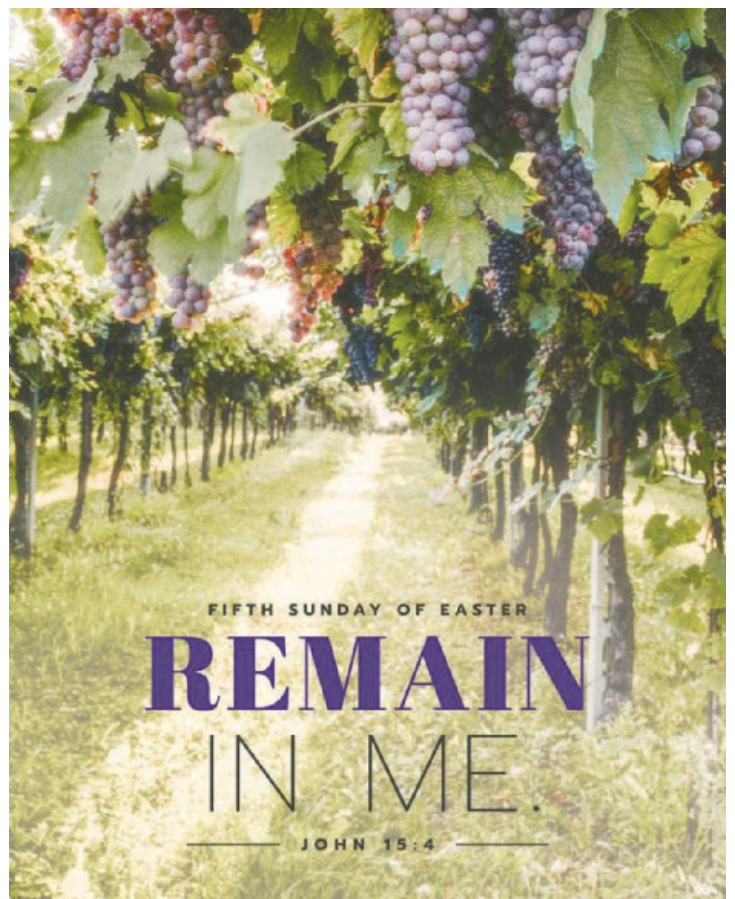
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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday:

8:00am: Blessed Sacrament & St. Stephen
12 Noon: St. John the Baptist

Tuesday:

8:00am: St. Paul & St. Stephen
10:00am: St. Timothy
12 Noon: St. Andrew

Wednesday:

8:00am: St. Stephen
8:30am: St. Andrew
12 Noon: St. John the Baptist
6:30pm: Blessed Sacrament

Thursday:

8:00am: Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist
10:00am: St. Timothy
12 Noon: St. Andrew

Friday:

8:00am: St. Paul & St. Stephen
10:00am: St. Timothy
12 Noon: St. John the Baptist

Saturday:

8:30am: St. Andrew

Saturday Evening/Sunday Vigil:

4:00pm: St. Andrew & St. John the Baptist
4:30pm: St. Stephen
5:00pm: St. Paul

Sunday:

7:30am: St. Timothy
8:00am: St. John the Baptist & St. Stephen
9:00am: St. Andrew
9:30am: Blessed Sacrament
10:00am: St. Paul
10:30am: St. Timothy
11:00am: St. John the Baptist & St. Stephen
5:00pm: St. Andrew

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday: 4-5pm— St. John the Baptist

Wednesday: 5:45-6:15pm— Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 11:15-11:45am— St. Andrew

Friday: 9:15-9:45am— St. Timothy

Saturday: 3-4pm— St. Stephen

3:15-3:45pm— St. Andrew

4:15-4:45pm— St. Paul

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

Congratulations and Blessings!

Congratulations and blessings to all those who recently received their Sacrament of Confirmation from our Family of Parishes. Bishop Richard Malone administered the sacrament at St. John the Baptist and St. Stephen sites for our parishes. We are grateful for those who served as Confirmation sponsors, our parents, families, and parishioners who joined in our celebration of the Holy Spirit among us.

Special thanks to our Faith Formation directors, our catechists and all who accompanied our confirmandi by sharing their faith and example of discipleship. The time, energy, dedication, and prayer offered by so many was a blessing for our young women and men confirmed.

O God, who sanctify your universal Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of your Spirit upon your sons & daughters, so that your divine grace, which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you. Amen.

St. Andrew

Adoration – each Tuesday after the 12 Noon Mass from 12:30 – 3:30pm in the Church

Evening Adoration - the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00 - 7:00pm in the Church

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration in then Chapel of Divine Mercy each Wednesday 9am through Thursday 10pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed in the Chapel after the Sunday 9:30am Mass

St. John the Baptist

Novena to St. John Neumann and Our Mother of Perpetual Help— On Wednesdays after the 12 noon Mass. All are welcome to join.

Adoration in the Chapel—The Saint John Neumann Shrine is open for Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Friday from 2 to 4pm. Holy Hour with Vespers is offered Sunday from 3 - 4pm. Come pray with us.

St. Stephen

Rosary after Masses in the Daily Chapel on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Saturdays at 3:30pm, followed by **Rosary** at 3:50pm before the 4:30pm Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sundays from 7:05-7:25am followed by **Rosary** from 7:25-7:45am before the 8am Mass; also **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** on Sundays from 10:00-10:20am followed by **Rosary** from 10:20-10:45pm before the 11am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick on the last Friday of the month at the 8am Mass

St. Timothy:

Rosary before 10:00am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal of the Virgin Mary will be recited on Tuesdays immediately following the 10:00 am Mass - **Please join us.**

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursdays after the 10:00am Mass.

All are welcome - Bible Study Group: Tuesdays after the 10:00am Mass in St. Martha's Chapel.



LIGHT OF CHRIST OF THE NORTHTOWNS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT ANDREW

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 Noon Living & Deceased Members of the Short & Leslie Families (by Family)

Wednesday, May 1

8:30am (*School Mass*) Christopher Caruana (by Grandma Toni)

Thursday, May 2

12:00 Noon Intentions of Jonathan Price (by Andrea Price)

Saturday, May 4

8:30am John T. DeWald (by Family)

4:00pm Oliver Boyd (by Family)

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Nancy Bompczyk (by son, David)

5:00pm James Spano (by Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in

Memory of Peter D. Vespucci by daughter, Diane

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30am James Fick (by Blessed Sacrament Choir)

Monday, April 29

8:00am Heather Johnston—Birthday (by Lucy Stanton)

Wednesday, May 1

6:30pm William Wild (by William & Lynn Smith)

Thursday, May 2

8:00am Diane Baker (by Jane & Ken Rozek)

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30am Margaret Braunscheidel (by Kathleen Stark)

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from April 28 – May 4

In Memory of Alan, Jack & Dolores Schaner

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, April 29

12:00 Noon Samuel T. Macaluso, III (by Marilyn Coughlin)

Wednesday, May 1

12:00 Noon Sandra Baumgartner (by Murphy Family)

Thursday, May 2

8:00am Nancy Walker (by Respect Life Committee)

Friday, May 3

9:30am SJS Moving Up Day

12:00 Noon Beth Fitch (by Recktenwald Family)

Saturday, May 4 – Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm Joseph Cash (by Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Margaret Ward (by Kathleen Ward)

Anointing of the Sick after Mass

11:00am Annie McNicholas [Nan] (by Jenny & John)

SAINT PAUL

Saturday, April 27 Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm All Souls

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am Living and Deceased Members of the

Lukowsky Family (by Rod & Barbara Quebral)

Tuesday, April 30:

8:00am All Souls

Friday, May 3:

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Sodality
(by the Ladies Sodality)

Saturday, May 4 Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm All Souls

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00am James Parada (by Lynn & Steve Parada)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Loving Memory of Gordon Myers (by niece, Carolyn)*

SAINT STEPHEN

Monday, April 29

8:00am Savino Nanula (Rich & Bonni Barbera)

10:00am **School Liturgy**

Tuesday, April 30

8:00am Henry Ensminger Sr. (Henry Ensminger Jr.)

Wednesday, May 1

8:00am Wolfgang Puehler (The Gassman Family)

Friday, May 3

8:00am Gloria Slovick (Larry & Mary Slovick)

8:30am-6pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday, May 4 Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30pm Rita Moscoe (Husband, Joseph)

Sunday, April 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Barbara Miller (Diane & David Faix)

11:00am Antonio Fanara (Fanara Family)

***St. Stephen Parish First Communion Mass**

SAINT TIMOTHY

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Barbara Hans (by Family)

10:30am Patricia Czerwinski (by Family)

Tuesday, April 30

10:00am Parishioners of Light of Christ of the Northtowns

Thursday, May 2

10:00am Judy Gibson (by Elaine Wellence, HSM Classmate)

Friday, May 3

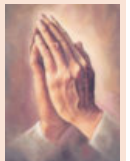
10:00am Edward & Mary Czerniak (by Daughter)

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Michael Roman (by Hazel Roman)

10:30am Thomas Pawlak (by Pawlak Family)

*We Remember in our Prayers...
Those who are ill, and those who have died;
May they know God's love and peace.*





St. Andrew RC Church

1525 Sheridan Drive,
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Ongoing:

First Monday of the Month 7:00-9:00pm—Marian Ministries in McNulty Hall (Sept.-June)

Second Monday of the Month 7:00-9:00pm— Holy Name

Tuesday 9:15-11:30am SVdP Food Pantry in Loyola Room

Tuesday 12:30 pm –3:30 pm Adoration in Church

Thursday After the 12 Noon Mass—Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm AA Meeting in Loyola Room

Adoration & Holy Hour on Last Wednesday of each month: April 24, May 29, & June 26 from 6-7PM in Church

Thursday 9:00am—1st & 3rd SVdP Meeting in Food Pantry

Thursday 7:30pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Friday 7:30pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Saturday 10am Al Anon —Faith Form. Mtg. Room, Door #8

Sunday 7:00pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

MARIAN MINISTRIES - Marian Ministries will meet on Monday, May 6, at 7pm. Representatives from women's groups from other parishes within Family #17 will join us. Come to learn about each one so that we may make the best decision for our future. We'll also enjoy tasty refreshments and the company of good friends.

Looking Back...Moving Ahead

Monday, May 13, 6:30 PM—May Crowning at St. Andrew's. Whether you are the oldest or the youngest, come celebrate this tradition with all the parishes in the Family.

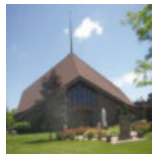
Saturday, May 18, doors open at 5:00—Bon Voyage Boozy Bingo and Basket Raffle. This is for the entire St. Andrew's Community: Parish, school, and alumni. Campus walk throughs will be available.

Sunday, June 2, 12:00 noon—Celebrate the Legacy of St. Andrew's: Mass in Church followed by a luncheon in McNulty Hall. Everyone is invited—previous clergy, staff, parish groups, all parishioners will pray and celebrate our history together.

Sunday, June 23, 2:00 PM—Joseph McHenry, will soon be ordained to the Priesthood, and will say his first local Mass at St. Andrew's. Joe has been a member of the parish since birth and attended St. Andrew's Country Day School. Come to wish him well and get his blessing! A reception will follow.

• **Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM**—Closing Mass for St. Andrew's, in Church. This will be the only Mass in our Church on this day. We need to be together...pray together...and leave together.

Continue to send requests for items upon closure to:
schoolboard@standrewscds.net



Blessed Sacrament

263 Claremont Avenue,
Tonawanda, NY 14223

DIVINE MERCY FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

(Jesus to St. Faustina) "*I remind you, my daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.*" (Diary 1572)

***Try to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the 3 o'clock hour each day**



Highlights from the Altar & Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament:

1. The Rosary will be prayed in May at 6:30 pm in Church on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
2. Tickets for the "Annual Steak Dinner for 10" are available
3. Annual Year-End Dinner is June 3rd at 6:00 pm at Banchetti's at \$30 which needs to be paid in advance
4. Next General Meeting is May 6th at 6:30 pm in Fr. Cotter Hall, Team 5 for refreshments
5. Drop off of Baked Goods for St. Andrew's is June 1st from 2-4 pm at door #9 at St. Andrew's.

WELCOME to our New Parishioners

A very special and warm welcome to the following persons who have registered here at Blessed Sacrament:

James & Judy Lambert, William & Diana Kane, Kaitlin Certo, Geoffrey Weeks, Maggie McHugh and Thomas Hedges. May you know of our support in prayer and the sincere desire to make you feel at home with us.

Baby Items for St. Gianna's Pregnancy Center and St. Faustina's Gate

Our parish, once again, will be collecting baby item to be donated to the Diocesan St. Gianna's Pregnancy Center, as well as our St. Faustina's Gate outreach, from Mother's Day weekend to Father's Day weekend (May 12th to June 16th). **The requested items include** baby wipes, baby wash and lotion, bibs, new bottles (slow flow, 0 + mos), diapers size 1,3,4,5, and pullups size 3T/4T, clothing sizes 0-3 months, +3T/4T. There will be a baby crib in the Chapel entrance for these donated items. Thank you in advance for your support of this collection.

May Crowning of Our Lady in our parish Grotto will take place on **Sunday, May 5th following the 9:30 am Mass.** After this procession, **Donut and Roll Sunday** will take place in Father Cotter Hall. All are invited to join us and celebrate Mary, our Mother.



St. John the Baptist
 1085 Englewood Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14223

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 29

- Pee wee soccer practice, gym, 5:15-6:45
- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 7-9pm
- Womens Prayer Group, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, April 30

- Ladies of Charity, 25B, 9:30-12pm
- Mites Soccer, gym, 5:00-5:45pm
- Cub104 Pack mtg., gym, 6-9pm
- Admin Pillar, RCR, 6-7:30pm
- Men's basketball, gym, 9-11pm

Wednesday, May 1

Thursday, May 2

- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6-8pm
- BS104 Committee meeting, RCR, 7-9pm
- HNS Board mtg., PR, 7:30-8:30pm

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

- HNS Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ, drive thru, 4-6:30pm
- BS104 Basketball time, gym, 2-4pm

FROM THE DEACON'S CHAIR: *Indistinctly as in a mirror*

I am currently reading a book series (actually, listening to it - cheers to a good audio book!). A little phrase from this series has been lifted and made into stickers, memes, and various other internet side hustles. When I first heard the phrase, I thought it sounded like a winner of a sound bite - a well-turned phrase. It was quaint, memorable, cute but unfortunately wrong. The phrase is "Love at its root is hope."

To be fair, I have not finished the series. I am holding out hope (pun intended) that the author shows how hope cannot be the root of love. Rather, as we know from scripture and our Christian life - it is love that is the root of hope. Her phrase mimics Saint Paul's words, making it sound right, maybe giving it shades of truth, enough to lure a mind. So much in our world does that - reflecting shades of truth but not the fullness of revealed truth. Maybe they reveal just enough to make us feel self-righteous and satisfied like the modern commandment to "offend no one." Maybe they grab our attention and distract us from our goal like "click-bait". Maybe they dull our appetite for substances like sugar-infused fast food.

We all need to be careful consumers. The devil is in the details, but God was there first. "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor 13:12-13

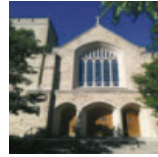
—Yours in Christ, Deacon Andrew

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

St. John's Food Pantry helps many families in our community every day and you can help refill their shelves! The **current needs** are large canned crushed tomatoes, broth, tuna, coffee, low sugar cereal. **Thank you for supporting our Parish community!**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The next **Sacramental Anointing of the Sick** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5th after 8am Mass** in Church. The sacrament is not only for those at the danger of death, but for those preparing for surgery, various illnesses, and advanced age.



St. Paul R.C. Church
 33 Victoria Blvd.
 Kenmore, NY 14217-2380

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of May 4 & 5

LECTORS

- 5 PM Sandy Geary
- 10 AM Ryan Nye

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5 PM Jane Tasca
- 10 AM Jane Merkle
Carolyn Pratt

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH
 for the Week of April 7, 2024:
 Regular Collection: \$5,187.63.
 Maintenance: \$301
 # of Envelopes: 145
 Income needed weekly to meet obligations \$8,000.00
 (This amount does not include Capital Campaign.)

Sodality

Hope everyone including our guests from St Andrew's enjoyed the potluck supper. Everyone is reminded to call Joyce at 716-877-1252 with your donations to the basket raffle at the Pasta Dinner May 11th

St. Vincent De Paul

Please donate to the poor box under the portrait of St. Vincent de Paul. Place used bagged clothing in the blue bin found in the parking lot and monetary donations in the poor box at the front of the church. Also, place used/broken watches in the boxes found in the vestibules. It is only because of your generosity that we can help the needy of our area. God bless you.

Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser

The Holy Name, Women's Sodality and Senior Group are asking their members and any other member of the parish to **donate a basket or a gift of your choice** for the Basket Raffle the night of the Dinner, or you may contact a business you frequent and ask for a donation for the Raffle. We will thank all businesses in our bulletin for their donation. **Donations may be dropped off at the Parish office during business hours starting Monday April 29th.** Any questions please contact Bob Kreher at 716-264-4100. God Bless St. Paul's Church and parish Family.

Save the Date!

Please join us for a **Public Square Rosary Rally for Peace!** **Saturday May 11th at St. Paul's Church Outdoor event.** Bring a chair and a friend! Rain or Shine! (if stormy we can pray inside the church) Our Lady Calls us!!



St. Stephen R.C. Church

2100 Baseline Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday April 29

10am SSS Liturgy
6-8pm Cud Scouts 630 Pack Mtg—Cafeteria

Tuesday April 30

9:30am Bible Study—Hospitality Rm
6:30pm AA Mtg—F.F. Bldg. (front & back rms)
7pm Bible Study—Community Rm
7-9pm Senior Men’s Basketball—Gym

Thursday May 2

12:30 Altar Society Luncheon Mtg—Hospitality Rm

Friday May 3

8:30-6pm Eucharistic Adoration—Daily Chapel
10am William Carroll Funeral—Main Church

Saturday May 4

5:30-6:30pm 1st Communion Rehearsal—
Main Church & Hospitality Room

Sunday May 5

*First Communion During 11am Mass



St. Timothy R.C. Church

565 East Park Drive
Tonawanda, New York 14150

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry here at St. Timothy Parish is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-11am. For more information on the program, call the Heart Line at: 716-939-2018.

*****ATTENTION *****

St. Timothy’s is looking for several Eucharist Ministers to make home calls to the shut-ins. Please stop in the sacristy either on the weekend or during the week and leave your name and phone number. You may also call the office on Tuesdays between 10am and 3pm.

We are also looking for additional Eucharist Ministers to help out each weekend at the Sunday 7:30 am Mass. Members from other parishes are also welcome to help. If you are able to help us out, please stop in the sacristy and give us your name and phone number and availability. Thank you.

May 6 — St. Thomas More Secular Franciscan Fraternity, 7pm, St. Martha’s Chapel

May 15— Ladies of Charity monthly meeting at 6 pm.

May 24— May Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm in St. Martha’s Chapel.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Thank you for your interest in our parish.

Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to practice your Catholic faith or becoming initiated into the Catholic faith, **we are happy to have you here.** You are always welcome to join us here for Mass or for the events and organizations we offer here at St. Timothy Parish. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the offertory basket or drop off in the sacristy. Thank you.

New Parishioner Registration Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

REMINDER: PLEASE SUBMIT A LIST OF YOUR UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS BY E-MAIL TO St. Timothy’s ASAP. Our e-mail address is : office@sainttimothyparish.org

DEVOTIONS: **Rosary** before 10:00 am Mass; **Novena** in honor of the Miraculous Medal of the Virgin Mary will be recited on Tuesdays immediately following the 10:00 am Mass - Please join us.; **Divine Mercy Chaplet** on Thursdays after the 10:00 am Mass; All are welcome - **Bible Study Group** on Tuesdays after the 10:00 am Mass in St. Martha’s Chapel.



ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, May 2
Rosary 12:30pm,
Lunch 1:00pm
with meeting to follow

calling all gardeners!!

Gardening Club begins this year on Wednesday, May 15. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with caring for the church gardens. We meet once a week on Wednesdays at 6pm for about an hour. Bring your weed diggers



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Can poverty be a justification for abortion? Consider the following excerpts from an article “The truth about hard cases and abortion: Separating fact from fiction” by Michael McCutchen, MD, MBA, 4/25/23:

“Many in favor of abortion argue that women in extreme poverty should not be forced to have babies.” “They cite the financial stress and economic burden that bearing and raising a child would bring, and that abortion should be allowed in these circumstances. Cases of women facing this decision are heartbreaking. We all agree that society should play some role in helping women in these circumstances. However, it is also reasonable to point out the illogical thinking of abortion advocates in these cases. The fair question is, ‘Would a mother of a two-year-old who finds herself in these circumstances be justified in terminating the life of her child?’” Please join us for our next Respect Life Committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 PM!**

SCHOOL NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION



ST. ANDREW

April's Character Trait Mass will be on **Wednesday, April 24th**.

On 6/22 there will be a send off to St. Andrew's sponsored by Holy Name and Alumni. More information forthcoming. This event is in its earliest stages.

Continue to send requests for items upon closure to schoolboard@standrewscds.net

May Crowning

**Monday, May 13 at 6:30pm at St. Andrew's
Light of Christ Family of Parishes Event!**

St. Andrew's is looking for basket fillers & donations for our **Bon Voyage Bingo!**

Need ideas?

- Gift cards \$10-\$50
- Empty baskets
- Beer or Wine
- Coffee & mugs
- Pet treats & toys
- Dry goods
- Lotto
- Crafts
- Holiday Themes



Drop off items at the school office, for more information call 716-877-0422 or email office@standrewscds.net



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Shadow Days and School Tours Available!

Attention prospective families with students entering Pre-K 3 to Grade 8! We are now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Shadow days are available for students in Grades 1-8; these shadow days are a great way for your child to experience a day here at St. John's and see if this is a good fit for your family!

We also offer personal tours of our school to all prospective families. If you are interested in more information, please contact the school office.

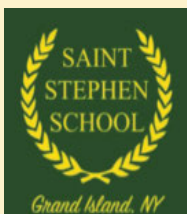
Teacher Appreciation Week

This week, we celebrate and honor the teachers and staff of St. John's School, who give so much of themselves for their students. Please keep our teachers and staff in your prayers, asking God to serve as inspiration and guide as they work to educate the students of St. John's to be children of learning and faith. May God bless our teachers!

Moving Up Day and Class Night

This Friday, May 3rd, students in Grades 7 and 8 and their parents will celebrate our annual Moving Up Day prayer service. These students will be honored for their many accomplishments and will be presented with gifts – a candle and a pin – to represent their next steps in their educational journey. Later that evening, students in 8th Grade will celebrate together with their parents and teachers at our Class Night dinner. Please keep our 7th and 8th Graders in your prayers during this special celebration!

ST. STEPHEN



St. Stephen School is now enrolling for grades Pre-K-8. Bussing provided by Grand Island CSD and Ken-Ton School District. We offer a variety of clubs and sports including Bee Keepers Club, Middle School Homework Club, and swim team beginning in kindergarten. We are the recipient of 2023 Superintendent's Cup for the most extracurricular activities offered in elementary Catholic schools. We are committed to strong academics and use STAR testing for progress monitoring. Call 716-773-7647 to schedule a tour!

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God—What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.

Bless our grandparents, today and always.

Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.

Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.

Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. Amen.



FAITH FORMATION

NEWS & INFORMATION

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Congratulations to the young men and women from Blessed Sacrament, St. John's, St. Paul's, and St. Timothy's that were Confirmed this past week. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you through life, and you always stay close to God!

Congratulations to all who made their First Communion this weekend at St. John's. May you remember that Jesus is always available to you in this special way.

Thank you to our Catechists who have spent the year blessing our students with your presence and dedication to them and to our parish.

ST. TIMOTHY

Faith Journey Milestone: Parish Youth Celebrate Sacrament of Confirmation!

Congratulations to our Saint Timothy Parish Faith Formation students Joshua Balcom, Nathan Creed, Annalise Haynes, Kyle Klimkiewicz, Lily Pierson, Josephine Pratt, Lyla Pratt, and Addison Rott who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 25th and April 27th!

In the spirit of our new "family of parishes" model where parishes share resources and support each other, our St. Timothy students celebrated the Sacrament this year together with youth from St. John the Baptist and St. Stephen during Masses presided over by Bishop Richard Malone.

Our students were well-prepared for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation after two years of dedicated Faith Formation classes, a spiritually enriching retreat, participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation, and meaningful acts of service to others. Among the service projects completed by our youth were assisting with the Family Stations of the Cross during Lent, helping during the Fr. Nelson Baker Theatrical Presentation & Potluck Dinner which was hosted at our parish, and assistance with our "Love Your Neighbor" Food Drive which helped to make it a tremendous success by collecting over 740 pounds of food (which equates to over 600 meals) to benefit those in need. Through these experiences, they have not only deepened their knowledge of our faith but have also embraced the call to live out their beliefs with compassion and integrity. We are proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing how they continue to shine as witnesses of Christ's love in our community.

ST. STEPHEN

Generations in Faith

All Families: please be completing your lessons and CHECKLIST as all work is due back to the Faith Formation Office by May 6th – any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

First Communion will be celebrated at the **parish 11:00am Mass next week on May 5th** and will include May Crowning. Traditionally this Mass is very full with the Communicants' families. **Rehearsal will be Saturday at 5:30pm.** We look forward to bringing you to the table of the Lord!

Congratulations to the Confirmandi of 2024 who were Confirmed here April 27, 2024 by Bishop Richard Malone. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit guide you and strengthen you today and always! Peace be with you!

Marissa Aceti, Mya Brandon, Alivia Clunie, Clare Conboy, Emma Conway, Emma Cwiklinski, Jackson DeBottis, Nicole Dexter, Nicolas Genovese, Calli Harding, Megan Hill, Dominic Hojnacki, Audrey Holler, Paige Horvath, Andrew Kozlowski, Henry Maziarz, Hailey McMahon, Kate Mezhir, Jillian Moskala, Broderick Murray, Jonathan Neville, Dominic Nucci, Isabella Pilon, Cooper Pyc, Sophia Pyc, Maya Rizzo, Alayna Schwinn, Talia Simone, Audrey Stockinger, Noah Trzaska, Margaret Weselak

Confirmation reminds us of the gifts of the Holy Spirit — wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord — which empower us to live courageously and authentically as disciples of Christ. Let us rejoice in the growth of these young members of our parish, and in our family of parishes, and draw inspiration from their example as we continue to walk together in faith and service.



"What is a Catholic's favorite chess piece?"



"The bishop."

Fun Fact! To Catholics, bishops are ordained clergy who serve the Church by caring, guiding, and teaching. Bishops visit parishes for Confirmations and other special events.

FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS



LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST RETREAT FOR LIGHT OF CHRIST OF THE NORTHTOWNS FAMILY

Blessed Sacrament Church - Fr. Cotter Hall

Wednesdays, beginning May 1 and ending May 29

One topic per week will open up the riches of the Eucharist

May 1, 2024: God's Love as Nourishment in Jesus Christ

Presenter: Fr. Jerry Kopec Witness: Linda Paolini

May 8, 2024: God's Love as Reconciliation in Jesus Christ

Presenter: Sr. Lucette Kinecki Witness: Kate Washington

May 15, 2024: God's Love as Transformation in Jesus Christ

Presenter: Linda Caminiti Witness: Elizabeth Reiser

May 22, 2024: God's Love in the Abiding Presence of Jesus Christ

Presenter: Rick Paolini Witness: Lucy Stanton

May 29, 2024: God's Love as Mission in Jesus Christ

Presenter: Fr. Sean Paul Fleming Witness: Deacon Andrew Mical

Add to the experience:

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday starting at 9am until Thursday 9pm; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Wednesdays from 5:45pm-6:15pm; and Mass is offered in the church every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Registration recommended (but not required) via
Email: maryskibinski21@gmail.com
or Text: 716-440-3150



SPRING CHICKEN BBQ

St. John the Baptist Parish

St. John's Holy Name will be having their **Spring Chiavetta's Chicken Bar-B-Q** on **Saturday, May 4th** between 4 pm and 6:30 pm (or until sold out).

The cost is \$15 per dinner, which includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll & butter and dessert. Drive thru only. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at St. John's Rectory or from any Holy Name member. The success of this Bar-B-Q helps to fund our projects at St. John's and we thank you for your support.

Be a Blood Donor. Be a Local Hero.

Blessed Sacrament Parish is having a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **Saturday, May 4th** from 2-6 pm in **Father Cotter Hall**.



ConnectLife blood donors help supply more than 75% of the lifesaving blood supply in our community. Local patients at local hospitals rely on blood donors like YOU every day. Which means, we need a constant flow of blood donors to meet the need. Save this date on your calendar. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE MAY 11, 2024

St. Paul's Holy Name, Woman's Sodality and Seniors are having a:

Pasta Dinner with meatballs
also included will be deserts
along with wine, beer, soda, coffee and tea.

Date is **Saturday May 11, 2024**
St. Paul's Hall

Time: **Doors open 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm**



Cost will be **\$25 per person**
Live music after dinner
Baskets and 50/50 raffles

Tickets will be available after all masses starting in April and also at Church office. Get tickets early, this events usually sells out due to limited amount of tickets.

God Bless.
Paul Catalano
Holy Name President

All proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Building Fund



Light of Christ of the Northtowns Family of Parishes

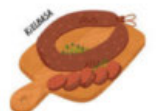
May Crowning and Procession
Monday, May 13th at 6:30pm
at St. Andrew Church

Greetings Light of Christ Family Parishioners! Your Spiritual Pillar is excited to share that we will be hosting a May Crowning and Procession! All are invited to join in this beautiful tradition as we honor our Blessed Mother on her special feast day, Our Lady of Fatima! We hope to fill the Church and especially encourage parents and grandparents to bring their little ones. First Communicants are invited to wear their first communion attire. This special event is expected to last 45 minutes to an hour. We will have a few "young volunteer" opportunities available for readers and procession leaders. More details to come; **please mark your calendars now!** For questions or inquiries, please contact Liz at 380-6700.

POLISH SAUSAGE TAKE-OUT DINNER May 9, 2024 St. Timothy's Cost is \$12.00 Dinner includes smoked Kielbasa with caramelized onions, lazy pierogies. Also includes sweet and sour cabbage and rye bread. Pre-orders only. Dinners can be picked up between 4-6 pm. **ORDERS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 6TH**

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

NUMBER OF DINNERS _____



FAMILY OF PARISHES & COMMUNITY EVENTS



Save the Date!

Please join us for a **Public Square Rosary Rally for Peace!** **Saturday May 11th** at St. Paul's Church **Outdoor event.**

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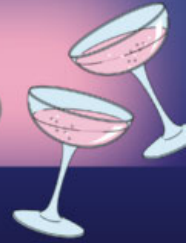
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Saturday, May 18th

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