

Light of Christ

A Roman Catholic Community of the Northtowns

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Please note the **Holy Day of Obligation** this coming week:
The **Ascension of our Lord** is celebrated in the Buffalo Diocese
on **Thursday, May 9th** (also known as **Ascension Thursday**).
There are many scheduled Masses within our Family of
Parishes this Thursday in order to choose a convenient time to
attend (see Mass Intentions page by parish).



May 5, 2024 Sixth 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



May God Bless you!

First Eucharist

*I am the bread of life,
you who come to me shall not hunger...*

Congratulations to the children in our *Light of Christ* family who have made their First Communion over these past few weeks. May the Body and Blood of Jesus continue to strengthen you in faith and draw you more closely to Jesus' love for you.

We express our gratitude to the teachers and all those who helped prepare the First Communicants for the reception of the sacrament.

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 (1st Sunday of month only)

Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month (after the 8am Mass) from 8:30am—6pm.

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, May 7

12:00 Noon For the Intentions of Jonathon Price
(by Andrea Price)

Wednesday, May 8

8:30am (*School Mass*) Margaret Schaub (by Family)

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord

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

Saturday, May 11 Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30am For All Our Communicants

11:00am *First Holy Communion Mass*

4:00pm Norman Bergman (by wife, Carol)

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am For All Mothers

5:00pm For All Mothers

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Memory of Maria Caito (by Estate)

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30am Margaret Braunscheidel (by Kathleen Stark)

Monday, May 6

8:00am Antonio & Maria Fiannaca (by Josephine Vella & Family)

Wednesday, May 8 Vigil of Ascension of the Lord

6:30pm Fr. Peter Ekanem (by Andrew Quinn)

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord

8:00am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30am Louise Alessi—Birthday Remembrance
(by daughters, Lucy & JoMarie)

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, May 6

12:00 Noon Jane Reitano (by Reitano family)

Wednesday, May 8

12:00 Noon Frances & Paul Patricola (by Family)

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord

8:00am Steven Grandits (by Bargnesi Family)

9:10am SJS Mass

7:00pm Shirley Wilson (by Ray & Rose Metzger)

Friday, May 10

12:00 Noon Barbara Brennan (by Mary & Tom Hennessy)

Saturday, May 11 Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Caito Family (by Family)

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Marie Muccarrelli (by Wright Family)

11:00am Loretta Davern (by Davern Family)

SAINT PAUL

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)

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am All Souls

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord - 5:30pm

Friday, May 10

8:00am Joan Brogan (by Rod & Barbara Quebral)

Saturday, May 11 Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00pm All Souls

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00am Charlotte Bender (by Loving Daughters)

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

SAINT STEPHEN

Monday, May 6

8:00am Anne H. Szychowski-Bahun (by Fr. Martin Gallagher)

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am Lucia Pellegrini & Antonetta Cellucci (by Lucia Pellegrini)

Wednesday, May 8

8:00am Ron Myers (by Dinsmore Family)

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord

8:00am Ardelle Doxtater (Greg Doxtater)

2:00pm *School Liturgy* Savino Nanula (by Tracy Amin)

7:00pm Rosemarie Kud (by Kud Family)

Friday, May 10

8:00am Edward Walker (by Walker Family)

Saturday, May 11 Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:30pm Alice Bartus (by daughter, Barb)

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

11:00am Marilyn Synakowski (by loving husband, John)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Loving Memory of Jack Doherty, Sr. (by Family)*

SAINT TIMOTHY

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Michael Roman (by Hazel Roman)

10:30am Thomas Pawlak (by Pawlak Family)

Tuesday, May 7

10:00am McGee Family (by Family)

Wednesday, May 8 Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

7:00pm Louis Nati (by Charles and Sharon Loubert)

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord

10:00am Wagner & Lundquist Families with a Special
Intention for St. Louise de Marillac (LOC) (by Mary Pat)

Friday, May 10

10:00am Deceased Members of Gaide, Leuchner & Maria
Families (by Paul & Linda Leuchner)

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am Esther & Philip Korn (by Daughter-in-law)

10:30am David McMahon (by Mary Redman)

*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,
 Kenmore, NY 14217

Ongoing:

First Monday of the Month 7:00-9:00pm Marian Ministries in Faith Formation Room
 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 Noon Mass Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm AA Meeting in Loyola Room
Adoration & Holy Hour Last Wednesday of each month: April 24, May 29, & June 26 6-7PM Evening 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 in Faith Formation Mtg. Room (Door #8)
 Sunday 7:00pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Marian Ministries will meet in the Faith Formation Room on Monday, May 6, at 7:00. A representative for each of the women’s groups from the 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.

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 reception in McNulty Hall. Everyone is invited—previous clergy, staff, parish groups, all parishioners will pray and celebrate our history together. RSVP by text to 401-633-5800 or by email to spiritinus@roadrunner.com.
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.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Phone: (716) 873-6716 option #3 ext. 311

The pantry will continue to serve our friends in need until our doors close at 11:30am June 25th. Please keep our clients in your prayers .May God Bless us all. Pantry hours are Tuesday 9:15 am - 11:15am.



Blessed Sacrament
 263 Claremont Avenue,
 Tonawanda, NY 14223

Altar & Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament

Steak Dinner for Ten Raffle Tickets are available and have been mailed to members. Tickets available before/after Sunday Mass for \$1. Praying of the Rosary in May at 6:30 pm, in church, MON, TU, TH, FRI, all are welcome. May 6th General Meeting. Refreshments Team #5, with Pat Mertz, Captain. We will meet in church at 6:30 pm for the Rosary and then welcome our speaker Sister Louise Alff, and our Historian, Phyllis Reese, will give her Annual Report. Year-End Dinner, Monday, June 3rd for \$30 and must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew Hoth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 25th and Elias Mitchell who received his First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28th.

Just a reminder: You can recycle those bottles and cans at the recycling drop off site at 2790 Sheridan near Parker. The funds collected go for our Parish Roof Repairs. Thank you for your participation.

May Crowning of Our Lady in our parish will take place in the Grotto on Sunday, May 5th following the 9:30 am Mass. **Donut and Roll Sunday** will also take place on May 5th in Fr. Cotter Hall following the May Crowning. All are welcome!

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

Blessed Sacrament, once again, will be collecting baby items 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 1,3,4,5,6 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.

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 many events and organizations we offer here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please fill out the form below and drop in in the offertory basket or the mailbox. Thank you.

New Parishioner Registration Request

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____



St. John the Baptist

1085 Englewood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14223

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 6

- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm
- Womens Prayer Group, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, May 7

- Ladies of Charity, 25B, 9:30-12pm
- Alzheimer's Sunshine Respite, RCR, 11am-3pm
- Cub104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6-9pm
- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6-8pm
- Grief Support, RCR, 7-8:30pm
- Men's basketball, gym, 9-11pm

Wednesday, May 8

- SJS Board Meeting, RCR, 7-9pm

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

- Muffins with Mom (PreK4), gym, 8:15-9:30am
- SJS Spring Event, RCR, 12-2:30pm

Saturday, May 11

- BS104 Basketball time, gym, 2-4pm

FROM THE DEACON'S CHAIR

On Fire

The other day a friend of mine told me that Flannery O'Connor said that we do not *join* the Catholic Church rather we *become* Catholic. Since we are only a few weeks removed from welcoming a host of new Catholics, inviting our youngest members to receive Jesus in the Eucharistic for the first time, and only a few days past our young people receiving the grace of Confirmation, I thought the quote was well timed.

Conversion is less about joining than being, less about belonging and then becoming. That explains the joy of being around a new convert. We remember (consciously or not) the energy of being made new. It's a feeling of optimism and freshness that is exciting and contagious. It is reflected in the heartfelt but airy feeling of being forgiven, walking a little lighter while stepping out of a confessional. It is mirrored in the experience of surrender and release, sitting with Jesus in quiet Adoration. Cheers to a lifetime of conversion! **"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."** St. Catherine of Siena - YIC, Dcn. Andrew

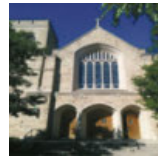
OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

St. John's Food Pantry helps many families in our community every day and you can help refill their shelves! The **current needs** are saltine crackers, macaroni & cheese, tuna, canned pineapple, canned pears, crushed tomatoes large. **Thank you for supporting our Parish community!**

Thank You from Neumann Guild!

Thank you to all who attended the Neumann Guild gatherings this past year! Our meetings will resume in the Fall. Stay tuned for details about our plans for speakers and programs.

We still have an ongoing need for volunteers for the lunch drop-off for Little Portion Friary. The next date is May 18th. Please see the sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/3vsa7sth> for all the details. You may also contact Anne Blenk at 716-480-0343, to sign up or with any questions. All are welcome to participate.



St. Paul R.C. Church

33 Victoria Blvd.
Kenmore, NY 14217-2380

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of May 11 & 12

LECTORS

- 5 PM Sandy Geary
- 10 AM Ryan Nye

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5 PM Pat Pike
- 10 AM Jane Merkle
Ann Clark

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

April 21, 2024:

Regular Collection: \$4,685

Maintenance: \$189

of Envelopes: 155

Income needed weekly to meet obligations \$8,000.00
(This amount does not include Capital Campaign.)

Sodality

Everyone is reminded to call Joyce at 716-877-1252 with your donations to the basket raffle and desserts for the Pasta Dinner.

St. Vincent De Paul

"This I command you: love one another." —John 15
Manifest your love. Give to the poor box. God bless!

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.

Memorial Day Parade Hot Dog Sale & Raffle

Donations of hot dogs and buns are greatly appreciated. A Yeti Tundra 45 Hard Cooler is being raffled off with a \$25 gift card to Consumer Beverages. Tickets are 1/\$5, 5/\$10, or 20/\$20. The cooler is valued at \$300. All proceeds from the hot dog sale, as well as the cooler raffle will benefit the St. Paul's building fund.

Please join us for a **Public Square Rosary Rally** for Peace! **Saturday, May 11th at 12 Noon at St. Paul's Church** **Outdoor event.** Bring a chair and a friend! Rain or Shine! (if stormy we'll pray inside the church) Our Lady Calls us!!



St. Stephen R.C. Church

2100 Baseline Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday May 7

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 9

2pm SSS Liturgy—Main Church

7:30pm Good Samaritan Mtg—Music Rm

Saturday May 11 & Sunday May 12

*Respect Life Rose Distribution
for Mother’s Day at all Masses



St. Timothy R.C. Church

565 East Park Drive
Tonawanda, New York 14150

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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

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



COMING SOON!

Altar Society’s “The Living Rosary”
Sunday, May 19 after the 11am Mass
Come join us!

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 and garden gloves. Please come join us!



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

“In reality, most women ‘choose’ abortion because they believe they have no other choice.” — Patricia Heaton

Let’s all work to offer women life-affirming support so that they can see the other, better choice.

Everyone is most welcome at our next Respect Life Committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 21st**, at 6:30pm here at **St. Stephen Church.** Please come!



The Parish Community of St. Stephen’s welcomes:

Mrs. Abbey Cole

Mr. & Dr. Alex (Alexandra) DeRosa & Son

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan (Michelle) Hoople

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Moley & Daughter

Mr. & Mrs. James (Emma) Rustowicz & Son

Who have recently joined our parish!



CASINO TRIP Wednesday June 19, 2024

*Our next casino trip to the Seneca Allegheny Casino will take place on Wednesday June 19. Bus will leave St. Timothy’s at 10:45 AM and return at 7:15 PM. Cost of the trip is \$31.00 and is **PAYABLE UPON** reserving, and you will receive \$25.00 in slot dollars and \$5.00 for food. Reservations can be made by calling Donna at 716-838-6449

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



BREADED PORK CUTLET TAKE-OUT DINNER

May 23 at St. Timothy’s - Cost is \$14.00 Dinner includes breaded pork cutlets, au gratin potatoes, cucumbers with sour cream and glazed carrots. **Pre-orders only. Orders must be made by May 20—call Jody at 716-316-2676**

PILLAR INFORMATION & NEW MINISTRY GROUPS

Our **InReach / OutReach Pillar group** cares for our families and the community, inside and outside of the Church. We're exploring the ministries of our Family of Parishes to design a future with our shared resources. Our members include Sally Manney from St. Andrew's, Heather Schüler from Blessed Sacrament, Therese Melchiorre from St. John's, Susan and Ron Wszalek from St. Paul's, Amy Finn from St. Stephen's, and MaryPat Lundquist from St. Timothy's. **We invite you to say hi when you see us and to participate in our family's Life in the Eucharist (LITE) program this month on Wednesday evenings!**

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE A PART OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

We are looking to get a youth ministry program for the children in our family of parishes up and running. We hope this ministry will provide a safe place for our middle schoolers and high schoolers to socialize, learn more about our Catholic faith, volunteer to help those in our communities, and so much more!

We are in the very beginnings of forming this important group and we'd love to hear from you!

If you are interested in being a part of our core team to provide any input you might have to help make this a successful program, or even if it is just volunteering your time to help with the youth meetings... Please contact Deacon Dan or Laura:

Dcn. Dan Golinski (716)903.3077 deacondangolinski@gmail.com
Laura Mitchell (716)418.0536 lauramitchell83@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS in their 20's, 30's and 40's!!

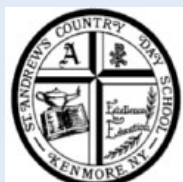
We are looking to start a Young Adult Group Ministry in our family of parishes. We hope this group/ministry would encourage fellowship bringing us all together through socials, masses, guest speakers, etc. Our goal is to have more available for the young adults in our community for growing, strengthening and learning more about our Catholic faith. We are the future of our Church!

*We are still in the very beginnings of forming this important group and we'd love to hear from you! **If you are interested in being a part of our core team to get this program off the ground running with ideas or just there to help, have any questions, and/or just get your name on the list... Please contact Laura or Megan:***

Laura Mitchell (716)418.0536 lauramitchell83@hotmail.com
Megan Rozak (646)316.8295 meganrozak43@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

ST. ANDREW



Continue to send requests for items upon closure to :

schoolboard@standrewscds.net

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

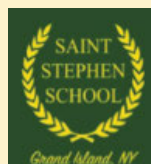
Need ideas?

- 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. STEPHEN



St. Stephen's students had a paid dress-down day to support military connected children. Students dressed for the theme "Purple Up! For Military Kids". All

donations will be sent to A Soldier's Child Organization. Congratulations to Mrs. Calato and her middle school authors! 6th and 7th grade students received copies of their published stories. The stories were published in an anthology called "Spooky Sagas". They did a phenomenal job!

The St. Stephen's Spring Fling Dance was a huge success. Thank you to parent volunteers for giving our students a fun-filled evening!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



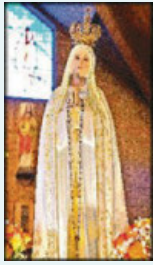
Shadow Days and School Tours Available! Attention prospective families with students entering Pre-K 3 to Grade 8! We are now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Shadow days are available for students in Grades 1-8; these shadow days are a great way for your child to experience a day here at St. 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.

Scholastic Book Fair— Mark your calendars for the Spring Scholastic Book Fair the week of May 6th to the 10th. Students will shop with their classes during designated times and parents are welcome to shop during evening hours on Tuesday, May 7th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Visit our Book Fair homepage at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sjskenmore> to check out some of the titles that will be available and set up an eWallet - the easiest way to shop the Fair. Please also take a moment to read the attached letter about the Book Fair.

Teacher Appreciation Week — It is always teacher appreciation week! Time to 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!

FAITH FORMATION

NEWS & INFORMATION



ST. TIMOTHY

Receiving Christ: First Eucharist for Our Faith Formation Students!

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that thirteen of our Saint Timothy Faith Formation students celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5th!

Congratulations to Joseph Blankenship, Camden Burgio, Leah Graney, Linden Maria, Katrina Michaelis, Samantha Paduano, Brayden Riley, Anthony Scalfaro, Logan Sullivan, Cameron Tidd, Griffin Tidd, Ariana Winegarden, and Ella Yulfo!

Thank you to celebrant Father Peter for presiding over this very special Mass surrounded by the children and their families. As Mass begins, the children lead a procession into church and lovingly crown our Blessed Mother in our "May Crowning" ceremony accompanied by the beautiful hymn of "Immaculate Mary" sung by all in attendance. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is a profound reminder of Christ's loving and enduring presence among us. As these young ones, and others from across our family of parishes, receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time, they inspire all of us to approach the Eucharist with childlike faith and pure hearts. To our students, we pray that the love of Jesus may fill your hearts on your First Holy Communion day and always. Mary, our Blessed Mother, guide these children closer to your son Jesus. Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist. As we receive you in this Most Blessed Sacrament, help us to love as you loved, and serve as you served, so that we can be the Body of Christ to others. Amen.

Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina



O Mary, my mother and my lady, I offer you my soul, my body, my life and death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in your hands. O my mother, cover my soul with your virginal mantle and grant me the grace and purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with your power against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. O lovely lily! You are for me a mirror, O my mother! (Diary 79)

May is a month devoted to Mary. Pray this beautiful prayer, written by St. Faustina, to Mary often this month.

ST. STEPHEN

Generations in Faith

All Families: please return your Lesson Checklist by email, mail, drop off or put in the collection basket for 2023-2024 program.



Congratulations and blessings to our First Communicants who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist this weekend. May you always stay close to Jesus and come often to the table of the Lord!

Blake Ashbery, Maya Bauman, Adeline Belmont, Gabriella Chalupka, Alexander Chalupka, Daniella Collure, Kylieanne Davis, Benjamin Farmer, Sydney Forsyth, Oliver Frommert, Cooper Galante, Audrey Hall, Olivia Hazzan, Maeve Holland, Jeremiah Johnson, Avianna Kondal, Clara Kulczyk, Liana Mackenna, Andre Mackmin Ortiz, Alexander Maslona, Mackenzie McGill, Logan Miller, Grace Misterkiewicz, Chares Modica, Jr., Dominic O'Donnell, Joseph Organ, Ava Orotlano, Asher Rowley, Nicholas Russo, Milena Sargent, Jenavieve Scott, Sophia Seier, Evan Shvimer, Declan Sitch, John Stillman, Mason Stott, Malina Szyprowski, Amelia Tomko, Anthony Vasco, Callen Voak, Cooper Weir, Jacob Wild, Madison Williams

Photo from CONFIRMATION held at St. Stephen Church on Saturday, April 27



ST. PAUL

Please join us for a **Public Square Rosary Rally for Peace!**
Saturday May 11th at 12 Noon
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!!



FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS



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

Blessed Sacrament Church - Fr. Cotter Hall

Wednesdays (ending May 29)

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

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



Light of Christ of the Northtowns Family-wide May Crowning with Procession Monday, May 13, 6:30 PM - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima @ St. Andrew Church

All invited, young, old, and in-between, to join us for this beautiful tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother during the month of May!

Altar Servers needed to help lead our procession!

If you are currently an Altar Server at any of our Parishes, please plan on attending if available! With your robes if possible.

One girl and one boy who have made their First Communion this year to crown Our Lady!

A special invitation to all First Communicants to wear their communion outfits.

One youth volunteer needed to do the *short* first reading!

Three volunteers needed to represent the children of Fatima
(2 girls about ages 7 & 10, and 1 boy about age 9)

Bring a bouquet of flowers (real or artificial); we will have some available as well.

Please call Liz at 716-380-67700 to volunteer or with any questions!

To Jesus, through Mary!

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

Pentecostal Program at St. Andrew's



Please join our *Light of Christ* family in the celebration of the Great Feast of Pentecost! On **Sunday, May 19th** beginning at **3 pm** (the hour of Mercy!) at St Andrew's church. This program will feature prayer and beautiful holy music performed by musician, Al Oeschner. Let's raise our voices to the Holy Spirit!

St. Andrew's needs your help!

We are planning a reception after the noon Mass on Sunday, June 2.

A light lunch will include cold salads, fruit and veggie trays, deviled eggs, sandwiches, wraps, pizza, other similar items, and desserts.

All easy to serve and no oven involved!

If you can help us give our parishioners a tasty final gathering, we would be very grateful.

Drop off between 2:00 and 4:00 on Saturday, June 1. (We have a walk-in refrigerator for the cold foods, salads.) Or drop off on Sunday, June 2, between 11:00 and 12:30.

Use door #9, **in the back** of Msgr. Donovan Center.

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 716-725-6860. Thank you so much!

POLISH SAUSAGE TAKE-OUT DINNER May 9, 2024 St. Timothy's Cost is \$12.00 Dinner includes smoked Kielbasa with carmelized 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** Place below slip in collection or call Jody at 716-316-2676. Thank you.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

NUMBER OF DINNERS _____ RSVP by May 6th for Polish Sausage Dinner

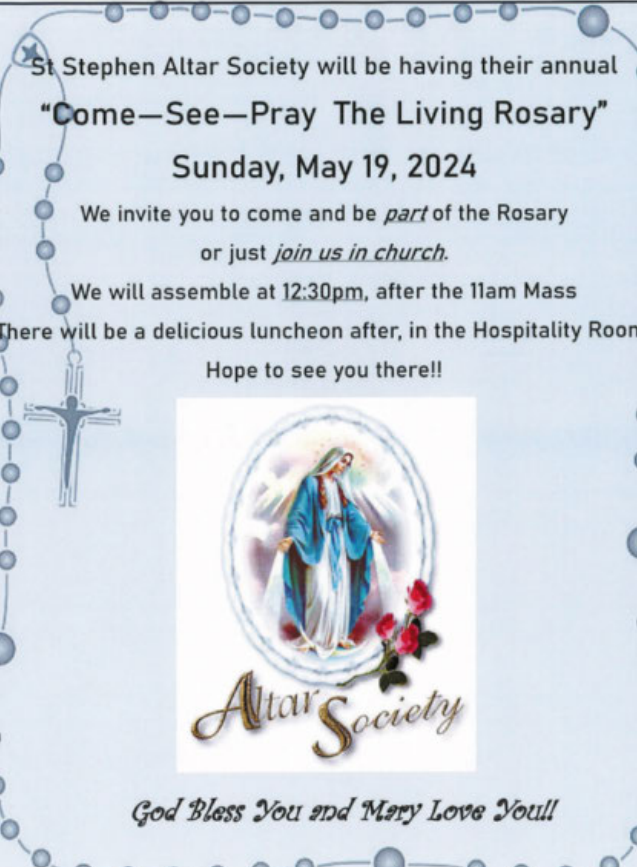


FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS

St Stephen Altar Society will be having their annual
"Come—See—Pray The Living Rosary"
 Sunday, May 19, 2024

We invite you to come and be *part* of the Rosary
 or just *join us in church*.

We will assemble at 12:30pm, after the 11am Mass
 There will be a delicious luncheon after, in the Hospitality Room.
 Hope to see you there!!



Altar Society

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