

Light of Christ

A Roman Catholic Community of the Northtowns

St. Andrew

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Clergy:

Rev. Michael Parker – Pastor

(in residence at St. John the Baptist parish)

Rev. Peter Ekanem – Parochial Vicar

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Rev. Martin Gallagher – Parochial Vicar

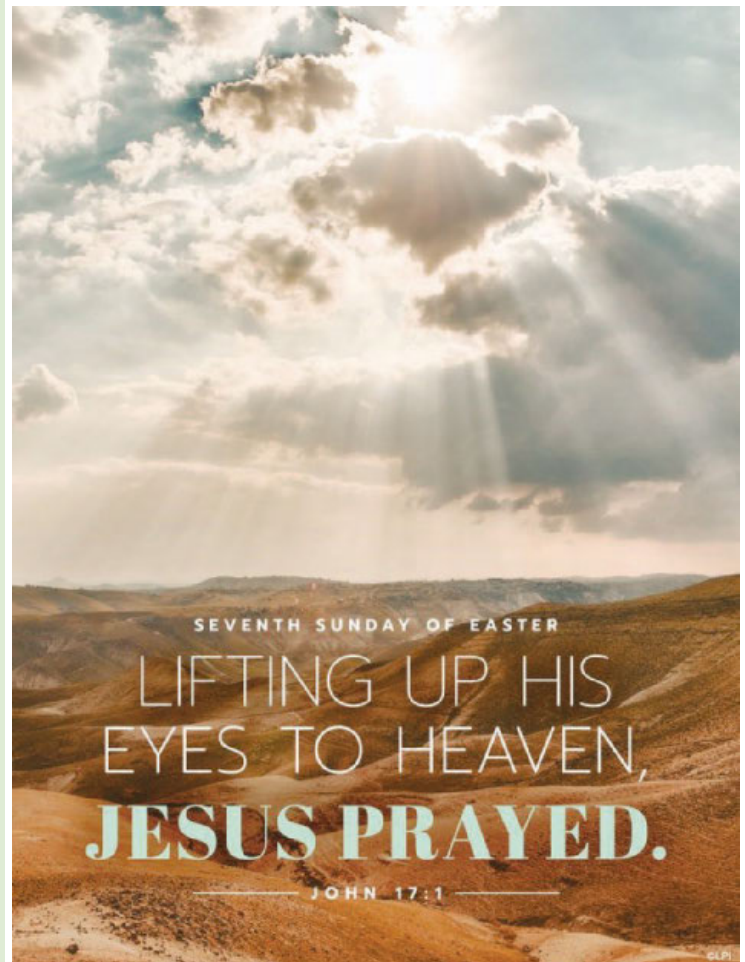
(in residence at St. Stephen parish)

Deacon Frank Kedzielawa – Permanent Deacon

Deacon Dan Golinski – Permanent Deacon

Deacon Andrew Mical – Permanent Deacon

Above Deacons can be emailed at: deacons@lightofchristcmt.org



May 12, 2024

Seventh 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

Mother's Day Prayer

Mary, Mother of Jesus, we come before you on this Mother's Day to pray for our own special mothers. May they, like you, be especially blessed by God.

May they be gifted with goodness and grace, peace and contentment, wisdom and patience and abundant love and joy.

Bless, too, all of our mothers who now rest with you in the heart of God.

May the memory of their love and care enrich and sustain us always.

Gracious and loving Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for all mothers the world over on this their special day.

Loving God, bless our mothers that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of respect.

Amen.

Happy Mother's Day!

FROM THE DEACON'S CHAIR

Windows

The frustrating thing about spring, for me, is cutting the grass. I like doing it; I like it when it is done well. But when I miss that little window of opportunity between rainy days, knowing I am too busy to get back to it anytime soon - ugh. That happened to me the other day. I said yes to my youngest, who asked me to throw a football around with her. In saying yes to her, I said no to the lawn. I was better for it and she was uber-excited. Because we were out front throwing the ball around, we met a new neighbor and his dog.

I was not supposed to cut the lawn, but I was supposed to make my youngest smile. Apparently, I was supposed to meet the new neighbor too.

We all have opportunities each day to say yes to God - in little ways and sometimes in big ways. Most of the time we have no idea what impact we can have. God knows.

"The worst prison would be a closed heart."

— Pope St. John Paul II

Yours In Christ , Deacon Andrew





LIGHT OF CHRIST OF THE NORTHTOWNS

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT ANDREW

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

8:30am (*School Mass*) Maryanne Snyder (by Family)

Thursday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 18

8:30am For the People of the Family of Parishes

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

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

9:00am John Kumor (by Wife & Children)

10am *Baptisms* of Valentino James Mastrangelo & Wesley Smith

5:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Tyrn &
Zirnheld Families (by Family)

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for
Thomas Xavier Schottman (by Grandparents)*

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, May 13

12:00 Noon Lori Seewagen (by Sheila & Brian Mahoney)

Wednesday, May 15

9:10am SJS May Crowning

12:00 Noon Special Intention Josephine Trinca
(by Mary Ann Indelicato)

Thursday, May 16

8:00am Jim Pucser (by Mary Anne King)

Friday, May 17

12:00 Noon Lanza & DeAngelis Families
(by Cookie & Ed Camardo)

Saturday, May 18 Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Slammon Family
(by Ed & Barbara Arnold)

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

8:00am Paola Cipolla (by Family)

11:00am Living & Deceased Members of the McFadden Family
(by John & Judy McFadden)

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30am Louise Alessi – Birthday Remembrance
(by Daughters, Lucy & JoMarie)

Monday, May 13

8:00am Helen, William & Michele Fetes (by Estate)

Wednesday, May 15

6:30pm Sam & Anita Brunetto (by Josephine LoCurto)

Thursday, May 16

8:00am Claire E. Taggart (by Dave & Sue DiCarlo)

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

9:30am Michael Hacker (by Marie, Joe & Michele LaCorte)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Loving Memory of Arthur & Theresa Schaeffer & Family*

SAINT PAUL

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)

Tuesday, May 14

8:00am Sara Cina (Estate Mass)

Friday, May 17

8:00am Thomas Ramsey (by Gary Hare)

Saturday, May 18 Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm Marco Clapps (by his Children)

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

10:00am Walter Pangborn (by the Dearing Family)

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

SAINT STEPHEN

Monday, May 13

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Tuesday, May 14

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Wednesday, May 15

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Friday, May 17

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Saturday, May 18 Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:30pm Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

11:00am Rev. Kenneth J. Walker, FSSP (Fr. Martin)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Loving Memory of Winnie Zarbo (by George & Penny Panepinto)*

SAINT TIMOTHY

Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am Esther and Philp Korn (by Daughter-in law)

10:30am David McMahon (by Mary Redman)

Tuesday, May 14

10:00am Curtis Family (by Son)

Special Remembrance of Michael Bondaza Sr. (by Wife)

Thursday, May 16

10:00am Richard Nicosia (by Wife, Catherine)

Friday, May 17

10:00am Joseph Insalaco (by Wife)

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

7:30am Barbara Hans (by Angela Zinzola)

10:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Ashman
and Ward Families (by Mary & Brian Collins)



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

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Saturday 10am Al Anon in Faith Formation Mtg. Room (Door #8)

Sunday 7:00pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Attention:

St. Andrew's friends near and far—

If you have photos of events at the church or grounds,

you can email them to: katemfoley@gmail.com

to be included in a video for June 2.

Please include names and occasion.

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.



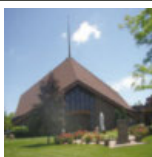
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY 4/28/24 - \$3,907.00

Steeple Chase Roof Repair - \$250.00 (Total so far \$12384.00 (THANK YOU for your GENEROSITY)

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

Blessed Sacrament, 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: Diapers 1,5,6, Wipes, Baby wash and lotion, Bottles-slow and medium flow, Bibs, Towels and wash cloths, 0-3 month old girl onesies, 3T and 4T summer clothes. There will be a baby crib in the Chapel entrance for these donated items. Thank you in advance for your support of this collection.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following families who are recipients of the **Harold J. & Marion A. Diebold Scholarship Award** for Grammar School: Mitchell and Wacker. To the following families who are the recipients of the **Nancy A. Christiano Memorial Scholarship Fund** for High School: Mitchell and Wacker. And to the following family who is the recipient of the **Mary Masterson Memorial Scholarship Award** for College: Puchalski.

The winner of the **Non-Calendar Sweepstakes for the month of April** is Mary Alice Kolb. Congratulations! Be in it to win it!

GOOD NEWS: Our Meat Raffle netted a fantastic profit of \$8,500. THANK YOU everyone for all your hard work and thank you to all the participants. We will see you next year.

"YES WE CAN": Thank you for your ongoing support of our **Food Pantry**. Our next collection will be **May 19th**. The requested item is **CONDIMENTS**

ATTENTION SENIORS: At present **we are in need Adult Servers for funerals** in our parish. If you are available in the morning during the weekdays or on Saturday, please call the Parish Office and we will provide the necessary training for this valuable ministry.

The **Legion of Mary** will be reciting the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, May 13th after the morning Mass and prayers at the Grotto in honor of the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's 1st apparition. Please join us in praying for world peace.



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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- Ladies of Charity, 25B, 9:30-12pm
- Cub104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6-9pm
- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6-8pm
- Men's basketball, gym, 9-11pm

Wednesday, May 15

Thursday, May 16

- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6-8pm
- Contemplative Prayer Group, chapel/convent, 7-9pm

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

- BS104 Basketball time, gym, 2-4pm

Sunday, May 19

- HAS event Paint Party, gym, 9am-6pm

Mission Co-op Appeal next weekend May 18-19th

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.

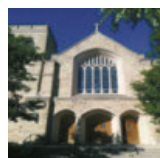
Pentecostal Program at St. Andrew's

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. Fr Peter Ekanem will end the hour with Adoration and benediction. Let's raise our voices to the Holy Spirit!

Also, we have a traveling Madonna - Our Lady of Fatima. So beautiful!! We would like to invite all parishioners to take her to their homes and invite friends and family to pray the rosary before our Blessed Mother. The Rosary - the weapon for our times! So many graces! Anyone who is interested can call me, Mary Muscarella, at 716-870-0238.

Adoration in the Chapel

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



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

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Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of May 18 & 19

LECTORS

- 5 PM Linda Bovino
- 10 AM Ryan Nye

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5 PM Jane Tasca
- 10 AM Tammy Piotrowski
- Carolyn Pratt

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

April 28, 2024:

- Regular Collection: \$4,832
- Maintenance: \$153
- # of Envelopes: 135

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

Sodality

Hope you all enjoy a Blessed Mother's Day. Hope to see everyone at St Andrew's May Crowning Monday, May 12th 6:30PM

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.

**Memorial Day Parade
Hot Dog Sale & Raffle**

Donations of hot dogs and buns are greatly appreciated.

THOUGHTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY: "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life...Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves...' We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life."



St. Stephen R.C. Church

2100 Baseline Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday May 13

1:30-3:30pm Small Faith Group—Community Rm

Tuesday May 14

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

Wednesday May 15

6pm Garden Club—Parish Grounds

Thursday May 16

5-7pm SSS Book Fair—Cafeteria

5pm School Advisory Board Mtg—Music Rm

Friday May 17

5pm 8th Grade Class Night—Hospitality Rm

Sunday May 19

12:30pm Living Rosary—Main Church

1pm Living Rosary Reception—Hospitality Rm

- Blood Pressure check after all Masses in the Community Rm/Library



The Mother's Day Novena Intentions that have been submitted "In Memory / Honor Of" are now posted in the Narthex. Please stop by and view the list to find your loved ones' names.

Altar Society's "The Living Rosary"
Sunday, May 19 after the 11am Mass
Come join us!



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Please join us at our next Respect Life Committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30pm here at St. Stephen Church.**

calling all gardeners!!



Gardening Club begins this week on Wednesday, May 15. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with caring for the church gardens. Please join us once a week on Wednesdays at 6pm for

about an hour. Bring your weed diggers and garden gloves!

*We remember in our prayers those who are ill... And those recently deceased: **Betty Serio, Edward Kopra, Barbara Burns, Gregory Worczak** —May they know God's love and peace.*



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.

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

New Parishioner Registration Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ST. TIMOTHY'S

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

May 20 — St. Thomas More Secular Franciscan Fraternity, 7pm, St. Martha's Chapel

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

Support for St. Andrew's Parish

St. Andrew's Parish will be having a Mass on June 2, 2024, to celebrate the Legacy of St. Andrew's. They will be having a luncheon immediately following the Mass. Their Parish has reached out to the other members of the Light of Christ of the Northtowns Family requesting assistance with the luncheon. They would appreciate donations of cold dishes such as salads, veggie trays, sandwiches, desserts and beverages. No food that needs to be heated. It can be taken to the back of the Msgr. Donovan Center from 2:00-4:00 PM on June 1st or 11:00 on June 2nd. For further information you may contact Michelle Vallee at 716-725-6860. If you are able to assist with a donation it would be a wonderful gesture to support them in this difficult time of transition. Thank you for your assistance. St. Timothy's Parish Council

A Guide To What My Survivors Need To Know

Wills, advanced directives and power-of-attorney are critically important documents. A Guide To What My Survivors Need to Know is a presentation that goes beyond those documents to identify the information needed upon a person's passing or incapacitation. Covering cradle-to-grave topics, this discussion highlights the critical details survivors may require during a life-altering event. Financial, legal, and estate planning advice are not part of this presentation. **Wednesday, June 12th 6:30 PM, St. Timothy's Parish - St. Martha's Chapel—RSVP by May 31** by calling St. Timothy's at 716-875-9430

****REMINDER: PLEASE SUBMIT A LIST OF YOUR UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS 14 days before the Sunday they will appear in BY E-MAIL TO St. Timothy's ASAP.**

Our e-mail address is : office@sainttimothyparish.org

SCHOOL NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

ST. ANDREW

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. Andrew's School & Parish
Invite you to

**Bon Voyage
BOOZY BINGO**



Saturday, May 18th

- Doors open @6pm, first spin @7pm
- \$30 a ticket, includes beer & wine.
- \$300 for table of 12
- Basket Raffle
- Games of chance



All proceeds benefit end of year expenses and student activities.



ST. STEPHEN

Congratulations to Nolan Zobrist, Ari Miller-Stubbendick, Leo Drullard, Henry Wild, Melania Venne, Isabella Weigand, Nathaniel Drullard, Annabelle Rose, Ryan McWilliams, Emmy Dewey, Claire McMahon, Frankie Strangio and Gabby Wild for winning the Character Trait Award for Problem-Solving.

Our 8th grade students received their Hope Ribbons at the Hope Ribbon Ceremony on April 29th. We want to congratulate them for all of their successes at St. Stephen School and wish them good luck as they finish their time with us.

Moana Jr. directed by music teacher, Mr. Michael Alessi, was a huge success. The cast and crew both did a phenomenal job both nights.

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.

Mark Your Calendars: Please save the date for our **SJS Annual Golf Tournament**. This popular event will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at Sheridan Park Golf Course. More details to follow in the next couple of months. If you are interested in joining the committee and helping with this event, please contact Mrs. Helming, at mhelming@stjohnskenmore.com

Now Hiring: St. John's is hiring substitute teachers with immediate openings. Substitutes are needed in all grade levels, Pre-K 3 to Grade 8. Candidates must be Virtus Certified. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Kroczyński at jkroczyński@stjohnskenmore.com.

PILLAR INFORMATION & NEW GROUPS FORMING

SPIRITUAL LIFE PILLAR

Contact: spirituallifepillar@lightofchristccnt.org

The Spiritual Life Pillar works hand in hand with the other pillars. The Spiritual Life Pillar focuses on fostering a relationship with Jesus Christ through para-liturgical experiences, retreats, devotions and any activity within the Family of Parishes that will help bring people closer to Jesus. The members of our Spiritual Life Pillar are: Blessed Sacrament: Kathleen Regan and Kate Washington; St. Andrew: Barbara Schlant and Michelle Vallee; St. John the Baptist: Trey Kelly and Lori Racle; St. Paul: Tom Johnson and Pat Pike; St. Stephen: Mary Skibinski; St. Timothy: Mary Ashman.

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

FAITH FORMATION

NEWS & INFORMATION

ST. TIMOTHY

Sowing the Seeds of Faith

In uncertain times, instilling the teachings of the Gospel in our young ones is more vital than ever. It will serve as a beacon of hope throughout their lives, guiding them through life's challenges and uncertainties. At Saint Timothy's, we're delighted to announce that registration for the 2024-2025 year of Faith Formation is now open for students in grades 1-10! This upcoming year, we're embracing a more family-oriented instruction model as recommended by the Diocese for all parishes, recognizing the invaluable role of parents and guardians. Whether your child needs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Holy Eucharist, or continue faith formation through the high school Sacrament of Confirmation process, our staff works hard to ensure that your child will have the very best preparation. Together, with parents and families, we're here to help form your young person in the Catholic Faith. We invite your family to be part of our Faith Formation program. Visit sainttimothyparish.org and look under the "Faith Formation" tab for the registration form and to find out more about us!



Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

O Mary, Virgin Mother and Heaven's Gate, through you salvation came to us; every grace streams forth through your hands, and faithful imitation of you only will sanctify me!

O Mary, Virgin, most beautiful lily. Your heart was for Jesus the first tabernacle on earth, and that, because your humility was the deepest, wherefore you were raised above angel choirs and saints.

O Mary, my sweet mother, to you I turn over my soul, my body, and my poor heart. Be the safeguard of my life, especially at death's hour, in the final fight. (from Diary 161)

My response: *Happy Mothers' Day to you, Mary, our most holy mother. Bless all mothers today and everyday.*



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.

Wishing all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and stepmothers a lovely and blessed Mother's Day!

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. Amen



First Communion & May Crowning on Sunday, May 5th

ST. PAUL

St. Paul's Faith Formation would like to congratulate the following students who received Sacraments during April:

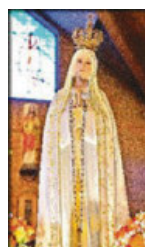
First Reconciliation:

Patrick Jones
Mason Nobile
Sofia Thur
James Warren



First Communion:

Lily Bedford
Isabella Lauricella
Dominic Lauricella
Theodore Pratt
Liam Roundtree



THE CHILDREN OF FATIMA—The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS



BREADED PORK CUTLET TAKE-OUT DINNER May 23, 2024 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.** Please complete the below pre-order form and drop it in the collection basket or call **JODY AT 716-316-2676.**

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

NUMBER OF DINNERS _____ **RSVP BY May 20th FOR PORK CUTLET DINNER**

Light of Christ of the Northtowns

**Family-wide May Crowning
with Procession**

Monday, May 13, 6:30 PM

@ 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!

Join us for an

Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday evenings,

May 29th and June 26th

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

St. Andrew Church

All welcome to come and spend any amount of time with Jesus in this sacred space during this special hour.



ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH WELCOMES POLISH FOLK GROUP

The "Parsley" Singers from Kepice, Poland will be coming to our Parish on Thursday June 27, 2024. They will present a *free folk Concert* at 4:30 pm, in Church followed by a Polish platter dinner in St. Martha's Chapel. Dinner will include 2 pierogies (potatoes with

farmers cheese and sauerkraut with mushrooms), smoked sausage, 2 homemade potato pancakes and rye bread for a cost of 15.00. Take out will be available. We will have Basket Raffle items and Polish souvenirs for purchase including tablecloths, table runners, and Amber items available.

BASKET RAFFLE

The Basket Raffle items for the June 27th Concert and Dinner will be on display in St. Martha's Chapel throughout the month of June. Tickets will be available after Masses. Cost will be one sheet (25 tickets) for \$5.00 or 3 sheets for \$10. Baskets will be raffled on 7:00 PM on June 27th. PROCEEDS FOR THE DINNER WILL GO TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE.

POLISH PLATTER DINNER - June 27, 2024 \$15.00 PER DINNER

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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



FAMILY OF PARISHES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

You are invited to join us for a **Plant and Seed Exchange** on **May 18, 2024 from 10 am to 2pm** at the University Presbyterian Church on 3330 Main Street at Niagara Falls Blvd. This is a free seed exchange. Bring your perennials and seeds to share and get some new plants and seeds for your garden. In addition, pots, planters, and garden art will be for sale. Donations of used pots, garden ornaments, and other garden paraphernalia are welcome. Sponsored by Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk and Artseeds. Contact us at capengardenwalk@gmail.com



CASINO TRIP —Wednesday June 19, 2024



Join St. Tim's casino trip to the Seneca Allegheny Casino taking 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

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,

SUMMER BASH & CAR SHOW

Ellwood Fire Department 1st annual **Summer Bash** on Saturday, June 8th, presented by Mattina's Pizzeria. Car Show from 11am-4pm. Featuring Car, bike, & truck show, antique fire truck display. Food, drinks & Carrubba's chicken dinner, \$15 Dine-in & Drive Thru available. For tickets text/call Ryan at 716-936-9376. Beer tent, Live Music from 4pm – 10pm!



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. Please call or email Michelle at 716-725-6860 or Spiritus@roadrunner.com to let us know what's coming. 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**

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