

Light of Christ

A Roman Catholic Community of the Northtowns

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St. Timothy

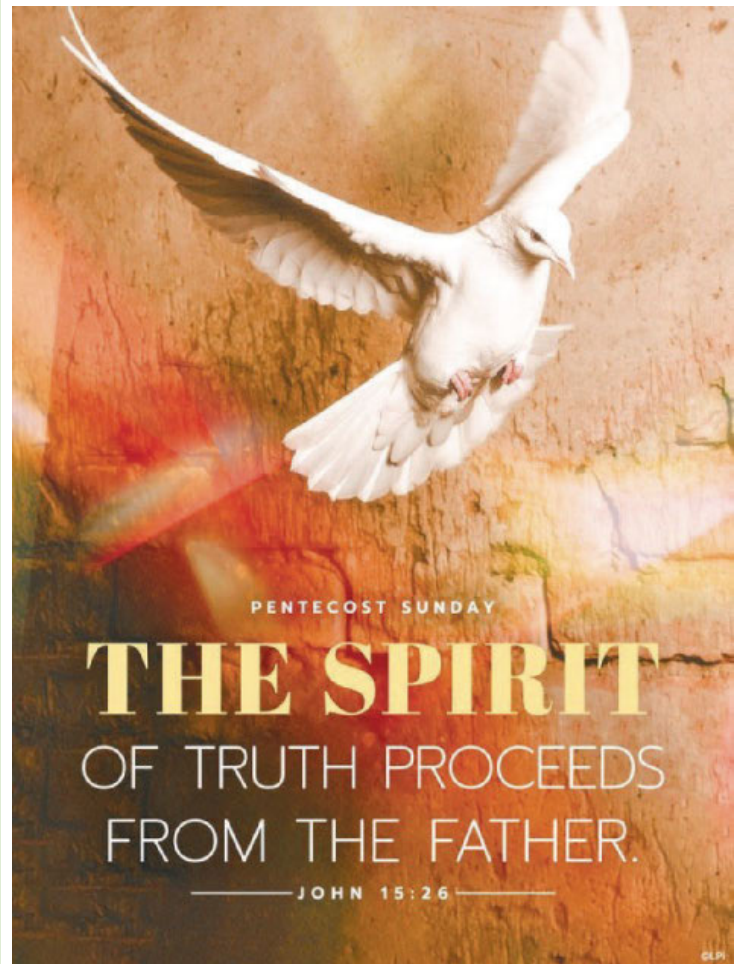
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Clergy:

Rev. Michael Parker – Pastor
(in residence at St. John the Baptist parish)
Rev. Peter Ekanem – Parochial Vicar
(in residence at Blessed Sacrament parish)
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

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May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

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 PASTOR, FATHER MICHAEL'S DESK

On the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church was made manifest by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit brings forth a new time in the early Church and the work of salvation continues until Christ comes again. "In this age of the Church Christ now lives and acts in, and with his Church in a new way appropriate to this new age."

How similar our own personal renewal and the renewal of our Church Universal and in particular our Diocese continues to respond to the mystery of God's presence among us.

As we celebrate Pentecost, may our personal faith journey be prompted by the Holy Spirit among us as well as the transformation of our Families of Parishes in the Diocese more fully into the image of Christ

May the Spirit of Jesus which descended upon Mary and the apostles in the upper room, come upon us bringing that same unity, zeal and service. Through our mission of service and charity, ***come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DEVOTIONS

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

Flame of Love Rosary Holy Hour – Tuesdays at 6pm in the Chapel

Heal our Land Adoration Holy Hour – Thursdays at 6pm

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

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 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

8:30am (*School Mass*) Florence Lupp (by Family)

Thursday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 25

8:30am Austin & Irene Short (by Family)

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

Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity

9:00am David & Kay Serrone (Gay & Lloyd Tanner)

5:00pm Dave Coughlin—Birthday Remembrance (by Family)

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for Robert Braun
(by Wife & Family)*

SAINT PAUL

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)

Tuesday, May 21

8:00am Grosso / Dibernado Family (Estate Mass)

Friday, May 24

8:00am Marilyn Vogt (by the Quebral Family)

Saturday, May 25 Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

5:00pm All Souls

Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity

10:00am Gloria J. Karam (by Court Sodaro)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Memory of Helen S. & Frank J. Saladyga (by Loving Son)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

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

Monday, May 20

8:00am St. Andrew's Parish (by Light of Christ of the Northtowns)

Wednesday, May 22

6:30pm Cosimo Incardona (by St. Faustina's Gate Volunteers)

Thursday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity

9:30am Deceased Members of the Scime Family
(by Anthony Scime)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Loving Memory of the Summa and Dowd Families*

SAINT STEPHEN

Monday, May 20

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

10:00am *School Liturgy* Savino Nanula

(by MAJ & Mrs. Stephen Skibinski)

Tuesday, May 21

8:00am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Wednesday, May 22

8:00am Dr. Patrick Ignatius (by Family)

Friday, May 24

8:00am Rev. Msgr. William J. Gallagher (by Fr. Martin)

Saturday, May 25 Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:30pm Pat Doxtater (by Greg Doxtater)

Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am Paul Mann (by Family)

11:00am Winnie Zarbo (by Panepinto Family)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in
Loving Memory of Joseph Caffery, Husband & Father
(by Family)*

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, May 20

12:00 Theresa Raimondo Baker (by the Raimondo Family)

Wednesday, May 22

12:00 Noon Charles & Irene LoCurto
(by Daughters Dianne, Patricia & Joanne)

Thursday, May 23

8:00am Elizabeth Fitch (by Sharon Murphy)

Friday, May 24

12:00 Noon People of the Family of Parishes

Saturday, May 25 Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm Joan Hofmeier (by Mary & Madeleine Perrelli)

Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am Charles & Irene LoCurto (by Daughters)

11:00am Peter Blenk, Sr. (by Sally Holtz)

SAINT TIMOTHY

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)

Tuesday, May 21

10:00am Alice Wojcieszek (by Family)

Thursday, May 23

10:00am Digesare Family (by Carol Digesare)

Friday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am Mother's Day Intentions

10:30am Deceased Members of the Bressi, Staffi, Bondanza and
Geil Families (by Family)

PENTECOST SUNDAY - The Holy Spirit sends his sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



St. Andrew RC Church

1525 Sheridan Drive,
Kenmore, NY 14217

Ongoing: MAY

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

Thursday After Noon Mass Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 7:30pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Friday 7:30pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Sunday 7:00pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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



"When I was hungry; you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink."

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.

MARIAN MINISTRIES

Our last meeting for our organization will be on Monday, June 3. Stay tuned for details on when and where!

Together, our sorrow will be halved and our joy will be doubled.

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.

Looking Back, Moving Ahead...

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: Celebrate the Legacy of St. Andrew's! A special Mass for parishioners, staff, former pastors and all who served here at 12:00 noon in Church followed by a reception in McNulty Hall. **Please RSVP** if you are coming to the Mass and/or Reception. Thank you! Call Michelle at 716-725-6860 or text at 401-633-5800 or email at Spiritinus@roadrunner.com or place the form below in the collection basket.

June 2, Mass and Reception

Name _____

Number attending Mass _____

Number attending Reception _____

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.



Blessed Sacrament

263 Claremont Avenue,
Tonawanda, NY 14223

Altar & Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament

Members: Please return your "Steak Dinner" tickets and money as soon as possible. Drop your returns in the Sunday collection. Year-End Dinner on June 3rd at Benchetti's cost \$30. Please make your reservations asap! Meet in Church at 6:30 pm to join us for the praying of the rosary and honor Mary, our Mother.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY 5/6/24 - \$4,835.00

Steeple Chase Roof Repair - \$65.00 (Total so far \$13,989.00

THANK YOU for your GENEROSITY) We also need your continued support as we raise the needed funds for the ongoing roof repairs. Let us renew our efforts to secure our parish church for the years to come. Your donation counts.

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 baby wipes, baby wash and lotion, bibs, new bottles (slow flow, 0 +mos), diapers size 1,5,6, clothing sizes 0-3 months, +3T/4T, towels and wash cloths. There will be a baby crib in the Chapel entrance for these donated items. Thank you in advance for your support of this collection.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Megan Rozak for her awesome and ongoing ministry in our Social Media (Facebook & Instagram) sites. Amazing advertising, flyers, and information that Megan put out and as a result, acquired many more followers that put Blessed Sacrament on the map. Check out the sites.

The **Legion of Mary** will be hosting a **monthly Rosary Walk** around Blessed Sacrament Church grounds starting **May 20 at 7pm**. We will meet at the Grotto. Come join us as we pray the rosary.

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 20

- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm
- Pastoral Council mtg., RCR, 6:30-8:30pm
- BS104 Parents mtg., PR, 7-9pm
- Womens Prayer Group, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, May 21

- Ladies of Charity, 25B, 9:30-12pm
- SJS Spring Concert, gym, 5-8pm
- HNS Installation Dinner, RCR, 6-8:30pm

Wednesday, May 22

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, convent, 10am-12pm

Thursday, May 23

- 5th Grade event, RCR, 8am-2pm
- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6-8pm
- BS104 Leaders mtg., PR, 7-9pm

Saturday, May 25

- SJS Soccer, gym, 1-5pm

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

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry helps many families in our community every day and you can help refill their shelves!

The **current needs** are coffee, Jello, pudding, canned chicken breast, and 1-pound bags of rice.

Thank you for supporting our Parish community

MEMORIAL DAY MASS WITH THE BISHOP

Join us at Mt. Olivet Cemetery for Memorial Day Mass as we honor those who have died while serving our country in the military. **Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate Mass at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kenmore on Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m.** Prayers will be offered for our beloved deceased. Veterans and active duty are always welcome to represent their branch of the military. Mass will be held outdoors under a tent.

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.

FROM THE DEACON'S CHAIR *She is Sent*

The words "I'm so full" are usually followed by a groan and a body collapsing on an overstuffed couch, to move again only after a nap. An overindulgence followed by inactivity. No one says that and then is eager to run a mile at record breaking speed.

I heard someone describe their recent experience of attending Mass. They said they walked away feeling "full but light." What a wonderful gift they received and what an apt description of grace! We are filled by grace to capacity but not weighed down to the point of inactivity. Rather, we are filled with grace to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." The dismissal at the end of mass is not "The Mass is ended, go and rest." Grace perfects human nature, helping us to love God and neighbor. The Church is sent. Go.

"I don't wanna spend my whole life asking, 'What if I had given everything instead of going through the motions.'" Matthew West, song *The Motions* - YIC, Dcn. Andrew



St. Paul R.C. Church

33 Victoria Blvd.

Kenmore, NY 14217-2380

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Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of May 25 & 26

LECTORS

5 PM Linda Bovino
10 AM Ryan Nye

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5 PM Frank Saladyga
10 AM Nancy Kerr
Jackie Daigler

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

May 5, 2024:

Regular Collection: \$6,441

Maintenance: n/a

of Envelopes: 134

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

Sodality

Hope everyone enjoyed the Italian Dinner. Big thank you to all who donated baskets and gift cards to dinner. We will be closing out our meeting session Monday May 20th at 7 PM. Officers and board will be renewing their pledges and there will be surprise refreshments!

St. Vincent De Paul

If you know someone in need, call our central office at [716-882-3360](tel:716-882-3360). They will contact us here at St. Paul's. We will make a home visit to ascertain the need and offer assistance.

Holy Name Lottery Fundraiser

The fundraiser supports our Holy Name Society charitable events for St. Paul's Church.

This year again the Holy Name Society is teaming up with the Woman's Sodality to help with this fundraiser.

Please help us by purchasing a ticket or two for \$5.00. They are available at the church Rectory or you can call me for tickets at 716-583-3573.

Winners will automatically receive their money at the end of the June 2024 monthly drawing. Winners will be determined by the evening number drawn each day.

The lottery will be for the month of June 2024.

Memorial Day Parade Hot Dog Sale & Raffle

Donations of hot dogs and buns are greatly appreciated.



St. Stephen R.C. Church

2100 Baseline Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday May 20

6-8pm Cub Scouts Pack 630 Pack Meeting -School Cafeteria

Tuesday May 21

9:30am Bible Study—Hospitality Rm

6:30pm AA Mtg—F.F. Bldg. (front & back rms)

7-9pm Senior Men's Basketball—Gym

Wednesday May 22

6pm Garden Club—Parish Grounds

Sunday May 25

5:30pm Asbach Baptism

We remember in our prayers those who are ill...

And those recently deceased:

Angela Diebold, Daniel Lynch, Alajos Nemeth

—May they know God's love and peace.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

We know that Mother's Day may have been a difficult day for those who have had an abortion. Please consider the following excerpts from an article in Focus on the Family:

MOTHER'S DAY FOR THE POST-ABORTIVE WOMAN

BY JESSICA RUSSO MAY 8, 2020

"That perfect smile was pretty much how I handled every single Mother's Day for about fifteen years. I had believed the lie that I made a choice that was unforgivable and had no right to do anything other than 'live with it.'"

"...but looking back now, I can easily identify those feelings. I felt empty. I felt broken. I felt lonely in a crowded room. I felt shame. I felt loss. I felt regret. I felt like if I were to acknowledge any of these feelings, I would crumble into a million pieces and then what...? I had willingly chosen this path. Nobody had forced me into that decision. What right did I have to be sad about my choices? Did it make me a hypocrite to regret my choice? What would people think of me if I shared about my pain in those experiences? Would they validate all my feelings of seeing myself as broken and dirty? What I didn't understand at the time was that even though I had chosen abortion and had never laid eyes on my babies, I was a mother. I felt loss and emptiness because my arms were empty. My arms were meant to hold those precious lives." "I had a void and it was very real"

"In 2011, I made the brave choice to seek healing for my abortion experiences, and I gave it all to God! I allowed him to heal me, cleanse me, and forgive me."

If you, or someone you love, has experienced an abortion, healing is available. Please seek help from one of the following resources:

Diocese of Buffalo Project Rachel – (716) 847-2211 Summit Life Outreach Forgiven and Set Free (716) 298-8600

Please join our Respect Life Committee for our next meeting on this coming Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 PM. Your help is needed!



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

May 23 Breaded Pork Cutlet Take-Out Dinner

May 23 Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm, St. Martha's Chapel

June 12 A Guide to What my Survivors Need to Know 6:30 pm, St. Martha's Chapel

June 19 Casino Trip

June 27 Polish Platter Dinner & Polish Folk Group & Basket Raffle

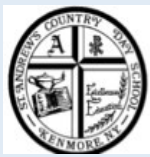
****REMINDER: PLEASE SUBMIT A LIST OF YOUR UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS 14 days before the Sunday they will appear in BY E-MAIL TO St. Timothy's ASAP.**

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION



ST. ANDREW

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

Thank you to all who came and supported our school with our last fundraiser! A good time was had by all at our Boozy Bingo! A huge thank you to all who volunteered and donated baskets, gift cards, wine and anything else to help make this event a huge success!

We congratulate our students who celebrated their

First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11th:

Joseph Ameno, Madelyn Carney, Kelsey Cavallari, Oliver Didion, Landon Duchene, Chace Koch, Harper Marks, Violet McMaster, Ellason Owen, Lennon Owen, Alexander Paulino, Patrick Stanbro, and Bentley Swanson

May you feel the comfort and warmth of God's love through your spiritual journey.



ST. STEPHEN



St. Stephen Annual Rummage Sale will be held (in the air-conditioned gym) the first week of August, with donation drop-offs from July 26-31. More specific details to follow. **Help is needed! This is a St. Stephen School/Parish event.** If you can spare some time and would like to help with this event, please call Lynn Ortiz at 716-866-1077 or email ortizl@ststephensgi.org. Anyone needing community service is welcome!



ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL
2080 Baseline Road
Grand Island, New York



Come see what sets us apart from others:

- Christian value based education
- Spanish beginning in Pre-K
- Sports and Clubs
- Life skills: Kitchen skills, Sewing
- Outdoor classroom
- Hands-on learning/STREAM
- Before/After school care
- Algebra and Living Environment
- Bison Fund & Tuition Assistance
- Bussing provided from Kenton School District

Call for a personal tour!
716-773-7647 opt. 2



@st.stephenschoolgi

www.ststephensgi.org

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.

No School for Memorial Day — School will be closed on Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day holiday. We honor and remember all who gave so much for our country and pray for them and their sacrifice. Enjoy this time off with your family! School will be closed on Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day holiday. We honor and remember all who gave so much for our country and pray for them and their sacrifice. Enjoy this time off with your family!

PILLAR INFORMATION & NEW GROUP FORMING

Forming Disciples Pillar

Contact: disciplespillar@lightofchristcnt.org

This Pillar has been formed in our Family of Parishes and is tasked with insuring that all parishes provide, assess and evaluate all Faith Formation Programming in each parish and school and that all the parishes/schools are using the same resources and providing a family based program.

We also instill Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Adult Ministry and RCIA programs. We insure that every parish is celebrating the Sacraments. The members of this Pillar are:

Laura Mitchell – Blessed Sacrament, Judy Papaj – St. Timothy, Michelle Morgan – St. John the Baptist, Denise Wirth – St. John the Baptist, Jenny Bainbridge – St. John the Baptist, Rebecca Cambria – St. Stephen, Michelle Fisher – St. Paul, Donna Barker – St. Paul, and the Deacons, Frank, Dan, and Andrew

NEW—YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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!

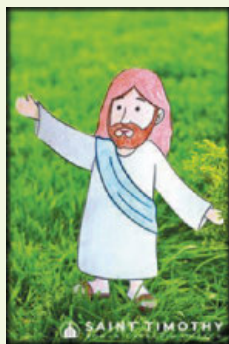
We are still in the very beginnings of forming this important group and we'd love to hear from you! If you are interested in being a part of our core team to get this program off the ground running with ideas or just there to help, have any questions, and/or just get your name on the list... Please contact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



Hey St. Timothy Faith Formation Families:
Take "Flat Jesus" with you on your summer adventures!

Get ready to embark on an epic Summer2024 adventure with none other than "Flat Jesus"! Just like the beloved character from "Flat Stanley", Flat Jesus is here to accompany you and your loved ones on all your summer escapades. As Stanley helped with literacy and geography, Flat

Jesus will help us stay connected with our faith and the idea that we are indeed a Universal Church.

Whether you're hitting the beach, exploring the mountains or a new city, or simply enjoying backyard barbecues, take Flat Jesus along for the ride! This project isn't just about fun — it's a visual reminder that Jesus is with us always, wherever we go, and should be the center of our lives! Head to our website sainttimothyparish.org, and under the Faith Formation tab, download and color your very own Flat Jesus. Cut it out, pack it up, and let the adventures begin! Take pictures of Jesus with your child and/or family & friends and send them in an email to dre@sainttimothyparish.org.

Now that classes are done for the year, you can start whenever you're ready! But wait, there's more! At the end of the summer, we'll award prizes to students in 6 categories: (1) most creative location, (2) furthest location, (3) any local WNY location, (4) any Catholic-related location (basilica/shrine, another church, etc), (5) most locations submitted, and (6) a prize awarded at random to one participating student! And every student participating will receive a small prize! Prizes will be distributed when the children return for the new Faith Formation year at St. Timothy's in September. A bulletin board will be set up where we'll share all of Jesus' travels. Keep Jesus in your hearts this summer. So, get ready to unleash your creativity and spread the joy of having Jesus by our side every step of the way! We can't wait to see where Jesus journeys with you this summer!

Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

O my Jesus, may the last days of my exile be spent totally according to Your most holy will. I unite my sufferings, my bitterness, and my last agony itself to Your Sacred Passion; and I offer myself for the whole world to implore an abundance of God's mercy for souls, and in particular for the souls who are in our homes. I firmly trust and commit myself entirely to Your holy will, which is mercy itself. Your mercy will be everything to me at the last hour, as You yourself have promised me. (Diary 1574)

My response: *I, too, Jesus unite my sufferings and bitterness along with my last agony to Your sacred passion as a sacrificial offering for the souls of the whole world. I, also, firmly trust and commit myself entirely to Your holy will which is mercy itself.*

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. The lessons will stay posted through the end of May .

Registration for the 2024-2025 Family Faith Formation Program is currently being prepared and will be mailed out in June. The program is for all families with children entering 1st through 9th grade public school in the Fall. The program also includes students entering 10th grade in **both public and private schools** . First Reconciliation is celebrated in 2nd grade, First Communion is celebrated in 3rd grade and Confirmation is celebrated in 10th grade. For questions or more information , please contact the Faith Formation Office 716-773-2002 option #3 or cambriar@ststephensgi.org

NEW — YOUTH MINISTRY FORMING

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

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit! Enlighten us!
Embolden us!

Inflame us! Stir our hearts anew!

You have called us to live and minister in this time,
in these spaces, to these souls.

Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction!
Amen.



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# _____

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Tickets: \$25 Can be purchased online at www.ststephenseducationfoundation.org after Masses, at the rectory, and at the door.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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!!



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RAFFLE

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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.

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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



All are invited to join our Family of Parishes for a Holy Hour on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th at 3:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church. COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Join us for an **Hour of Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesday evenings, **May 29th and June 26th** from 6-7 PM at St. Andrew Church. All welcome to come and spend any amount of time with Jesus in this sacred space during this special hour.

FAMILY OF PARISHES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Guide to What My Survivors Need To Know

Open to all Light of Christ of the Northtowns Family members.
RSVP by calling St. Timothy's at 716-875-9430 by May 31, 2024

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, 2024 6:30 PM, St. Timothy's Parish
St. Martha's Chapel, East Park & Ensminger - Tonawanda NY**

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!



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

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 Spiritinus@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 Center. Thank you so much!

St. Francis of Assisi Church is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 70 Adam St., Tonawanda.

Early Birds will be admitted from 8-9am for \$3. Regular admission from 9am to 1pm for \$1. Hot dogs and pop/water will be sold starting at 11am. Everyone is invited to attend. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Early Childhood Center. Children under 12 are admitted free. Go to www.stfrancistonawanda.org for more information.

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