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**ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OF THE TONAWANDAS**

JULY 27, 2025 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rev. Michael LaMarca, Pastor
Rev. Robert Orlowski

Dcn. Paul Bork,
Dcn. Dan Brick,
Dcn. Michael Ficorilli,
Dcn. Dave McDermott,
Dcn. Ken Monaco,
Dcn. John Steiner

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING (VIGIL MASS)

4:00 pm St. Christopher
4:30 pm St. Amelia
5:00 pm Our Lady of Czestochowa

SUNDAY MORNING

7:30 am St. Christopher
8:00 am St. Amelia
9:00 am Our Lady of Czestochowa and St. Christopher
10:00 am St. Amelia
10:30 am St. Christopher
11:00 am Our Lady of Czestochowa

WEEKDAY MASSES

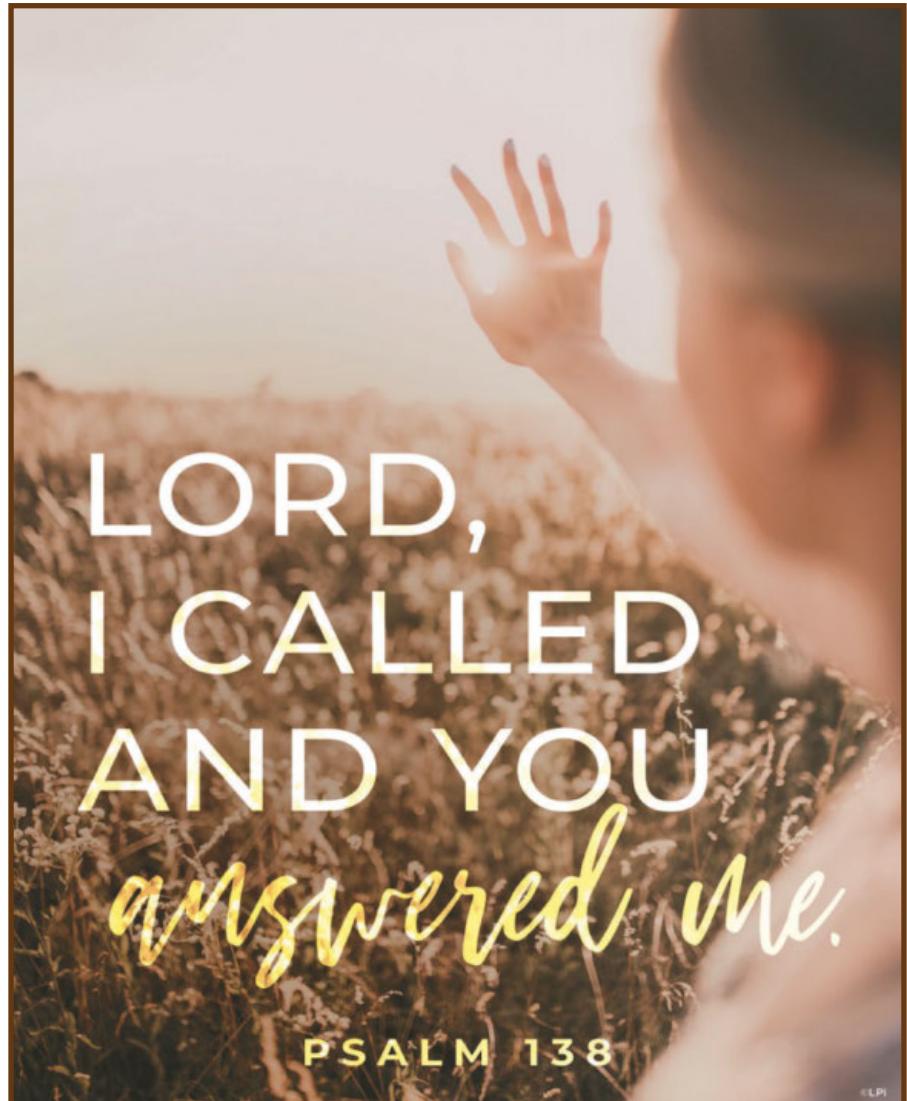
Monday through Friday Mornings
7:00 am St. Christopher
8:00 am St. Amelia
8:30 am Our Lady of Czestochowa
Wednesday Evening
6:30 pm St. Christopher
Saturday Morning
8:00 am St. Amelia

CONFESIONS

Saturday:
3:00-3:45 pm St. Christopher
3:30-4:15 pm St. Amelia
4:00-4:45 pm Our Lady of Czestochowa
Wednesday:
5:30 - 6:00 pm St. Christopher

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: St. Amelia Church
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday: St. Christopher Church
12:00 noon - 6:15 pm and
7:00-8:00 pm



WORSHIP SITES

St. Amelia Church
2999 Eggert Road,
Tonawanda, NY 14150



St. Christopher Church
2660 Niagara Falls Blvd.,
Tonawanda, NY 14150



Our Lady of Czestochowa
64 Center Ave.,
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

From Father Mike's Desk

The end of July? How did that happen?

Hopefully everyone has had a good summer and will make this last month of the summer season count! August is usually a busy one for me with getting some day trips and vacation in before things really ramp up. My family and I have a vacation planned for August and, of course, there is the Erie County Fair which is always a must in our family.

As we turn the corner and start thinking about the next season, fall, I know not too soon now, but September is coming and I wanted to let everyone know about a new envelope you will notice in your envelope packets. There will be an envelope once a month in your packets beginning with September that you can use to help support our schools in our Family of Parishes. If you would like to support either one of our schools, St. Amelia or St. Christopher, please use the envelope provided. Checks can be made out to the respective school and placed in the envelope. Donations will be designated for the operations of each of the schools. Any cash donations will be shared between the two schools unless otherwise indicated on the envelope. Always remember: when giving, give what you can to support the Church and its ministries, but please never put yourself in a position of financial hardship.

While I have you thinking about September, make sure you have your calendars marked for the Fall Fling on September 19th and 20th. The Fall Fling benefits the ENTIRE Family of Parishes and will be held at the St. Christopher campus. We are in need of volunteers, so please visit our Family website at www.rcct.faith to sign up for volunteering for this event. The event will be fun for everyone! There will be music, food, raffles and more!

I will come back to August to wrap up the column. Next weekend is Andrew's final weekend with us. It is hard to believe his assignment is ending already. Andrew has been involved in a lot of things during his time here and our community has been blessed with his presence. He will be off for a few weeks in August before reporting back to the seminary in Baltimore. Join us next Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at St. Christopher for pizza as we thank Andy for his time with us. We also need to make sure we continue to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood!

Hoping everyone has a blessed week!

In Good Faith,
Father Michael



**A fond farewell to
Seminarian Andrew Erdman
Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
St. Christopher School Gym**

VOCATION VIEW

Today we sang Psalm 138: *"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."* How could we ever repay Jesus for all He has done for us? It is actually simple: we can surrender to His will. If your calling is a Church vocation, please contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

2026 MASS BOOKS

Mass intentions for all three churches will be taken:

- Monday, August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the OLC Parish Hall
- Tuesday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the OLC Parish Hall
- Tuesday, August 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the RCCT Family Office.

There is a limit of two (2) weekday and two (2) weekend Masses. **Phone calls or online requests will not be taken until Wednesday, August 6th.**



OCIA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Have you thought about becoming Catholic or know someone who would like to become Catholic? Are you in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult? There will be an informational meeting on **Tuesday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m.** We will be meeting at St. Amelia's rectory at 210 St. Amelia Drive (behind the church). Contact the Family Office at 716-692-2660 with any questions..

July 27, 2025
17th Sunday in Ordinary

First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8(3a)
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5,6,7,9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a &
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11,15-16,27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,
10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5,7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2;2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4,5-6, 12-13,
14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Observances for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St.
Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY: "Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

MINI REFLECTION: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.



Polka Buzz!

Thursday August 28, 2025

7:00pm-10:00pm

Doors Open at 6:15pm

We will be taping two shows to air on a future date



Our Lady of Czestochowa Church Hall
64 Center Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

\$10 Admission (cash)

**Food & Drink Purchases Benefit the
Roman Catholic Community of the Tonawandas'
Matthew 25 Ministry**



OLC PARKING LOT

Our new total for the redo of the parking lot at Our Lady of Czestochowa is at **\$18,150.00**, 33% (corrected) of the \$55,000 needed. When donating to this fundraiser, please make sure to use the form available at the entrances of OLC and in the Family Office or accompany any donation with a letter specifying that the donation is for "OLC Parking Lot." Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

please note

NEW OFFICE HOURS

For the summer we changed our office hours on Fridays to 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. **These hours will now be permanent.** The Family Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-to 12:00 noon. The office is closed on most Federal holidays.

ST. AMELIA MAILING ADDRESS

Please remember when mailing something to St. Amelia, it should be addressed to: 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda, NY 14150.
No parish mail should be sent to the old 210 St. Amelia Drive address.



**FREE SUMMER LUNCHES
AT ST. AMELIA SCHOOL**
FOR KIDS 18 & UNDER
2999 EGGERT RD. TONAWANDA, NY 14215
JUNE 23 - AUGUST 15
Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Open to all community members ages 18 & under
Adults are welcome too - meals available for just \$5.00
Come enjoy a meal and stay cool
with us this summer!
CLOSED ON JULY 4TH

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Exciting News!

Faith Formation has officially opened registration for the 2025-2026 year. We have several options to pick from. Please check out the Faith Formation tab on the RCCT.FAITH website for more details and registration. We hope to see you in the fall!

Now Hiring Substitute Teachers (2025-2026)

Are you passionate about education and making a difference in the lives of students?

Saint Amelia School is seeking **dedicated and reliable substitute teachers** to join our team for the upcoming school year!

- Supportive, Faith-Filled Community
- Flexible schedule
- Opportunity for Future Full-Time Roles

Ready to Apply?
Scan the QR Code or
Contact Us Directly
(716) 836-2230
marketing@stameliaschool.org



Qualifications

- High School Diploma or Higher
- Experience Working with Children
- Strong Classroom Management and Communication Skills
- VIRTUS Training ("Protecting God's Children")

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

St. Christopher School office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday and Wednesday. Voicemail and e-mails will be checked often throughout the summer.

St. Amelia School office hours from June 30th through August 22nd will be Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Closed Fridays.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be, for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

Sts. Joachim and Anne, pray for us!



GOSPEL

The widow in Jesus' story never gave up. She needed help. She kept asking for help over and over until the judge gave her what she needed. God is so much more loving than the judge in Jesus' story. If you need help, you can ask God over and over. Don't give up. Tell God when you are hurt. Tell God when you need help. He listens carefully to you, and he enjoys helping children who love him.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for caring about me and listening to my prayers.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

STORY	WIDOW	CONCERNED
PRAYING	FAIR	HURRY
JUDGE	PROTECT	HELP

M	A	K	S	E	W	U	R	H	T
H	P	R	A	Y	I	N	G	E	A
T	R	I	G	T	D	E	F	L	I
E	O	A	S	T	O	R	Y	P	T
M	T	N	I	C	W	H	O	U	J
R	E	F	R	A	I	U	L	T	U
H	C	O	N	C	E	R	N	E	D
E	T	J	U	D	G	R	F	U	G
F	A	I	R	S	E	Y	D	T	E
O	D	N	Y	T	H	I	F	N	A

MISSION

Many children do not have homes or shoes or beds. Ask God to show you how to help them.

FUNDAY

FAMILY FUN SUNDAYS

Young families are invited to join us for an hour of fun on the St. Amelia School playground! This is a time to make friends, play games and support each other as families of faith. Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on July 27th and August 24th! We will cancel if there is inclement weather. With any questions, please contact below: FamilyFunSundays@proton.me

RCCT teen Masses

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12 TO BE A PART OF A MONTHLY TEEN MASS AS READERS, ALTAR SERVERS, AND/OR SINGERS.

Email youth@rcct.faith for more information

MATTHEW 25 CENTER

Our outreach ministries from our Family of Parishes are coming together to form "Matthew 25 Ministries." In Matthew 25 we are reminded that what we do for our least brothers and sisters in need we do for our Lord. Matthew 25 Ministries will be housed at the former St. Francis of Assisi Church in the city of Tonawanda. This site was located because of the needs of the city, the logistics and statistics of walkers, lack of transportation and proximity, as well to those in North Tonawanda. The changes will be a difficult adjustment, but trusting in the Holy Spirit, everything will work out. We have incredible volunteers who always go above and beyond serving the needs of our brothers and sisters most in need. The Matthew 25 Center needs support, however, to make the facility changes and upgrades necessary in order for the project to be a success. At the entrances of our churches are green forms that you can take home to learn more and donate to help contribute to the changes. Thank you.

St. Christopher is collecting items for the upcoming school year. Please consider donating notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, markers, backpacks and back to school clothes. We are also collecting peas, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, garbanzo beans and pasta sauce for our food pantry. Thank you for all of your support!

TOGETHER WE THRIVE

Jubilee Year of Hope

PILGRIMAGE!

Wednesday October 8, 2025

9:30am Departure

Mass at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean

Meal at Sprague's Maple Farms in Portville

*Arrive back at church around 7:30pm



Sign up by calling the office,
716-692-2660.

Price: \$65/person

*Includes transportation,
lunch w/ dessert & tour of basilica*

Limited to 55 Pilgrims!

**Depart from St. Christopher Church
(2660 Niagara Falls Blvd)**

Lunch Options:

Main Line: Your choice of two light and fluffy buttermilk & maple or buckwheat & maple pancakes served with two eggs any style and your choice of double smoked, thickly sliced bacon, country ham, or Sprague's own recipe maple sausage patties

Turkey & Biscuit: Sprague's own turkey and homemade gravy over fresh country style biscuits. Served with cranberry sauce and your choice of mashed potatoes or French fries

Half Turkey Cobb Salad: Delightful mixture of our fresh roasted turkey, lettuce, hard boiled eggs, bacon, tomato and cheddar cheese. Served with roll & butter





We welcome into our faith community *Caleb Philip Green..*

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Brunner* and *Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Graber.*



FALL FLING BASKET RAFFLE!

Please consider donating a completed basket or new items to be used to make a basket for our Family of Parishes Fall Fling. Some basket ideas include adult or children's games, cooking or cleaning supplies, sports, car care, baby items, personal care items, lottery tickets, gift cards, movie or event tickets, "everything to make your favorite... (fill in the blank)". **Please remember the baskets cannot contain alcohol.** Donations can be left in the basket raffle totes in the back of each church or returned to the RCCT Family Office at 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **We ask that the baskets be returned by Friday, September 12th.** Please contact Gennie Rounds at 716-553-4497 with questions or to arrange a pick-up. Thank you!

INK & INSIGHTS: A FALL BOOK CLUB EXPERIENCE

Calling all book lovers! The Discipleship Ministry is excited to launch a brand-new book club this fall: **Ink & Insights.** Join us as we explore a thought-provoking book by a local author, engage in meaningful book club style discussions and enjoy a special presentation by the author highlighting the book's central themes. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, share perspectives and connect with your parish family in a relaxing and enriching way. All are welcome! Stay tuned for more details in the coming week. We cannot wait to read with you!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CEMETARY

St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, a peaceful and beautifully maintained place of rest located in the city of Tonawanda, was established in 1867. While burial space for caskets is no longer available, we have a tranquil cremation garden (surrounding the flag pole) with ample space for cremated remains. A burial space for cremated remains is very affordable at \$2,200.00 which includes the space, outer burial container, grave marker, initial inscription, and the burial of the cremated remains. A second cremated remains may be buried in the same space for an additional \$800.00 plus any additional inscription costs that may be necessary. We invite your consideration and comparison to other final resting spot choices. Stop by the corner of Kohler and Main in the City of Tonawanda and see how beautiful it is. For more information, please call Pat Trimper at 716-909-9468.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study is a fun event for anyone who is 18 to 39. We meet each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Outreach (200 St. Amelia Dr., back entrance) for prayer, faith sharing, snacks, Bible study, and afterwards we play retro games. Join us. Friends and games are welcome!

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION PRESENTS "SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY"

Join us every Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Edmund Outreach Center to discuss the work **Religious Sense** by Father Luigi Giussani, to engage in fellowship and grow in faithfulness. For more details, please contact Sarah Burton at 716-213-7535.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER PROFESSION

John Beutel, parishioner of our Family of Parishes, will be making his profession for the Secular Franciscan Order. The Secular Franciscan Order, formerly known as the Third Order of St. Francis, is an official religious Order within the Catholic Church. The Secular Franciscan Order provides an opportunity for lay Catholics and diocesan clergy to live a Gospel way of life as established by St. Francis of Assisi in the Franciscan Rule. Members live their everyday lives in the world and regularly come together in Fraternity. This way of life is a religious vocation, a spiritual calling to make Christ the inspiration and center of their life with God and the Holy Spirit. **To witness the profession, you are invited to a special Mass on Sunday August 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.**

STEWARDSHIP FOR WEEK OF 7/20/2025

Our Lady of Czestochowa	\$6,598.00
St. Amelia	\$10,335.00
St. Christopher	\$8,146.00
TOTAL	\$25,079.00

There will be a special collection for the retired Diocesan priests' medical benefits the weekend of August 2/3.



TOGETHER...WE PRAY

Date	Day	Time	Site	Mass Intention	Requested by
7/26	Sat	5:00 PM	OLC	Howard Leffler	Estate
7/27	Sun	9:00 AM	OLC	Witkowski - Stempin Family	Family
7/27	Sun	11:00 AM	OLC	Jacqueline Wojtanowski	Wojtanowski Family
7/28	Mon	8:30 AM	OLC	Stephen Holesko	Mom, Dad, & Patrick
7/29	Tues	8:30 AM	OLC	Rosemarie Kud	Joanne Kud
7/30	Wed	8:30 AM	OLC	All Souls Intentions	Parish
7/31	Thurs	8:30 AM	OLC	Richard Sepanski	Sheila Partsch
8/1	Fri	8:30 AM	OLC	Connor Hughes	Barbara Hughes
8/2	Sat	5:00 PM	OLC	Helen & Jack Cantillon	Dave & Kathy Fronczak
8/3	Sun	9:00 AM	OLC	Mary T. DeMart	Mis Family
8/3	Sun	11:00 AM	OLC	Nelson Nassiff	Artha Nassiff
7/26	Sat	4:30 PM	St. A	All Living & Deceased of the Roman Catholic Community of the Tonawandas	
7/27	Sun	8:00 AM	St. A	Eugenia Slowinski	A friend
7/27	Sun	10:00 AM	St. A	Felicia DiPasquale	Family
7/28	Mon	8:00 AM	St. A	Kenneth Multerer	Multerer Family
7/29	Tues	8:00 AM	St. A	All Living & Deceased Mothers of St. Amelia	Parish
7/30	Wed	8:00 AM	St. A	Chris Crangle, Sr.	Crangle Family
7/31	Thurs	8:00 AM	St. A	Anne Timblin	Connie Hooker
8/1	Fri	8:00 AM	St. A	Daniel J. Mulhern	Ed & Irene Swan
8/2	Sat	8:00 AM	St. A	Rev. Donald Measer	Estate
8/2	Sat	4:30 PM	St. A	Glenna M. Kozlowski	Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group
8/3	Sun	8:00 AM	St. A	All Living & Deceased of the Roman Catholic Community of the Tonawandas	
8/3	Sun	10:00 AM	St. A	Ruth Schneggenburger	Christopher & Annette Pisarcik
7/26	Sat	4:00 PM	St. C.	Russell Healey	Family
7/27	Sun	7:30 AM	St. C.	All Souls Intentions	Parish
7/27	Sun	9:00 AM	St. C.	Audrey Bogdan	Sandy John Radens
7/27	Sun	10:30 AM	St. C.	Mary Barnes	Sue Lindner
7/28	Mon	7:00 AM	St. C.	World Peace	
7/29	Tues	7:00 AM	St. C.	Richard & Louise Dietich	
7/30	Wed	7:00 AM	St. C.	Sharon Daniels	Amendolea Family
7/30	Wed	6:30 PM	St. C.	Rosebud Casillo	Jerry & Pam Casillo
7/31	Thurs	7:00 AM	St. C.	Michael Sciria	Mike & Denise Carnes
8/1	Fri	7:00 AM	St. C.	Mark Hughes	Chuck & Kathy Miller
8/2	Sat	4:00 PM	St. C.	Allan Kuhn	Lorraine
8/3	Sun	7:30 AM	St. C.	Salvatore H. Bilotta	Cecelia B. Krulisky
8/3	Sun	9:00 AM	St. C.	Rachel Procopio	Sandy & John Radens
8/3	Sun	10:30 AM	St. C.	Christine & Joseph Lewandowski	JoAnn

PRAYER REQUESTS

Leonard Anderson, Mary & Nicholas Bandinelli, Carol Bauda, Patricia Betzler, Roger Brooks, Cathy Carney, Cindy, Doug Clifford, Celeste LeClair Coleman, Angie DelBosco, Father Doug Faraci, Thomas Fischer, Karl Fruehauf, Joe Gulczewski, Michael Hoebel, Craig Kanalley, Ginny Kasperek, Norman Kimberly, Kenneth Kubicki, Claudia Kurtzworth, Jackie LaMarca, Daniel Lange, Marie T. Larry, Denise Lewandowski, Tom Lillis, Mary Lonczak, David Marty, Cindy McGinley, Andrew Mitchell, Raymond Noonan, Jim Oliver, Francine O'Mara, Melissa Peterson, Dr. Edward Polashenski, Jessica Spoor, Marie & Tony Tabaczynski, Dolores Viven, Richard Viven, Andrew Wassam, Doug Whitehead, Sue Winters, Mark P. Wudyka, Emily Zak and Sherry Zuch.

Please pray for the souls of **Lorraine Frechette, John Mazurek and Anthony Soda** who recently entered into eternal rest.

We would like to pray with you as a Family of parishes.

Please call 716-692-2660 or

e-mail bulletin@RCCT.FAITH with your prayer requests.

Note: Prayer requests are removed after eight weeks.



CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27

11:00 a.m. Family Fun Sunday -
St. Amelia Playground

Monday, July 28

8:00 a.m. St. Amelia School Summer
Camp - Don Miller Hall
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Novena
& Benediction - St. Amelia Church

Tuesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. St. Amelia School Summer
Camp - Don Miller Hall

Wednesday, July 30

8:00 a.m. St. Amelia School Summer
Camp - Don Miller Hall
12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration -
St. Christopher Church
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study -
St. Amelia Outreach
7:00 p.m. St. Jude Finance Mtg. -
St. Christopher Joe Noto Room

Thursday, July 31

8:00 a.m. St. Amelia School Summer
Camp - Don Miller Hall
6:30 p.m. Spiritual/Liturgical Pillar Mtg.
- OLC Parish Hall

Friday, August 1

8:00 a.m. St. Amelia School Summer
Camp - Don Miller Hall

Sunday, August 3

11:30 a.m. Family Baptism Class -
St. Christopher Hospitality Room
7:00 p.m. Pizza Reception for Andrew
Erdman - St. Christopher Weldgen
Parish Hall

COUNTERS NEEDED

Beginning in September, St. Amelia will be looking for collection counters for Sunday Masses. Please call the Family Office at 716-692-2660 for details. Family members cannot serve on the same counter team.



No one from our Family will send you a request for gift cards, cash, or to sign a document. Please exercise caution and do not respond.

FALL HAPPENINGS

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

We are always looking for ways for members of our Family of Parishes to grow in their faith. This Fall our Family will be offering *Life of the Spirit Seminar*. This retreat experience begins **Thursday, September 25th** and will continue for six weeks. It is a Catholic program designed to help individuals deepen their relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. It's a series of talks, prayer, and small group discussions that focus on God's love, salvation, the new life in Christ, and the gifts of the Spirit. The goal is to help participants experience a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit and live a more vibrant Christian life. More details to come.

COFFEE TALK

WITH FATHER MIKE

The Coffee Talk series is back! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 27th and Saturday, November 22nd** for the next two Coffee Talks. The talks will take place at 8:45 a.m. in the St. Amelia School Cafeteria. Join us for 8:00 a.m. Mass with Coffee Talk right after! Our topic on September 27th will be *Prayer: The Forms and the Whys*. Coffee Talks will conclude by 10:00 a.m.



THE *WOW* SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES!

If you were inspired by our Words of Wisdom (WOW) series focused on *Life is Messy*, you do not want to miss what is coming next! We are excited to announce the next chapter in our series: *Bonds of Faith*. This powerful new series will explore the strength, resilience and unshakable foundation of our faith - especially in times of challenge and uncertainty. As we know, these bonds have been tested, but never broken. Come be renewed, uplifted and inspired as we gather as a parish family to grow in faith together. Stay tuned to the bulletin and our Facebook page for the full schedule of speakers coming soon! We cannot wait to share this journey with you.



ADORATION

Mondays: St. Amelia

6:00-7:30 p.m. Adoration will include recitation of the Rosary, Evening Prayer, and the Miraculous Medal Novena with full Benediction.

Wednesdays: St. Christopher

Beginning at 12:00 noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. There is Adoration, Rosary and Benediction following the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass. Adoration lasts from approximately 7:00-8:00 p.m. *For the safety of our students, those attending adoration are kindly asked to park in the church parking lot and not the school lot.*

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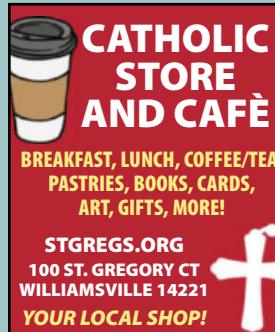
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