

# Light of Christ

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*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. – Lamentations 3:22-26*



#### 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)

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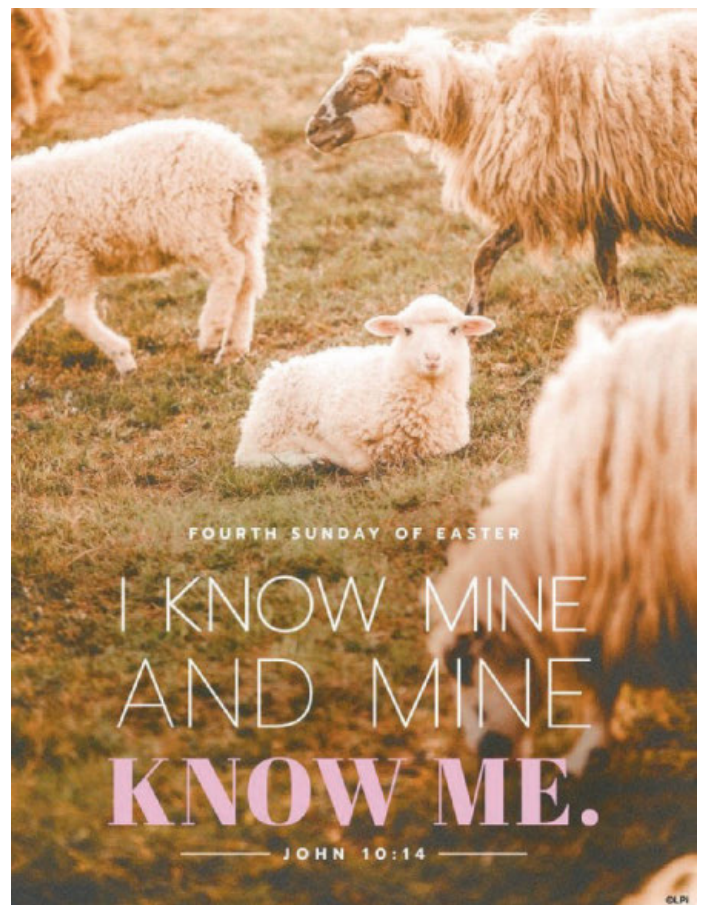
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April 21, 2024

Fourth 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

## 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 the Chapel of Divine Mercy each Wednesday 9am through Thursday 10pm

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

### St. John the Baptist

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

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

### St. Stephen

**Rosary** after Masses in the Daily Chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Rosary** on Saturdays at 4pm before the 4:30 Mass.

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

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

### St. Timothy:

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

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

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

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

### **FROM DEACON ANDREW'S CHAIR - "Brass Tacks"**

Within the span of 12 hours, I have heard mentioned two phrases that are profound in their simplicity and dangerously disarming. "God is God, and I am not." "The secret to a happy pilgrimage is to always remember you are a pilgrim."

Charming but charming can be quite disquieting. Disruptive but sometimes a little disruption is actually settling. We can get caught up and twisted in the shock and awe that surrounds our lives and the consequences of our actions. We can lose sight of the fact that we are not in charge and our home is not of this world. We screw up badly and we succeed beyond our wildest dreams. We earn incredible success, and we are cheated out of our just rewards.

In the good and the bad, remember to breathe and lean on God. He is the one who is in charge and wants to welcome you home.

**"Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant."** -St. Maria Goretti



## LIGHT OF CHRIST OF THE NORTHTOWNS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SAINT ANDREW

**Tuesday, April 23**

12:00 Noon Mary O'Laughlin (by Family)

**Wednesday, April 24**

8:30am Jack Sortino (by St. Andrew's Sunshine Club)

**Thursday, April 25**

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

**Saturday, April 27**

8:30am Leity Gonzalez (by Sister, Marisol Gonzalez)

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

**Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00am Birthday Remembrance- Ronald A. Zirnheld (by Family)

5:00pm Kathleen Lusthaus (by Family)

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in*

*Memory of Della Rose Tomasello by Daughter, Carole*

### SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Monday, April 22**

12:00 Noon Special intention Dr. Kazimierz Braun  
(by Hershenov family)

**Wednesday, April 24**

12:00 Noon Special intention Jean Bangs (by Lynn Rott)

**Thursday, April 25**

8:00am Richard McEvoy (by Family)

7:00pm Confirmation Mass

**Friday, April 26**

12:00 Noon Jayne DeMarie (by Brother Jerry)

**Saturday, April 27– Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4:00pm Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti & requested intentions

**First Communion Mass**

**Sunday, April 28– Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00am Michael D. Schipani (by Mike & Mary Kay Keleher)

11:00am David VanDewater (by St. John's Choir)

**First Communion Mass**

### SAINT STEPHEN

**Monday, April 22**

8:00am Intentions of Rosanna McKee (by Family)

**Tuesday, April 23**

8:00am Linda Kutzbach (by Katy Kaiser)

**Wednesday, April 24**

8:00am People of the Family of Parishes

**Friday, April 26**

8:00am Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Finn (Carol & Rosanna)  
*Anointing of the Sick after Mass*

**Saturday, April 27 Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**\*St. Stephen Parish Confirmation Mass**

4:30pm Monica & Kurt Villani (by Hojnacki Family)

**Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00am Norm & Geri Witkowski (by Steve & Cindy Kovacs)

11:00am In Thanksgiving—40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (by Chris & Sandy)

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in*

*Loving Memory of John Kearns from the Skibinski Family*

### BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:30am Theresa O'Keeffe by Ray & Kathy Clapp

**Monday, April 22**

8:00am Patricia Weatherford by Estate

**Wednesday, April 24**

6:30pm James Hemingway by Rita Lynch and Family

**Thursday, April 25**

8:00am Cosimo Incardona by Jane & Ken Rozek

**Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30am James Fick by Blessed Sacrament Choir

### SAINT PAUL

**Saturday, April 20**

5:00pm Walt Pangborn (by Tom and Patty Johnson)

**Sunday, April 21**

10:00am Coletta Konopa (by the Quebral's)

**Tuesday, April 23:**

8:00am All Souls

**Friday, April 26:**

8:00 am Estelle Myers (by Loving Granddaughter, Carolyn)

**Saturday, April 27 Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

5:00pm All Souls

**Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Lukowsky Family  
(by Rod and Barbara Quebral)

*The Sanctuary Lamp ...burns this week in*

*Loving Memory of Gordon Myers (by niece, Carolyn)*

### SAINT TIMOTHY

**Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Cletus Keller (by Family)

10:30am Edward and Mary Czerniak (by Daughter)

**Tuesday, April 23**

10:00am Linda Marie Kutzbach (by Smith Family)

**Thursday, April 25**

10:00am Frank Barone (by Children)

**Friday, April 26**

10:00am Anna and Joseph Kowalski (by Daughter)

**Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Barbara Hans (by Family)

10:30am Patricia Czerwinski (by Family)

**Be a Blood Donor. Be a Local Hero.**

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

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





**St. Andrew RC Church**  
1525 Sheridan Drive,  
Kenmore, NY 14217

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We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith family: **Brynn Marks, Violet McMaster, Ellason Owen**

We pray for the repose of the souls of: **Kathleen Lusthaus, Joseph Spano**

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

Second Monday of the Month 7:00-9:00pm  
Holy Name (Sept. –June)

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 (except June, July, & August) 6-7PM Evening in Church

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

Thursday 7:30pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Friday 7:30pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

Saturday 10am Al Anon -Faith Formation Mtg. Room Door #8

Sunday 7:00pm Bingo in McNulty Hall

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

**Sunday, June 2**—Celebrate the Legacy of St. Andrew's: Mass, 12:00 noon in Church followed by Luncheon in McNulty. Bring your photos, banners, any memento you want to share (and take back home). Everyone invited-- previous clergy, staff, parish groups, all parishioners will pray and celebrate together.

· **Saturday, June 22**— Holy Name celebrates St. Andrew's—this is for the entire St. Andrew's Community. Campus walk throughs will be available.

· **Sunday, June 23**—Mass of Thanksgiving, 2:00 in Church with Reception and blessings after. Joseph McHenry, newly ordained to the Priesthood, 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!

· **Sunday, June 30**—Closing Mass for St. Andrew's, 11am 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 25. 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

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**DIVINE MERCY FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA**

A vision of the Mother of God. In the midst of a great brilliance, I saw the Mother of God clothed in a white gown, girt about with a golden cincture; and there were tiny stars, also of gold, over the whole garment, and chevron-shaped sleeves lined with gold. Her cloak was sky-blue, lightly thrown over the shoulders. A transparent veil was delicately drawn over her head, while her flowing hair was set off beautifully by a golden crown that terminated in little crosses. On her left arm she held the Child Jesus. A Blessed Mother of this type I had not yet seen. Then she looked at me kindly and said: "**I am the Mother of God of Priests.**" At that she lowered Jesus from her arm to the ground, raised her right hand heavenward and said; "**O God, bless Poland, bless priests.**" Then she addressed me once again: "**Tell the priests what you have seen.**" I resolved that at the first opportunity [I would have] of seeing Father [Andrasz] I would tell; but I myself can make nothing of this vision. (Diary 1585)

**My Response:** Father in heaven, bless all priests and those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Grant them the grace to be guided by our most beautiful heavenly mother, Mary.

**YES WE CAN** Thank you for the wonderful array of food donated in last month's collection. **Our next collection for St. Faustina's Pantry will be Sunday, April 21.** We are requesting PASTA at this time

**The Sanctuary Candle is available for the following weeks:**  
April 28—May 4, May 5—11, May 19—25, May 26—June 1, June 2—June 8, June 9—June 15, and June 16—22.  
Contact the Parish Office for more information.



**Steeple Chase Roof Repair**

*Rain drops are falling* here again at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Many of you are aware of the fact that we have had countless, major leaks in our roofs among the many buildings of our campus. Our Sacristy and Chapel area, Parish Center and School had their roofs replaced last year thanks in part to all of you and to a generous bequest. This leaves Father Cotter Hall and the Steeple Section of the Church.

This is where you, as parishioners and friends of Blessed Sacrament, come in to play. We have begun another MAJOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN with a goal of raising sufficient funds to cover the cost of the necessary roof repairs. However, we cannot accomplish this goal without your generous support. We had signed the contract for \$128,000 but it is now \$159,992 due to the fact that they found only 1.1% of asbestos which requires parts of the roof have to be abated. The steeple repair quote is \$26,000.

We are calling this Campaign the **Steeple Chase Roof Repair**. We are counting on your ongoing generosity. Any amount that you can give will help us to complete this project. Thank you so very much, in advance, for your support and genuine concern for our parish!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE:**  
**Hope for all seasons**

Our Parish Goal is \$24,158.00 and we have so far donated a total of \$10,890.00. THANK YOU for your generosity and remember that in your giving please list our Parish Code # which is 0507.



### St. John the Baptist

1085 Englewood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14223

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#### Monday, April 22

- Faith Formation Gr. 10, RCR, 6-8pm
- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 7-9pm
- Womens Prayer Group, chapel, 7:30-9pm

#### Tuesday, April 23

- Ladies of Charity, 25B, 9:30-12pm
- Mites Soccer, gym, 5:30-6:30pm
- Cub104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6-9pm
- Faith Formation Gr. 1-8, SJS, 6:15-7:30pm
- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6:30-8pm
- Men's basketball, gym, 9-11pm

#### Wednesday, April 24

- Little Hoops, gym, 6-9pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, convent, 10am-12pm

#### Thursday, April 25

- SJS Softball practice, gym, 6-8pm
- Contemplative Prayer Group, chapel/convent, 7-9pm
- BS104 Leaders meeting, PR, 7-9pm

#### Friday, April 26

- Fun Friday, gym, 5:30-9pm

#### Saturday, April 27

- BS104 Basketball time, gym, 2-4pm

#### CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL APRIL 27-28

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today next weekend! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/homemissions](http://www.usccb.org/homemissions).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Do you want to make new friends, learn a new skill, and help people in a compassionate way that costs you nothing? St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry just might be the answer! Even if you don't knit or crochet, have yarn, needles, or hooks, we will teach you and supply everything! We meet in the St. John's convent living room from 10am to 12noon. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 24 th . If you only want to make shawls for us, you can do that too without attending meetings. Drop them off or we will pick them up from you. Questions? Call Betty at 716-877-3447. Have yarn to donate? Drop off or call for pick up. Your scraps are our shawls!

**OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY**— A special thanks to our local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Troop 104 as they recently held a food drive for the benefit of our community! This proving beneficial now with the closing of St. Andrew's food pantry, we expect to receive additional requests from many of the families they are currently helping. SO VERY GRATEFUL! St. John's Food Pantry helps many families in our community every day, and you can help refill their shelves! Current needs are broth, tuna fish, coffee, low sugar cereal. Thank you for supporting our Parish community!

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. Paul R.C. Church

33 Victoria Blvd.  
Kenmore, NY 14217-2380

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#### Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of April 27 & 28

##### LECTORS

- 5 PM Mark Della Posta
- 10 AM Quebral's

##### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5 PM Pat Pike
- 10 AM Jackie Daigler
- Carolyn Pratt

##### STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

for the Week of March 31, 2024:

Regular Collection: \$5,928.00

Holy Land: \$332

# of Envelopes: 186

Income needed weekly to meet obligations \$8,000.00

(This amount does not include Capital Campaign.)

##### Sodality

We are changing things up a bit and having our annual potluck supper Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the parish center. Please call Norma at 716-835-7541 to sign up. Hope to see you there.

**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 then make a home visit to ascertain their needs and offer assistance. "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." Psalm 91. God bless you!

**Seniors** —Welcome Spring!!! The St. Paul's Senior Group welcomes all to join our membership club at St. Paul's. We participate in field trips, lunches, Molly's meals, Cooking demonstrations, Guest speakers and much more! For more call Molly Koessler @ 716-903-8977.

Our May 8 meeting we will be hosting our spring luncheon at our Acqua property. Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring Caesar Salad, Choice of Chicken Parmesan, Beef Tenderloin or Pan Seared Salmon and Chef's delectable dessert! Members pay \$15. and non-members \$30. (**reservations must be made by May 1**)

##### Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser

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



### St. Stephen R.C. Church

2100 Baseline Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### Tuesday April 23

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

##### Thursday April 25

6pm Confirmation Rehearsal—Main Church & H.R.

##### Friday April 26

7pm SSS Play @ Mount St Mary’s, Tonawanda

##### Saturday April 27

7pm SSS Play @ Mount St Mary’s, Tonawanda

##### Sunday April 28

\*Children’s Liturgy of the Word during 11am Mass



#### Calling all gardeners!!

Gardening Club begins this year on Wednesday, May 15. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with caring for the church gardens. We meet

once a week on Wednesdays at 6pm for about an hour. Bring your weed diggers and garden gloves. Please come join us!

*We Remember in our Prayers... those who are ill.  
And those recently deceased - Savino Nanula, William Carroll  
May they know God’s love and peace.*

#### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Many, even many who are pro-life, promote abortion in cases of rape. Rape is an incredible tragedy, and all who have suffered in this way deserve our support. However, abortion does not undo the trauma of rape, it merely piles on more trauma. Consider the following excerpts from an article by Ryan Bomberger of The Radiance Foundation (2/1/24): “I should’ve been aborted. Years ago a nationwide report determined 1% of abortions are due to rape-related pregnancies. Abortion advocates today use those tragedies to advocate for another travesty: violently ending the unborn child’s life because of the biological father’s evil act. **I am the 1% used to justify 100% of abortions.** I was conceived in rape but adopted in love. Because of a courageous birth mom and loving adoptive parents, I am proof that triumph can rise from tragedy.”

“The lie that children conceived in rape are not worthy of life is dehumanizing. Imagine reading article after article about how you’re merely a statistic that should’ve been violently eliminated.”

“This isn’t about how great I am. I’m not. It’s about how great Love is. It’s about how great Truth is. Contrary to what I’ve been called by a pro-abortion politician, I’m *not* the residue of the rapist; I’m the resilience of my birth mom. Victims of sexual violence need authentic healing, not abortion huckstering.”

“Fear is bondage. Faith is freedom. We can do *all things through Christ who strengthens us*, even in cases of rape. I’ll keep fighting for the most marginalized among the marginalized. Because that was once me.”

Our next Respect Life Committee meeting is on **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 PM** (please note the day and time change). Please join us!



### St. Timothy R.C. Church

565 East Park Drive  
Tonawanda, New York 14150

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#### \*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*

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

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

#### 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.

**April 22, 2024 - St. Thomas More Secular Franciscan Fraternity, 7pm, St. Martha’s Chapel**

**April 25, 2024 - Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm in St. Martha’s Chapel.**

**Ladies of Charity** - We are collecting new baby items and diapers thru 4/28/2024. Items will be distributed to local charities. Baby Bottles for Babies will be placed at the doors of the church to collect spare change for the Baby Ministry at Harvest House. They can be returned to the sacristy.

#### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

**Thank you for your interest in our parish.**

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

#### New Parishioner Registration Request

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS WITHIN THE FAMILY:

FAITH FORMATION FOR: ST. Timothy & St. Andrew’s:  
Judy Papaj (716) 875-9430 ext 118 - **PLEASE NOTE:** Any articles for the bulletin must be emailed and received 12 days before the Sunday Bulletin that it will be appear in. **\*\*REMINDER: PLEASE SUBMIT A LIST OF YOUR UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS BY E-MAIL TO St. Timothy’s ASAP. Our e-mail address is : [office@sainttimothyparish.org](mailto:office@sainttimothyparish.org)**



# LIGHT OF CHRIST OF THE NORTHTOWNS SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

**ST. ANDREW**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**ST. STEPHEN**



## ST. ANDREW

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

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

Continue to send requests for items upon closure to [schoolboard@standrewscds.net](mailto:schoolboard@standrewscds.net)

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

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

**Need ideas?**

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



Drop off items at the school office, for more information call 716-877-0422 or email [office@standrewscds.net](mailto:office@standrewscds.net)



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Shadow Days and School Tours Available!

Attention prospective families with students entering Pre-K 3 to Grade 8! We are now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Shadow days are available for students in Grades 1-8; these shadow days are a great way for your child to experience a day here at St. John's and see if this is a good fit for your family! We also offer personal tours of our school to all prospective families. If you are interested in more information, please contact the school office.

### Substitute and Cafeteria Volunteers Needed!

St. John's School is always looking for individuals for our substitute list or for family members to volunteer in our cafeteria. If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Michelle Norris at [mnorris@stjohnskenmore.com](mailto:mnorris@stjohnskenmore.com) or call the office at 877-6401. Thank you



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# FAITH FORMATION

## NEWS & INFOR-

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Confirmation Classes are preparing for their **Confirmation Liturgy on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. We are looking forward to the celebration!



On the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> our First Communicants will be celebrating their First Communion at the 4pm and 11am Masses. Keep in mind that these Masses will be fuller than normal at these times.



Please continue to pray for the youth of our Parish!

### ST. STEPHEN

#### Generations in Faith

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

**First Communion Families:** If you have yet to turn in your Communion Banner please drop off in the Hospitality Room this weekend, before or after Mass, in the designated bin.

**Confirmation will be celebrated on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the 4:30pm Parish Mass, St. Timothy's candidates will join in our celebration..**

**Rehearsal** is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Sponsors do not need to attend rehearsal, but all candidates should be in attendance. Come Holy Spirit!



### ST. PAUL

St. Paul Religious Education for children is committed to the spiritual development of those in Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> who attend public school. We provide an atmosphere that encourages not only faith development, but information and sacramental preparation for children based on the curriculum guidelines of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Sacramental Preparation is provided for students who attend public schools. Traditionally, the sacraments are celebrated: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – First Reconciliation; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – First Communion. However, the sacrament preparation and celebration can be at any grade level.

For information contact: Michelle Fisher, Faith Formation Coordinator – [mfisher@stpaulchurchken.org](mailto:mfisher@stpaulchurchken.org) or 716-873-9429.

### ST. TIMOTHY

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation: Blessed Beginnings!

We celebrate with immense joy as sixteen of our Faith Formation students at Saint Timothy Parish recently received the Sacrament of



Reconciliation for the first time, taking a significant step in their faith journey! We congratulate Alexa Ackerman, Joseph Blankenship, Robert Blass, Michelle DiBenedetto, Cooper Galante, Leah Graney, Paige Haynes, Etta Horvatits, Emery Hughes, Anthony Scalfaro, Colton Schloerb, Cameron Tidd, Griffin Tidd, Maya Wells, Chloe Yulfo, and Ella Yulfo! A special thank you to Fr. Martin Gallagher for leading the penitential prayer service and celebration of the Sacrament after we celebrated Mass with the children and their families. As these children experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness firsthand, it is a profound reminder for all of us. God's love knows no bounds, His mercy is infinite, and His forgiveness is offered to all who seek it with contrite hearts. For these children and their families, experiencing God's love and forgiveness brings about a sense of peace and renewal, washing away past mistakes and guiding them towards a path of grace and holiness. As parishioners, witnessing the transformative power of God's love in the lives of these children fills us with hope and inspires us to embrace His mercy in our own lives. Let us continue to support and uplift these children at Saint Timothy Parish and the other young people from across our family of parishes also experiencing this Sacrament for the first time. Please keep these children and their wonderful families in your prayers as they continue on their journeys of faith!

#### **Family of Parishes May Crowning and Procession Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Andrew Church**

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



# FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS

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



Blessed Sacrament Church - Fr. Cotter Hall  
Wednesdays, beginning May 1 and ending May 29  
One topic per week will open up the riches of the Eucharist as Celebration,  
Contemplation, and Communion

### Structure of the evening:

Optional time for Adoration in Church      Optional Mass (in Church) at 6:30pm  
Main retreat experience in Fr. Cotter Hall 7:00pm  
Optional time for Adoration in Church

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## SAVE THE DATE MAY 11, 2024

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

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

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

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



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

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

God Bless.  
Paul Catalano  
Holy Name President

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## SPRING CHICKEN BBQ *St. John the Baptist Parish*

St. John's Holy Name will be having their **Spring Chiavetta's Chicken Bar-B-Q on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** between 4 pm and 6:30 pm (or until sold out). The cost is \$15 per dinner, which includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll & butter and dessert. Drive thru only. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at St. John's Rectory or from any Holy Name member. The success of this Bar-B-Q helps to fund our projects at St. John's and we thank you for your support.



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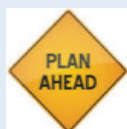
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## Save the Date!

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

Bring a chair and a friend! Rain or Shine!

(if stormy we can pray inside the church) Our Lady Calls us!!

# FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS



## MEAT RAFFLE

Get your coolers ready for some meat! Join us at our Meat Raffle for a night of excitement and fun!

**When:** Friday, April 26th  
Doors open at 6pm and first spin at 7pm

**Where:** St. Paul's Parish Hall

**Price:** \$10/person OR \$70 for a table of 8

**How:** Tickets can be purchased at the office or by calling. You may also contact Ryan Nye at 716-238-2580 or [rcnye18@yahoo.com](mailto:rcnye18@yahoo.com) for more information. Venmo payments available upon request

Pop and beer are included with your entry. Feel free to bring your favorite snack to share or whatever other food you'd like.

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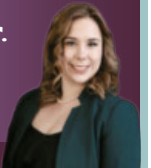


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