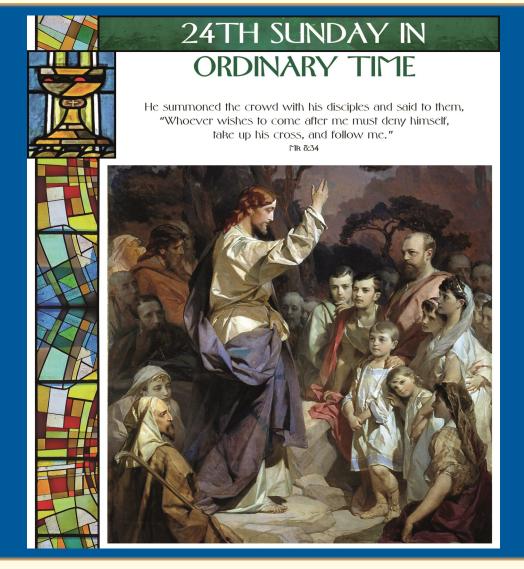
# Catholic Neighbors In Faith



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Holy Apostles Ss. Peter & Paul 508 Cherry St. Jamestown NY 14701 St. John 282 Newton Ave. Jamestown NY 14701 St. James 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701

Our Lady of Victory Oratory 6 Institute St. Frewsburg NY 14378 Sacred Heart 380 E. Fairmount Ave. Lakewood NY 14750

Our Lady of the Snows 36 E. Main St. Panama NY 14767 St. Patrick 189 Main St. Randolph NY 14772

*Our Lady of Loreto* 309 W. Everett St. Falconer NY 14733

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

September 15, 2024 • Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- Faith Formation begins this Sunday, September 15th at St. John Church, 282 Newton Ave., 10-11:30am.
- LTMTP Lord Teach Me To Pray meets every Monday beginning at St. James, 6pm.
- **BAM** Be A Man bible study meets every Tuesday at St. James, 6:30pm.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. James & Holy Apostles)** will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 4pm in the St. James hall. New members welcome.
- **Catholic Daughters** will not be meeting the month of September. Meetings will resume October 21st. They meet last the Monday of the month in the Sacred Heart conference room at 5:30pm. New members welcome.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. James chapel every Wednesday (unless noted) from 9am until the 7pm Mass. All are welcome to come and pray throughout the day! We are in need of help with one weekly hour of prayer especially 3, 4 & 5pm as a "Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament" to help keep the chapel doors open for others. If you feel called to this ministry, please call the central office at 716.487.0125.
- **Confessions** are heard at St. James Church on Wednesdays (unless noted), 6 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm; as well as Saturdays from 3 3:30pm, followed by Mass at 4pm.
- The Jubilate Singers have resumed rehearsals on Thursdays, 6:15 -7:30pm at St. John church.
- St. James Music Ministry will begin rehearsals on Thursday September 19th at 6pm in the church.
- Knights of Columbus & Assembly meet the 2nd Thursday of every month. For more information, contact tfranco@stny.rr.com or www.kofc.org.
- Liturgy of the Hours is prayed every Friday on Zoom at 9am. Call the central office for the ID & passcode to join.
- First Friday Benediction is prayed Ss. Peter & Paul Church every 1st Friday of the month at 11:15am, followed by the 12:10pm Mass.
- **TMIY** That Man is You faith sharing group meets every Saturday at St. James hall, 7-8am.
- **Coffee Hour** will be hosted by Faith Formation at St. James hall on Sunday, September 22nd after the 8am Mass. All are welcome.

**St. Susan's Center** is in need of volunteers, especially Saturdays from 11 - 2 pm. Please contact the Center at 716.664.2253 if you can help.

## Please Pray For ...

## Parish Family members who are ill:

Gayle Boudreau James Boudreau Collins Family Erica Collins Carol Coulter Michelle Cracker Grant Damon Emma Eldridge David Flavin Sandy Galati Gail Gillig Barb Graham Dolores Hacker Albert J. Hay Mark Hedstrand III Dawn Henderson Bohdan Kanicki Elizabeth LaMantia Shelly Pacheco-Johannessen Nancy Johnson Sam McMaster Ellen Munella Elizabeth Nguyen My Nguyen Grace Peterson James Post Louis Rieg Marty Sargent Andrea Schneider Donald Segrue Dorothy and David Seth Robert Sprankle Emily Sechriest Mary Helen Smith Megan and Sean Jim Wirges Therese Whit

The Unborn. People of the Ukraine. Those in the military. All those touched by loneliness or illness.

Those in purgatory.

And all parishioners in need of our prayers.

Call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.

**Please Note:** You must have the permission of the person you want listed before we can add them to this list.

Please let us know when someone can be taken off the Prayer List. Thank you.

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## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
JMS - 4:00PM † <b>Salvatore &amp; Annie Dolce</b> By Daughter, Sheila Turck & family
4:00PM <b>† Francesco "Gino" luculano</b> By Wife, Family & Children
OLS - 4:00PM <sup>+</sup> Joan Heubusch By the Radka family
PAT - 5:30PM † <b>Mikki Arrance</b> By Bill & Sue Long
Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday Ordinary Time
JMS - 8:00AM <b>† Gordon LeRoy Vinton</b> By Lauren Steed
JHN - 9:00AM <sup>+</sup> Nicholas Rodriguez, Sr. (Birthday) By Family
SHR - 9:00AM <sup>+</sup> Nicholas Rodiguez, Jr. (Birthday) By Siblings
OLL -10:00AM † <b>Peter Louis Coggiola</b> By Children & Families
SPP -11:00AM <b>† Jim Corkery</b> By wife, Sally & Daughter
PAT -11:00AM <b>† Pro-Populo: For the Parishioners</b> By the Priest
<b>Monday, September 16</b> - St. Cornelius JMS- 8:00AM † <b>Dawn Henderson</b> By the Choir
SHR - 9:00AM † <b>Nick Rodriguez, Jr</b> . By Steve & Bonnie Maggio
SPP - 12:10PM <b>† Living &amp; Deceased Fathers</b> By Parishioners
Tuesday, September 17
PAT - 8:00AM <sup>+</sup> <b>Liz Walden</b> (Birthday) By Sister, Roseann Yezzi
OLL - 9:00AM <b>† Joan Heubusch</b> By the Radka Family
Wednesday, September 18
JHN - 8:00AM <b>† Pro-Populo: For the Parishioners</b> By the Priest
JMS - 7:00PM <b>† DMO the Immordino Family</b> By Estate of Joseph Immordino

### **Thursday, September 19** OLL - 9:00AM + DMO the Martinelli Family By Family OLV - 5:00PM + Beverly Weimer By Mike & Audrey Shannon Friday, September 20 JMS - 8:00AM + L & DMO Scully & Miller Families By Mary Lou Scully SHR - 9:00AM - In honor of Jason Hines By Mary Hackford SPP -12:10PM + Rosemary Kutschke By Ann Galbato & Family Saturday, September 21 - St. Matthew JMS - 4:00PM + DMO Pappalardo & LaMarca Families By Ray & Ron Pappalardo 4:00PM + Peter Brownell By Cousins, Steve & Bonnie Maggio OLS - 4:00PM + George Tichy (Birthday) **By Daughters** PAT - 5:30PM + Lester Andrews, Sr. (Birthday) By the Andrews Family Sunday, September 22 - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time JMS - 8:00AM + In Honor of St. Padre Pio By a Friend JHN - 9:00AM + Sally DePetro By Elizabeth Kennedy Traniello SHR - 9:00AM + Nick Rodriguez, Jr. By Raymond Pappalardo & Family OLL -10:00AM - In Honor of Randall & Frances Shenefiel (Wedding Anniversary) By Children, Grand/Great-Grandchildren SPP -11:00AM + Peg & Greg Smith By Daughters, Marsha, Eilleen & Mary Margaret PAT -11:00AM + Marcia Zunner By Dan & Denise Andrews

JMS—St. James

JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto OLS—Our Lady of the Snows OLV—Our Lady of Victory PAT—St. Patrick SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul SHR—Sacred Heart

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## **CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH**



## Sanctuary Lamps

#### St. James Church

**In Memory of Cynthia Mistretta Montini** By Frances P. Marchiando

### St. John Church

In Memory of Sam Lisciandro By Giovanna Colletti

#### Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland By Wife, Joanne

### Wine for the month of September

#### St. James Church

In Memory of Betty Munella By Russ Triscari

#### St. John Church

In Memory of Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo (Anniv.) By Family

### Hosts for the month of September

#### Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Rev. Dennis Mende (Anniv.) By the Tran Family

#### St. John Church

In Memory of Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo (Anniv.) By Family

### Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland By Wife, Joanne



Memorial Donations were presented to: Sacred Heart Church In Memory of Nick Rodriguez By

Nelson Garifi, Jr., Jim & Josanne Wilson, Dr. & Mrs. Anderson, Fillmore, CA, Hugh & Meg Benedict, Evan & Kelli Proulx, Fessenden, Laumer & DeAngelo, Sally Jurkowski , and Joseph Robinson

**In Memory of Carol Bankowski** Bill & Maria de la Cerda

### St. James Music Ministry

#### In Memory of Dawn Henderson

Darryl & Cindy Hinsdale, Carm Muscarella, Sharon Cederquist, Sam & Christine Prinzi, and Richard & Deborah Alcorn

### Our Stewardship for September 1, 2024

**St. James:** Offertory \$5,858.47, Assumption \$35, Parish Improvements \$305, Seminary \$201, August EFT Offering \$2367

Holy Apostles: Offertory \$5,662, Repair & Maint. \$300, Insurance \$271

Sacred Heart: Offertory \$2890, Seminary \$55

**Our Lady of Loreto:** Offertory \$1,502, Monthly \$265, Assumption \$60, Catholic Univ. \$23

**St. Patrick:** Offertory \$1,136, Mission \$30, Religious Education \$147

Thank you for your support of our parishes and ministries!



### A Gift of Intentions

If you would like to make a donation to the church "In Memory Of..." or "In Honor Of..." someone special, consider the Wine, Hosts or Sanctuary Light in his or her name.

A month donation for Wine is \$40 and the Hosts are \$25. Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory or honor of your loved one for \$10 per week. A special card can be sent to the family notifying them of your donation. This is a great way to honor someone when a Mass date is not available. Call the central office at 716.487.0125 to schedule your gift today.

### From the desk of Fr. Paul:

As you are aware, the Diocese of Buffalo has been undergoing significant changes. One of these changes involves the rightsizing and reshaping of the diocese, which has necessitated the sale and closure of various buildings, including some of our worship sites.

The diocese made recommendations to each family of parishes and allowed for

counterproposals. There was much prayer, numerous meetings and listening sessions during this past summer. The diocese took all these elements and recommendations into account. In the end, a difficult decision was made.

The final decision for the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Family of Parishes is as follows: Projected number of active priests for Catholic Neighbors in Faith by 2030 = 2

- 1. Close SS. Peter and Paul site of Holy Apostles, Jamestown sell entire campus
- 2. Merge Holy Apostles, Jamestown with St. James, Jamestown.
- 3. Our Lady of Loreto, Falconer merge with St. James, Jamestown sell entire campus
- 4. Close Panama site of Sacred Heart in Lakewood, sell entire campus
- 5. Close Frewsburg site of St. James parish sell entire campus

Parishes open in family: St. James, Jamestown Sacred Heart, Lakewood St. Patrick, Randolph Secondary worship sites: Holy Apostles, St. John site, Jamestown

Churches to close: SS. Peter and Paul site, Jamestown Our Lady of Snows site, Panama Our Lady of Victory site, Frewsburg Our Lady of Loreto, Falconer

We understand that this news is challenging and may bring feelings of sadness and loss. However, we believe that these changes will ultimately strengthen our community and help us to better serve our mission. Let us continue to support one another through this transition and keep our faith strong. While this period of change is difficult, it is also an opportunity for renewal and growth. We turn to our faith and our foundation of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mother Mary to see us through. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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#### "BAM" - Be A Man Bible Study

Our Mission: "Is the Great Commission of God, of the resurrected Jesus Christ to his disciples to *ALL* the nations of the world." Matt 28: 16 - 28. this is an opportunity for dads, grandfathers, Godfathers, uncles, brothers - that is every man, to share and show our children that Catholic men will; Show Up, Stand Up, Speak Up and Pray Up and believe that the Holy Eucharist is the True Presence of Jesus Christ. **Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 pm during the school year. Contact at family@cniffamily.org or tfranco@stny.rr.com**.



Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ.

#### **ERIE CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

The **Erie Cursillo** (kur-SEE-yo) **Movement** (ECM) began in 1963. It is a Spanish term for a "short course in Christianity". Everyone is welcome to spend 55 hours of "Special Time" devoted to learning more about living a Christian Life. At this time, all Cursillo weekends take place in Erie. Generally, Cursillo weekends alternate all men's or women's Candidates and Team members.

429 East Grandview Blvd. Erie, PA 16504 Phone: 814-824-1119 Email: office@eriecursillo.org Website: www.eriecursillo.org Local Contact: Dave at 716-269-4275

Next Men's weekend is scheduled for October 18th - 20th. See brochures in vestibule of all worship sites.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Did you know there is a Prayer Shawl group? We meet at the St. James Parish Library on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 10am. New members are always welcome with any skill and any level! Please join us! **St. Patrick 's Altar & Rosary** will hold it's membership drive starting in September. Dues are \$ 20.00/year.

St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary will meet on Saturday, September 7th with the Rosary being recited at 10AM and meeting to follow. All are welcome. Come join a great group of fun ladies!!!

#### **Catholic Daughters Meetings**

Catholic Daughters will not be meeting during the month of September. Meetings will resume starting October 21st, 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church. We invite all to join! We meet the 3rd Monday at 5:30pm.

#### **KNIGHTS KORNER**

We are an Order of the Catholic with 1.8 million+ throughout the world founded in 1882. Our local council #926 formed in 1904; will celebrate 120 years this Fall. We are men of faith. Guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but in each other and in ourselves. Join us and be the "Right Arm of the Catholic Church. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm. Contact: tfranco@stny.rr.com or www.kofc.org

#### "Lord Teach Me To Prayer" is the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

 Finding God in ALL things: means being able to talk about spirituality in ALL things, good and bad.
 Contemplative in ACTION: means one MUST take action while being in the proper state of mind.
 Looking at the World in an Incarnational Way: means believing that God is found in the everyday events. He's not out there, He's everywhere, right in front of you.

**4. Seek Freedom & Detachment:** means that we should NOT be tied down by unimportant things because they keep us away from God.

We meet on Mondays at 7pm during the school year. Contact at family@cniffamily.org or <u>tfranco@stny.rr.com</u>

#### St Vincent DePaul

The St. Vincent DePaul Societies from Ss. Peter & Paul and St. James have started meeting together.

They meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the St. James Church hall at 4pm. Anyone who is interested in joining is welcome to come.

## **CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH**



#### Notes from the Music Ministry at St. James Church

I feel very blessed because my parish sings. I've been to other parishes where they don't sing, thereby not participating fully in Mass. Every weekend our parishioners raise the roof singing hymns of praise. The hymns we sing become sung prayer, crying out to our Lord. It may be for strength, comfort, courage, or just a light in the darkness. When we sing, we pray twice. But it's not just about the singing, it's about leaning on each other in tough time, caring for each other in good or bad times, and praying for each other.

Have you considered joining our choir family? We have plenty of room for you. We have the best seats in the house! We come from

different backgrounds, ages, and skill levels. I would like to personally invite you, your spouse, your children and friends to check us out on Thursday, September 19th at 6pm in the church.





#### "She Did It All!" - The Life story of Father Baker

Please join us on Sunday October 6 at 6pm as St. James welcomes the Venerable Nelson Baker to the stage. You will hear the life story of Father Baker through a live theatrical one-man presentation entitled "She Did It All!" From a typical family in Buffalo, you will see how he placed his life in the hands of Our Lady of Victory while dedicating his life to the marginalized, poor, and orphaned. See how Father Baker recovers from a deadly infection that put him on the brink of death only to lead him to discover this lasting devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Witness how his trust in Mary's intercession transformed a bankrupt orphanage and protectory into one of the greatest institutions of its kind in America. Accompany Father Baker as he guided thousands of orphaned and wayward boys by educating their minds and hearts and providing them with tools necessary to become respectable citizens, husbands, and fathers. Listen to how he then built a basilica to give thanks and honor to the Mother of God for her constant patronage. This presentation is free and open to all ages. Come and see Father Baker tell his story!



Are you interested or do you know anyone who is considering becoming Catholic?

Have you received one Or some of your sacraments, but would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith?

Did you fall away from your faith, but want to Come home? We would love to have you join Us...

Sessions will begin soon, please call Catholic Neighbors In Faith Central Office 716-487-0125.



#### Join Our Men's Group!

We're excited to begin a new men's faith-sharing group for all adult men in the CNIF family of parishes.

Saturday mornings 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the St. James church hall (Come early for coffee and meet others in the group.) We will watch a new video each week – and then discuss in small groups to help each of us to *become better men, husbands and fathers*.

To register, or for more information, text or call Jon Harmon (630) 815-6586.

## REFLECTIONS

#### Faith or Works?

Sometimes we think the argument of faith vs. works started with the Reformation. But the second reading shows that it was already being debated in New Testament times. The simplified version of the debate has the Reformers saying that faith alone is all we need to be saved, while the Catholic side says we have to do good to be saved. Actually, they are both right.

The idea of works being necessary for salvation probably goes back to the Old Covenant emphasis on the law and the commandments. The Jews believed that keeping the law showed their holiness. They avoided anything or anyone that was unclean. They believed that their religious practices set them apart from the pagans around them.

Then Jesus came to show that only God is Holy. Our holiness comes from loving God and loving others. Because Jesus is the Son of God, he is the best way to know God. So believing in Jesus is not just believing that he exists, (like those who believe in Santa Claus or UFO's.) It means we believe in Love, the love Jesus showed by his life and death. We believe in a Person who loves us and showed us that God is not our boss or judge; he is our Father. He gives us life and protects us; he supports us and also lets us learn from our mistakes. Then he forgives us, showing that he loves us even when we turn away from him.

So if we truly believe in Jesus we believe in what he said and did. We follow his commandment of love, not because we want to avoid evil, but because we love him so much we want to be just like him. We help others, not to make us look good, but to show them how good God is. So you cannot truly believe in Jesus without wanting to help others to know and love him too. Jesus' way of saying that in today's gospel was to take up our cross and follow him. That is truly a work of faith. Tom Schmidt

#### Humility

I have always been so easily influenced by others' opinions of me. I want to be loved, or at least well-liked, by all I meet. It is a natural human tendency. The compulsive need to check email or Facebook messages relays back the same feelings - is there anyone out there looking to connect with me?

It is so easy to be distracted by worldly comforts brought forth by people, as well as material possessions. In today's Gospel, Christ proclaims of the need to separate ourselves from these habits. Sometime while we're praying the Litany of Humility, we might ask ourselves if we really want these petitions to become true. To deny ourselves feels paradoxical, especially living in a society that highly values each human's right to so many freedoms. I think we can often reach above and beyond that which we're entitled to.

In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis noted pride as the ultimate "anti-God", which leads to every other vice. In contrast, St. Bernard declares that Jesus Christ is the ultimate definition of humility. We are so used to the comforts of the world around us. Christ also lived as a human being with similar circumstances yet made the ultimate sacrifice of giving it all away for our sake, despite our extreme unworthiness.

Today, let's ask ourselves if we know that God is who he says He is. May we truly know the truth that takes precedence over all our individual matters, that Christ suffered and died in great humility and out of a deep love for us. By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart." Mt 18:34-35

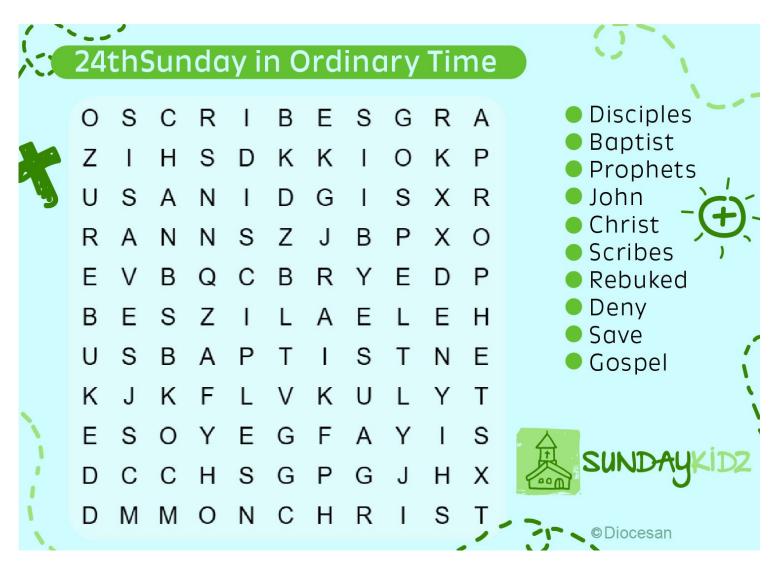
## **Kids Corner**



## FAITH FORMATION START DATES

St. John Site – September 15 - 10-11:30am
Sacred Heart – September 29 - 10-11:30 am
St. Patrick – September 22 - 9 am

As our Faith Formation begins today at the St. John Site and in the coming weeks at St. Patrick and Sacred Heart, we would like to remind parents that if you haven't received your information packet or your child is brand new to the program to please contact the central office at 716-487-0125. There should be packets in the vestibules of all our churches, but if you do not find one, remember all you have to do is call.



## **In Loving Memory Memorial Page**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen

#### Leroy & Ethel Anderson

**Christopher Baczynski Fred Baker Beaver & Stearns Families Cora Bonfiglio** Tichy, Horvath & Brunecz Families **Charles E. J. Cassidy** John W. & Mary Fran Patterson Campion DMO the Crasti & Marino Families John & Tillie Cusimano **Michael Danielson** Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Dowdell DMO the Dominick & O'Hagan Families **Dr. Anthony Floccare DMO the Floccare & DePetro Families** Stephanie A. Frucella Alexander Gil **Angelo Giuffre & Maria Cali Families Glenard A. Grabow** Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo **Charles "Charlie" Heggarty Grunert & Perk Families** Hacker & Tuzzo Families **Hedrich & Peterson Families** Rev. John T. Horne **Hutchinson & Truax Families** L & DMO the Irons & Pfurtscheller Families For the Soul of Judas Iscariot **Rev. Joseph P. Janaczek Phyllis Johenning** Andrew B. & Eleanor H. Johnson **Karg & Kurtzhals Families Kilburn & Hoffman Family** Rev. John L. Kuhlmann Edda Liuzzo Giuseppe & Giuseppina Liuzzo Joseph X. & Mary R. Lombardo **Carol K. Lucas** Marie F. MacNamara Mareri, O'Kelly, Murphy Families

Frank & Josephine Marcello **Marchiando & Dominici Families** Nina Claire Marsh Rev. Dennis W. Mende Mary Jo Mason Montagna Reinaldo E. & T. Silvia Muniz Janet & Henry Napier **DMO the Nicastro & Gullo Families** O'Brien, Letro & Plunkett Families L & DMO the Pappalardo Family Mary Ann Pappalardo James Patti Robert J. Perron Plummer & McGraw Families & Sisters of St. Joseph of Buffalo Tom Prechtl & Katy Guye Rau & Shepherd Families **DMO Raymond & Raimondo Families Rieg, Barnes & Pearson Families** James R. Rusiniak Nicholas & Miriam Rodriguez **B. Muriel Rose Dr. Joseph & Ruth Rube** L & DMO the Scarpino & Heffern Families Jim Scully **DMO Belluz & Shay Families** Nicholas W. Shelley **Ross & Josephine Spoto** Swanson & Regan Families The Twichell Family Paul Tran, Minh Cong, Anna Nguyen Kim Hong, Teressa Tran, Kim Loan, Peter Tran Binh Thanh Linda J. Wadsworth **Richard & Emily Weimer** Jason M. Williams Zahler, Cuffney & Green Families **Zunner & Gumienik Family**