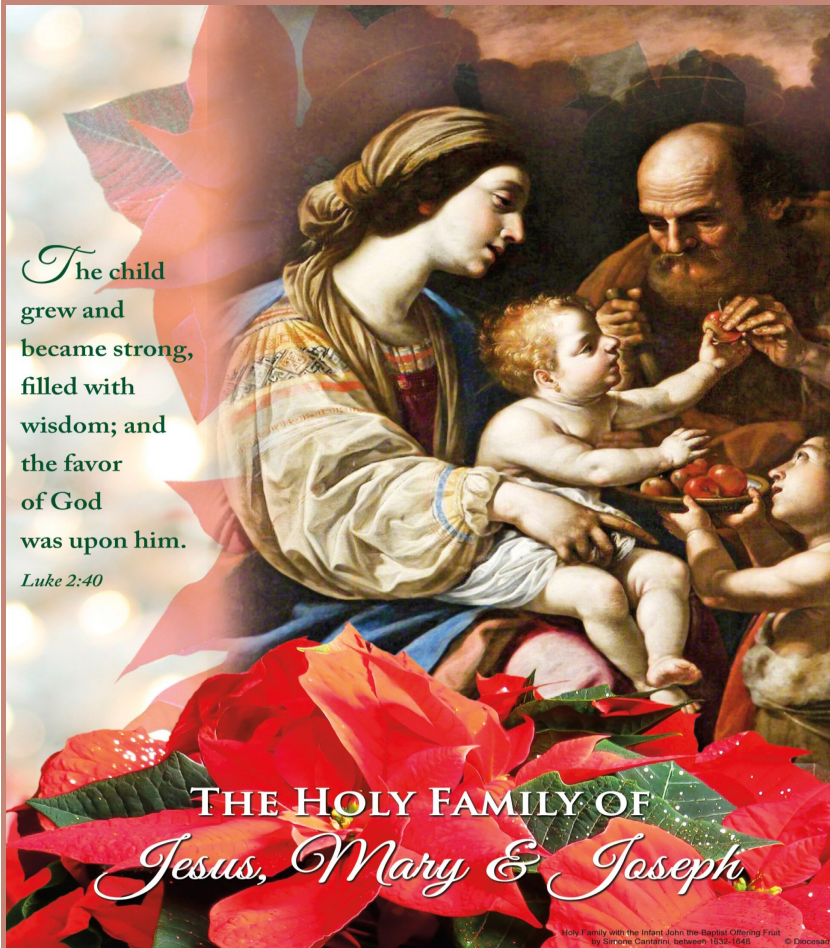


Catholic Neighbors In Faith

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The child
grew and
became strong,
filled with
wisdom; and
the favor
of God
was upon him.

Luke 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

UPDATED:
New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 31, 2026

8am - JHN

7pm - JMS *Vigil Mass*

New Year's Day Masses - Holy Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

8am - JMS

9am - SHR

9am - PAT

12:10PM - SPP

O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfill their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven. Amen.

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St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

Sacrament of Anointing

If you require an Emergency Anointing of the sick please call the Central Office. If it is after hours the call will be re-directed to one of the parish priests.

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

December 28th 2025 •

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Reminder: The CNIF Central Office will be closing at Noon on Wednesday, December 31st. We will reopen Friday January 2nd, at 8:30am. Reminder that Adoration will also be closing at noon.

St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a "We Made It" holiday celebration. This will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 12:30 at the Old Tool Tavern. All members of the Altar & Rosary are invited.

Sign up sheets are at both entrances of the church. Please sign up by Sunday, January 11, 2026.

New Prayer List beginning February 1st

We will be starting a new prayer list of the sick beginning February 2nd. Current names will be removed and the list will be restarted. Please contact the central office to have a name added. Please remember that you must have the permission of the person you want listed before we can add them to this list.

If you have someone who is deployed and you would like to have them added to a prayer list, please let us know that as well.

Thank you

We would like to take a moment to thank all our wonderful parishioners & volunteers who helped get our churches ready for Christmas. They all looked beautiful!

To the choirs who worked so hard to make the church sound so glorious and welcoming, Thank you.

Thank you, to all of our musicians, singers, and directors, who helped make the celebration of Christ's birth extra special for all.

Thank you to the children who performed at the Christmas pageant. You did a wonderful job!

And a very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our priests, Fr. Paul, Fr. Don, and Fr. Marcin for your dedication to our family!

May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you, ✨
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year ✨

Please pray for the healing of the sick

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| Elaine Agen | Norma Floccare | Shelly Pacheco- | |
| Monica Becht | Elizabeth Franklin | Johannessen | |
| Carol Brown | Joe George | Mike Papalia | Prayers for the |
| Kim Brown | Mary Giambrone | Antoinette Pearsall | actively deployed |
| Lori Carvelli | Jackie Hitchcock | Grace Peterson | Military. |
| Kevin Covey | Levi Hall | James Post | |
| Dee Covey | Sam Huffman | Johanna Ramsey | |
| David Covey | Darlene Kelsey | Fran Simcick | |
| Carolann Darling | Johnny La Mancuso | Mary Helen Smith | |
| Frances D'Angelo | Brady Morrison | Sayer Spinler | |
| Emma Eldridge | Joseph Moynihan | Frances Tuzzo | |
| John Eldridge | Krystyna Muniz | Sid Wheeler | |
| David Flavin | Dana Neal | Edw. Bruce Zunner | |

Please contact the Central Office to add a name onto the prayer list after obtaining the individual's consent. Please let us know when someone can be taken off the list. Thank you.

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Wine Intentions - *December*

St. James Church

In Memory of Tom Nupp

By Wife, Anne



St. John Church

In Memory of Paul Tran Minh Cong

By the Tran Family

Sacred Heart Church

In Honor of Krystyna Muniz (*Birthday*)

By Mom & Dad

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Jim Gallagher (*Birthday*)

By Daughter, Libby Gallagher-Franke

Hosts Intentions - *December*

St. James Church

In Memory of Alfredo Frangione (*Anniversary*)

By Wife, & Family

St. John Church

In Memory of Vincent & Arasma Consiglio, Sr.,

Vincent Consiglio Jr., Frank Consiglio Sr.

By Gerri Mazzurco, & Sam Consiglio

Sacred Heart Church

Reinaldo & Silvia Muniz (*Birthdays*)

By Family

Ss. Patrick Church

Scott David Beaver

By Family

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Gust Calamunci

By Frances P. Marchiando

Our Stewardships for Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 2025:

Holy Apostles - 11/30 -Offertory \$ 3,511, Flowers \$639.10, R & M \$63

12/7 - Offertory \$6,807.31, Flowers \$555, Fuel \$5, R & M \$1,528, Insurance \$5, Mission Sunday \$5, Religious Retirement \$15, Dio. Priests Medical Benefits \$5

St. James - 11/30 - Offertory \$4,970, Parish Improv. \$60, Fuel \$80 , Flowers \$675

12/7 - Offertory \$7552.22, Immac. Conc. \$462, Parish Improv. \$682, Flowers \$636, Human Dev. \$65

Sacred Heart - 11/30 - Offertory \$2,686, Flowers \$410, Monthly Main. \$230

12/7– Offertory \$3,034, Immac. Conc. \$335

St. Patrick - 11/30 - Offertory \$1,439, Human Dev. \$5

12/7 - \$1248, Flowers \$436

[Thank you for your support of our parishes and ministries!](#)



In Memoriam

Holy Apostles Parish received a memorial for
St. Vincent DePaul Society in memory of

Alma L. Ognibene

By the Chautauqua County Town Highway

St. James Parish received a memorial in memory of

Josephine Steele

By Tim & Laurie Becker

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is open throughout the day each Wednesday from 9am until 7pm in Our Lady of Victory Chapel at St. James Church, unless otherwise noted for holidays.



A VOCATION VIEW

The Holy Family made many sacrifices to accomplish God's plan. Let's all be open to the idea that God might call someone from our family to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God is calling!
www.buffalovocations.org



JHN - St. John, Jamestown
JMS - St. James, Jamestown
PAT - St. Patrick, Randolph
SHR - Sacred Heart, Lakewood
SPP - Ss. Peter & Paul, Jamestown

Saturday, December 27 - *St. John, Apostle*

JMS - 4:00PM † Antonino Trusso
By Sister, Ermenia & Family
SHR - 4:00PM † Fr. Joseph Dowdell
By the DePonceau Family
PAT - 5:30PM † Deceased Members of the Andrews & Smith Families
By the Andrews Family

Sunday, December 28 - *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

JMS - 8:00AM † Deceased Member of the Pappalardo & LaMarca Families
By Ron & Ray Pappalardo
JHN - 9:00AM † Mike Farnella (Anniversary)
By Daughter, Josie
SHR - 9:00AM † Souls of the Faithful Departed
By Parishioners
SPP - 11:00AM † Daniel Maloney
By the Shea Family
PAT - 11:00AM † Living & Deceased Mothers
By Parishioners

Monday, December 29 - *St. Thomas Becket*

JMS - 8:00AM † Antonio & Maria Mongitore
By Daughter, Carm Bartholomew
SHR - 9:00AM † Living & Deceased Fathers
By Parishioners
SPP - 12:10PM † Cherie & Reynold Erickson
By Kay Burch

Tuesday, December 30

PAT - 8:00AM † Living & Deceased Fathers
By Parishioners
SHR - 9:00AM † Living & Deceased Mothers
By Parishioners

Wednesday, December 31 - *St. Sylvester I*

JHN - 8:00AM † Souls of the Faithful Departed
By Parishioners
JMS - 7:00PM † Sebastian Russo (Birthday)
(HOL Vigil Mass) By Michelle Ognibene

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

JMS - 8:00AM † Living & Deceased Mothers
By Parishioners
SHR - 9:00AM † For the Parishioners
By Fr. Paul, Fr. Don, Fr. Marcin
PAT - 9:00AM † Living & Deceased Fathers
By Parishioners
SSP - 12:10PM † Souls of the Faithful Departed
By Parishioners

Friday, January 2 - *Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

JMS - 8:00AM † Carol Giunta
By Family
SHR - 9:00AM † Living & Deceased Fathers
By Parishioners
SPP - 12:10PM † Janet Marlyn Napier
By Daughter, Valerie Scarpino

Saturday, January 3 - *First Saturday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

JMS - 4:00PM † Mary Ann Pappalardo (Anniversary)
By Husband, Ray
SHR - 4:00PM † Living & Deceased Mothers
By Parishioners
PAT - 5:30PM † John Andrews
By the Andrews Family

Sunday, January 4 - *The Epiphany of the Lord*

JMS - 8:00AM † Dave Parinella
Jim Fredrick
JHN - 9:00AM † Fr. John W. Brill
By Family of Peter & Jill Conley
SHR - 9:00AM † Donna Lightcap (Birthday)
By David & Christine Voorhis
SPP - 11:00AM † Mary Leising
By Jim Leising & Fran Acciardi
PAT - 11:00AM † Living & Deceased Mothers
By Parishioners



REFLECTIONS

Inspiration Daily - *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God* Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Most recently, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision and then the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church finally settled on a more ancient title, Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It also has a secondary title of the Octave of Christmas, the secular title of New Years Day, and an honorary title of World Day of Prayer for Peace. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one.

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. We honor Mary because God honored her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. In her humble response of “let it be done to me,” she agreed to be part of God’s plan for our salvation. And so today’s Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart.

Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? How well do we know God’s actions in Church history? And how much do we remember of the personal graces given us by God? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God’s goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Am I more generous to others? Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God’s help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting. —Tom Schmidt

The Word in Our Lives - *St. Joseph’s Obedience*

Dreams are a thing in the Bible. Joseph in the Old Testament, famous for his coat of many colors, interpreted dreams and earned himself a place in Pharaoh’s government. Daniel also interpreted dreams and worked for King Darius.

Joseph, Mary’s husband and father to Jesus, was no stranger to divine communication via dreams. When Jesus’ life was threatened by Herod, Joseph was told in a dream to rise and take the family to Egypt. He was obedient and he trusted. Despite having nowhere specific to go and no way of supporting himself or his family, he went in the dark of night. He did what any loving father would do, trusting that God would take care of them. And God did.

We see Joseph acting with complete trust in God. We imagine his fear for his family’s safety, his worry about the necessities of life, his awe at the instructions and their urgency. We wonder if he wondered about it. But we know he acted. We know Joseph embraced God’s perfect plan. In him we see a man who radically trusted God. We do not know if he initially struggled with what God asked of him; we only know he obeyed.

Whether we are man or woman, single or married, a parent or not, we can hold Joseph up as a model of trust and fidelity to God and his plan. When we struggle with what God asks of us, we can ask for intercession from St. Joseph. During this Christmas season, we can thank him for his obedience and docility. He played a quiet, yet important role in salvation history. —Merridith Frediani

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God’s love poured out in Christ’s birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning “flesh.” Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the “flesh,” and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how “embodied” the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that “the soul can fatten on God.”

Catholics “get” that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the “stuff” of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God’s love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

—Rev. James Field

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH



SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas

More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

—Peter Scagnelli



The St. Vincent DePaul Society from all the parishes in our family would like to thank everyone who gave to the second collection this Advent season. The weekend total was \$4,044.11. Your generosity will help many families have a brighter Christmas. The members of the St. Vincent DePaul have taken the collection and purchased gift cards to hand out at the local schools and families in our area. Thank you again!

Town Hall Meeting

Holy Apostles Parish would like to invite all parishioners to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 7pm at Ss. Peter & Paul church hall for an open discussion meeting to discuss the decision of the Dicastery to reverse the merger of Holy Apostles. Fr. Paul and Samantha Scalise will be present to answer questions you may have.

This meeting is to discuss plans for the future of our parish, what ministries and organizations we would like to start in our churches, sharing ideas on how can we get more people involved in church activities. Come to the meeting and share your ideas, voice your concerns, ask questions, this is how we grow.

We hope to see many faces, old and new.

END OF YEAR OFFERTORY TAX STATEMENTS:

If you received a tax statement last year, you do not need to request one this year. You will automatically receive one. If you did **NOT** receive a tax statement last year, but would like one, then fill out this form and drop it in any weekend collection or call the Central Office to request one.

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact No.: () _____

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH



PARISHIONER OF ST JAMES / SACRED HEART



Collin McNally



From the desk of Fr. Paul:

Renewal Pillar Revitalization Townhall

Saturday, January 24

9:30am - 12pm

St. James Parish Hall

Our Catholic Neighbors in Faith has been blessed by the work of the Renewal Pillars, and now it's time to take the next step together. On **Saturday, January 24**, we'll gather at **St. James Parish Hall** for a **Renewal Pillar Revitalization Townhall**.

This Townhall is for **everyone** in our Family of Parishes – whether you've been a part of a pillar before or are simply curious about what's next.

It's a chance to:

- Celebrate the good work already accomplished
- Share how pillars will begin working more independently
- Look ahead to strengthening our Family of Parishes and the wider Catholic community

Your presence matters. Whether you're new to the process or have been involved from the beginning, your voice and perspective can help guide our Family of Parishes in our mission to cultivate disciples of Christ.

Come join us for this important conversation as we continue building up our community in faith and hope!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

In August, I began serving as a missionary with SPIRITUS Ministries, helping young people encounter Christ in a deeper way. Through retreat ministry, prayer, discipleship, and parish youth ministry, our team is dedicated to inspiring faith in Catholic youth. Please keep my teammates and I in your prayers!



Jesus is Here! TRIALS AND RESURRECTION Conference

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
10:00 AM — 3:00 PM AT ST. STANISLAUS
389 PECKHAM ST., BUFFALO, NY

Enjoy a day filled with presentations, interactive small-group conversations, music, and a lunch with fellow participants.

\$25 PER PERSON
LUNCH INCLUDED

Keynote Speaker: FR. CARL GALES, SVD



Father Gales, who was born in Baltimore, was a musical prodigy. In his youth, he performed as a concert pianist at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2021, he professed Final Vows with the SVD and was ordained to the priesthood in 2022.

Current pastor of Our Lady of Africa, Fr. Gales helped merge together five parishes through the Archdiocese of Chicago's Renew My Church process.

REGISTER AT



DEADLINE TO REGISTER
BY JANUARY 14

**Joseph rose and took the child
and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.**
— Matthew 2:14





SUNDAYKIDZ

Feast of the Holy Family

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

Magi Behold Angel Dream Rise
Flee Egypt Search Night Nazareth

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CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Memorial Page Listings

We will once again be offering the opportunity to have your loved ones remembered. We had a great response last year and are hoping for the same this year.

Your loved one's name (s) will be listed each week on a page in the bulletin. A donation is requested. A yearly donation of \$50 is asked per line. This offering goes to help support the parish community.

There are two options. 1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or 2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." 3) Multiple names may be listed; "Tom Smith and Mary Jones." The cost is \$50 per line.

Application for Catholic Neighbors In Faith Memorial Listing (Please Print Clearly)

Please send a check for \$50 made out to your HOME PARISH and mail it to: 27 Allen St., Jamestown NY 14701.

Name (s) _____

Your Contact Information

Your Name _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2026 Bulletin Mailings

If you are currently receiving the bulletin each week in the mail and would like to continue to do so — or you would like to have a bulletin mailed to your home weekly, please fill out the form below with your correct mailing address and a

check made payable to your home parish in the amount of \$50.00 to: 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701

If you would like to drop an envelope in the collection basket with the coupon below, you can do that as well.

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to keep connected to the church, ask them if this is something they would like, or surprise them and give it to them as a Christmas gift!

Bulletin Mailings

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City

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Zip

Amount Enclosed: _____

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.

Robert "Bob" McDowell
Charlie Heggarty
Dawn Henderson
Mary Ann Pappalardo
Hoffman & Kilburn Families
Ruth H. & William J. Radack
DMO the Heffern & Scarpino Families
DMO the O'Brien Family
DMO Letro Family
DMO Plunkett Family
DMO Lou Family
DMO Shepherd Family
DMO Plummer & McGraw
Sisters of St. Joseph of Buffalo
Daniel K. McIntyre
Phyllis Johenning
William Beckley
Ross & Josephine Spoto
Dr. Joseph & Ruth Rube
Debbie Weigel
Rev. Dennis W. Mende
Paul Tran Minh Cong
Anna Nguyen Kim Hong,
Peter Tran Binh Thanh
Theresa Tran Kim Loan
Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo
Dr. Anthony Floccare
DMO Floccare & DePetro Families
Tichy Brunecz & Horvath Families
Marchiando & Dominici Families
Mary Jo Mason Montagna & Samuel J. Mason
Stephanie A. Frucella
John W. & Mary Fran Patterson Campion
John & Tillie Cusimano, Rev. Joseph P. Janaczek
James Patti
Grunert & Perk Families
G. Craig, Robert & Margaret Miller, John, Hilda,
William, & Georgia Hoy
DMO Hendrickson & Twichell Families
Ann Marie Galati Phillips
DMO Dominick & O'Hagan Families
L & DMO the Iron & Pfurtscheller Families
Christopher Joseph Baczynski, Alexander Gil
Reinaldo & Silvia Muniz
Fred Baker
Frank & Josephine Marcello, Jason M. Williams
Marcello & Miraglia Families
Karg & Kurtzhals Families

James R. Rusiniak
Tammy A. Yezzi
Charles E.J. Cassidy
Marie F. MacNamara
Zahler, Cuffney, & Green Families
Nina Claire Marsh
Andrew B. & Eleanor H. Johnson
Hutchinson & Truax Families
Hedrich & Peterson Families
The Soul of Judas Iscariot
Beaver & Stearns Families
Linda J. Wadsworth
Swanson & Regan Families
Cora Bonfiglio
L & DMO the Pappalardo Family
DMO the Belluz & Shay Families
Joseph X. & Mary Lombardo
Richard, Emily & Beverly Weimer
Giuffre, Cali, Immordino & Donisi Families
L & DMO the Crasti & Marino Families
Edda Liuzzo & daughter, Sally
Giuseppe & Giuseppina Liuzzo & Deceased Children
Glenard A. Grabow & Grabow Families
Piekarski, Szymborski & Urbanski Families
Carol K. Lucas
Gerald Bartkowiak
Paul Mack
Fr. Joseph Janaczek
L & D Members of the Rodriguez Family
Francesco "Gino" Iuculano & Son, Busty Iuculano
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gullotti & Son, Mike Gullotti
Thaddeus Le Van Bung
Peter Vo Dinh A
Maria Nguyen Thi Cam
Anthony Tran Van Tu
Anna Vuong Thi Huu Dung
Tran Van Do
Le Thi De
Robert Tran Quang Minh
Maria Tran Ngoc Oanh
James Wirges
Eugene "Gene" Wilder
Helena Damond
Paul J. Demerski