

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homily Helps from the Buffalo Diocese Care for Creation Committee. The Catholic Climate Covenant and the Integral Faith team provide resources for homilists and other materials that will help you integrate the rich insights of *Laudato Si'* and Christian care for creation into Sunday Mass. These include highlights from the scriptures, readings of the day, relevant quotations from *Laudato Si'*, brief commentary, illustrations and anecdotes, sample applications, sample petitions, and bulletin notes. March 2026 Homily Helps available at: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/learn/resources/>.

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities bulletin messages for upcoming weekends:

March 14-15: HOPE Day is coming on Wednesday, March 18! This one-day fundraising event invites our community to come together in support of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal, with match challenge gifts helping donations make an even greater impact. Last year's HOPE Day raised a record-breaking \$516,124 – and we're grateful for every act of generosity. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and ways to participate on March 18. Appeal 2026 continues through June 30. Learn more at www.ccwny.org/donate.

March 21-22: This Easter season reminds us that new beginnings are possible. Even after hardship or great loss, hope can be restored. Across Western New York, families are finding stability, healing, and hope through services funded by Catholic Charities annual Appeal. Services like basic needs assistance, food pantries, behavioral health counseling, and education. When you support the Appeal, you help ensure Catholic Charities can continue walking alongside those rebuilding their lives. Give today at www.ccwny.org/donate.

UB Newman Center has an evening Mass! Every Sunday, in addition to morning masses, there is a 6:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend. The Newman Center is located at 495 Skinnerville Rd., Amherst.

St. Thomas More Guild 20th Annual Grade School and High School Scholarship Contest. One \$1,200 scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a Catholic elementary school, and one \$1,600 scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a Catholic high school. Submission deadline is April 10. Awards will be presented at the Annual Luncheon on May 27 at the Buffalo Convention Center. Full details are available at <http://www.stthomasmorewny.org/>. In addition, the Guild also offers a \$2,000 scholarship to a student attending either a Catholic college or an ABA-accredited law school.

Upcoming dates for Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown. Ash Wednesday – February 18 – is the start of Lent. Friday's throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross directly after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Basilica. On March 29 there will be a Palm Sunday Buffet Brunch from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Also, if you would like to be a Rosary Maker or you know someone who would, we would love to train you and help you get started. You can be part of Our Lady's Rosary Makers Ministry at the Fatima Shrine or an annex at your own parish. Email us for more information at RosaryManJim@yahoo.com. For other information about any dates mentioned here, call 716-754-7489 or visit <http://www.fatimashrine.com/>.

St. Gabriel's Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent from February 20 to March 27 at St. Gabriel Parish Center, 5271 Clinton St., Elma. Fish Fry includes macaroni salad, coleslaw, bread and butter, coffee, tea or loganberry. Battered Fish: \$15 adult portion; \$9 child portion. Broiled fish: \$16 adult portion only. Scallop or Shrimp dinner: \$15 adult portion only. Seafood Platter (battered fish, scallops and shrimp): \$16 adult portion only. New England Clam Chowder: \$5 bowl. Eat-in or carry-out. Phone for ordering beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday's only 716-668-5424. All other questions, call 716-668-4017.

St. Leo the Great's Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on February 20, February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3 at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Fish (fried, baked, gluten free) or Shrimp Scampi: \$19 pre-sale, \$21 day of event. Dine-in or take-out. Order online at <https://www.stleothegreatamherst.com/events/> or at the parish office. No phone orders.

St. Gregory the Great's Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, Maple Rd. (next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital), Williamsville. Dine-in or take-out options include fried or baked fish or breaded shrimp, served with fries, a Costanzo roll, dessert, and a beverage for \$17. A fish and shrimp combo platter is available for \$22. Pizza by Pizza Works will also be available, along with a dine-in beer and wine cash bar. Major credit cards, cash and checks are accepted. For more information, call 716-688-5678. Sponsored by St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus.

Upcoming Music Events at St. Louis Church. Join us for these next two events in our *Music at St. Louis* series at St. Louis Church, Main & Edward Sts., Buffalo: • Sunday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m.: Jay Dref, Tenor; works by Schubert, Tosti, Donizetti, Morricone, and others • Sunday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m.: Sotto Voce Vocal Collective "An Operatic Showcase." Free will offering.

Relics at Sacred Heart Diocesan Shrine. Visit Sacred Heart Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to venerate the relics of St. Longinus, St. Patrick, St. Joseph's Mantle and a piece of the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each First Saturday of the month we offer for public veneration a few of the relics we have at our beautiful shrine. There is also an 8:00 a.m. Mass before veneration allowing those who wish to fulfill the requests of the Blessed Virgin Mary for First Saturday.

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 8 at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Take-out starts at 11:30 a.m.; dining room open 12:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults; \$13 seniors or children. For more information, contact Our Lady of Pompeii at 716-683-6522 or St. Mary of the Assumption at 716-683-6445.

Magnificat Ministry to Women's Breakfast on March 21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:10 p.m. at Joseph's Country Manor, 275 Columbia Ave., Depew. Honored speaker is Charlene Mallory, who has opened her heart to hundreds as a missionary associate serving St. Luke's Mission of Mercy on Buffalo's East Side for over 30 years. Her love for Jesus and Our Lady has sustained her through innumerable personal and mission challenges. For registration, visit www.magnificat-ministry.net/ (click on "Chapters," then under NY, select "Buffalo"). Any questions, contact Maureen at 716-683-2290.

"Tenebrae: A Lenten Service of Darkness," presented by The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum, on two occasions during Lent: • Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish at the St. Cecilia worship site, 991 Centerline Rd., Sheldon; and • Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Church, 1395 Hertel Ave., Buffalo. This service will include seven scripture readings relating the story of Jesus' passion and death. Each reading is followed by a prayer and sung responses by the Schola. The darkness gradually increases to symbolize the coming darkness of Jesus' crucifixion and death. For more information, follow the choir on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola, subscribe to their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@JP2Schola>, or email JP2Schola@gmail.com.

2026 California Missions Pilgrimage and Winery Tour, hosted by Fr. Peter Karalus, from September 15-21. This inspiring journey has an appealing itinerary that offers something for every taste: spiritual, historical, architectural, culinary, nature, and much more. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Missions of San Juan Capistrano, Santa Barbara, and Carmel. Enjoy wine tasting and exceptional culinary winery dinners, visit Hearst Castle and the California Redwoods in Muir Woods and more. Also features centrally located hotels, breakfast daily, ground transportation, guides, and tips and taxes. Be part of this remarkable and unforgettable experience. For a detailed itinerary, visit www.rosabelgrace.com. All are invited to an **informational meeting** on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Parish (Gathering Room of the main Church), 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer a virtual attendance option. Trip registration is available on www.rosabelgrace.com, click "Father Peter's Pilgrimage." For questions or to register by phone, call Alicia Loiacono of Rosabel Grace Travels (NJF Travel LLC affiliate) at 585-261-0537.

ENCLOSURES

1. ONE Catholic Lent Mission – flyer
2. Lent Retreat – flyer
3. Living Stations of the Cross – flyer
4. Lent with the BDCL – flyer
5. Life in the Eucharist Community Lenten Retreat - flyer

ONE Catholic Lent Mission

with Fr. Brady Williams

Sent by the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, March 10
Holy Trinity, Medina
"The Holy Spirit"

Wednesday, March 11
St. Mary's, Holley
***"Encountering and
Responding to the Holy
Spirit"***

Thursday, March 12
Holy Family, Albion
***"Mary, Temple and Spouse
of the Holy Spirit"***



Nightly Mission Schedule

5:00 - 6:00 PM: Eucharistic
Adoration and Confession

6:00 PM: Mass

6:30 PM: Mission Talk, Prayer and
Fellowship

Come for part or all of each
evening!

Fr. Brady Williams is a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, and was ordained in Corpus Christi in 2004. He has worked primarily in seminary formation for the SOLT community, serving as rector for the SOLT House of Studies in Rome and Detroit 2008 - 2012, and as Novice Servant from 2015 - present. He served as pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Phoenix, AZ for one year until he was assigned as General Secretary for the SOLT community (2013 - 2023). Since August 2023, in addition to serving as the Novice Servant he has served as the Director of Retreats and Evangelization at Our Lady of Corpus Christi Evangelization and Retreat Center in Corpus Christi, TX. Fr. Williams has a licentiate degree in Liturgical theology from the Pontifical Institute of St. Anselm in Rome and is a regular contributor for the South Texas Catholic, the official publication of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

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MARCH 2 & 3

6:00 PM

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AT: OUR LADY OF POMPEII CHURCH

157 LAVERACK AVE
LANCASTER, NY 14086

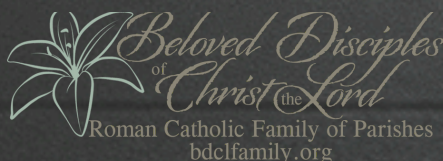
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Our Lady of Pompeii RC Church

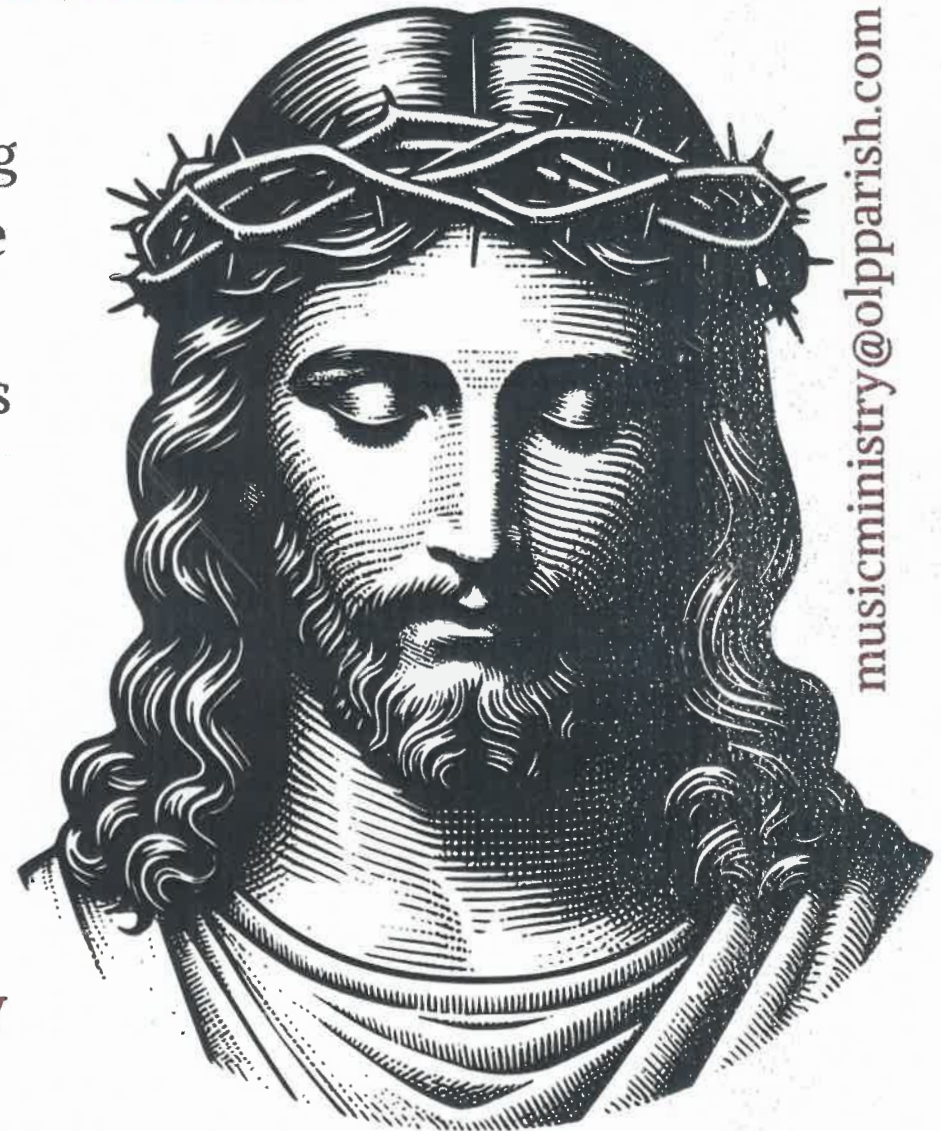
129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster NY

Living Stations of The Cross

MARCH 27, 2026 | AT 7 PM

This Lent, experience a powerful and transformative journey through Living Stations of the Cross, an unforgettable way to walk with Christ during His Passion. All are welcome to attend this moving and immersive prayer experience.

Pizza, Meatless Pasta Dinner and Dessert catered by An Enchanted Taste Catering to follow. Please RSVP to musicministry@olpparish.com or call or text (716) 570-4923.



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Presented by the OLP Music Ministry
and Rockstars for Jesus

LENT WITH THE BDCL

Ash Wednesday - February 18

- 6:45 am St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus
8:15 am St. Martha
8:30 am Our Lady of Pompeii Campus - SMA
St. John the Baptist
9:00 am St. Philip the Apostle
Noon St. Martha
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus
St. Philip the Apostle
5:30 pm Our Lady of Pompeii Campus - SMA
7:00 pm St. John the Baptist
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus
7:30 pm St. Martha

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

- 6 pm St. Philip the Apostle
7 pm St. John the Baptist
St. Mary of the Assumption
Hill Campus
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
7:30 pm St. Martha

*"From dust you came and
to dust you will return."*



In Our Lady of Pompeii Church 157 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086

OLP Stations of the Cross Schedule

- Feb 20, Holy Name Society, JP II
Feb 27, Deacon Matt, Everyone's Way of the Cross
March 6, Seminarian Seamus, Liguori
March 13, Respect Life Committee, Pro Life
March 20, Holy Rosary Society, Marian
March 27, Music Ministry, Living Stations of the Cross



Life in the

EUCCHARIST

Community Lenten Retreat

Why the Eucharist?

In the Eucharist, we find nourishment.
In the Eucharist, we find healing.
In the Eucharist, we find Jesus.

All sessions start at 2 pm & last about 90 minutes, including Adoration & fellowship.

Session 1
Sunday, February 22

**Encountering Christ
in the Eucharist**

With Fr. Rob Contarin

*Where do we walk with
Christ without recognizing
Him?*

Immaculate Conception
520 Oakwood Ave.
E. Aurora
716 652-6400

Session 2
Sunday, March 1

**The Mass—What We Do &
Why It Matters**

With Fr. Bill Quinlavin

*A narrated celebration
of the Eucharist.*

Annunciation
7580 Clinton St.
Elma
716 683-5254

Session 3
Sunday, March 8

**Sent on Mission – Living
the Eucharist**

With Fr. Karl Loeb

*Where is Christ sending us
after we have received Him?*

St. Vincent's
6441 Seneca St.
Spring Brook (Elma)
716 652-3972



*Please call Annunciation, Immaculate Conception, or
St. Vincent's parish office to sign up so we have
enough materials. All are welcome, including walk-ins.*