

## ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH

*Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord  
Family of Parishes*

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Formed in 2022 as a Pilot Family for the Diocese of Buffalo's Road to Renewal, the Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord Roman Catholic Family of Parishes is comprised of 6 Parishes in Central Erie County. With Parishes from Bowmansville, Depew, Cheektowaga, and Lancaster, they have been working to better understand what it is to work together as a Family and help pave the way in the process of building a Family of Parishes as it begins to spread to more areas in the Diocese.

*See the information enclosed in  
your packet to learn more about our  
Family of Parishes!*

*Family of Parishes* Like any other family,  
we are individuals  
working together.

Each Parish is different, each one has its own unique personality, and through this process we are learning to use these differences and how to best work together to strengthen our communities, our Diocese, and our Faith.

<u>Each Parish</u>	<u>Our Family</u>
Keeps its own identity	Shares resources & knowledge
Holds its own programs & events	Creates larger community wide events
Maintains financial independence	Learns how to better spread the Faith



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WELCOME  
NEW  
PARISHIONERS

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## WEDDINGS

Arrangements are made with the Rectory & Pastor with at least 6 months notice.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made with the Rectory. A Letter of Recommendation for the Godparent or each Godparent is required before scheduling a date. Attendance to a Baptismal preparation class is also required within the past 3 years at our Parish.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those who are in the early stages of illness or are going for surgery, please contact the Rectory to arrange for a special blessing for healing and strength.

## LAST RITES

For any Roman Catholic who is in their last days and moments, please contact the Rectory to arrange for a Priest to come pray for and with you and your loved one, to help prepare them for the journey to come.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These are issued to members of our Parish who are registered and practice the faith through Mass attendance and receiving the Sacraments. Out of town college students should receive a letter from their Campus Minister. Military personnel should receive the letter from their Chaplain.

## FUNERALS

Scheduled through a Funeral Home or the Rectory. Normally scheduled every day but Sunday at 10:00 am.

## PRAYER SHAWLS

There are always blessed Prayer Shawls available in the Rectory for anyone suffering from any illness.

## SICK LIST

Please contact the Rectory to add a Parishioner or remove them from our Sick List.

Permission from the person must be given.

## MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers
- Social Club
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ladies Club
- Lectors for Mass
- Men's Club
- Music Ministry
- Prayer Shawl
- Respect Life
- Ushers
- Veterans Committee

Interested in joining any of these groups?

*Please contact the Rectory!*

For Faith Formation information, please see the enclosed information on the options for our Family of Parishes.

## WHO IS ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE?



Philip was born in Bethsaida, Galilee. He was a disciple of John the Baptist and is mentioned as one of the Apostles in the lists of Matthew, Mark, Luke and in Acts. Aside from the lists, he is mentioned only in John in the New Testament.

Philip participated in the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

According to tradition he preached in Greece and was crucified upside down. His feast day is May 3.



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## PARISH HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Our Parish was formed in 1967
- First Mass was celebrated November 12, 1967 at the Brushenbrook Hunting & Fishing Club
- The Parish Center was finished in 1969 and the first Mass was celebrated in Church on March 12, 1979
- Msgr. Anthony Jasinski was our first Pastor
- Other Pastors and Administrators include:
  - Most Rev. Edward M. Grosz, D.D., V.G.
  - Rev. Richard Jedrejewski
  - Msgr. David G. LiPuma
  - Rev. Joseph H. Penkaul
  - Rev. Andrzej Kosminski
  - Rev. David J. Borowiak
  - Rev. Jerome E. Kopec
  - Msgr. Richard W. Siepka