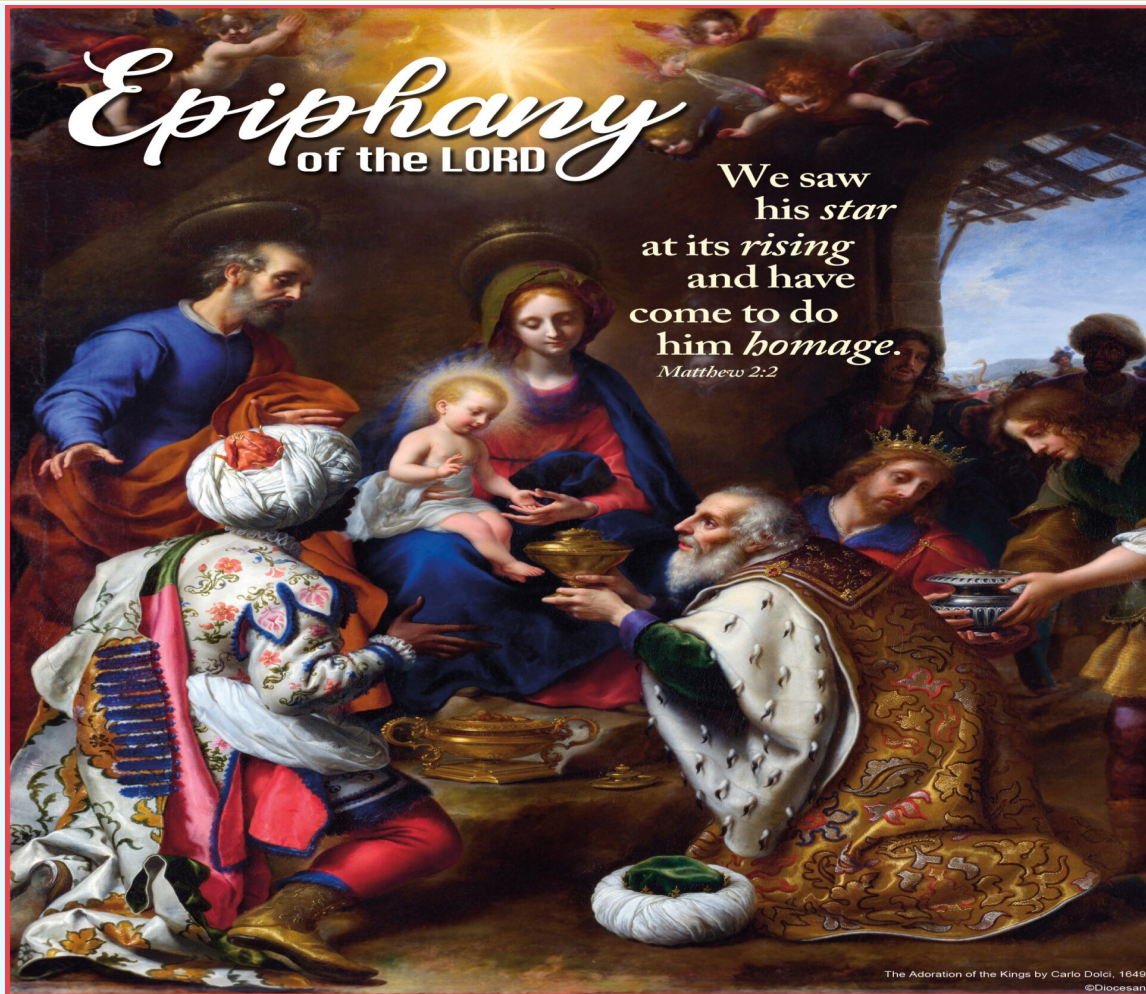


Catholic Neighbors in Faith



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6 Institute St.
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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

January 7, 2024 • The Epiphany of the Lord

Happenings within Our Parish Families...

[REMINDER THAT THE CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2024.](#)

- St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at SSPP Church Hall at 3pm.
- BAM - Bible Study will not meet in January
- Lord Teach Me To Pray 'LTMTTP' will not meet in January
- Knights of Columbus will meet on Thursday, January 11th
- St. James Music Ministry rehearsals for January are Thursdays, the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at 6pm.
- Altar & Rosary Meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2024 at 9:30am, right after coffee hour that day.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. James chapel every Wednesday from 9am - 7pm. Confessions are heard in the church confessional from 6 - 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm
- Faith Formation classes resume January 7th. Please see the **Kids Corner** page for more information.
- January 11, 2024 - Our Lady of Loreto Holy Name Society meeting at 6pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Saturday, January 6th & 20th at 10:00am in the Library.
- Reminder that all mailings should be addressed to 27 Allen St., Jamestown NY 14701. When making out a check, please be sure to make it out to the Church that you are registered.
- Holy Cross / Holy Sepulchre Cemeteries: Effective February 1, 2024 the cemetery pricing for burial lots will be increasing. If you would like to make a purchase before then please contact Ted Card, our superintendent at 716-664-1632.

Please Pray For:

Parish Family members who are ill:

John Adams
Rose Atkins
Timothy Bean
Gayle Boudreau
James Boudreau
Darrell Cavness
Collins Family
Erica Collins
Happy Cornwall
Michelle Cracker
Grant Damon

Michael Danielson
Gail Gillig
Charles Huntington
Elizabeth LaMantia
Burke Lindquist
Nancy Johnson
Sam McMaster
Nancy Michaels
Elizabeth Nguyen
My Nguyen
James Post
Louis Rieg
Marty Sargent

Andrea Schneider
Donald Segrue
Dorothy and David Seth
Robert Sprankle
Emily Sechriest
Savannah Steves
Megan and Sean
Ellen Tyler
Therese Whit
The Unborn

People of the Ukraine
Those in the Military

All those touched by
loneliness or illness.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6th

St. Andre Bessanter

JMS - 4:00PM † **Mary Ann Pappalardo** (Anniversary)
by Husband, Ray

† **Antonino & Salvatore** (Birthday) **Colletti**
by Wife & Mother

OLS - 4:00PM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**

PAT - 5:30PM † **Hedrich & Peterson families**
by Kathy Hedrich

Sunday, January 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord

JMS - 8:00AM † **Edward Staniszewski** (Anniversary)
by Sister-in-law, Carm Bellitto

JHN - 9:00AM † **Red Payne**
by Gust & Dianne Calamunci

SHR - 9:00AM † **Miriam Rodriguez**
by Lisa Snyder & Maureen Tuzzo

OLL - 10:00AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

SPP - 11:00AM † **Patrick Lebowitz** (Birthday)
by Bruce Widen

PAT - 11:00AM † **John Andrews**
by the Andrews family

Monday, January 8th - The Baptism of the Lord

JMS - 8:00AM - **Mass for the Parishioners**
by Fr. Darrell Duffy

SHR - 9:00AM - **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

SPP - 12:10PM - **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

Tuesday, January 9th

PAT - 8:00 AM † **John Ducette**
by Estate

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Peter & Victoria Verquer**
by Lorraine Malenga

Wednesday, January 10th

JHN - 8:00 AM **Living & Deceased Mothers**

JMS - 7:00 PM † **Tony Galbato** (Birthday)
by wife, Ann & family

Thursday, January 11th

OLL - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**

OLV - 5:00 PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

Friday, January 12th

JMS - 8:00AM † **L & DMO the Scully & Miller Families**
by Jim & Mary Lou Scully

SHR - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**

SPP - 12:10PM † **Victor A. Sturm** (Anniversary)
by Wife, Ann & Family

Saturday, January 13th

St. Hillary

JMS - 4:00PM † **L & DMO the Trussalo & Bingham Families**
by Anthony Trussalo

† **Helena Damond** (1st Anniversary)
by Husband and family

OLS - 4:00PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

PAT - 5:30PM † **Deanna Westphal**
by Kathy Hedrick

Sunday, January 14th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

JMS - 8:00AM † **Marie Bortnick**
by Vince & Mary Fran Powall

JHN - 9:00AM † **Miriam Rodriguez**
by Lisa Snyder & Maureen Tuzzo

SHR - 9:00AM † **Miriam Rodriguez**
by Beth Green

OLL - 10:00AM † **Harrijane Moore**
by The Nutt family

SPP - 11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**

PAT - 11:00AM † **Soul of Judas Iscariot**
by Kathy Hedrick

JMS—St. James
JHN—St. John

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CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH
Wine, Hosts, Sanctuary Lights and Memorials

In
**Loving
Memory**

Wine

St. James Church

In Memory of Mary Zerbo

by Frances P. Marchiando

Hosts

St. James Church

In Memory of Theodore & Elizabeth Kurtzhals

by Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

Sanctuary Light

Holy Apostles - St. John Church

In Memory of Charles A. Loverme

by Frances P. Marchiando

Holy Apostles - Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Joan Brigiotta (birthday & anniversary)

by Sebastian & Gerri Mazzurco

St. James Church

In Memory of Linda Crasti Graham

by Frances P. Marchiando

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of...

**Margaret Nicosia
Dolores Rewers**

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls
of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace.*





Wedding Anniversary Mass St. Joseph Cathedral

The Diocese of Buffalo & The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries with a special Mass where couples will renew their marriage vows. Registration is required; please contact the rectory to register.

Registration deadline: Friday, January 12, 2024

For questions or information contact the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-8373.

If you would like to attend please call the rectory to sign up.

Donations Requested for...

Holy Apostles/Ss. Peter & Paul and St. James are in need of your help.

The Rosetta Window at the back of the altar at Ss. Peter & Paul is in need of restoration. We are asking for your help in trying to insure that this beautiful window can be restored and made structurally sound.

St. James Church and Rectory are in need of masonry repairs. Any donations would be tax deductible.

The Holy Apostles Handbell Choir would like to invite parishioners from all parishes to join our Handbell Choir. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm at Saints Peter & Paul Church. The only skill requirement is to be able to read rhythm. We are a very fun group of people and always welcome new members. Please contact Anne Dolce, Bell Choir Director, if you are interested or have any questions. Our first rehearsal after Christmas will be on Tuesday, January 9th.



Holy Apostles Adult Choir is always looking for new members. We rehearse 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass. On the 1st & 3rd Sunday we sing at the 9:00 am Mass at Saint John's and the 11:00 am Mass for the 2nd, 4th and (sometimes) 5th Sunday at Saints Peter & Paul Church.

If you are interested please contact Anne Dolce, Choir Director for more information at 716-485-6086. We would love to have you join us!

Please Note

If you are interested in purchasing the Wine or Hosts for a particular month "In Memory Of..." or "In Honor Of..." that special someone, please call the Central Office at 716-487-0125. The cost for the Wine is \$40, the Hosts are \$25 for 1 month. The Sanctuary Lamp will stay for one week at \$10. This is for all churches in our family. A special card will be sent to the family notifying them of your donation.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry... meeting will be meeting on Saturday mornings during the winter months. In January, they will meet on Saturday, January 6th and the 20th at 10:00am in the Library at St. James.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Catholic Neighbors In Faith is the "umbrella name" for our 5 parish families, but it is only that...a name, and not an actual building. Therefore, you cannot write checks directly to CNIF. When writing checks, you must write the name of the specific parish you wish your donation to be given. *Thank you!*

Our Stewardship

Totals for the Christmas and New Year's Masses will be in the upcoming bulletin. Thank you for your support.

Night Prayer

Each evening at 9pm the clergy will be holding a Night Prayer on the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Facebook page. There are Night Prayer books on sale for \$10 at the Central Office at 27 Allen St. Jamestown.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2023 end of year statement, and have never received a copy, please call the central office and we can mail you a copy.

Our Lady of Loreto

Our Lady of Loreto Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 6pm.

Each Sunday at 9:30am there will be a Rosary prayer service prior to the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Loreto Church. It is open to anyone who would like to pray the Rosary. All you need is your Rosary.



www.facebook.com/littleprayers1

Guardians Needed

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James Church

We have the holy Sacrament exposed in the chapel of St. James every Wednesday from 9:00am to 7:00pm for everyone to come and pray. We need individuals to sign up for a weekly hour to help keep the sacrament open through these hours. Please call the Central Office if you can help at 716.487.0125.

St. James Music Ministry rehearsals for January are Thursdays, 11th, 18th, 25th at 6pm.

Cathy would like to start up the chimes group again. If you are interested, please Contact Cathy at (716-708-8417), or see her after masses. If you read music, and would like to share your talent, please join our group. If we have enough interested members, we can pick a day and time to get started and practice..

Updated Information St. James Parishioners

The Stephanie Frucella Gift Fund

A special fund for college scholarships provided by the Frucella Family is available again this year for anyone who is a registered member of St. James parish and is currently attending college in pursuit of a 2-year, 4-year, technical school program or a master's degree.

The application requirements are available at the Central Office. Applicants will need a letter from their pastor acknowledging participation at Mass and/or assisting other ministries or the Newman Center.

**Completed applications should be mailed to:
St. James Church, 27 Allen Street, Jamestown, NY,
14701. Must be submitted by January 31, 2024.**

Vocation News

The Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph— always supported each other in doing God's will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of God's children we must help each other and follow God's will. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God has called to a Church vocation. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

This weekend, we celebrate the feast day of the Epiphany, in which we remember the wise men who came to do homage to the Christ child and bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold represents Jesus' kingship, frankincense represents his divinity and myrrh represents the foreshadowing of Christ's paschal mystery of his passion, death and resurrection. Just like the wise men, we also can give gifts to the Christ child. One gift that we can give Christ is our own presence.

Maybe some of you have made some New Year's resolutions. Why not along with the commitments that we make to be healthier and happier selves, also make resolutions to grow more in our faith. These faith resolutions can be tailored to each person.

Here are a few suggestions to get started:

Starting the day with a morning prayer or morning offering

Reading a short section of a religious/spiritual book everyday

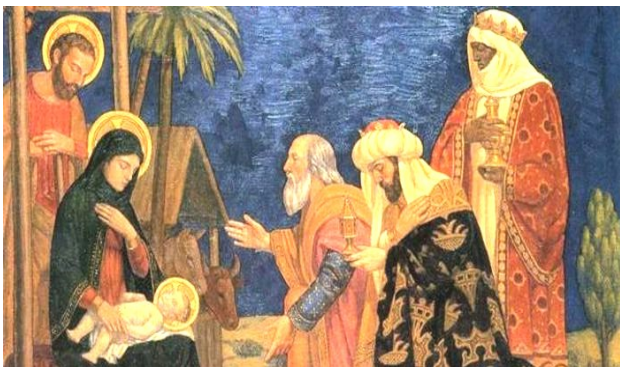
Praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet

Going to one Mass during the week in addition to going on Sundays

Spending some extra time in prayer before or after Mass

The possibilities are endless. But committing to one small spiritual exercise can positively affect your life by keeping our minds on God and recognizing how God calls us his sons and daughters. Our faith is not one of the many things that we juggle in our lives, it should be what our lives revolve around.

Happy Epiphany!



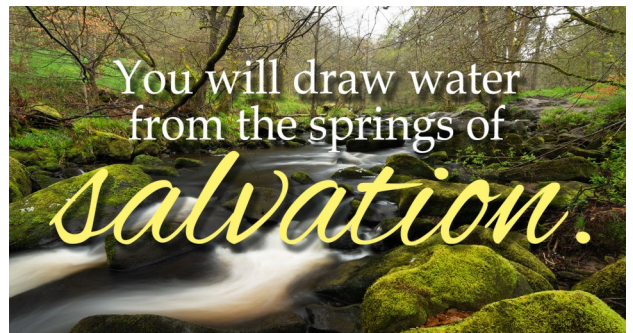
CHURCH CALENDAR

A quick reminder that we have the 2024 church calendars available for you to take home. They were again made possible by the generous donation from Elisabeth Hall, a parishioner from Holy Apostles, Ss. Peter & Paul.

Baptism of the Lord

*And the holy Spirit
Descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
With you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Our Lady's Closet

Come see what's new! . . .

A shipment of religious goods has just arrived for Our Lady's Closet bringing many beautiful and faith-filled items for young and old. You can stop and see what is available during office hours Monday thru Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Come check it out, you never know what you will find!

Reflections



The Epiphany of the Lord

Little Drummer Boy

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

Reflections on Stewardship

The Church is very strategic in its placement of the readings throughout the year. Today's second reading is a perfect example of this when Paul talks about stewardship. It's no surprise that we hear about this on the Feast of the Epiphany when we commemorate the magi finding the baby Jesus and bringing him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. I always thought this was funny because these seem like terrible gifts for a little baby, but maybe this whole story is meant to show us more about what to do with gifts as opposed to what the actual gifts are.

I want to take a moment today to reflect on Adam's roles in the garden of priest, prophet, and king and how these relate to stewardship today. First, in Genesis 1:26 we hear that Adam has dominion over the things in the garden. Just like a king, he is meant to care for the things that are given to him. I am reminded of that scene from *The Lion King* where Mufasa tells Simba that everything the light touches belongs to him. But it is not his to rule over as a tyrant, but rather to care for as a faithful servant. It is the same for us today. We have all been given things that we are meant to care for and treasure.

Second, in Genesis 2:15 Adam is told to work and to guard in the garden. These two words ("work" and "guard") only occur together in the rest of the Old Testament in relation to the priestly roles in Leviticus. It is clear that Adam is given a priestly role here, but what is the primary role of a priest? Quite simply, it is to make the commonplace holy. That is what a priest does at Mass when simple bread and wine transform into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. So too, our role on earth is to bring the light of Christ to all corners of the globe, using our gifts to light the world with God's love.

Third, in Genesis 2:19-20 we hear God giving authority to Adam to name the animals. In other words, God is giving power to Adam's words that whatever he calls the animals, that shall be their name. A prophet is one who speaks with authority. We have been given authority to use our gifts to proclaim the Good News. Through our baptism, we are called as priest, prophet, and king, to enter into the world and offer our gifts and lives as a living sacrifice.

This is a lot to think and pray about, but maybe on this Feast of the Epiphany we can just reflect on two main points: Am I being a good steward of the gifts God has given me? And, when I offer these gifts back to God, is he pleased with them? From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

Faith Formation

There will be 2 Religious Education classes in January. January 7th the 4th grade students will perform an Epiphany play, if any other students would like to join they are welcome.

January 20th is the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Reconciliation Service. This will be held at Sacred Heart beginning at 11:00am.

January 21st the 10th grade Faith Formation students from the Sacred Heart site will make their commitment through The Right of Enrollment. The 10th graders will also be in charge of the Children's Mass that day.

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Secret Word: Snowman

Answers: Mittens, Plow, January, Scarf -

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Catholic Neighbors in Faith

In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.
May their souls 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
Beaver & Stearns Families
Cora Bonfiglio
Charles E. J. Cassidy
DMO the Crasti & Marino Families
John & Tillie Cusimano
DMO the Dominick & O'Hagan Families
Dr. Anthony Floccare
DMO the Floccare & DePetro Families
Stephanie A. Frucella
Alexander Gil
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Hedrich & Peterson Families
Hutchinson & Truax Families
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For the Soul of Judas Iscariot
Phyllis Johenning
Andrew B. & Eleanor H. Johnson
Kilburn & Hoffman Family
Edda Liuzzo
Giuseppe & Giuseppina Liuzzo
Joseph X. & Mary R. Lombardo
Marie F. MacNamara

Frank & Josephine Marcello
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Janet & Henry Napier
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B. Muriel Rose
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Swanson & Regan Families
Paul Tran, Minh Cong, Anna N. Guyen, Kim Hong,
Teresa Tran, Kim Loan, Peter Tran, Binh Thanh
Linda J. Wadsworth
Richard & Emily Weimer
Jason M. Williams
Zahler, Cuffney & Green Families
Zunner & Gumienik Family

Application For Catholic Neighbors in Faith Memorial Listing

Name (s) _____

Your Contact Information

Your Name _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____