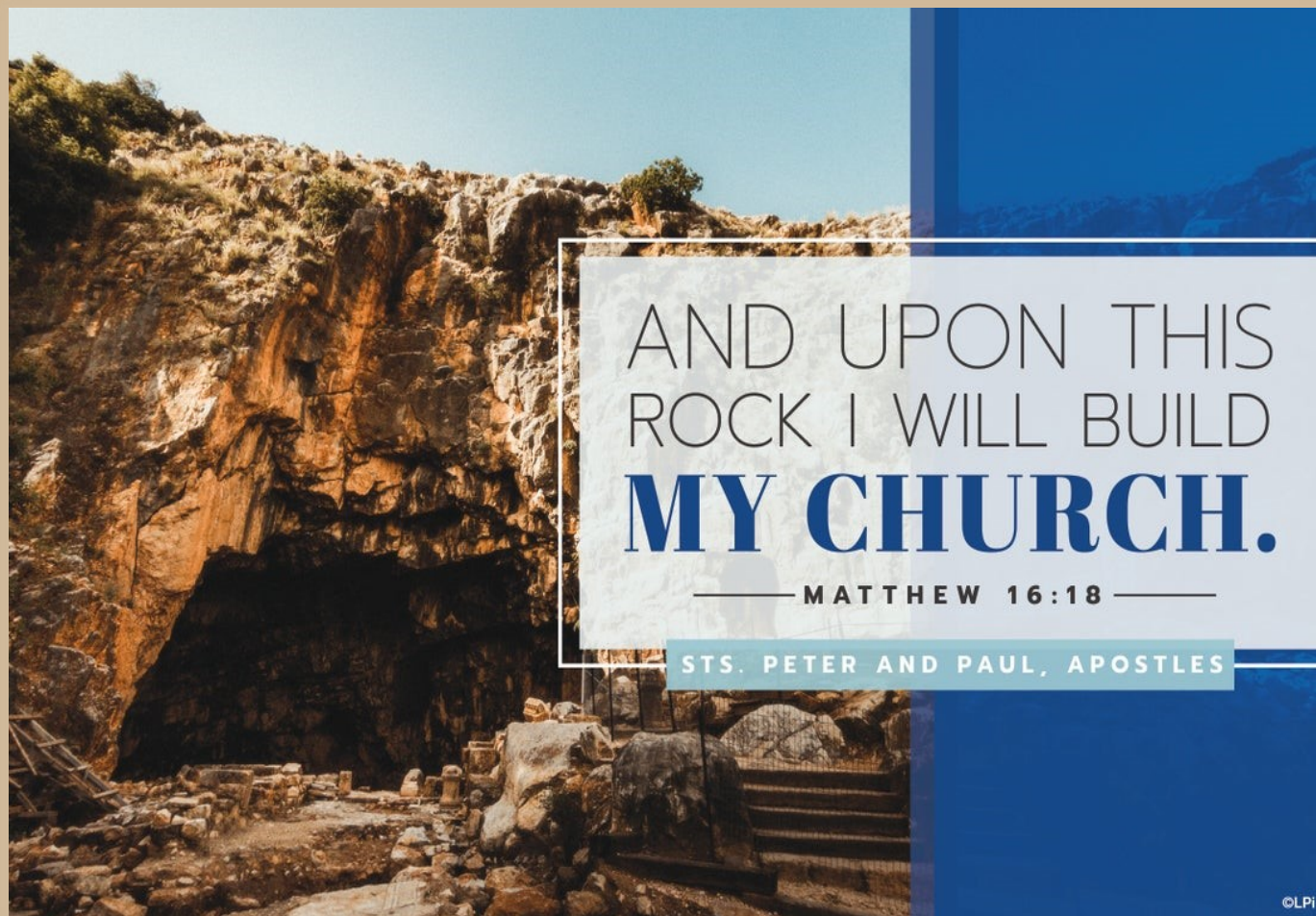


St. Alexander Church

The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
June 29, 2025

The Palos Catholic



St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
Associate Pastor: Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
Deacons: Jim Horton, Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast
Director Parish Home & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
Operations Manager: Paula Somers ext. 233
Director of Music: Matthew Berardi ext. 224
Youth Minister: Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624
Athletic Director Michael Kennedy
Parish E-Mail: alchurch1@comcast.net
St. Alexander on the Web: www.stalexanderpalos.org

St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

Principal: Sharon O'Toole

Administrative Assistant: Mary Ann Pellicore

School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com

School E-Mail: info@stalexanderschool.com

Religious Education Office

7025 W. 126th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: Tyler Ried

Religious Ed. E-Mail: tried@archchicago.org

Knights of Columbus: 708-448-4861 ext. 400

Knight of Columbus on the Web: www.kofc14057.org

Spreading the Holy Fire

Celebrating Christ Risen from the Dead through the 7 Sacraments

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM

Celebration of Entrance into Christ's Church

You should be a registered parishioner of St. Alexander, or willing to register and join our Faith Community. Relatives of St. Alexander parishioners are also welcome.

At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. The other must be a Christian. Parents must register for a class on Baptism **BEFORE** your baby is baptized. Archdiocesan required classes are held once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month, and facilitated by trained parishioners.

Baptism contact Joan DeVito 448-4861 ext. 237

CONFIRMATION

Celebration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

This Sacrament is normally celebrated in 8th Grade and is a 2 year program of preparation.

Confirmation Contacts:

Tyler Ried - Religious Education 448-6624

Sharon O'Toole - School 448-0408

The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult Confirmation Contact -**

Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861

OCIA *Celebration of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

This process is for adults who would like to join the Roman Catholic Church and have never been Baptized, or were Baptized in another Christian denomination. There is also a process for children (OCIC) and teens (OCIT).

OCIA/OCIC/OCIT contact - Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861

EUCCHARIST

Celebration of Sharing Fully at Christ's Altar of Sacrifice & Communion with Jesus and His Church

Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, & 6:00 PM

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Morning: 8:00 AM

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

On the 1st Wednesday of the month

6:00-7:00PM in the Church

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebration of God's Restorative Love & Forgiveness

Sacrament offers strength to the living. If someone becomes seriously ill, please call the Parish Administrative Center. Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion and/or visit with the sick and homebound.

Also every 1st Saturday after the 5:00 PM Mass

RECONCILIATION

Celebration of God's Forgiveness through Personal Confession

Saturday Morning: 8:30 AM (until all are heard)

Saturday Evening: after the 5:00 PM Mass

Other Times by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF COMMITMENT

MATRIMONY

Celebration of God's Blessings on the Loving Union between Man and Woman

Please call the Parish Administration Center at least 4 months in advance of your wedding. Pre-Cana for engaged couples is required by the Archdiocese.

Matrimony Contact:

Fr. Martin Michniewicz or Fr Colm Mitchell 708-448-4861

HOLY ORDERS

Celebration of Ordained Service to the Church

The three offices of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon. All three are conferred by the sacramental act called "ordination."

Priesthood Contact - Fr. Michniewicz 448-4861 ext. 227

Fr. Colm Mitchell 448-4861 ext. 223

Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director:

Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday, the Fourth of July, we celebrate the birth of our great nation. As we witness the governments in many countries throughout the world we see many people who live under dictatorships and other forms of rogue regimes. As a result the population of these nations suffer from poverty, lack of educational opportunities, and many other travesties. We here in America are blessed to live in a country where we have fair elections, due process of law, liberty, justice, and freedom of religion. While celebrating the Fourth of July, let us remember and appreciate the great country we live in, and the people throughout the years who have laid down or risked their lives for the United States of America.

Our Mass on the Fourth of July will be at 8:30AM, please join us as we celebrate the men and women who gave so much so that we can be the great country we are today. Let us never forget that our nation is based on faith and the principles of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please note that the Parish Administrative Office will be closed on July 4th. No matter what our nationality or where we were born let us all remember that we live in the greatest nation on God's green earth. For the second year in a row I was rooting for the Edmonton Oilers in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, but once again the Florida Panthers won. I guess I should be happy that the Stanley Cup remains in the United States.

Having run out of things to say this week I once again turn to some famous quotes spoken years ago from Bishop Fulton Sheen.

- "The real test of a Christian is not how much he loves his friends, but how much he loves his enemies."
- "No man discovers anything big unless he makes himself small."
- "The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect; it is our listening to God that needs to be improved."
- "The essence of prayer is not the effort to make God give us something. Prayer, then, is not just informing God of our needs, for God already knows them. Rather, the purpose of prayer is to give God the opportunity to bestow the gifts He will give us when we are ready to accept them."

God Bless,
Father Marty

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

*to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously*

*to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

O glorious Mother of God, Our Lady of Grace, hear my humble prayers, seeking your maternal intercession in obtaining from the Heart of Jesus, your Divine Son, all the graces and favors necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, and for the special needs I now place before you. (Here mention your intentions.)

O Heavenly Queen, be my comfort, hope, strength and consolation as, through God's goodness and mercy, I await the great day of glory. Amen.

WORD OF LIFE

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

—USCCB,
"Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"



READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 30-July 6, 2025

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/
Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/
Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3,
4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-1



Prayers
FOR HEALING

Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we unite with one another to pray for those who need healing of their body, mind or spirit. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in prayer for:

Dale Yukich	Lisa Krisik
Carole Holding	Paul Lunter
Laurie Walters	Mary Egan

If you or anyone in your family would like to be added to our *Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick* please contact the Parish Administrative Office by noon on Friday.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
& Knights of Columbus
FOOD COLLECTION**

Please donate to our ongoing food collection for St. Blase. Donations should be placed on the bench across from the SAVE room. Thank you for your generosity!
NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!



There will be one Mass celebrated at
8:30AM on Friday, July 4th
The Parish Administrative Office will be
closed on Friday, July 4th
ENJOY A SAFE & HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!

WELCOME TO ST. ALEXANDER!

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026.



PLEASE NOTE

SAVE sales will be closed
from June 15th to July 3rd

*Don't try to shine so that others will see you.
Shine so that through you, others will see Christ.*

—Pope Francis

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, July 5th

5:00 PM— Mary Ceebin, Maureen Balich,
Rosemary Dziuba

Sunday, July 6th

7:30 AM— Pat Sobczak, Nancy Foster, Ruth Macey
9:30 AM— Guido Cadore, Patricia Karrasch,
Caroline Kelbowski, Mary Beth Flynn(LG)
11:30 AM— Paul Sullivan, Tom Stuchly,
Mike Kearney
6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres

READERS

Saturday, July 5th

5:00 PM— Charlie Smith, Linda Buchanan

Sunday, July 6th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Paula Somers
9:30 AM— John Kelbowski, Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito
6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



**Join us for a Holy Hour with
Exposition and Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Every first Wednesday of the
month 6-7pm in Church
Wednesday, July 2nd**

*"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed
Sacrament so pleases the Heart
of Jesus, that every man, woman and
child on earth receives a new effect
of God's graces." – St. Faustina*

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing
George Dunne National Golf Course
Oak Forest
Friday, September 5th
1:00 PM Shotgun Start
Details to follow...



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Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

LEGACY PLANNING

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, contact Fr. Marty at 708-448-4861.

**4TH OF JULY PARADE!**

ST. ALEXANDER WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PALOS HEIGHTS PARADE.

WE ARE ASKING FOR CANDY DONATIONS. PLEASE DROP OFF TO THE PARISH RECTORY BY JUNE 30TH.

PLEASE HAVE CANDY BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED, NO CHOCOLATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Low-Gluten Hosts

At the 9:30AM Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be available with low-gluten hosts. The Extraordinary Minister will be located at the entrance of the ramp which leads to the sanctuary on the side where the statue of our Blessed Virgin is presented.

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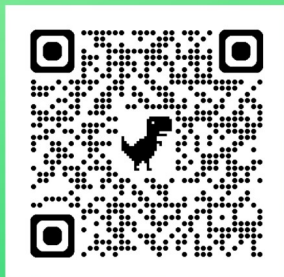
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-Religious Ed

**-Youth Ministry
(JR High/ High School)**

-Stay and Play



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Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.



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Palos Heights Farmers Market
Wednesdays 8am-1pm
May 7-October 8
No Market on July 2
12217 S. Harlem Ave





Home Bound or Ill?

If you, or someone you know, are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion in their home, please call either Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.



PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00 PM

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for information.

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MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

There are free iPhone apps available that give church locations and Mass times all over the country; *Catholic Mass Times Church Directory* or *Mass Times for Travel*. Or visit the website www.masstimes.org or www.findaparish.com.

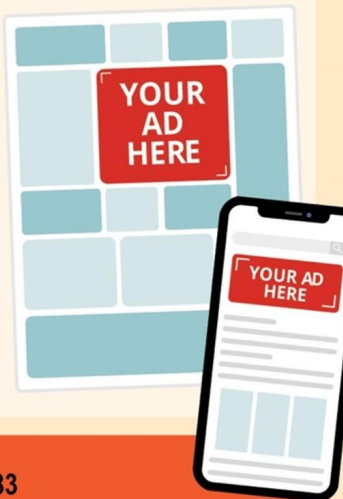
The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Jeff Hansen from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising

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Jeff Hansen
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St. Alexander Class of 1975 50 Year Reunion

The St Alexander's Class of 1975 is planning their 50 year reunion and is looking for members of their graduating class. Please request to join their Facebook Group: St. Alexander's Class of 1975 or send an email to kathy.lombard.byars@gmail.com to be put on the invite list.

Mass Intentions For The Week



THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL JUNE 29, 2025

Saturday, June 28th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Raymond Schwaller
Margaret Corbett
Gertrude Bochenek
Peter Bochenek
Carol Bochenek
Janeen Pikula
Joan Lynch
Dolores Marcella Schneider

Sunday, June 29th

7:30 AM— Frances & Verle Clair
Aggie Palmer
Colleen J. Nix
Chet & Thomas Chwierut
Irene Brajner
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Ned & Hannah Hogan
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Janeen Pikula
James Lamareaux
Dr. Mario Castillo
Don & Mary Tadda
Heidie & Bob Alt—66th Wedding Anniv.
John & Mary McAleer
11:30 AM— Roarke & Chase LaCoursiere
Elaine Marie Cotton
Arlene, Robert Sr., & Jill Sypniewski
Helen Carroll
Patricia Ann O'Connell
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, June 30th (*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Dr. John Bergmann

Tuesday, July 1st (*St. Junípero Serra*)

8:30 AM— John Janik
Colleen J. Nix
Maureen Buescher
Patrick Lloyd
Fred Hames
Jennifer Aparo

Wednesday, July 2nd

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Tommy Grady
Dan Stanton
Pat Stanton

Thursday, July 3rd (*St. Thomas, Apostle*)

8:30 AM— Dorothy Janik—2nd Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix
Carol Reckwerdt
Mike—Healing Blessings
Paul Macey—Healing Intention

Friday, July 4th

8:30 AM— John Janik
Pamela A. Szeniewski
Colleen J. Nix
Ed Obiala
Ann & Joseph Malacina
Don & Walter Tadda

Saturday, July 5th (*St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Chet & Thomas Chwierut
St. Alexander Rosary Group—Special Int.
Don Tadda
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 6, 2025

Saturday, July 5th

5:00 PM— Joseph Wolf
James Lamoureux
Norman B. "Lefty" Reno
Patricia Ann O'Connell

Sunday, July 6th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Chet & Thomas Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Mike Sweeney
Irene Brajner
9:30 AM— William "Bill" Brett
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Thomas Cosgrove
11:30 AM— Tess & Tom Skelly—1st Wedding Anniv.
George Lombard
Helen Carroll
Ed Obiala
Don & Mary Tadda
The Vasil Family—Special Intention
The Skelly Family—special Intention
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners



ST. ALEXANDER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs to be remembered? Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who needs to know someone is praying for them?

We have a gift for you. St. Alexander's Prayer Shawl Ministry has handmade shawls and blankets that have been blessed, and are available to anyone who needs them. You just need to pick them up. They are available to all parishioners at the Parish Administrative Center during normal business hours.