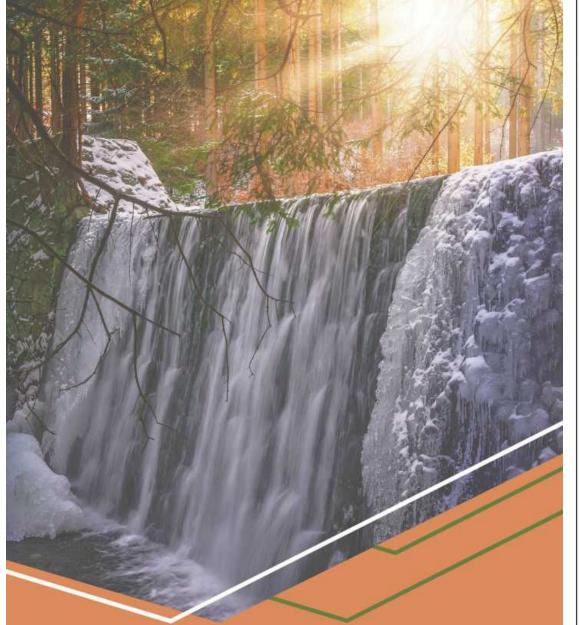


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Mass Intentions

Monday	Jan. 13—Weekday
8:45am	Bobby Geisinger
Tuesday	Jan. 14—Weekday
8:45am	Toni Kosydar
Wednesday	Jan. 15—Weekday
8:45am	The People of St. Alexander Parish
Thursday	Jan. 16—Weekday
8:45am	Juan Jose Jimenez
Friday	Jan. 17—St. Anthony, Abbot
8:45am	Tom Clark, Jr.
Saturday	Jan. 18—Weekday
5:00pm	Jackie Silva/Hubert & Therese Klaus/Bobby Geisinger/ Edwin & Jeannine Schramka
Sunday	Jan. 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Jack Luka (Birthday)/Emil Fischer
10:30am	Gay Lynn Finke
6:00pm	Edward Napora

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/13:

O.C.I.A. Sons of Thunder Young Adult Group Scout Troop 199 Compassionate Friends	Fr. Tuan Room Library Hall/Gym Multiples Rms.	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:45pm 7:00pm
Tues. 1/14: Legion of Mary Music—Chancel Choir Practice Rental—Lions Volleyball practice Fishers of Men group	Fr. Tuan Room Church Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Room	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm
<u>Wed. 1/15:</u> Music—Chance choir practice Rental—Lions Volleyball Music—Witness Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir	Church Hall/Gym Church Fr. Tuan Rm	2:45pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
<u>Thurs. 1/16:</u> Mittens for Mary Knitting Group Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice	Library Hall/Gym	9:30am 6:00pm
<u>Sat. 1/18:</u> 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix	Gathering Space	after Mass
<u>Sun. 1/19:</u> Faith Formation classes CCW Communion Breakfast 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix	Multiple Rooms Fr. Tuan Rm Gathering Space	8:30am 9:30am after Masses





Hospitality Sunday

You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!! Parish Council will host hospitality 3 times a month at one of the Masses. Hospitality is a time for all parishioners to get together in a casual setting with friends and just to "visit". All are invited to bring a favorite comfort food to share with friends after Mass.

Here is the schedule:

1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass
2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass
3rd Weekend: 8:30 & 10:30am Mass



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-833-7730

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

Parish News

BAGGED LUNCH MINISTRY

Last May we asked you for help with the Bagged Lunch Ministry program for Our Lady of Angels (OLA) Parish in Chicago. Organized by Jan Turner, this ministry provides lunch to needy, hungry individuals in the OLA community. Each lunch contains one sandwich, a drink, and a snack.

Your response to our call for help was amazing. Since May our weekly deliveries went from 118 lunches a week to an average of 150 lunches each week. That's <u>over 800</u> <u>additional lunches</u> that were delivered to OLA in Chicago, and their parishioners are deeply grateful for your help. Let's keep at it! Here's how to help:

- Register online at SignUpGenius.com. Search for janturner628@gmail.com to find the bagged lunch ministry.
- Decide how many lunches you will make. Each lunch needs a bag, a sandwich, a drink, and a snack.
- Make your lunches over the weekend.
- Deliver your lunches in a stackable box on Sunday evening between 7:00 and 8:00 pm to 628 Lilac Way, Lombard.

If you aren't good with the computer, just call or text me. I will register you.

All of us, working together, can make a difference! Please consider helping, and thank you for your generosity.

Linda Krause lindakra@gmail.com 630-430-1898





Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Catholics in the United States can express a closer unity with and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands. This unity was fully expressed in autumn 2024, when Catholics from around the world gathered for an International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, to celebrate the country's 150th anniversary of its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Using funds received from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Quito welcomed thousands from around the world—including a delegation of Catholics from the United States led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens—to pray together, encounter the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and share their faith. When you participate in the collection at your parish, you support special events such as the Eucharistic Congress as well as the ongoing work of forming catechists, supporting vocations to priesthood and religious life, and implementing family ministries throughout Latin America.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 25-26, 2025. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The <u>#iGiveCatholicTo-</u> <u>gether</u> website (<u>https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/</u><u>organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america</u>) also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit <u>www.usccb.org/latin-america</u>.

With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain -

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

Parish News

ST. ALEXANDER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE Saturday, February 22, 2025 Cocktails: 6:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm



- 4-course dinner with your choice of 3 entrees (Prime Rib, Chicken Vesuvio and Salmon)
- Music by "CROOZIN" for dancing and listening
- Cash Bar

Tickets available after Masses thru Feb. 15. \$65 per person.

Seating will be tables of 10. Start getting your table together if you have a group you want to sit with.

Also, you may contact Joyce Splan: 630-279-6470 joyce117@comcast.net or Vince Fabis: 630-858-1881 tabstrip6@aol.com for tickets or any guestions you may have.

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Entrée: Prime Rib

Chicken Vesuvio Salmon

Name of Table you will be sitting with:

JANUARY 2025 PROJECT OUTREACH

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry at the Outreach House!

As we head into January 2025, we ask that you bring in **MACARONI AND CHEESE, RICES, AND HYGIENE ITEMS** SUCH AS SHAMPOO, SOAPS, COMBS AND BRUSHES. You are not limited to our suggestions, though. Anything you drop off is a help!

Thank you for your support of those less fortunate in our community. Together, we can make a difference!

Linda Krause & Linda Lagon Parish Council

Grandparents Club

All grandparents are welcome to the next Grandparents Club meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Sisters Room of the Parish Center.



Thank you to the following parishioners who donated towards our Christmas Flowers for the church.

<u>Parishioner</u>	In Memory/Honor
Monica Komperda	Mick Komperda
Charlotte Feinen	John M. Feinen
Mr. & Mrs. Strange	Cindy Zickel/Thomas Hester, Sr./Louis Strange, Sr./ Nicholas Strange
Robert Keenan, III	
Mr. & Mrs. Cioper	Anthony & Frances Cioper/ Edward & Lottie Fila
Mark Schramka	Edwin & Jennie Schramka
Eleanor Menzer	
Vickie Maxson	Schmidts Family
Mr. & Mrs. Vanco	
Mr. & Mrs. Liebe	Geri MckEnzie/John McDowall/ Dolores McDowall

Dolores McDowall

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Parish News

ST. ALEXANDER COUNCIL OF

CCW EVENTS

Communion Breakfast—The CCW is inviting all women of the parish to our annual Communion Breakfast on **January 19, 2025** with inspirational talks from 3 speakers about the Eucharistic Conference. We will meet and eat from 9:30— 10:15. Please come join us after the 8:30am Mass. OR we will finish in enough time to attend 10:30 Mass if you prefer.

EVENTS:

1. Feb. 22, 2025—Dinner Dance



- 3. April 26, 2025—Dorothy Stang Mass & Speaker
- 4. May 3, 2025—9am Mass for St. Alexander, Patron Saint
- 5. May 17, 2025—Living Rosary after 5pm Mass
- 6. July 12, 2025—Alumni Picnic
- 7. Sept. 7, 2025-St. Alexander Festival
- 8. October 18/19, 2025—Closing Mass Wknd.

Eucharistic Revival For more information, contact Deacon Mark Ranieri at mranieri@stalexanderparish.org

It only takes one encounter.

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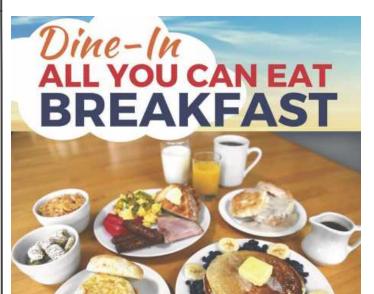
Someone in your life is waiting for a moment that will change everything. God is ready to deliver, and he wants YOU to be a part of that story. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of someone you know and love. It only takes one encounter with Jesus to change their life forever.

You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be present and walk with them. Grace will do the rest.

Scan the code to get started.

eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one





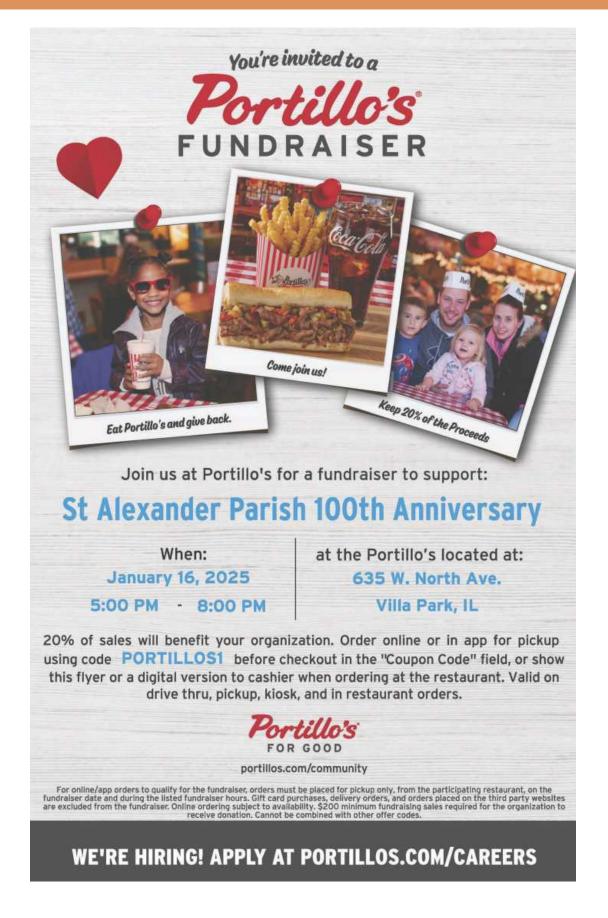


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Faith Formation & Parish News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/ Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words **'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased'** (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

- Father John Muir

Prayer Intentions



Remember these men & women in your daily prayers— Priests, Deacons, Seminarians & Women and Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet.

- 13. Seminarian Jared Beltz
- 14. Seminarian Andrew Bogusz
- 15. Sr. Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB
- 16. Dcns. Gary Bednar, Ralph Bias
- 17. Sr. Helen Jilek, Sr. Christine Kouba OSB
- 18. Fr. John Balluff, Fr. Brad Baker
- 19. Monsignor James E. Burnett, Fr. Thomas Cargo



We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month. If someone can be taken off this sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

Christine Bazon, Patti Cain, Marge Caliendo, Bruce Howat, Hannah Medow, Linda Morton, Margaret Novak, Shirley Reese, Donna Sidor, Carol Simler, Susanne Strickland, Joann Swan, Jane Tadelski and Dan Weber

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : **www.stalexanderparish.org**

Our Faithful Departed

Kim Ebeling



Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration Chapel is open: Tuesday: 3:00pm—10:00pm Wednesday: 3:00pm—9:00pm Thursday: 3:00pm—9:00pm



The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.

Rosebud Program



requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program." CONGRATULATIONS!

Mike & Stephanie on the birth of their daughter, Anya Marie.

Eric & Melissa due 2/2025

Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob Tony & Andrea Rose & Eleodoro Mary & Jared Lisa & Jim Maria & Bobby Amy & Sam Mary Frances Julie & Rus Cin

Carl & Terrie Amanda & Scott Bob & Cyndy Jason & Leah Kristin & Tim

Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.



Vocations Cross (3rd Sunday of the Month @ 10:30 Mass)

Recognizing the importance of praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is asking one family a month to pick up the Vocations Cross at Mass and pray for an increase of vocations that month.

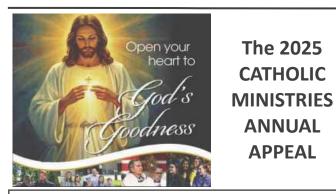
If you are interested, please contact Judy Emerson @ 630-620-1425 to sign up for the Vocations Cross.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 12/22/2024
Sunday Collection: 1/5/2025 11,037
Online Giving (WeShare) 12/18–1/5/2025 \$10,460
Weekly Goal \$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll \$224,675
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$450,000
Major Maintenance 12/22/2024 \$528
Major Maintenance 12/29/2024 \$144
Major Maintenance 1/5/2025 \$110
Major Maint. Online Giving 12/18–1/5/2025 \$155

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

*Please note: St. Alexander Fiscal Year is July 1—June 30.



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is Open your heart to God's goodness. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church as available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$48,200, and 70% of any amount we reaise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Parishioner Registration

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

Faith is a Journey, not a Destination. Registering with the parish is a commitment to your Faith Journey and St. Alexander would like to walk with you.

Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

- 1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
- 2. Other parishes (including St. Alexander) often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- 3. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

Welcome to St. Alexander!

We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander's to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered at St. Alexander's or are registered and need to make changes, please complete the form below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park. IL 60181. ******

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Phone: _____

] New Parishioner [] New Address

] New Phone Number

Deanery/Diocesan News



Our next weekend is Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL



IS YOUR MARRIAGE ON THE RIGHT ROAD OR IS IT A LITTLE OFF TRACK? LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT, AND SO CAN THE CHALLENGES IN MARRIAGE

Does the distance between you seem to be growing? Are you already separated but looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help, and offers hope for a better relationship. We are a peer ministry of volunteer couples who will help you learn the tools of healthy communication, handle conflict constructively, and build intimacy to help you heal - just as we have done in our own marriages. The Retrouvaille program is Christian-based and

Catholic in origin, but welcomes all faiths as well as non-religious spouses. We CAN help you get your marriage back on track! Contact us via email (JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org), by phone (815-246-2080), or online (www.retrouvaillejolietil.com).





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An act of love—and a gift—for you in the New Year

As we welcome a new calendar year at St. Alexander, we're sharing **a free will-writing tool** to help you put your love into action! Creating a will is an opportunity to protect your loved ones and find peace of mind, all while safeguarding the blessings you've received from God. This resource is free to use for every member of our parish.

Visit **FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet** to put your faith and love into action.

CCW Pro-Life Prayer Service Monday January 20th at 6:00pm St. John the Apostle Church

All parishioners of St. John and St. Alexander are invited to join us to pray for life:

- Even though Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022 the battle for life continues. Satan is just finding new ways to destroy life in our country and the world.
- + Beside abortion, there are many other ways in which life is being attacked:
 - + Hatred amongst our citizens
 - + Violence in our country
 - + Racism and bigotry
 - + The vulnerable being marginalized
 - + War
 - + Etc.

So, please join us on January 20th as we pray for life as a parish family

630.833.7730
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. 4:30p.m. — 7:30p.m.
9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.
www.stalexanderparish.org
office@stalexanderparish.org
bulletin@stalexanderparish.org
8:45 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.(Eng/Span)
Saturday	4:00 p.m.—4:45p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.

Spanish Baptisms:

3rd Sunday of the month @ 3:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

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Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm—10:00pm Wednesday from 3:00pm—9:00pm

Pastor:

Reverend Mark Rosenbaum

Mass Assistants:

Fr. Larry Brunette/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/ Rev. Johnus Cherunilath/Fr. Philip Danaher

Permanent Deacons:

Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/ Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina

Office Administrator:	Sue D'Alessandro
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