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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM-4:00 PM
(Closed daily 12:00-1:00 PM)
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staff member will be available to help you.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

*To continue Jesus' work of
calling all people into a loving
relationship with God and neighbor.*

ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Bob Betz

ASSISTING PRIEST

Fr. George Gajdos

(414-761-0480, ext. 110-leave message)

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(One of the Masses will be livestreamed))

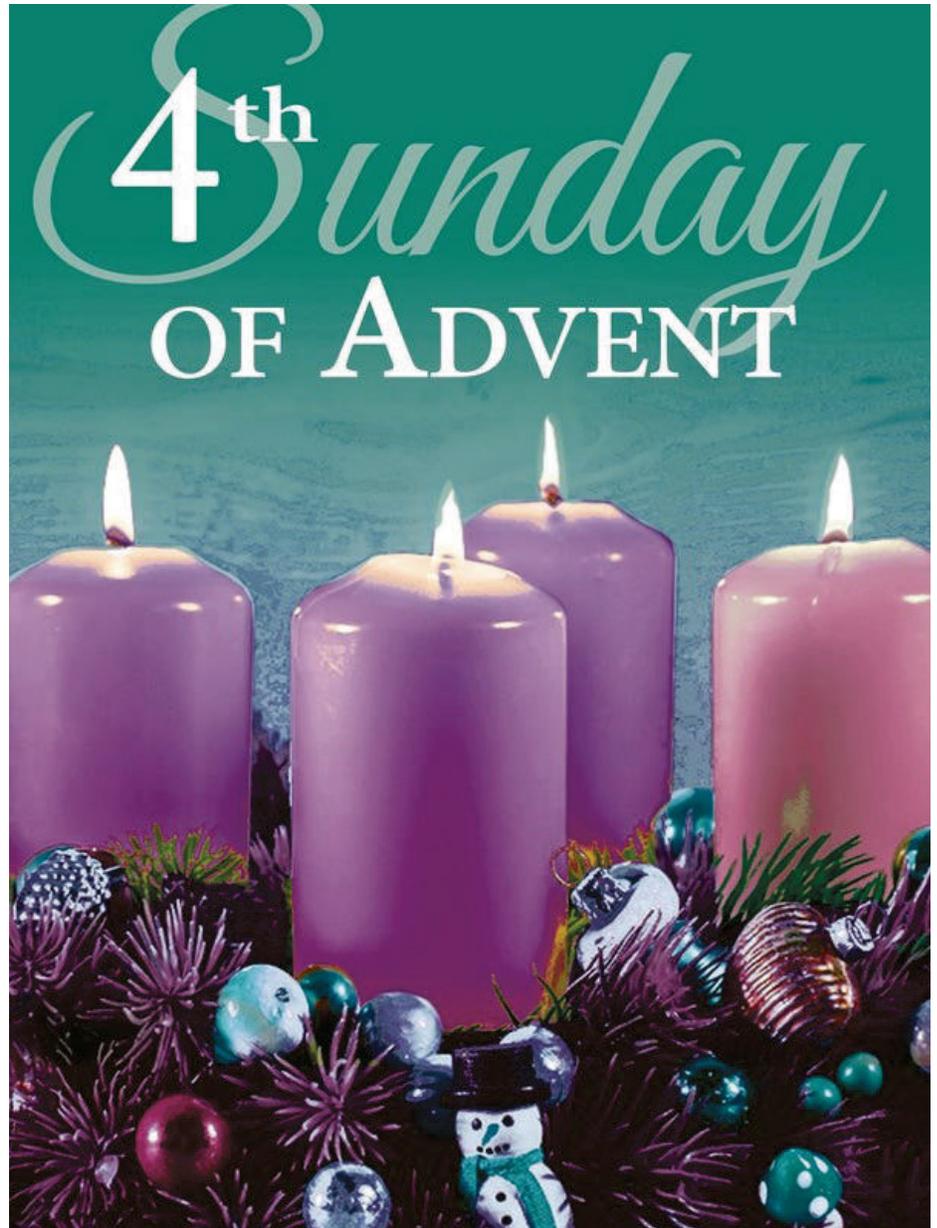
Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 AM

Individual Confession:

Saturday 4:00 PM-4:30 PM
(Or call parish office to make appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month
Noon-1:00 PM



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DEAR PARISHIONERS...

We draw close to the end of this Advent Season of expectation, preparation, and waiting. For three weeks we have been anticipating that glorious day that is now just around the corner. Time to break from all the hustle and bustle that threatens to overwhelm the true meaning of this holy event and share in the pure joy of Mary and Elizabeth, two mothers expecting their first children, who in today's gospel exult in each other's blessedness in the visitation.



Sometime in this week we are likely to hear the saying, "The best things come in small packages." Truly the most wonderful Christmas gift any of us have ever received was the gift of Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary over two thousand years ago. Besides Mary and Joseph, the first to receive this gift was her cousin, Elizabeth, who breaks out of a five-month seclusion with shouts of joy and awe when Mary, a few weeks pregnant, comes to visit.

This Thursday and Friday we celebrate the birth of our Lord into this world. We mark Jesus' birth as a tiny baby, but also recognize that He is continually being born in our hearts and in our world as we allow Him to penetrate our innermost selves and let Him lead us to act in His name. Into a humble, lowly stable the light of the world was born. Into our humble, lowly hearts let the light of the world shine forth. God, Emmanuel, God-with-us always and forever.

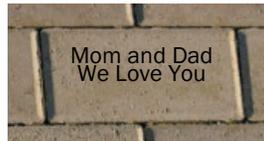
On behalf of Fred, Carl, Donna, Mary Jo, Linda, Dale, Fr. George, and myself, we extend to you, your family, and friends, wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Love, Peace, Joy,

Fr. Bob

Memorial/Celebration Bricks

Memorial Bricks are not just for a loved one you lost. Consider buying a Memorial Brick for someone you love in their honor.



How many times have you asked your parents, grandparents, or godparents what they wanted for Christmas? Think about buying a Memorial Brick for them. Bricks are just \$100 each.

These bricks will be permanently displayed in the island in front of the church doors. The brick size is 4.25 x 8.5 in varying colors. Maximum 3 lines of inscription, 14 spaces per line. Forms are available at the Information Desk or the Parish Office.



God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you."

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Contact one of the above to learn how you can get involved in a ministry here at St. James.

Here To Help

St. Vincent de Paul Intake Office

For assistance with Shelter/Lodging/Rent, Utilities/Shutoffs, Furniture and Clothing

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- Matthew Kelly.

A Stewardship Moment

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, and advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord, "Behold, I come to do your will?"

The Catholic Steward

Congratulations to Parker!



Deon and Matthew Franschczak's son, Parker, was initiated into the mystery of Christ's living, dying, and rising.

Let us remember Parker in our prayers, that he may live as God's beloved child and learn to imitate Jesus in his life.

Pray For

We remember the special needs of St. James parishioners, family and friends, especially:



Megan, Alex, and Baby Binger

(Relatives of Ellen Schuh)

Geri Ann Koncilja

(Aunt of Theresa Placek)

Larry Vance

(Brother of Trudi (Bernie) Bellin)

Diane Kirchoff

(Friend of Donna Brown)

Cindy Malliet

(Niece of George and Kris Bloechl)

Kris Bloechl

(Wife of George)

Tom Petlewski

(Friend of Norrine and Dan Nolan)

Lauren Schweiger

(Daughter of Karen Mielce)

Tony Frittitta

(Husband of Audrey)

Jill Tannhiemer

(Daughter of Karen Iwinski)

Gilchrist Family

(Relatives of Evelyn Spadinger)

Phil Willman

(Brother of Fran Spanke)

Mike Berry

(Friend of Rose Oliva)

Linda Guzman de Cardona

(Sister of Marie Guzman)

James Griffin

(Son of Debby Fischer)

Jeanette and Cheryl Odegard

Joel Prusinski

(Son of Nanci and Bob Prusinski)

By our prayers, we offer support. If you or any of your relatives need prayers, call 761-0480.

Prayer and Liturgies

December 19 through December 26

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

8:00 AM - †Simone Vitale

10:00 AM - †Joseph Chen

Monday: Advent Weekday (4)

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-4b,5-6

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Saint Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14

Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21

Lk 1:39-45

8:00 AM - †Doria and Gotisha Families

Wednesday: Advent Weekday (4)

1 Sm 1:24-28

(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8d

Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Saint John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4,23-24

Ps 25:4-5b,8-10,14

Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Is 9:1-6

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

4:00 PM - Living and Deceased Members of St. James

10:00 PM - †Deceased Members of the Banaszynski Family

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

Is 9:1-6

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

4:00 PM Individual Reconciliation

9:00 AM - †Maciejewski and

Mijal Families

Next Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary, and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28

1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24

Lk 2:41-52

8:00 AM - †Ron and John

Kunstman

10:00 AM - †Angela Picione

Stewardship of Treasure—Pledge Cards

By now, you should have received your monthly stewardship envelope in the mail.

Please return the pledge card even if you are unable to pledge at this time.

We use your response as a sign that you still consider yourself an active member of the parish. Thank you.

2021 Contributions

Per IRS regulations, charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received or postmarked. If a donor has not mailed or submitted a check by year-end, no matter what date is on the check, it may not be attributed to that year.

Any financial stewardship received after Friday, December 31, will be credited to 2022 contributions.

Thank you all for your continued financial support.

Stewardship of Time—Café Sunday

We are looking for people to volunteer for Café Sunday after both Masses on January 9th, February 13th, and March 13th. Three to four people for each Mass would be great.

It's quite simple to do. We will walk you through it.

There is a signup sheet at the Information Desk. Thank you.



GROWING FAITH

As I was sitting in my living room wondering where to put the Christmas tree this year, my eyes were opened to the clutter surrounding me. Once I cleared the corner for the tree, I discovered a sense of peace. Then I looked around at the rest of the house, and my eyes were opened to the continued clutter and the peacefulness disappeared. Sadly, my house now

made me feel overwhelmed and in chaos—let alone this season of decorating, gift buying and gift giving.

As we enter the final week of Advent, I invite each of us to reflect on what is causing chaos in our lives. And then open ourselves up in prayer:

Prayer for Help During Chaotic Times

*O merciful Lord,
Everything seems to be whirling
around me.
So many things are in movement,
I can't get my bearings.
And worry eats away at me.
Where are you, O Lord?*

*Let me stop now. Breathe.
May your Spirit bring me calm.
Stop my mind from racing.
Cast out the enemy far from me,
in the name of Jesus Christ, my king.*

*May I rest knowing I cannot control
everything.
You alone are sovereign over all
things.
I place my trust in you, O Lord.*

*Help me set priorities based on
wisdom,
mercy, and love.
And no matter what may come,
keep me sharp and steady.
I know who my Savior is.
I know He will come again.
That's all I need to keep going.*

*Grant me your heavenly grace.
For you alone are holy.
You alone are the Lord.*

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

(from prayerforanxiety.com)

Blessings,

Mary Jo



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our food pantry is in service every Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM. Outdoor curb service drive-through distribution will be our means of getting food to those who are in need. Our volunteers will bring boxed food out to your car. Please bring your identification and remain in your vehicle. We thank you for keeping us all safe.

Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, December 22, instead of Friday, December 24th.

After the 22nd, the Food Pantry will be closed until January 7, 2022.

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



When Mary visited Elizabeth, they were both waiting for their babies to be born. Elizabeth's baby would grow up to be John the Baptist. Mary's baby would grow up to be Jesus our savior. Mary and Elizabeth were excited to see each other, not only because they loved each other, but also because they both loved God very much. It makes God happy when we love our relatives and friends, just like Mary and Elizabeth did.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to love you. Take care of my family, my cousins, and all my relatives at Christmastime and always. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If your relatives come to visit you, welcome them with a cheerful greeting. If you go to visit them during the Christmas season tell them how much God loves them.

Christmas Décor

Anyone available to help set up church for Christmas is welcome to join our team on **Tuesday, December 21, at 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.**

We will take a break for a sub-sandwich lunch which includes drinks and soda. If anyone wants to bring anything else for lunch, they are welcome to!

If it's needed, we will also set up on Wednesday at the same time. Please call 761-0480 before coming on Wednesday. Thank you!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

HAVE YOU HEARD? The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been meeting for the last few months. They will meet **Thursday, December 23, from 10:00 AM until noon** in Room 4 of the Parish Center. Come and stay for as long as you wish. You may bring food and/or beverage for your own consumption.

We make shawls for those in need of prayers and healing, blankets for the newly baptized—as well as other comfort and caring projects. If you prefer to work on your own at home, we could also use your help!! (But contact the parish office for appropriate sizes needed!) Yarn can be provided to you.

If you have any questions regarding this ministry contact Fred Hang, Pastoral Associate, at (414) 761-0480 ext. 113.

Mark Your Calendar!

St. James Music Ministry
is performing on
Sunday, January 9, at 4:00 PM.

Be sure to invite your family and friends for the concert and reception afterwards in the church hall.

There will be a sheet at the Information Desk for people to sign up to bring an appetizer, dessert, or some other type of finger food for the reception.

**SNOW REMOVAL TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED**

Our Buildings & Grounds Committee is looking for more volunteers to be assigned to a team. Individuals are needed to plow, but we are also in need of individuals willing to shovel.



If you are interested, please call Donna in the parish office, 414-761-0480.

Parish Calendar**Sunday, December 19**

8:55 AM Confirmation Session (Rm. 1)
11:15 AM Family Session
(PC, CH, CR, CHMR)
12:15 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
(CH, C)

Monday, December 20

Funeral for James Jeffries
10:00 AM Visitation
11:00 AM Mass
1:00 PM Staff Meeting (CR)

Tuesday, December 21

10:00 AM Decorating Church
7:00 PM AA (Rm. 7)

Wednesday, December 22

9:00-11:00 AM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (C)

Thursday, December 23

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 4)
7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

Friday, December 24

Parish Office Closed

Food Pantry Closed

4:00 PM Mass

10:00 PM Mass

Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM Mass

Next Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass



CH = Church Hall

C = Church

CL = Church Lobby

CR A = Parish Office Conference Room

CR B = Parish Office Conference Room

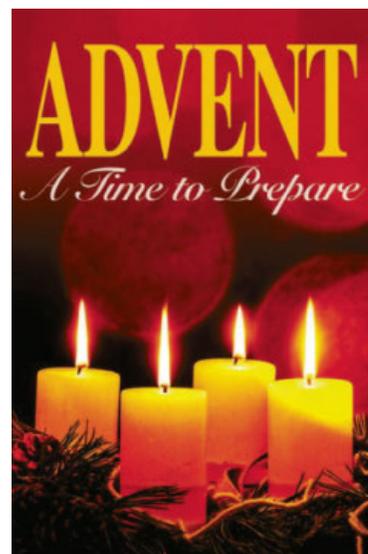
CR C = Parish Office Conference Room

Rm. # = Classroom in Parish Center

SH = South Hall

CHMR = Meeting Room in the Corner
of the Church Hall

PC = Parish Center





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