

Saint James Parish



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 AM
Thursday 7:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday 6:00-6:45 PM and Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM
Or call the rectory for appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the Third Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning for marriage should contact the rectory one year prior to the wedding date.

CARE FOR THE SICK

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

During this difficult and uncertain time, the Sacraments are not available in the way that they have been, but please call Father David if you have any questions or concerns.

Parish Office Hours: M-F 8:30AM-2:00 PM

**We are a Stewardship Parish
TIME TALENT TREASURE**



Father David is currently celebrating Masses keeping to the guidelines recently outlined by the governor and the Bishop. More information is available on our website.

Saturday, February 20

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 4:30 PM 7th Anniversary, Donald Small, Sr.
 By his family
 9th Anniversary, Mary Radzik
 By the Radzik family

Sunday, February 21

7:30 AM Laura and Ellwood Brown
 By Pat & Walter Wojnar & family
 10:30 AM Maryann Lavallee by her family

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 AM Father Joe Garafalo

Thursday, February 25

7:00 PM In honor of Saint Joseph for favors received
 By a parishioner

Friday, February 26

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Next Saturday, February 27

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 4:30 PM Charles P. Mercik by Chuck Mercik
 All orphaned souls by the Pham family

Next Sunday, February 28

7:30 AM Brian Silver by his family
 Teddy Clements by Peter & Elaine Wojnar
 And family
 10:30 AM Philippe & Rosana Lavallee by their family



Due to the early submission of the bulletin Financial figures will be available next week.

THANK YOU!!

Although we are now once again able to attend Mass, many of us are still not able to go. You can mail a check to the parish office (Please do not send cash through the mail). You may also donate online through our website. **Please consider using this method in place of mailing or hand delivering your donations. Thank you to those of you who donate to Saint James this way.**



This February, every member of Saint James is called upon to support the work of Partners in Charity through the Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is the same as last year, \$40,000. If you didn't receive a pledge envelope in the mail, you can find them at both church entrances near the bulletins. If you have already made a gift to the 2021 Appeal, thank you. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. \$15,825 raised so far!



Covid-19 has drastically changed the way we are celebrating funerals and we don't always hear of someone's passing. If you would like us to pray for a loved one who has passed, please let us know.



We are still looking for more young people to step up and serve at the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. If you would like to be an altar server, please come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins and Fr David Mary and the current servers will train the young person during Mass. We encourage all young people from 3rd to 12th grade to join our team of awesome Altar Servers.

We would like to thank all our parishioners for wearing a mask during Mass, we need to keep each other safe .



40 Days for Life 2021 began Ash Wednesday and continues until March 28th.

Donations Statements

If you would like a statement of your donations to Saint James in 2020, please call Celeste in the parish office or email her. Your statement can be mailed, emailed or you can pick it up.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

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MOVIE NIGHT “UNPLANNED”

Tuesday, February 23rd at 7PM
In the Parish Center

The movie “Unplanned” is the amazing and miraculous true life story of the life and conversion of Abbie Johnson who went from running the largest Planned Parenthood Clinic to becoming a defender of unborn life.

Movie Night will replace Adult Faith Formation for this Tuesday.

Please remember to social distance.

Bring your own popcorn and drinks.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 AM Grades 1-6 Religious Ed classes

11:30 AM High School Religious Ed classes

11:30 AM Blessing of the Calgary Garden

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:00 PM Grades 7 & 8 Religious Ed classes

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 PM Movie “Unplanned” in the Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

No Holy Hour

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 PM Young Adult meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM Grades 1-6 Religious Ed classes

11:30 AM High School Religious Ed classes



VETERANS' MINISTRY

The Veterans' Ministry is available to mail out packages to deployed military personnel and can help in other ways, also. If you know someone who is deployed or if you are active military or a veteran, and you need assistance, you can contact them at (508) 839-3993, ext. 17.



HELP FROM ST. JAMES OUTREACH MINISTRY

During this time of uncertainty for all and hardship for some, Saint James Outreach ministry can help if you are from South Grafton and need assistance with food. Please email them at outreachstj@gmail.com if you need help. All correspondence is held in strictest confidence.

YOUNG ADULT MEETING FEBRUARY 27

All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to attend. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and/or dessert.



Please join us on every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.



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