Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Website
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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holydays
12:10 p.m.

Our Vision Statement
"to be a blessing to one another."
Pope John Paul II

Our Mission Statement
Our goal is to bring people together to Christ with the help of our patron saint, Saint Mother Teresa. Our current mission is to give life to our new parish. Our strategy is to help all parishioners, especially our younger members, to discover their own personal calling and to share their talents and graces by becoming socially connected and a blessing to one another.

Contacts:
Parish Administrator: Rev. David Richards, 683-6522
Trustees: Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger
Business Office: Janet Corda, Ext. 200
Parish Secretary: Sandra King, Ext. 201
Faith Formation Office : Debbie Pirog, CRE, Ext. 208
Faith Formation Secretary: Jessica Damian, Ext. 207
Building & Grounds: Dale Earsing, Ext. 210
Music Director: Susan Loniewski, Organist
Contemporary Music Ensemble Director: Barbara Struebel
Caring and Sharing Ministry: Janet Corda ext. 200
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Beth Bauer, 681-5844
Bingo: Cancelled until further notice
Cemeterian: Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

Rectory Office Hours
Monday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
If the rectory is closed, please leave a message. It will be answered in a timely manner. Thank You for your kind understanding.

New Parishioners
You are more than welcome in our Catholic Community. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms
Please call the rectory to schedule a Pre-Baptismal class. Ceremony at your pleasure, during or after Mass.

Marriages
Please consult with the pastor at least six months before anticipated date.

Confessions
By appointment only.

Letters of Recommendation
Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are in a valid marriage if married.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 24, 2021—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM William McCabe req. by wife, Nancy
11:00 AM Dottie Dojka req. by Goss family

Monday, January 25, 2021—Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service
8:00 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, January 26, 2021—Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service
8:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 27, 2021—Weekday
7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service
8:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, January 28, 2021 —Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:00 PM No Communion/Prayer Service
8:00 PM NO MASS

Friday, January 29, 2021—Weekday
7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service
8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, January 30, 2021—Weekday
4:00 PM—John and Alice Korzen req. by Alfreda Korzen

Sunday, January 31, 2021—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mothers' Day Intention
11:00 AM Irene Polka req. by Sr. Mary Alisette

The 2021 Mass Book still has openings. Call the parish rectory to schedule a Mass.

"OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH"
"COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 16/17

Weekly	**$ 5,720.00**
Loose	**$ 162.55**
Youth	**$ 2.00**
Chalk & Incense	**$ 7.00**
Building & Grounds	**$ 210.00**

"MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION"

January Split Club Results/Week #3

Total: $ 430.00 Split: $ 215.00

Second Collection

Next weekend, January 30/31 our parish will take up a special collection for The Catholic Relief Services, who provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Your support is greatly appreciated!

End of Year Tax Statements

Parishioners who wish to obtain a Tax Statement for last years' donations are asked to call Sandy King @ 683-2746, Ext. 201. If your call is not answered, please leave a message with your name, address and if you would want your tax statement mailed. Thank You!

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated February 17,2021. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is observed as a fast day. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ashes will not be imposed on a person's forehead in the usual manner. Instead, the European custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of a person's head will be employed. Also, Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM. Lenten regulations will be published in upcoming bulletins.

Grief Sharing Meeting

Our Lady of Pompeii Ministry Center's next meeting for Grief Sharing will be held on Wednesday, January 20th. The topic is God wants you to share your feeling with Him, Why being honest with God is an expression of faith and What God has to say to you about your "why" questions. Register: Call Sister Joyce King @ 683-6522, Ext. 103.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of Jonah is well worth reading. (It isn't very long). Jonah is sent by God to warn a group of people that they must change their ways or perish. The problem is that Jonah hates these people and he also knows God is very merciful and will probably find a way to forgive these evildoers. Put yourself in Jonah's shoes. What people do you think God should "smite" for their evil? How do you feel about the idea that God really loves these people? Would you be willing to help them? Even at the end of the story, Johan is not very happy with God. How would you feel if your evil people were saved?

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
Teach me your paths.
-Psalm 25:4

"A Note of Thanks"

We wish to thank all the people who volunteer after the weekend Masses to sanitize the church. We appreciate all of you. Also, special thanks to Sue Hess for her dedication to our parish during the Christmas Season.

Covid Guidelines

In an effort to strengthen our Covid guidelines, Blessed Mother Teresa Parish will now have a **Eucharistic Minister distribute Communion at the break of the church at all weekend masses. We ask that you please stay seated until the Minister comes to the break and continue to practice social distancing.**

Bag$ of Cash Drawing

The Boys & Girls Club of Depew-Lancaster is holding a Fundraiser, titled Bags of Cash. The cost of the ticket is $20.00, or 3 for $50.00, and 7 for $100.00. The prizes are as follows: Grand prize-$10,000, 2nd prize-$2,500, 3rd prize-$1,000, Consolation prize– 4 winners of $500.00. **The drawing will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 4 PM on Facebook Live from the Depew Club.** Tickets can be purchased at the parish rectory. Also, keep in mind these tickets make great gifts for birthday, anniversary or any special event. Thank You to everyone who has purchased tickets!

Communion Wafer

Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made … it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential. -Lpi

Please Remember In Your Prayers
All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:

Robert Loniewski, Gerry Killian and Theresa Little and Greg Kozurkiewicz.

We wish to extend our Sincere Sympathy
to the family of Kathy Schnell, who passed away on Christmas Day.
"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord
And Let The Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her".
May she Rest in Peace.
Amen.

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