

# Saint Mother Teresa Parish

## St. James Church

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### Website

www.BMTDepew.org

### Masses at St. James Church

#### Saturday

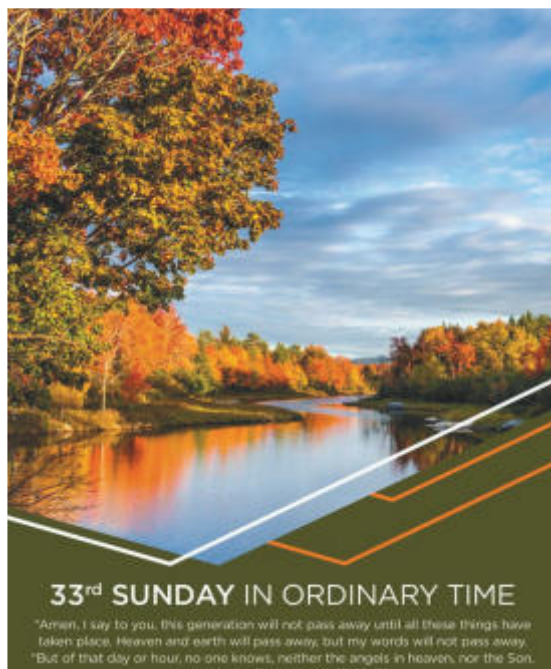
4:00 p.m.

#### 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:

**Pastor:** Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

**Deacon:** John Hendricks

**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

**Cemeterian:** Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

### Rectory Office Hours

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 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

Beginning December 1st on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

### Letters of Recommendation

Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



**Sunday, November 14, 2021—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 AM Clara, Sophie and Rose Wierzbowski req. by Jim and Barb Fox  
 11:00 AM Richard Kropp req. by Kathleen Weisbeck  
 (Family Mass)

**Monday, November 15, 2021—Weekday**  
 7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service  
 8:30 AM NO MASS

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021—Weekday**  
 7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service  
 8:30 AM NO MASS  
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021—Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**  
 7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service  
 8:30 AM NO MASS

**Thursday, November 18, 2021 —Weekday**  
 7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service  
 8:30 AM NO MASS

**Friday, November 19, 2021—Weekday**  
 7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service  
 8:30 AM NO MASS

**Saturday, November 20, 2021—Weekday**  
 4:00 PM Harry Sutton req. by wife, Dianne

**Sunday, November 21, 2021—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 8:30 AM James Horn req. by Jarnot family  
 11:00 AM Freda Runyon req. by family

*Please Note: New guidelines for parishioners: Masks required when entering, receiving Communion and exiting the church. Thank You for your kind understanding!*

**“OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH”  
 COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 6/7**

Weekly	\$ 5,294.00
Loose	\$ 379.67
Youth	\$ 3.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 538.00
Catholic University	\$ 284.00
All Saints	\$ 195.00
Faith Formation	\$ 10.00

**“MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION”**

**November Split Club Results/Week #1**

Total: \$ 330.00 Split: \$ 165.00  
 Thank you to everyone who continually supports the  
 Monthly Split Club!

**Bingo at  
 Blessed Mother Teresa Parish  
 Every Thursday @ 7:30 PM  
 Doors open at 6:00 PM**

**Second Collection**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**Attn. Parish Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Eucharistic Ministers and a Lector are needed for the 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th. A sign up sheet is posted in the sacristy if you are able to serve.

**Beginning Monday, November 29, 2021**

**Daily Masses:**

**St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:00 AM

**Our Lady of Pompeii**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday @ 8:00 AM

Tuesday and Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Confessions will be available Wednesday and Fridays at 6 PM at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Thursdays at 6 PM and Saturdays at 3:30 PM at Our Lady of Pompeii.



### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's gospel, Jesus talks about the end times, when the sun will be darkened and the moon become as red as blood and the stars will fall from the heavens. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds and He will gather his elect. He says that this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Yet in the Greek understanding, a generation was about forty years. These things didn't happen within forty years so what did Jesus mean? Well, according to Revelation scholar Michael Barber, Jesus meant the beginning of the end of the world. The Jerusalem temple was destroyed within forty years after Jesus' death in 70 A.D. According to Barber, the temple symbolized the world to the Jews. It had banners with the stars inscribed on them and they symbolized the heavens, it had pools that symbolized the seas, and the temple itself symbolized the world. The temple was everything to the Jews so its destruction was horrific. Yet, when will the end happen? Well Jesus says that no one will know when the Son will come again but the Father and that it will happen as fast as lightning falls from the sky. I think He meant this in His human nature because Jesus in His divine nature has infinite wisdom and knows all things. Yet, we have to always be ready. It could come in a million years but it could also come tomorrow. Even if it does not come in our lifetime, our death could come tomorrow so we always have to be ready.

### **Catholic Charities**

If you have been blessed with an abundance, be a blessing to others! In the coming weeks, Catholic Charities 9 food pantries will be providing individuals and families in need with holiday meals. If you have food to spare, please consider donating. Donations of non-perishable, unexpired food can be dropped off during pantry hours, which can be found at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). Thank you for remembering those who are hungry, as Jesus asks us to do. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### **Caring & Sharing –Thanksgiving 2021**

We have several families who are hurting and we will be providing turkeys for their Thanksgiving Dinner. We are asking you if instead of collecting non-perishable canned goods that you donate any type of food gift card, such as Tops, Wegmans or Walmart to enable them to purchase fresh foods for their dinner. This will be a drive thru event for them. So far we have roughly 16 families. Our Caring & Sharing Ministry will provide the turkeys.

### **Christmas Church Decorating**

We are still in need of volunteers to decorate the church for the Holiday Season. If you can spare some time please let the rectory office know. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

### **Holy Hour**

We invite everyone to attend our Eucharistic Holy Hour at Blessed Mother Teresa Parish every Tuesday from 7:00PM—8:00PM with Deacon John Hendricks presiding. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some special time with our Lord. Hope to see you there!

### **Life Long Faith Formation**

We celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on November 21, 2021. This day was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He did so to remind the people of Christ's everlasting authority over the people of the earth, thereby signaling the church's resistance to the rising tide of secular values and ideas in politics as well as social matters. In 1970 the Roman Catholic Church moved the feast to the last Sunday before ADVENT begins.

The students wrote the reasons why they are thankful on different colored leaves to be placed on the bulletin board in the school hall across from the Faith Formation office. The majority of the students wrote about their family. This is truly the time to show our gratitude to God for his many gifts to us. If you are visiting our school do stop by the bulletin board. Thank You!

### **Sin on the Soul**

#### **Question:**

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

#### **Answer:**

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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### **Please Remember In Your Prayers**

#### **All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:**

Robert Loniewski, Gerry Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Mendel, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Laureen Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Nierit, Lottie Grzybek and Elizabeth Opoka.

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