

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday

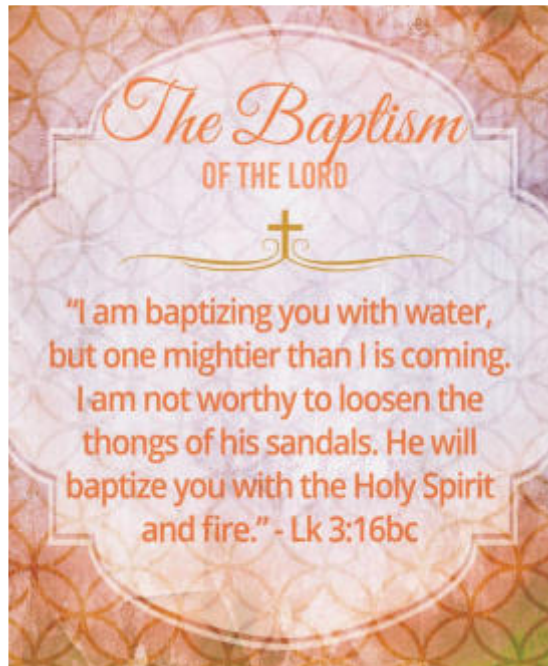
4:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

Holydays

Listed in the Mass Schedule



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

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, January 9, 2022—Baptism of the Lord**
 8:30 AM Karen King req. by Louise and Bob
 11:00 AM Helen Pirog req. by Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
- Monday, January 10, 2022—Weekday**
 6:30 PM For Parishioners
- Tuesday, January 11, 2022—Weekday**
 8:00 AM Fathers Day Intention
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour
- Wednesday, January 12, 2022—**
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM Annette Borgosz req. by Barbara Olejnczak
- Thursday, January 13, 2022—Weekday**
 8:00 AM Mothers Day Intention
- Friday, January 14, 2022—Weekday**
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM All Souls Day Intention
- Saturday, January 15, 2022—Weekday**
 4:00 PM John and Alice Korzen req. by Alfreda Korzen
- Sunday, January 16, 2022—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:30 AM John Malicki req. by family
 11:00 AM Mary Thomas req. by husband, George and family



BAPTISM
OF THE
LORD

Please wear your masks when attending Masses.



**“OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH”
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 25/26**

Weekly	\$ 5,029.00
Loose	\$ 820.00
Christmas	\$ 3,698.00
Christmas (Loose)	\$ 341.49
Fuel	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 15.00
Christmas Wafers	\$ 4.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 130.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 65.00

“MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION”

Bingo at:
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish
 Thursday, January 13th @ 7:30 PM
 Captain: Dave Kornacki
 Doors open at 6:00 PM
 Masks are required !

**“OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH”
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 1/2**

Weekly	\$ 4,127.00
Loose	\$ 464.25
Holy Day	\$ 672.00
Youth	\$ 6.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 365.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,015.00

“MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION”

Weekday Mass Schedule

We are in need of Lectors for the Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM weekday morning Masses and the Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for the 6:30 PM Masses. If you can serve as a Lector please call Jan in the rectory office at 683-2746, Ext. 6

January Split Club/Week #1

Total: 245.00 Split: 122.50

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nagel, winners of the December Split Club for \$255.00. Thank You once again to all our parishioners for their continued support of the monthly Split Club!



Baptism of the Lord

In today's gospel Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist and yet Jesus doesn't really need to be baptized because He is without sin. So why does He submit to baptism? He submits out of obedience to the Father as an example for us of the importance of Baptism. Most of us think of Baptism I believe as a ritual that we do once, probably through our parents when we are just a baby. Yet Baptism is an ongoing commitment. We are called to continually live out our Baptism. This means we are called to remain faithful to the creed that we say every Sunday. This means that we commit ourselves to the Trinity through the Church as members of the body of Christ. We are called to be faithful to God through the Church. This means that we trust that the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit. Dogmatically, we believe that the Church cannot err. What does this mean? Well, for example, the Trinity is a dogma of the Church. So we believe that there is a Trinity, three Persons in one God, each perfect and yet different. So is we were to take a vote and the majority decided that there was not a Trinity but a quaternity, that wouldn't change the fact that there is a Trinity. It is an immutable truth that can never be compromised or changed. Another example would be that Jesus had two natures, Divine and human, but He is one person. These are truths that we accept on faith revealed to us by God through the Church. However, in disciplinary matters the Church can change in its teaching. At one time that Church believed that we should never enter a protestant church, but now they allow this. Although, we should know our faith well before opening up to ideas of other denominations. I believe we can learn for other denominations, but we need to know our faith well first. Basically, we are called to reaffirm our baptismal promises at every mass when we recite the creed and commit ourselves to God through the Church.

Catholic Charities

Did you know? Catholic Charities Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents and caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/ or access issues related to their children. IKPEAP helps parents develop a "business" relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development and the implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative and parallel approaches to parenting; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and conflict management and problem-solving. Groups are held throughout Western New York. Ready to connect? Call 716-896-6390. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

We Welcome Into God's Family

Blessed Mother Teresa Parish welcomes with joy, Caleb Joseph Ziolkowski who received new life in Christ through the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, January 8, 2022. We congratulate his parents and godparents on this special occasion. May they all grow together in the love of God, and their faith in each other.

Caring & Sharing-Christmas 2021

Thank You for your incredible response to our request for the Mother Teresa Home for Mothers. The Advent Giving Tree had been loaded with gift tags for the moms and children and you took every one of them. Fr. Dave took a full truckload of your donations over to the Home for mothers and children of all ages last week. They were tremendously grateful. May Our Lord Bless and Reward you with a wonderful New Year!

Faith Formation Activities

On the Feast of Christ the King, Devon Ross, a 7th grade student carried a crown in procession with the song, "Crown Him with Many Crowns". During each Sunday in Advent families lit candles on the Advent Wreath to recognize the importance of preparing our hearts for Christ's birth on Christmas. The parents and students who lit candles on the Advent Wreath were: Jackie Metzger and Emma Stanley, William and Mary Goss, Steve, Victoria and Shelby Wolcott, Michael, Natalie and Amber Koeth, Mark, Mandy with Luc and Ben Young and Grandparents, Carmen and Kathleen, David, Amy and Megan Swaine, John Kim. Avery and Matthew Smolarek, Mrs. Matthews and her Third grade children, Lisa and Julianna Mazur, Robert, Jessica with Jenevieve and Juliano Veider along with grandmother, Cindy Veider, Ronald and Alivia Leazott. The 7th, 8th and 9th grade students donated homemade cutout Christmas cookies for the shut-in of the parish. A Family project involved parents assisting the younger grade children making Graham Cracker Cribs for Jesus, Joseph and Mary, The sixth grade worked on posters about the 12 Days of Christmas. Eighteen students participated in the Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass. It was wonderful seeing parents and students involved in many faith-filled Activities preparing for Christmas.

Our Confirmation students have been involved in service projects. December 11th and 31st the students attended St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. The students helped in the preparation of food, and assisted in going through donated clothing appropriate to be distributed to the less fortunate in the area.

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



Robert Loniewski, Gery 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 and Lottie Grzybek.



*We wish to extend our
"Deepest Sympathy" to the family of
Edward Kaczmarek
who passed away on December 31st
at the age of 100.*

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