PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020
SAINT JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Leadership
Rev. James P. McCormick ..................................................Pastor
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Rev. Scott W. Jabo ..........................................................Weekend Assistant
Charles Adamczyk ..............................................Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Lisa Norton .............................................................School Principal
Joe Pacinelli ...............................................................Parish Council President
Jane Olowin ..............................................................Day Care Center Director
Tom Blais, .................................................................Facilities Manager
Mary Jane Clark .....................................................Director of Liturgical Music
Cyndie Johnson .......................................................Choir Director
Charles Spacht, ............................................................Head Usher
Aaron Chase.............................................................School Advisory Board President
Adam Ladaika .........................................................Parent Teacher Organization President
Nancy Veshecco ..........................................................Athletic Director
Ray and Judy Burkell..................................................Sacristans
Jim and Beth Zielinski .............................................Cursillo Representatives
Bernie Oatman .........................................................Prayer Shawl Ministry
Heddy Hellmann and Peggy Koenig ................. Parish Food Pantry
Patricia Case .............. Legion of Mary and Sacramental Coordinator
Sheila Warner ..............................................................Parish Nurse
Cynthia Snider ..........................................................Parish Bible Study Moderator
Michele Dean and Louise Twargoski .............Welcoming Committee

SUNDAY OBLIGATION
MASSES
Saturday 5:00 & 7:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 & 5:00 PM

DAILY MASS
7:00 AM
(8:00 AM Saturday)

FIRST FRIDAY
7:00 AM & 5:15 PM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Holy Day Masses: 7:00, 10:00 AM & 12:10 & 5:30 PM

You may enter our church as a stranger, but you’ll leave as a friend.

Bishop Lawrence Persico
Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays at 4:00
The lights in our school gym were recently upgraded to LEDs. This project was jointly sponsored by our athletic association and the school’s PTO. Tom Blais and Tom Michalski did all the work rewiring and putting up the new lights. A huge thank you goes out to both of them.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. While “sheltering in place” in Jerusalem the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they went out into the streets preaching Jesus’ message of repentance, conversion, and love. While we are sheltering in place, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit—charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, forbearance, gentleness, faith, modesty, self-control, and chastity—enables us to live in close quarters without being at each other’s throats. We find that when these are present in our relationship our time together is uplifting and enjoyable, not something to be dreaded or avoided.

On Monday evening will have our graduation ceremony for our eighth graders. Because of social distancing, the ceremony will be a little different than what we have experienced in the past. Weather permitting, it will be held in the church parking lot. The graduates and their parents will remain in their cars during the speeches. For the diplomas and awards, the students will exit their vehicles and receive them from me and Mrs. Norton. What we have planned is far from ideal, but, under the circumstances, it is the absolute best that we can do. As I mentioned last week, Mrs. Norton is retiring at the end of June. She has given her heart and soul to St. James School for the last 40 years. Although she will not be physically present in the building in September, her “presence” will be felt for many years to come. Also retiring this year is Mrs. Smicker who has been at St. James since St. Boniface School closed. She had a long and distinguished career St. Boniface and has added to the quality of SJS for the last five years.

We will be ready to resume public daily Masses in our parish on Monday, June 1st. Everyone must wear a mask, except when receiving Holy Communion. For the

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**Monday, June 1**
7:00 Theresa Reisenweber (Ann O’Leary)

**Tuesday, June 2**
7:00 Agnes Heberlein (Kay Drzewicki)

**Wednesday, June 3**
7:00 Tom Hess (Mary Ann and Dale Hannah)

**Thursday, June 4**
7:00 Coletta Pierson (Donald Waltz)

**Friday, June 5**
7:00 Jim Kulich, Joe Lazorchak, & Ron Bebko (Tom Yonko)
5:15 Chad Ewings (Mrs. Richard Maxwell)

**Saturday, June 6**
8:00 John Brady (Family)
5:00 Mark Kozierski (Helen Gill)
7:00 Cynthia Dixon (Family)

**Sunday, June 7**
7:30 Louis Dvorak (Family)
9:30 James A. Burek (Nick & Sharon Shaffer)
Carmella & Guy Bloom (Scott & Kelly Kienholz & Family)
11:30 Don Melerski (Family)
5:00 LuAn Adamczyk (Mark Shaaf)

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**Prayer Request**
We are here to pray for you

**PRAYER LINE:** If you would like to have a prayer said for a special intention, please email prayer-chain@saintjamesrcc.org.

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**Not available** Due to an early bulletin deadline.

**Your Generosity to Our Parish**

**Information on Resumption of Public Masses**

Not available Due to an early bulletin deadline.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH

- Parish Registration Form
  - Would you like someone from the Welcoming Committee to contact you? Yes ______ No ______
  - Would you like one of the priests or deacon to contact you? Yes ______ No ______
  - Name ____________________________
  - Address ____________________________
  - City & Zip code ____________________________
  - Phone number ____________________________

- Clip and return this form to the rectory, drop it in collection basket, or give it to one of the ushers.

St. James Food Pantry is open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 am to 12 noon. Please call the rectory @ 899-6178 for more information.

Catholic Services Appeal Update

- Muffy our CSA dog

- Instead of a bone, I would much prefer your gift to this year’s Catholic Services Appeal. We are only 55 gifts short of meeting our goal. Please help us if you can.

PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND:
- The following memorials have been given:
  - In memory of Ed and Mona Warus
    - By Joan Warzeski
  - Food Pantry
    - In memory of Antoinette “Mona” Warus
    - By: Barbara Orbanek and Raymond Ahlgren
    - By: Richard & Linda Kamppi

- The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of:
  - Sarah Engel

  Requested by: Grade School CCD Friends

- The St. Philomena Shrine Candle is burning this week in loving memory of:
  - Edward and Marian Schnee

  Requested by: Family

THE 12 FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Epistle to the Galatians Chapter 5

- Smile like you’ve never cried,
  fight like you’ve never lost,
  love like you’ve never been hurt, and live like there’s no tomorrow.
Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for waking us and allowing us to see another day. As we gather together today, we lift to you all who are struggling this week. Social distancing has caused many to be alone with their worries and struggles and their thoughts are deafening in the silence of their homes.
We ask for your comfort to envelop each aching heart and for your peace to cover them like a blanket on a cold night. May they find you to be a closer companion than they have ever known you to be. When trials and losses strip away all that is known and comfortable, we realize more than ever what is most important and what and who truly matters in life.
We are thankful there is coming a day when we will never have to say goodbye to anyone we love again...that there is coming a time when we won't have to deal with loneliness, sadness, illness, or any of the things that cause us pain. You tell us to encourage each other...to remind ourselves and others of all that Jesus taught us. During this challenging time, please help us to feed our minds with your promises, not our worries or disappointments. You knew we would face these times. You knew that we would need something to cling to when we feel like we are drowning under the weight of our feelings and emotions. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on the Cross and to do the things that you've instructed us to do to help ourselves and others.
Thank you for being a good Father who is attentive to us and anticipates our needs. We are so grateful that we don't have to face the hard times of this life alone. We are thankful for your strength that gets us through the things that seem impossible to survive. We are thankful for the many ways that you show your love and care for us.
Father, please fill us with Your Holy Spirit. We cling to your promises that you are near to the brokenhearted, and you will heal our wounds. We trust that you will do as you say and bring beauty from ashes, and you will turn our mourning to joy. We give you all that we are, and thank you for all that is to come. In the name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”...

He said to me: “It is done.”
Revelations 21:4-6 NIV Good News Ministries : gnm.org
Reception of the Eucharist, there will be a slight change to how we ordinarily approach the altar. We are asking that your mask remain in place until are in front of the priest. We are also asking that there be three pews between each person in the Communion line. This will allow for social distancing and help ensure that our church will not become a source of infection for others. The misalettes will be removed since they could potentially harbor the virus. Weekend Masses will resume on Saturday, June 6th. At least initially, we will run our normal Mass schedule. For the time being, Confessions will be heard from 4:00—4:30. Following diocesan protocols, our church will be able to accommodate only about 70 worshipers; St. James Place, about 160. When the church reaches its capacity, we will ask the additional individuals to attend the simulcast at St. James Place. We will bring Holy Communion over from the church. Again, everyone must wear a mask. We would prefer that everyone receive Holy Communion in the hand. If you have a strong aversion to this, I understand. If that is the case, please be last in the Communion line. Here are the guidelines from the diocese: For the distribution of Communion, there is to be a table next to the priest or deacon with hand sanitizer. Each and every time he accidently comes into contact with a communicant’s hand, and each and every time a communicant receives on the tongue, the priest or deacon is to use the hand sanitizer before he proceeds to the next communicant. Those approaching for Communion should sanitize their hands before entering the line to receive Communion. They are also are to continue to wear face masks as they approach. They are to remove the mask to consume the Eucharist and immediately replace the mask to return to their seat. For funerals here are the guidelines: At the celebration of funerals, the maximum attendance of 1/3 building capacity is in place. This includes the funeral directors, and also the liturgical ministers who are limited to the clergy, one server, one cantor, and one musician. Social distancing and the wearing of masks is required except for the liturgical ministers in the sanctuary.

Once we resume public Masses, we will be asking for volunteers to serve as readers and Eucharistic Ministers. The rational behind that involves not wanting to assign people who may not yet feel comfortable being at a public gathering. If you are willing to give us a hand, please call the rectory and let me or one of the office staff know of your availability. Because of social distancing, we will not use altar servers until September.

Here are a couple of thoughts for the week. Why you pray, God listens; when you listen, God talks; when you believe, God works wonders. Whatever you are not changing, you are choosing. Stay safe and healthy.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. McCormick