You may enter our church as a stranger, but you’ll leave as a friend.
Monday, June 8
7:00 Coletta Pierson (Malcolm & Sheila Coon)

Tuesday, June 9
7:00 Deceased members of the Rossi Family (Family)

Wednesday, June 10
7:00 John Wegelin (Lainie Addessi)

Thursday, June 11
7:00 Norb Buziewicz (Wife Chris)

Friday, June 12
7:00 Deceased friends of Stephany Carideo (Philp Carideo Family)

Saturday, June 13
8:00 Dan Rossi (Wife Joan)
5:00 Toni Schroec (Family)
7:00 Sarah Engel (Harborcreek Food Service)

Sunday, June 14
7:30 Marjorie Lund (Jim & Kathy Satter)
9:30 Bill & Jerry Schell (Family)
11:30 Tom Krineski (James Valahovic)
5:00 Chuck Robie (Family)

Over the last several months, our online Masses have been made possible only because of the techno-wizardry of Adam Ladaika. He has spent a good part of each Saturday morning and afternoon recording, editing, and uploading our weekend Mass. Going forward, the Masses will be livestreamed and we will not have the ability to do any editing. The quality of the audio and video will not be as clear and crisp as in the past but, it will fulfill our mission to spread the Gospel message of Jesus and to serve the needs of our parishioners who are not able to be with us in person. Even though they are not in our pews, they are still in our hearts and prayers. Last week’s Mass was livestreamed on Facebook using Adam’s cell phone. The quality was much better than the previous week when we used the Me Vo device. This week we are going to try Charles Spacht’s new camera. We experimented with it and it provides a wider view and the sound quality is better too. Please let Adam know how extremely grateful you are for making our online presence possible.

We have not assigned lectors, Eucharistic ministers, or ushers for the months of June and July. The reason behind that decision involved not wanting to schedule people who may not be ready or able to return to Mass at this time. We are asking for volunteers to fill these roles for the next two months. A sign up sheet will be on the counter in the music sacristy. You can also call the parish office to sign up. Thanks in advance for your consideration and help.

A change you will notice at Mass is that diocesan regulations prohibit the passing of the collection basket. Instead, baskets will be placed at the entrances of the church, and if needed, at St. James Place. Please drop your offering in the basket when you enter. If this doesn’t work, we will come up with another method next week. Because of the possibility that they could be a vector for the virus, the missalettes have been removed. If needed, you are welcome to follow the reading on your phone or with your personal missal. Even though everyone will be wearing a mask, you are invited to respond to all the prayers. However, we ask that you not sing any of the Mass parts or hymns. For Holy Communion, please follow the directives of the ushers. They will ensure that social distancing is maintained. All are asked to receive the Eucharist in the hand. Do not take the Host until the priest has removed his hand. I know that there are some individuals who do not like to receive in the hand. In this crisis situation, I’m asking for a little flexibility on your part. However, if you must receive on the tongue, please sit the rear of the church and be the last to receive. Each time someone receives on the tongue, the priest is required to sanitize his hands before giving Communion to anyone else.

Here are a few positive thoughts for the week. A mother hug lasts long after she lets go. You only live once. You don’t want your grave stone to say: “He played it safe.” Don’t focus on how stressed you are, but how blessed. So far, you’ve survived 100% of the worst days. This virus situation will pass.
Religious Education Classes will resume in the fall.

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.

Saint of the Week: St. Anthony of Padua

June 7 We are formed by environment and grace, by politics and prayer, by church and conscience. All God's creatures conspire to teach us as well. We stumble. We stutter. We rise. We are lifted. - St Anthony of Padua (1195-1231), Priest, Patron of social workers, Feast Day June 10.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY:

The following memorials have been given:

In memory of Mona Warus
By: Msgr. Orbanek

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of: Marjorie Lund
Requested by: Barbara Everling & Family

The St. Philomena Shrine Candle is burning this week for the protection of our parish family from the Covid 19 Virus.
Requested by: Anonymous

Athletic Association Golf Scramble

Honoring Deacon Chuck Adamczyk will be held August 8th at Venango Valley Golf Course. 8:00 AM start time.
Call Carl Adamczyk 882-1114, Jamie Scutella 323-6237, or Phil Swanseger, 397-1957 for registration forms or further information.

Mass Expectations

1. ALL MUST WEAR A MASK.
2. ALL MUST BRING PERSONAL HAND SANITIZER.
3. ALL MUST PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.
4. ALL MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES OF THE USHERS FOR SEATING AND DISMISSAL.

Click the giving tab on the parish website to access this new feature.
During the months of June and July, we will not be assigning ushers, lectors or Eucharistic Ministers because, with the virus situation, we are not sure who would be comfortable serving in those roles. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the schedules on the counter in the music sacristy or call the parish office. We will not use altar servers until September.

Catholic Services Appeal Update
We are still 39 gifts shy of reaching our goal of 410 gifts. Please help us if you can.
Dear Lord,

We thank you for the victories we are winning, and for the ground we are gaining. Some might not feel they are victorious, but victory can take many forms. Some days it’s a victory just to stand fast and not take steps backward. Every time we choose to hope and to hold on when it would be easy to give up, that is a victory. Every time we consciously turn our thoughts to you instead of on our troubling situations and cares, that is a victory. Every time we choose faith over fear and trust over doubt...every time we pray, instead of worry, these are all victories. Some days it’s a victory just to get out of bed...

Please help us not to compare our lives with anyone else. Every person’s struggles are different. Every step of faith we take is something to smile about. Every time we can pick ourselves up after falling, that is something to be thankful for. Help us to celebrate the little victories and the small steps and strides we make and help us to see them as signs that we are moving in the right direction.

We all want to be healed and whole. No one likes the process of becoming Christlike or the process of healing. We grow tired and weary and get frustrated when we take steps forward and then regress backward. Waiting is not comfortable...help us to overcome our impatience. Help us to see ourselves as victors and not victims. Help us to let go of our expectations of how things should be. Help us to do our best and then trust everything else to your hands.

We thank you for the hope of glory. We thank you that Christ is being resurrected in us. We thank you that the more we give ourselves to you, the more like Christ we become. Thank you for all you have invested in us. Thank you for seeing in us what we can’t see in ourselves...we see a mess, you see a message...we see failure, you see learning experiences...we see brokenness, and you see us drawing closer to your Sacred Heart and reflecting more of Jesus’ light and hope. We love you, Lord. We give you this day and all that is in it and ask you to lead and guide us to smile and be encouraging of others. In the name of our Savior Jesus, we pray. Amen

During the Month of June, our good friends at Stan’s Garden Center will rebate to our parish 10% of all your purchases. When checking out, please remember to tell the cashier to credit your purchase to St. James.