Parish Leadership

Rev. James P. McCormick ..............................................Pastor
Msgr. Casimir A. Bogniak ........................................Weekend Assistant
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
Adam Ladaika .........................................................Parent Teacher Organization President
Nancy Veshecco .......................................................Athletic Director
Ray and Judy Burkell ..................................................Sacristans
Jim and Beth Ziechinski ............................................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

Bishop Lawrence Persico
Bishop of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Erie

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30
Monday, June 15
7:00 Coletta Pierson (Barbara Koziarski)

Tuesday, June 16
7:00 Jim Pettinato (Family)

Wednesday, June 17
7:00 Patricia Tulio (Husband and Family)

Thursday, June 18
7:00 Bruce Baumann (Pat & John Infantino)

Friday, June 19
7:00 Chester Wozniak (Diane & Don Carcic)

Saturday, June 20
8:00 Cassey Laniewicz (Bill & Sherry Mikolajewski)
5:00 Anthony Pepicello (Sister)
7:00 Al Kierzek (Daughters)

Sunday, June 21
7:30 Jean Scarpino (Carol, Bev, & Doreen DiNicola)
9:30 John (Bill) Hoover (Bob & Bernadette Oatman)
11:30 Jim Burek (Pat Mastrian)
5:00 Michael Sensor (Family)

With the resumption of Masses last weekend things ran rather smoothly. This was largely due the foresight and planning of Charles Spacht and our ushers. Charles wrote out all the protocols and had them available for the ushers and other ministers. In the coming weeks, as the number of attendees increases, we will likely make some adjustments to how we dismiss at the end of Mass. Our on line Mass will continue for the foreseeable future. We are grateful for the use of Charles Spacht’s new camera. The live stream begins with prelude music about 10 to 15 minutes before Mass starts. This is to allow me time to set up the connection on my Ipad in St. James Place, put the link on the parish webpage, and send out the notification to our subscribers to the My Parish App. When watching the Mass at home, as long as it is not during the live stream, just move the cursor to the point where the Mass begins.

Officials at the Erie Catholic School System recently announced that Mrs. Gena Brennan will be our school’s new principal. She begins her tenure on July 1. She has been at St. James for over thirty years, primarily teaching the middle school grades. Mrs. Brennan is well known and respected by our families and alumni. She is a good fit for our school and parish. Many know her as the “pizza lady” from the festival. She and her husband Mike take charge of the pizza booth each year.

In addition to Mrs. Norton, who I wrote about a couple of weeks ago, there are going to be several more retirements from our school this year. Mrs. Kathy Smicker is retiring after a long distinguished tenure at St. Boniface School and at St. James for the last five years. Norma and Alex Jaroszewski are retiring from their positions. They cleaned the classroom, hallways, lavatories, and offices each evening. It will be very difficult to find someone to replicate the first rate job they always did. People frequently remark about how clean and tidy our school always is. With Al and Norma, dirt and fingerprints have a very short shelf life in our building. Congratulation to both of them! Also, Judy Jaglowski has decided to retire. She has been the office manager for 25+ years. In addition to her normal duties, she has been on the front line for dealing cuts, scrapes, bloody noses, sick children, etc. She will be greatly missed by the staff, parents, and children. We wish all of them well in this new phase of their lives.

Here are a few thought for the week ahead. Don’t believe every worried thought that you have. Worried thoughts are notoriously inaccurate. Every morning you have two choices. You can either sleep and continue to dream or you can wake up and chase them. They are wise who travel to the truth through error.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. McCormick
The following memorial has been given:
 in memory of:

The Deceased members of the Hannah and Skladanowski Families

By Dale and Mary Ann Hannah

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of:  Bernard Kinzig
Requested by:  Paul and Kathi Kinzig

The St. Philomena Shrine Candle is burning this week in loving memory of:

Barb Stone
Requested by:
Friends from 5:00 PM Mass

In your charity, remember the souls of Lance Wisor and Barbara Stone who were recently buried from our parish.

The Athletic Association’s Annual golf Scramble will be held on August 8th at the Venango Valley Golf Course. This year’s honoree will be Deacon Chuck Adamczyk.

Registration forms are due by July 25. They can be found on the parish website under the bulletin tab or by contacting Carl Adamczyk at 882-1114. The registration fee is $80 per person or $320 for a team. This includes: greens fee, cart fee, dinner, range balls, putting greens, and beer! The dinner will be a New York strip steak dinner. The golf course is located at 21217 Church Street Venango, PA. Shotgun start is at 8:00 AM. See the registration form on the parish website for further information.

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.

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. Parish.

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.
Saturday Evening, June 20
5:00 .................................................................
7:00 .................................................................

Sunday, June 21
7:30 ............................................................... Mike Case
9:30 ............................................................... Kathy Schaaf
11:30 ............................................................. Christine Lundt
5:00 .................................................................

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday Evening, June 20
5:00 .................................................................
7:00 ............................................................... Ken Krein and Don Waltz

Sunday, June 21
7:30 ............................................................... Mike Case
9:30 ............................................................... Bonnie Astemborski
11:30 .............................................................
5:00 ............................................................... Heddy Hellmann

We will not schedule altar servers until September.

Catholic Services Appeal Update

Our goal is 410 Gifts.
We currently have 381
We still need 29 gifts.
Please help us if you possibly can. No gift is too large, no gift is too small, all gifts count and will be greatly appreciated.

Our parish projects include the automation of the handicapped door, repointing the church and security upgrades for the church and grounds. Please help if you possibly can.
Saint of the Week: Venerable Matt Talbot

Matt can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism. He was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic.

One day he decided to take “the pledge” for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt’s first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking.

Most of his life Matt worked as a builder’s laborer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions.

After 1923, his health failed, and Matt was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI gave him the title venerable. His Liturgical Feast Day is June 19th. In looking at the life of Matt Talbot, we may easily focus on the later years when he had stopped drinking and was leading a penitential life. Only alcoholic men and women who have stopped drinking can fully appreciate how difficult the earliest years of sobriety were for Matt. He had to take one day at a time. So do the rest of us.

(Franciscan Media)

A huge parish thank you goes out to Adam Ladaika for all his help and expertise in enabling the parish to upload our weekend Masses to the internet. He has put in countless hours problem solving, recording, editing, and posting the Mass to the web. Without his skills and willingness to help, our presence on the world wide web would not have been possible. In addition to all of this, he is also the president of our school’s parent teacher organization. When you see him, let him know how much we appreciate his efforts.