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

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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

Parish Leadership
Rev. James P. McCormick .................................................. Pastor
Msgr. Casimir A. Bognaik .................................................. 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 ................................................................. Parish Nurse
Cynthia Snider ................................................................. Parish Bible Study Moderator
Michele Dean and Louise Twargoski ................................................................. Welcoming Committee
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
Each Saturday, Adam Ladaika is here to video our online Mass. I would like to get a couple of volunteers to learn how to do the recording. This way, we would have some back up people when work or family commitments prevent Adam from being here on a Saturday. If you are willing to give us a hand, please let me or Adam know. You may have had dreams of being a famous Hollywood producer when you were in high school. On a slightly smaller scale, now is the time to make that dream a reality.

Our first parish festival happened in August of 1921. Because we did not have a church or even any property at that time, the festival was held at Glenwood Park. The festival has been a parish fund raiser and fun raiser every year since that time. Because of Covid 19, this year our festival is going to transition into a parish day, which we hope to hold sometime in October or possibly early November. This is contingent on the virus situation and whatever the social distancing regulations may be at that time. The festival usually brings in anywhere between 50 or 60 thousand dollars of revenue for our parish. Without it we—like many of you—will feel the real financial pinch. The parish day—if we are able to have it—will not be as profitable as the festival, but it is the best that we can do for this year. The health and well being of our dedicated festival workers and patrons is our highest priority. It is better for us to take the financial hit than to put anyone’s health or family at risk of contracting or spreading the virus. I will keep you informed about our parish day as we get closer to the fall.

On June 11, we had a gathering of our staff to salute our new retirees: Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Jaglowski, Norma and Alex Jaroszewski, and Mrs. Smicker. Tom Blais observed that prior to the security renovation to our school’s front entrance, the words “We Care!” were prominently displayed in the carpet. These individuals’ work ethic and interactions with the students, parents, and their colleagues made those words a reality. In September, others will take their place; no one will ever be able to fill their shoes.

Grise Audio were here this past week to add some equipment to our sound system. This will improve the audio quality for our online Mass. We will be able to plug an audio cable directly into the camera. This will make the sound much clearer. If you are watching at home, you will notice the difference.

Here are a few thoughts for the week. Don’t let criticism bother you if it is from people you would never go to for advice. Don’t be pushed around by the fear in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart. Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there. Pax et Bonum, Fr. McCormick
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.

The following memorials have been given:

St. James Food Pantry in memory of: Barb Stone
By: Pat and John Infantino

St. James Parish Maintenance Fund in memory of Bruce Baumann
By: Donald and Dawn Nowak

St. James School Endowment
By: Richard A. Tullio

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of: Mark Koziarski
Requested by: Mom

The St. Philomena Shrine Candle is burning this week in loving memory of: Jack Piekiewicz
Requested by: Lynn Piekiewicz

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.

Happy Father’s Day

“One night a father overhead his son pray: Dear God,
Make me the kind of man my Daddy is.
Later that night, the night the Father prayed, Dear God,
Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.”

We are only 18 gift shy of meeting our Catholic Services Goal of 410 gifts. Your donation will not only a source of help for the homeless, helpless, elderly and indigent, but will also help with our own parish projects. These include the security upgrades for our church and grounds, the automation of our handicapped door, the repointing of stone on the front of the church and the repairs and sealing of our parking lots. Please help us if you can.

Ushers, and Lectors

We are asking for volunteers to fill these roles for the coming months. Sign up sheets are in the music sacristy. With the Covid 19 situation, we don’t want to assign people who may not feel comfortable in these ministries.
Saturday Evening, June 27
5:00 .............................................................
7:00 .............................................................

Sunday, June 28
7:30 ............................................................. Mike Case
9:30 ............................................................. Pat Feikles
11:30 ............................................................. Greg Helminski
5:00 ............................................................. Michele Applequist

Because of the virus situation we won’t be assigning altar servers until September.

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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.

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Stan’s Garden Center
During the Month of June, Stan’s Garden Center will rebate 10% of your purchases to our parish. When checking out, be sure to ask the clerk to credit your purchase to our parish.
Saint of the Week

Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Fussen, Bavaria, in Germany in 1819. He was named after St. Francis Xavier, the famous Jesuit missionary. When he was a little boy, Francis’ mother asked him what he was going to be when he grew up. He answered by pointing at a picture of his name saint and said, “I’m going to be another St. Francis.”

Francis took the first steps toward his goal by studying philosophy and theology in Germany. While at the university, he learned about the Redemptorists, an order of priests whose mission was to work with German-speaking immigrants in the United States. Francis immediately joined the order. It wasn’t long before he sailed for America. He began his studies for the priesthood and was ordained in 1844 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Father Francis was assigned to a parish in Pittsburgh. His first pastor was another famous missionary who would eventually be canonized, John Neumann. Neumann was a powerful influence on the young priest. He showed Father Francis the importance of working among his people, as Jesus did. Even after he left the parish, Neumann continued to be Father Francis’ spiritual advisor. Over the next several years, Francis took on responsibilities in the Redemptorist order, but he continued an active ministry with average people.

Father Francis was able to speak three languages: German, English, and French. He celebrated the sacraments in all three languages, reaching out to as many people as possible. People came from miles away to celebrate Reconciliation with him because of his kindness and understanding. Through him, people came to know that God would never abandon them. He helped people understand that God’s love was greater than the power of sin and evil.

After working in at least 10 different states, Father Francis was assigned to New Orleans. In addition to the usual work of a pastor, he worked tirelessly among poor and neglected people, especially when an epidemic of yellow fever spread through the city. Worn out from ministering to others, the priest could not fight off the disease. He was only 48 years old when God called him into everlasting life in 1867.

Pope John Paul II declared Francis Seelos “Blessed” in 2000. He showed the people he served that God is merciful and forgiving. We can honor Blessed Francis by asking for forgiveness from anyone we have harmed and by being merciful to anyone who has hurt us.