JULY 5, 2020
SAINT JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2635 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA. 16510

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 Olwin .............................................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 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 4:00 - 4:30
Monday, July 6
7:00 Joseph & Loretta Donikowski, Anniversary (Daughters, Janice and Nancy)

Tuesday, July 7
7:00 Ann Pawlowski (Bill & Carol Renner)

Wednesday, July 8
7:00 John Wegelin (Theresa DiNicola & family)

Thursday, July 9
7:00 Frances Jaroszewski (family)

Friday, July 10
7:00 Ginger Palombo (Kay Drzewiecki)

Saturday, July 11
8:00 Robert & Marie McFetridge (daughters)
5:00 Mark Koziarski (Audrey Draezkiewicz)
7:00 Wascak & Stolar Families (Darrell & Carol Huffman)

Sunday, July 12
7:30 Robert & Marie McFetridge (daughters)
9:30 Jim Burek (Larry Wilczynski) and Philip & Helen Carideo (Philip Carideo family)
11:30 Dolores Kalista (daughters)
5:00 Casey Laniewicz (Carol & Michele Dean)

Collection is not available due to an early bulletin deadline.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations go out to our recent grduates: Joseph Althof, Arianna Arenas, Samantha Baumgratz, Olivia Boring, Joel Brennan, Aiden Burkhat, Sara Chase, Seth Daniels, Madeline Gambroni, Jeremy Ganska, Natalie Gordon, Collin Harris, Ryan Jones, Keligh Kazmierczak, Alyssa Kehl, Mia Mangini, Amiilonya Pierce, Dominic Scarpino, Azarihuana Simon, Matthew Strait, and Evan Vrenna. St. James School has prepared them well for high school and beyond.

Even though the children are not in school, our staff is working feverishly to be prepared for the opening of classes in the fall. At this point, no one knows for sure what form instruction will take. If the virus situation abates, face to face instruction will be possible. If not, we will be prepared to offer quality learning using the most up do date technology available to keep the children engaged, interested, and on task. There will also be several new protocols in place to ensure that no one enters the building with the virus and that it does not spread by physical contact or through environmental dissemination.

Our daycare center reopened a few weeks ago after a hiatus due to the state’s quarantine order. We are operating at almost full capacity. Jane Olowin and her staff scrupulously follow all of the protocols in place to mitigate any possibility of the spread of coved 19 or any other communicable infection. Next to snack time, the high point of the children’s day is running through the sprinkler or playing on the airplane teeter totter.

We have a statue of St. Francis in our rectory courtyard. He is the patron of nature and wildlife. He has done a good job of attracting critters to our property; he has done a very poor job of protecting my garden and our air conditioning units from varmints. Chipmunks chewed the off the insulation on the wires in our outdoor AC units and rabbits are “aIgW21acking” my vegetable plants. If St. Francis doesn’t start doing a beIgW21er job watching over our property, I am going to replace him with a statue of St. Hubert, the patron saint of hunters.

I’m very grateful to all who have been sending in, dropping off, giving their envelopes at Mass or giving on line. The pandemic and the loss of this year’s festival are straining our finances. Many of you are experiencing similar financial pressures. Let’s pray that things will get back to normal as quickly as possible.

Here are a couple of thought for the week ahead. Turn your worries into prayer and watch God turn your battles into blessings. There are three solutions to every problem: accept it, change it, or leave it. If you can’t accept it, change it. If you can’t change it leave it. Life is often like a mirror, it will smile at you when you smile at it.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. McCormick
Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the blessing of seeing another day. The days pass so quickly. When we are young, we can't imagine being older, and we think we have all the time in the world, and then before we know it, we look back and wonder where all the years went.
Help us to find the joy in this day and to treasure it. Help us to embrace the little things in life and to live with an attitude of gratitude. Help us to let go of the tensions, stresses, and petty little things that make us blind to the many good things in each day. Help us to make mental notes and capture mental snapshots of all of the small acts of kindness we experience...all the smiles, love, and laughter we share with others and all of the little victories we should celebrate. Help us to focus on all that we have, instead of all that we lack and to count our blessings.
This day will never come again. Help us not to waste today by worrying about the future. Your Word says that your grace will be enough to see us through this day, and we don’t have to worry about tomorrow. Your grace will be sufficient tomorrow, and you will provide for us tomorrow just as you do for us today. We waste so much time and allow trivial and insignificant things to rob us of so much. Help us to be more mindful of our time, our relationships, the things we allow into our thoughts and lives, the things we value, and the things we invest ourselves in. Help us to live our lives well.
Thank you for the many ways you bless us. Thank you for the people you've put in our lives who make life more meaningful. We are grateful above all else, for Jesus and all He has done for us. We dedicate this day to you. May your will be done in us and through us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen
May you and your day be richly blessed, friends!
Saturday
Evening, July 18
5:00 ........................................... Volunteer Needed
7:00 ........................................... Volunteer Needed

Sunday, July 19
7:30 ........................................... Volunteer Needed
9:30 ........................................... Volunteer Needed
11:30 ........................................... Volunteer Needed
5:00 ........................................... Volunteer Needed

Diocesan regulations ask that we not use Eucharistic Ministers until the covid situation passes.

Altar servers will not be used until the covid situation passes.
SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rita was born Rita Lotti in 1381 near Cascia in the province of Umbria, Italy. She was the only child of Antonio and Amata Lotti, and they knew she was a special gift from God. From her earliest years, Rita showed extraordinary piety and love of prayer. Her parents decreed that she should marry. Her husband proved to be brutal and violent, and his temper was the terror of the neighborhood. With a breaking heart, she watched her two sons fall more and more under their father’s evil influence. She prayed for them without ceasing. Her husband was killed in a violent attack. Her two sons vowed to avenge their father’s death. Before they could carry out their plan for revenge, the sons contracted a fatal illness. With her husband and sons dead, Rita entered the convent. Rita died on May 22, 1457.

St. Rita is the patron saint of motherhood, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, the sick, those in abusive relationships, and impossible cases.

Prayer to ST RITA in special need

O powerful St. Rita, rightly called Saint of the Impossible, I come to you with confidence in my great need. You know well my trials, for you yourself were many times burdened in this life. Come to my help, speak for me, pray with me, intercede on my behalf before the Father. I know that God has a most generous heart and that he is a most loving Father. Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the grace I desire (here mention your request). You who were so very pleasing to God on earth and are so much so now in heaven, I promise to use this favor, when granted, to better my life, to proclaim God’s mercy, and to make you more widely known and loved. Amen.