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 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 ...............Welcome 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 13
7:00  Alfonce Bucheral (Friends & Family)

Tuesday, July 14
7:00  Ray Learn (Harriet Learn)

Wednesday, July 15
7:00  Chester & Helen Wozniak (Chester & Karen)

Thursday, July 16
7:00  Marie Henry (Art Coobes)

Friday, July 17
7:00  Louis Dvorak (Family)

Saturday, July 18
8:00  John Morettini (Tony Morettini, Dad)
5:00  Michael King Jr. (Dad, Sister & Family)
7:00  Alexander Jaroszewski (Family)

Sunday, July 19
7:30  Jean Scarpino (Joe & Diane Hefner)
9:30  Marjorie Lund (John Walczak) and Jim Scharrer (Greg & Katie Dufala)
11:30  John Verdecchia (Nick Verdecchia)
5:00  LuAn Adamczyk (Carol & Michele Dean)

Email requests to : Praychain@saintjamesrcc.org

Twice a month our cookie bakers prepare cookies for the patrons of the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. However, due to the Coved 19 situation, the leadership of Emmaus has asked that until further notice, we not send in baked goods. Once that situation changes, I will let you know. At our parish, this outreach ministry is coordinated by Kathy Durda.

A word of thanks and gratitude goes out to all those who are sharing our weekly Mass on their Facebook page. One does not need a Facebook account to view the Mass. If you don’t have an account and are prompted to log in, simply click not now and it will take you to our Mass. The livestream usually starts at about 4:50 on Saturdays. If you watch it later, simply click ahead to the point where the Mass begins. In recent weeks, we have been generating a lot more traffic on the parish Facebook page. Some of the newer pictures helped increase the number of likes and comments.

We will have our St. Philomena Mass for the Sick, Unemployed, and those Fighting Addiction on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 PM. Because of social distancing, this Mass will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Petitions and intentions for that Mass can be emailed to our prayer chain address listed on the opposite page. Since this Mass was announced on Facebook, we have had several inquiries. One from Fairbanks Alaska and couple from Slovakia and Poland. A special thank you goes out to our Prayer Shawl Group, under the leadership of Bernie Oatman, and to Sheila Warner, our parish nurse for all their help with this grace filled event.

The missalles cover the liturgical year beginning with the first Sunday in Advent. This year we only got about 4 months of use out of the books. When public Masses resumed, we had to remove them to prevent the possibility that they could become a source of coved transmission. This past week Oregon Catholic Press, our supplier, sent us the reorder form for the coming year. We have until the beginning of August to change or cancel our standing order. With the virus situation still in flux, we are not certain how to proceed. With fewer people attending Mass, how many should we purchase? Our standing order is for 490 copies. Maybe a better option would be to discontinue them and install two large screens. One could be placed on the wall above the organ and the other above the baptismal font. The hymns and readings could be displayed from there. Since we have internet access in the church, the only issue would be bringing power to the screens. We would also need to have and iPad or laptop to control the display and someone to update the screen during Mass. Another possibility would be to print the songs in our bulletin.
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 Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of:

The living and deceased members of the McGrath Family
Requested by: Family

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

Friends and Family of the Klein Family

Saint of the Week

St. Gabriel the Archangel

Who was St. Gabriel the Archangel?
First and foremost, angels were messengers, the most important line of communication between God and humanity.

In the New Testament, the most important herald is St. Gabriel the Archangel. He is chiefly associated with the Annunciation.

In Hebrew the name “Gabriel” means “God is my strength”.

St. Gabriel in the Bible
Four times his name is recorded in the Bible:
- Daniel 8:16 and 9:21
- Luke 1:19 and 1:26

In the Old Testament, he appeared in the Book of Daniel, while in the Gospels he acted as a herald, foretelling the births of John the Baptist and Christ.

Feast Day
September 29 is the feast day of the Archangel Gabriel, Michael and Raphael.

The Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man, whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary.”

- Luke 1:26-27

St. Gabriel in Art
A painting of Saint Gabriel by Edward A. Fellowes-Prynne (1854–1921)

A ray of light beams down from the dove, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit. The light itself represents the Incarnation of Christ.

St. Gabriel carries a lily symbolizes purity.

St. Gabriel’s words on a strip which hangs from his costume, “Ave gratia plena Dominus tecum” (“Greetings most favoured one! The Lord is with you”, Luke 1:28).

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Saturday
Evening, July 18
5:00 ................................ Volunteer Needed
7:00 ................................ Volunteer Needed

Sunday, July 19
7:30 .................................................. Pat Feikles
9:30 .................................................. Dan Widomski
11:30 .................................................. Christin Lundt
5:00 .................................................. Cathy Gabrys

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

We will not assign altar servers until the covid situation passes.
The downs side of this is that you would not have a copy of the readings or prayers and the hymns are not always the same at every Mass. Moving forward, these are things that have to be taken into consideration before we make a final decision. Your thoughts?

Beginning August 2, the trash disposal at St. James Place will be handled by Pro Waste Services. They will take over the trash hauling at the school and rectory on January 1. The rectory, church, and day care share the two yard dumpster near the equipment garage. This move was made because Pro’s bid was substantially lower than our current provider.

I attended an online meeting about religious education sponsored by the diocese. At this time we are not sure what form our CCD classes will taken in the fall. One thing that I do know is that we will need two more teachers. Currently, our 3rd and 4th grade classes meet together. The 5th and 6th grades do the same. Because of social distancing, we need to split those classes. If you or someone you know would be willing to give us a hand, please let me know.

Here are a couple of thought for the week ahead. Every morning starts a new page in your story. Make it a great one today. Sometimes miracles are just good people with kind hearts. The real key to happiness is to stop expecting others to make you happy.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. McCormick