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 ..............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
The new statue of St. Francis that is in the little flowerbed next to side door of the church was donated in memory of George Lucas by the member of our parish choir.

Our athletic association will host their golf scramble on August 8th at the Venango Valley Golf Course. Deacon Chuck is this year’s honoree. Registration forms are available on our parish website, under the bulletin tab or from Carl Adamczyk. He cell phone number is 888-1114. Registration deadline is July 25.

Around 11:30 PM on the 4th of July, a cat ended up on the porch at back door of the rectory. It was crying and terrified with fear. The prolonged fireworks in the neighborhood had frightened her and she was looking for a safe haven. I gave her something to eat and when the noise was over, sent her on her way. She returned later in the week to say thank you: she left a dead chipmunk on the back steps.

We will have our St. Philomena Mass for the sick, unemployed, and those fighting addiction and their families on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 PM. Because of social distancing and the limited seating in our church, the Mass will be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page. If you are planning on coming to the Mass, if you have roses or flowers in your garden, that you bring some for the sanctuary and the area near the St. Philomena’s statue.

The front steps at our day care center are made of wood and have deteriorated to the point that they must be replaced. I’d like to have this done before the center’s annual inspection. Instead of wood, we are going to replace them with a preformed set of concrete steps.

I’m really appreciative of those who have been serving as lectors and ushers at our Masses during this pandemic - Lectors: Joe Pacinelli, Jim Yadeski, Maureen Malinowski, Katy Schaaf, Dan Widomski, Ginny Warner, Cathy Gabrys, Michele Applequist, Pat Feikles, Mike Case, Ann Hatheway, Dave Claar, Lisa Norton, Christine Lundt, Greg Helmsinski, and Lizzie Hohman, Tom Blose, Eileen Reynolds, and Cindy Hood; Ushers: Bob and Carol Schroek, Bob Greaves, Charles and Penny Spacht, Don Waltz, Darrell Huffman, Sheila Coon, Rich and Catherine Kuhn, Ken Kensill, Roberta Grolemund, Ann Hatheway, Peggy Lucas, Peter Link, Derek Herbert, Michele Dean, Doreen Fallon, and Heddy Hellmann.

Someone didn't wake up today but you did. Stop complaining and be thankful for all your blessings. Sometimes the children who need love the most, ask for it in the most unloving ways. Be thankful for your struggles, for without them you wouldn’t have stumbled across your strengths. 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.

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.

In your prayers remember the souls of David Northrup and Lois Vosmus who were recently buried from our parish.

WANTED
Teachers for 3rd grade and 5th grade Religious Education.
Contact Fr. McCormick for more information or to volunteer.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of: Ed & Mona Warus
Requested by: Family

The St. Philomena Shrine Candle is burning this week in intentions of Cheryl Mann
Requested by: Family

Knights of Columbus
Silver Rose Pro-Life Program
On Saturday, August 1 the Silver Rose will be in our parish.
We will have the Rosary at 6:30 pm and a short program prior to the 7:00 PM Mass.
Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron of Pro-Life causes.
Please make an effort to be with us for this program.
Mike Case is our parish coordinator for this event.

When we choose to focus on the good instead of the negative, the good gets much better. Today, I will not stress over things I can’t control.
Saturday
Evening, July 25
5:00 ........................................... Volunteer Needed
7:00 ........................................... Lizzy Hohman

Sunday, July 26
7:30 ................................................. Mike Case
9:30 ................................................ Greg Helminski
11:30 .............................................. Volunteer Needed
5:00 .............................................. Michelle Applequist

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

We will not assign altar servers until the coved.

Saint of the Week
Saint Theodoric was taken from his parents as a boy because they were thieves and abused him. Raised by Christians, he became a monk and founded the abbey at Mont d'Or, France, where he served as its first abbot. He became a well-known evangelist and healer. He converted many, including his own father. I ask him to intercede for all foster children and foster parents. O Jesus, make sure the children are placed in good homes and heal their wounds. Bless the families that take them in and help them to give Your love to the displaced children. I also ask Saint Theodoric to pray for the birth parents, that they experience healing and reconciliation with their children. Saint Theodoric, pray for us. Amen.
Love Your Neighbor. Wash Your Hands.

This might seem like a bizarre suggestion for living out our faith, but stay with me. I might think that I am at low risk of getting the coronavirus or even if I get it, it won’t be so bad for me and that is probably true. That perspective might lead me to dismiss the recommendations of epidemiologists at the WHO and the CDC who are very strongly advocating for things like frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, etc. But when I’m quick to dismiss these cautions because there is no harm to me, I am taking a fundamentally anti-Christian approach to the world.

So while I don’t know how frequently washing my hands for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer, or other activities help, you bet I’m doing them. I live with several Jesuits who have compromised immune systems or who are in their eighties, so I am doing what I can to protect them even though it causes me some inconveniences. Who are the vulnerable people in your life? We need to remember that there really are people who are at risk in our communities: elderly family members, the person next door with a respiratory illness, a pregnant friend, a coworker being treated for cancer whose chemotherapy leaves them immunocompromised, etc. It seems that right now part of “love your neighbor” means washing your hands. —Matt Stewart, SJ