PARISH LEADERSHIP

Rev. James P. McCormick ........................................Pastor
Msgr. Casimir A. Bognia .....................................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

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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

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30

Bishop Lawrence Persico
Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie

You may enter our church as a stranger, but you’ll leave as a friend.
Monday, August 3
7:00 Mary Dvorak (family)

Tuesday, August 4
7:00 Diane K. Kloecker (family)

Wednesday, August 5
7:00 John Wegelin (Nikki Baker)

Thursday, August 6
7:00 Coletta Pierson (Wayne & Sue Kidd)

Friday, August 7
(Confessions will be heard in the mother’s chapel at 6:40.)
7:00 Nicholas P. Gresh (Mom & Dad)
5:15 Living & Deceased Parish Members

Saturday, August 8
8:00 John Brady (family)
5:00 Angelina Pepicello (sister)
7:00 Robert Miller, Sr. (family)

Sunday, August 9
7:30 John Verdecchia (Jan Verdecchia)
9:30 Rosemarie Morrow (Kathy & Larry Schaaf) and Geraldine Tomczak (Murawski Family)
11:30 Ray & Mary Grabowski (Nancy & Mike Peterson)
5:00 Casey Laniewicz (Carol & Michele Dean)

The crash bar on the church door closest to the rectory malfunctioned after the last Mass on July 19th. I could get in using the key, but no one could exit by that door because it could not be opened from the inside. Monday morning, I called Tom Blais and asked him to take a look to see if he could repair it or would we have to contact Corporate Glass to come out and do the job. He had it fixed in about ten minutes, saving us an expensive service call. The mantra here is: if it is broken, Tom can fix it; if it need to be built, Tom can build it. Unfortunately for us, Tom will be retiring in December. We will never be able to find someone with his range of talents—plumbing, air conditioning, electrical, carpentry, welding, upholstering, are just a few that come immediately to mind. He had done wonders keeping our facilities in great shape. Yet, his greatest contributions involve coaching and mentoring our students. Tom has been the school’s golf coach for many years. In that capacity he has improved the skills and techniques of countless SJS students, many of whom have gone on to play at the high school and collegiate levels. Even more importantly have been his interactions with those children who were decidedly lacking in self confidence and self-esteem, who he convinced to come out for golf. His excellent coaching skills, not only empowered them to become good golfers, but to develop a more positive self image and a love for the sport. Over the years, Tom has taken on many construction projects around the parish. The most important thing that he has built is the self confidence and self esteem of our school students.

A thank you goes out to Cyndie Johnson and Mary Jane Clark for polishing the top of our pews with Liquid Gold. Sanitizing the church after each Mass with the bleach solution has taken a toll on the finish. On the topic of sanitizing— please do not use the empty missalleLe racks as a repository for used Kleenex, candy wrapper, bulleLe, etc. This makes the pews decidedly unsanitary.

This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be here at the 7:00 PM Mass with the Silver Rose. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30. The silver rose is symbolic of the roses that surround the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron of Pro Life issues. A word of thanks and gratitude goes out to Mike Case for coordinating this event in our parish.

Here are a few thoughts for the week ahead. Be the kind of person who inspires others to want to up their own game. The strongest light is the light of faith within you. Use it to lead you in the direction of your sole purpose in life. If you have a choice, then choose the best. If you don’t have a choice, then do the best you can with out complaining or feeling sorry for yourself.

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.

Health doesn’t come from nutritious foods, vitamins & medicines alone.
It comes from:
- Peace of Mind,
- Peace in the Heart, &
- Peace in the Soul.
It is magnified by:
- Laughter
- Love, &
- Faith in God.

Grant me the strength to keep my heart open this week...
To forgive and let go...
To acknowledge my patterns of stress and to release them...
To be present, mindful and kind.

Too Blessed to be Stressed

Good character is the single most important attribute of a successful and well lived life.
Saturday
Evening, August 8
5:00 ................................................. Volunteer Needed
7:00 ...................................................... Lizzy Hohman

Sunday, August 9
7:30 ........................................................ Mike Case
9:30 ........................................................... Jim Yadeski
11:30 ........................................................ Christine Lundt
5:00 .......................................................... Cathy Gabrys

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

We will not assign servers until the covid situation abates.

St. Philomena Mass for the Sick, Unemployed, and those Battling Addiction will be held on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30. This Mass will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page.
Saint of the Week

James was a member of the Twelve and of the Three; Peter, James, and John were the inner core that formed a shield of fidelity encircling Jesus Christ. James and his brother, John the Evangelist, author of the fourth Gospel, were fishermen who were called from their job on a lake to become fishers of men. It’s possible that other men were called before or after James and John, and that these unknown men laughed in Christ’s face or just refused to follow a man they did not know and who offered no assurances. Those who said “No” to Christ are lost to history. Christ’s was not an open invitation. He was on a mission and kept walking. There was a moment, and then the moment passed. James and John seized their Christ-moment with both hands and never let go. A moment became forever.

Peter, James, and John were in the home of Jairus when his servant was raised from the dead. On Mount Tabor they gazed in awe at the illumined face of Christ, His translucent skin radiating like the sun. And these three were at Christ’s side in the intense stillness of a Thursday evening in the Garden of Gethsemane, providing what consolation their presence could.

Saint James’ martyrdom was dutifully recorded by the early Church. Saint Luke’s Acts of the Apostles states that “King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword” (Acts 12:1-2). No other Apostle’s martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. His feast day is July 25th.