Parish Leadership

Rev. James P. McCormick ..............................................Pastor
Msgr. Casimir A. Bogniak .....................................Weekend Assistant
Rev. Scott W. Jabo ..................................................Weekend Assistant
Charles Adamczyk .............................................Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Gina Brennan ...............................................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 Vesecco ..................................................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 Twargaski ............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
Monday, August 10
7:00 Coletta Pierson (Family)

Tuesday, August 11
7:00 Edward & Mona Warus (Family)

Wednesday, August 12
7:00 Margaret Campbell (Ron & Jackie Orleski)
6:30 Rosary
7:00 St. Philomena Mass for the Sick, Unemployed, and those Battling Addiction (Bob and Anita Cugini)

Thursday, August 13
7:00 John (Bill) Hoover (Mick & Nancy Hoover)

Friday, August 14
7:00 Mary Knight Strong (Family)

Saturday, August 15
8:00 LuAnn Adamczyk (Ron & Jackie Orleski)
5:00 Eric & Edward Grunzel (Edward & Janet Grunzel)
7:00 Jim Burek (Sharon Shaffer)

Sunday, August 16
7:30 Jean Scarpino (Ben & Pat Scarpino)
9:30 Helen R. Shaffer Aniv. (Nick & Sharon Shaffer) and Margaret McIntrye (Lois Vosmus)
11:30 Chuck & Mary Jane Robie (Family)
5:00 John Collins (Kathy Derda)

Ordinarily, this would be the week after our festival. The rainy weather last weekend would not have enticed people to come out and patronize our dinners, bingo, or games. Let’s hope it will be better next year. The loss of festival revenue is going to hurt us financially, but it is better for us to experience a loss of income than to put our parishioners at risk. With all the dinner preparations, serving, dishwashing, staffing the games and booths, etc. there is no way to maintain social distancing. Additionally, with current spike in positive cases of Covid 19, the festival could have been a source of virus transmission. We are planning for a parish day on Sunday, October 18. There will be a turkey and biscuits dinner. This will be take out only. We will also have a 50/50 and some other raffles. All this is contingent on our region staying in the green zone.

Ordinarily, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when the feast falls on a Saturday or a Monday, as it does this year, you are not required to attend Mass.

We usually order 490 missalettes each year for our church. For the year ahead, I only ordered 75. These will be for the members of our choir and for any lector who would like to have a copy. I don’t see the situation with covid changing anytime soon. Consequently, we will not be able use missalettes for the foreseeable future. There is no point in purchasing them and have them remain in the box unused. If things do change, and we are permitted to have books in the pews, we will put out last year’s missalettes and use them just for the hymns. For now, If you would like to have a book to follow the readings, I would suggest ordering either The Word Among Us or the Magnificat. Both are reasonably priced and are available in either print or on line editions. Those with smartphones can access the readings from the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishop’s web site. There is no cost for this service. Hopefully, by the time we have to order missalettes for the 2021-2022 liturgical year, things will have returned to normal.

Here are few thoughts for the week ahead.

Remember, you owe yourself the same kind of love that you so freely give to others. If you want to fly, surrender all those things that weigh you down. Don’t give your past mistakes the power to define your future. Each day we must choose either the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. Along the way, we discover that the more thoughtful we are the more we have to be thankful for. Pax et Bonum, Fr. McCormick
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.

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.

Dear Lord,

Help us to live in the "now" of this day. Too often, we live for "someday." We just endure the present, hoping, praying, and wishing for better days and answered prayers. We miss out on so much as life passes us by while we wait for "someday" to arrive.

Please teach us to number and treasure our days. Help us learn to dance in the rain. Help us to remember that our waiting time isn't wasted time. The waiting time serves a purpose in our lives. Every season serves a purpose. Help us to rise above our feelings, emotions, and our circumstances. Help us to let go of what we want, to embrace your will, and your purpose for our lives. Help us fight the good fight. Help us to be the people you know we can be.

We know that you have seen our needs, heard our cries, and you know the desires of our hearts, so we lift to you our friends and loved ones, our countries, our leaders, and our world. You know all that is wrong and all the areas where we need your divine intervention. You tell us to knock, seek, and ask. You tell us that the faithful, persistent prayers of the righteous will do much good...so once again, as we are joined together, we ask you to work miracles, Lord. Please bring healing, hope, provision, restoration, and peace to our world. May the lost come to know you as Lord and Savior. Please move among us in miraculous and undeniable ways. Please help us to live today to the fullest. We thank you in advance for all you will do. In the name of our precious Savior Jesus, we ask these things. Amen.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of:

Michael Stolar
Requested by: Carol & Darrell Huffman

The St. Philomena Shrine Candle is burning this week for the intentions of:

Bob and Anita Cugini

Rosary March
The Legion of Mary will be holding a Rosary March on August 15, 2020.
The day will begin with a Noon Mass at Saint George Church celebrated by Bishop Persico.
The march will begin immediately following Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

WHY DOES IT MATTER WHAT CHURCH I BELONG TO? IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT MAKES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DIFFERENT?
The Catholic Church is not just one denomination among many. In fact, it can trace its founding roots back to Jesus Christ, who started our Church. For 2,000 years, the Catholic Church has guarded the truth that Jesus has taught, whether in or out of style. In the Church today, one can experience the most personal relationship with Christ through the Holy Eucharist, the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood to us. Since its founding, the Catholic Church has continued to be the largest body of Christians on earth. Though it’s not perfect, nor does it have perfect members, the Church still contains the fullness of truth, which Jesus promised would set us free.

Email requests to: prayerchain@saintjamesrcc.org
Saturday
Evening, August 15
5:00 ........................................... Davie Claar
7:00 ........................................... Lizzy Hohman

Sunday, August 16
7:30 ........................................... Mike Case
9:30 ........................................... Kathy Schaaf
11:30 ........................................... Greg Helminski
5:00 ........................................... Michele Applequist

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.

Saint Mark’s in Lawrence Park will be hosting their annual garage sale on Wednesday, August 19 - Saturday, August 22. Times will be 8:30 until 4:00 Wednesday through Friday and 8:00 AM until noon on Saturday.

Summer Blessings
Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.
PSALM 97:11-12
St. Brendan the Navigator was an explorer who is believed to have possibly reached North America before the Vikings or Christopher Columbus. In 1976, a British navigation named Tim Severin decided to test whether it was possible for St. Brendan and his crew of monks to have made it to the New World. Using the same materials and technology, he built a replica of the boat St. Brendan sailed in. He and his crew were able to reach the shores of Canada. Now that we’ve been assured that St. Brendan’s voyage to North America was possible. It’s up to us to help make St. Brendan’s mission of evangelizing the world possible, too. We do that best by a lifestyle and attitudes that draw others to Christ, His teaching and His Church.

Historians conjecture that St. Brendan's passion for sea travel was nurtured by a childhood spent by the sea and led him to travel as far west as Iceland, Greenland, and perhaps the shores of North America. St Brendan's Feast Day is on May 16th. He is honored as the patron saint of boatmen, mariners, sailors, travelers, and whales. He is believed to have died when he was more than 90 years old. FYI — The name Brandon is a variation of the Brendan.

**CORORAVIRUS PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.