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

Confeccions
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30
Monday, August 17
7:00 Helen Zielinski (family)

Tuesday, August 18
7:00 Robert Kendziora (family)

Wednesday, August 19
7:00 Louise Grolemund (Darcie Vargo)

Thursday, August 20
7:00 Chester & Helen Wozniak (Chet & Karen Wozniak)

Friday, August 21
7:00 Lloyd Hollister (Debbie & Jim Fisher)

Saturday, August 22
8:00 Dr. Donald & Kaliope Hostettler (Philip Carideo Family)
(JM) 5:00 Casey Laniewicz (Jim Tuszynski)
(JM) 7:00 Wascak & Stolar Families (Carol & Darrell Huffman)

Sunday, August 23
(SJ) 7:30 John Verdecchia (Nick Verdecchia)
(CB) 9:30 Casey Laniewicz (Bernie & Bob Oatman)
and George Lucas (St. James Choir)
(JM) 11:30 Deceased members of Melerksi & Bokoch
Families (Cheryl Melerki)
(SJ) 5:00 Alan McLaughlin (Morris Coupling Company)

We’ve ordered UV light sanitizers for the AC/heating units at the daycare center and the church. The UV lights will kill any viruses, bacteria, and mold, making our buildings safer for all of us. These lights are in such demand that they are on back order. Once we receive them and they are installed, I will let you know.

The proposed schedule for our grade school CCD classes is on our parish website. The current schedule presumes that we will be able to have face to face instruction. We have split some of the classes to allow for better social distancing and will take the children’s temperatures as soon as they enter the building. If the COVID situation worsens or the local school districts move to total remote instruction, we will adjust our plans accordingly. The safety of the children is our highest priority.

In the coming weeks we are going to be replacing the air conditioning unit that cools the school’s computer room at St. James Place. It developed a leak deep in the coil. The cost of a new coil and installation is not far from the cost of a new unit. Since it is more than 20 years old, it is wiser to get a new one than to repair the current unit.

A special thank you goes out to the members of our Athletic Association for their help with last week’s golf tournament. It was held at the Venango Valley Golf Course. This was the first year that it was held at that venue. In spite of the virus situation, the tournament had a capacity crowd. The tournament honored Deacon Chuck. Carl Adamczyk, Jamie Scutella, and Phil Swanseger were the co-chairmen of the event and did an outstanding job.

In the near future we will be sealing and relining our parking lots. Of the three lots, the school’s needs the most remediation. There are a number of areas where the blacktop will need to be patched and cracks filled. Doing this preventive maintenance will help extend the life of our parking lots. The last time that they were paved was in 1999.

A special thank you goes out to the anonymous individual who left a $400.00 gift in the parish mail slot. I will use that towards the patching and resealing of our parking lots.

Here are a few thoughts for the week ahead. A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, laugh a lot, and realize how blessed you are. When we think of the happy things, it’s the same as having wings. Don’t let others distract you from what God wants you to do.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. McCormick
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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.

WHAT IS THE REAL PRESENCE?

The Catholic doctrine of the Real Presence is the belief that Jesus Christ is literally, not symbolically, present in the Holy Eucharist—body, blood, soul and divinity. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because Jesus tells us this is true in the Bible: “I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him’” (John 6:48-56). Furthermore, the early Church Fathers either imply or directly state that the bread and wine offered in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper is really the body and blood of Jesus Christ. In other words, the doctrine of the Real Presence that Catholics believe today was believed by the earliest Christians 2,000 years ago!

This miracle of God’s physical presence to us at every Mass is the truest testament to Christ’s love for us and His desire for each of us to have a personal relationship with Him.

A memorial has been given: in memory of:
Jeanette Spinelli
By: Her Son, Joseph

And to:
Saint James Food Pantry in memory of:
Carol Ann Rutkowski
By: Pat Infantino

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

Samuel Artise

Requested by: Victoria (Wife)

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

Deceased members of the Schnee and related families.

Requested by: Family

Church Garage Sale
St. Mark Church
695 Smithson Ave
Lawrence Park
Is having their annual Garage Sale!
Masks required and Social Distancing!

Wed. August 19 - Fri. August 21  8:30-4:00
Sat. August 22 8:00-Noon

Send us your Prayer Requests

Email requests to : prayerchain@saintjamesrcc.org
Saturday Evening, August 22
5:00 .................................................. Sue Hetrick
7:00 .................................................. Charles Spacht

Sunday, August 23
7:30 .................................................. Mike Case
9:30 .................................................. Kathy Schaaf
11:30 .................................................. Cathy Gabrys
5:00 .................................................. Volunteer Needed

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 of the Week
Why is St. Anthony the patron of lost or stolen items?
The traditional practice of praying for St. Anthony’s help in finding lost or stolen things is traced to an incident during his lifetime that occurred in Bologna. According to the story, Anthony had a book of psalms that was important to him, as it contained his notes and comments for use in teaching his students. A novice who had chosen to leave the Franciscan Order had taken the psalter with him when he departed. Prior to the invention of the printing press, books were hand-copied, and thus, an item of high value; a Franciscan friar in particular, given his vow of poverty, would have found such an item difficult to replace. When Anthony realized his psalter was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned, after which the thief was moved to not only return the book to Anthony, but also return to the order.
Dear St. Philomena,

Thank you for the opportunity to celebrate your Feast Day, in spite of this Covid Situation. Today we lift up to you all who are feeling drained by grief, illness, depression, and a steady stream of problems that just aren't going away. We pray for all who are weary from illness, disability, battles with addiction and struggles that others can't see. We lift up all the caregivers, law enforcement officials, and all who are deemed essential workers. We ask on behalf of all who are just so tired that they can't even remember what it feels like to not be tired...please touch each one and provide for them, so they find refreshment and restoration in body, mind, and spirit.

May each one in need receive a touch from you so they can feel the tension and worry leave their bodies so they can relax. Please put your healing hand on all who struggle with insomnia, worry over a loved one, addictive issues, or cancer. May people see you work miracles on their behalf and for their loved ones. We ask you to help all who struggle with OCD... all who feel like they can never slow down, relax, or let their guard down due to stress, volatile situations, worry, PTSD, or heavy responsibilities.

Lord, may we all find the resources and wisdom we need to be better able to rest, relax, and care for ourselves properly. Please help us to see a way where there currently appears to be no way to improve our circumstances. Please, open doors that we don't even know exist that might help us, or those we love, to live more vibrant, balanced, sober, and healthy lives. Help us to find the strength, joy, peace, and rest that is beyond our own...help us to seek you always as our counselor, guide, friend, and companion. May our hope be anchored in you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

PHILIPPIANS 4:15