

DECEMBER 26, 2021

SAINT JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2635 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA. 16510



Parish Leadership

Rev. James P. McCormickPastor
 Msgr. Casimir A. BogniakWeekend Assistant
 Rev. Scott W. JaboWeekend Assistant
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 Mrs. Gina Brennan.....School Principal
 Joe PacinelliParish Council President
 Jane OlowinDay Care Center Director
 Tom Blais,Church Facilities Manager
 Mary Jane ClarkDirector of Liturgical Music
 Cyndie JohnsonChoir Director
 Charles Spacht,Head Usher
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 Ray and Judy Burkell.....Sacristans
 Bernie OatmanPrayer Shawl Ministry
 Heddy Hellmann and Peggy Koenig Parish Food Pantry
 Patricia Case Legion of Mary and Sacramental Coordinator
 Sheila WarnerParish Nurse
 Cynthia Snider ,OCDS.....Parish Bible Study Moderator
 Michele DeanWelcoming 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

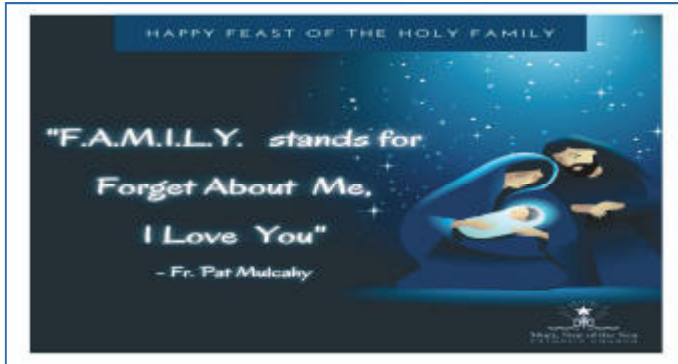
BAPTISM
 Baptisms are the 1st & 3rd
 Sundays of the month after the
 11:30 AM Mass.
 A Pre-Baptismal Class is a
 diocesan requirement.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday:
 4:00 to 4:30 in the Mothers
 Chapel.
First Friday:
 20 minutes before the
 7:00 & 5:15 PM Masses.

MATRIMONY

Erie Diocesan policy requires a minimum preparation of six months. An engaged couple should contact Fr. McCormick personally to request a wedding date. Participation in Pre-Cana Classes or Engagement Encounter is required.

Rectory: 899-6178 † Day Care: 898-1088 † School: 899-3429 † Manor: 899-6714 †
 † Email: rectory@saintjamesrcc.org †
 Church Website: www.saintjamesrcc.org † SCHOOL Website: www.stjameserie.com



Monday, December 27

7:00 Emily Inscho (Family)

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 Keith Dunkle (Helena)

Wednesday, December 29

7:00 Dennis Taraszki (Bob & Theresa Loosley)

Thursday, December 30

7:00 Lawrence Zielinski, Anniv. (Family)

Friday, December 31

7:00 Valentino & Erma Uboldi and Valerie Sieberkrob (Valet)

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Feast of Mary the Mother of God.

Because it falls on a Saturday, it will not be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

8:00 Pete Senita (Kathy & Larry Schaaf)

Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany

5:00 Lois Vosmus (Marty Braeger)

7:00 James Valahovic (Janet & Ed Grunzel)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany Sunday

7:30 Don Buck (Karen Buck)

9:30 Mary Ann Holl (Geri Extein) and Ron Lord (Mary Jo Schley)

11:30 Maryanna Kleiner (Joe & BernaAmendola)

5:00 George Elles (Peggy Carloss)



I apologize to the following individuals who help at our parish day. I mistakenly failed to include them in the list of people who helped at the event: Kathi Kinzig, Mary jo Schley, Ashley Schley, Lyle Meyer, Jenna Meyer, Natalie Meyer, Heddy Hellmann, Nancy Veshecco, Adam Ladaika, Joni Ladaika, Isabel Ladaika, Kristen Bogdanski, Paul Causgrove, Mary Fromknecht, Ken Fromknecht, Chris Crabb, Dorothy Snider, Cindy Snider, Janet Szewczykowski, and Charlie Szewczykowski.



January 1st is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. Because it falls on a Saturday, it will not be observed as a holy day of obligation this year.

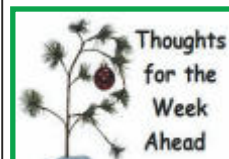
COVID related issues caused us to cancel grade school religious education classes on December 18th. Classes will resume on January 8th.

At Mass a couple of weeks ago, Fr. Bogniak mentioned that our parish has the largest weekend attendance of all the parishes in the Diocese of Erie. Our Lady of Peace came in second. This information comes from the latest October count. In the diocese, St. James has the largest number of weekend Masses. Two parishes have five weekend Masses; 12 parishes have four. The rest have three or fewer. The total number of parish weekend Masses celebrated throughout the diocese is 249. Of that number, 90 of the Masses are offered at the churches in Erie County. The statistics also show that every parish, including our own, is experiencing a decline in attendance. One church in the Bradford Deanery reports a weekend attendance of only 4 people. A church in Potter County shows an attendance of 14. I would like to thank our ushers for all their help in making our church a welcoming environment. Visitors may enter our building as strangers, but they leave knowing that they are regarded as friends. I put a link to the October Count report on our parish web page.



Max Benes, an eighth grader at our school, ranked 7th on the Cathedral Prep entrance exam. The test was taken by over 200 students from 30 different schools. He was offered a \$1,000 scholarship which will be renewed each year. Congratulations to Max, his parents, and his teachers.

Here are a couple of thoughts for the week ahead. It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it white. The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of Christmas. 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 _____

Memorial Gifts have been given the Maintenance Fund in memory of:

Terry Kendziora

by: Deb

Margaret Warner

by: Eileen Zinchiak

A gift has been given to the St. James Food Pantry in memory of:

Margaret Warner

by: Audrey Dubowski

Gifts have been made to #igive in memory of:

Uncle Mac Alberico

by: Don and Elizabeth DeLuca


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.

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



Requested by: Family

FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS
WEEK 6 (12/9)



| Position | Tkt# | Points | Prize | Winner |
|----------|------|--------|----------|------------------|
| 1st | 1221 | 123 | \$180.00 | Diane McCullough |
| 2nd | 11 | 120 | \$100.00 | Aleah DeSanto |
| 3rd | 1006 | 119 | \$40.00 | Patti Manski |
| 4/tie | 1251 | 118 | \$ 30.00 | Dave Pfadt |
| 4/tie | 1488 | 118 | \$ 30.00 | Pete Peterson |
| 5th | 377 | 117 | \$ 15.00 | Patricia Fike |
| 6/tie | 1283 | 116 | \$5.00 | Jerry Pierzynski |
| 6/tie | 1387 | 116 | \$5.00 | Jill Breski |
| 2nd Lo | 1602 | 22 | \$10.00 | Ashley Spurgeon |
| Lo | 1643 | 19 | \$30.00 | Michelle Ritzel |

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



Alex Corvath

Requested by: Nicholas & Nick Verdecchia

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.
Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

heathercking.org

A great big THANK-YOU to Paul Causgrove for creating a way to make the Christmas Flower Listing easier and more manageable!!



Please pray for the souls of Marco Alberico, and Valerie Sieberkrob who passed away recently. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to their families.



Saturday Evening, January 1, 2022

5:00 Eileen Reynolds
7:00

Sunday, January 2, 2022

7:30 Lynn Fallon
9:30 Amy Berdis
11:30 Volunteer Needed
5:00 Joe Debeck



Saturday Evening, January 1, 2022

5:00 Jim Brojek
7:00 Ken Krein

Sunday, January 2, 2022

7:30 Tom Danowski
9:30 Volunteer Needed
11:30 Volunteer Needed
5:00 Volunteer Needed



Say Yes!
 to the Seventh Annual
**1:38 WOMEN'S
 CONFERENCE**
MARCH 12, 2022



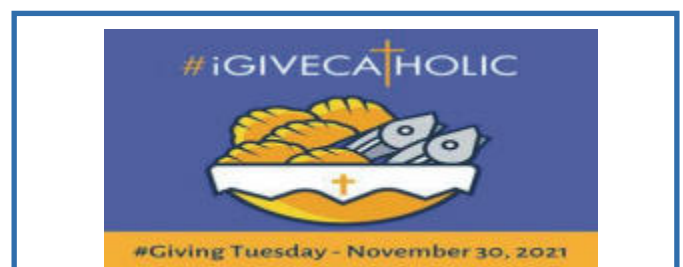
Luke 1:38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

For more information:
www.138women.com  



Cursillo weekends planned for men and women in the spring

The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo Feb. 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at www.ericursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.



The Catholic Foundation is happy to announce the final results for #iGiveCatholic. With all offline gifts tallied, \$340,054 was raised by 1,653 donors for 95 organizations. To read more about the campaign, including prize winners and sponsoring business and individuals, visit <https://www.cfnwpa.org/news/catholic-generosity-remarkable-for-igivecatholic>.

Thank-you for your wonderful support!

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