

JANUARY 9, 2022

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
 Charles AdamczykPermanent Deacon
 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
 Adam LadaikaParent Teacher Organization President
 Nancy Veshecco Athletic Director
 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

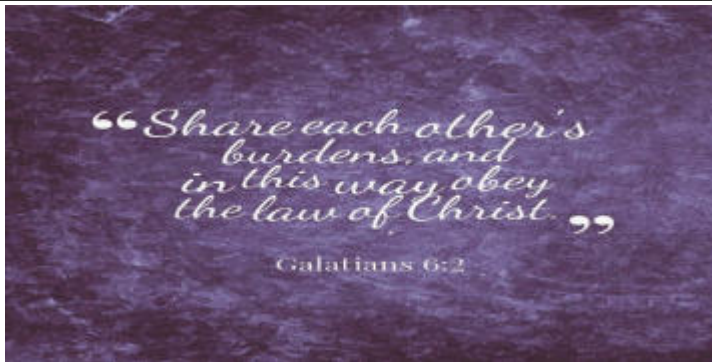
BAPTISM
 Baptisms are the 1st & 3rd
 Sundays of the month after the
 11:30 AM Mass.
 A Pre-Baptismal Class is a
 diocesan requirement.

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, January 10

7:00 Helen Lavdato (George Kolivoski)

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 Leo Zielinski, Anniv. (Dorothy Snider & Family)

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 Jim Burek (Barb & Family)

Thursday, January 13

7:00 Mabel Sockett (Mary Kuhar-Rinke)

Friday, January 14

7:00 William Struchen (Jim & Maxine Tonks)

Saturday, January 15

8:00 Lena Suizzo (Rutkowski Family)

(JM) 5:00 Toni Schroeck (Family)

(JM) 7:00 Dale Wienczkowski (Susan Barton)

Sunday, January 16

(JM) 7:30 Mary Dvorak (Family)

(JM) 9:30 James Berdis (Nadine Debevec) and Dennis Taraszki (Rita & John Zaczyk)

(CB) 11:30 Marilyn Allan (Uncle Bob & Aunt Judy)

(SJ) 5:00 John Wegelin (Family)

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 17th.



I have received a lot of positive comments about how beautifully the church was decorated for Christmas.

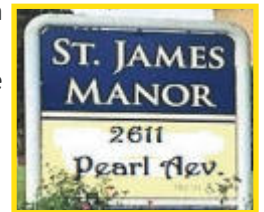


Ray and Judy Burkell and their team of decorators get all the credit. Those who helped this year include: Jerry and Carol Raven, Scooby and Carol Adam, Kay Kujan, Heddy Hellmann, Jane Grunzel, Make and Pat Case, Russ and Ronalee Curtis, and Chuck Harris. As a parish we are fortunate to have such a talented group of people with an eye for the aesthetic.

In the name of our pantry families and Heddy Hellmann and Peggy Koenig, our pantry directors, I would like to thank the Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Knights of Columbus Council for their donation to our parish food pantry. Their generosity made the Christmas Season brighter for all of our clients.

Our Bible Study Group, under the direction of Cindy Snider, and the Pelkowski family: Stephen, Alicia, Paul, Case, and Luca, wrote Christmas cards to our parishioners and friends of the parish who are confined to area nursing homes. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and enabled the shut ins to feel connected to and affirmed by our church family.

Paul Causgrove, the president of the St. James Manor board of directors, organized a Christmas party for the Manor residents. All had a great time and are appreciative of Paul's efforts. Speaking of the Manor, on our parish day two donors covered the cost of sending turkey and biscuits dinners to all the residents of the complex.



The cameras for our livestream Masses can operated in one of two ways: I can do it from my phone, or if I don't have the Mass, someone can do it from the control panel in the sacristy. On Christmas Eve, because I had the Mass at St. James Place, Noah Wagner volunteered to be our cameraman. The livestream analytics show that we have people regularly joining us from 14 different states. We also have a few viewers in the Philippines, Viet Nam, and Australia. As a parish we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Fr. Andrew Boyd for his expertise in designing and installing our system.

I'd like to acknowledge a \$2,000 bequest to our parish from the estate of Mary Zalewski Weber who died in Rochester last April. Mary was a long time parishioner who was very active in our senior citizens' group. I will put that



bequest towards the eventual painting of the church ceiling.

Here are a couple of thought for the week ahead. Don't stumble over something that is already behind you. Live like there is no tomorrow; forgive like there is no yesterday, and laugh like today is all that you have left.

Pax et Bonum,

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

Mac Alberico

by: Janice and Paul DiFuccia



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

Requested by: Ron & Cindy Bielanin



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

Requested by: Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.



Christmas Flower Donations

In Memory of:
 Eugene Stevens Kurt
 Eugene Joseph Kurt
 Eugene S Kurt

By:
 Joe Kurt
 Cindy Kurt
 Mrs Robert Duma

**FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS
 WEEK 7 (12/16)**

Position	Tkt#	Points	Prize	Winner
1/tie	399	96	\$140.00	Darleen Wilczewski
1/tie	497	96	\$140.00	Linda Hoover
3/tie	1188	95	\$33.33	Dan Orzechowski
3/tie	1202	95	\$ 33.33	Jonie Malta
3/tie	1378	95	\$ 33.33	Erin Acuff
6th	1740	94	\$ 15.00	Ashlee Cooke
7/tie	575	93	\$2.50	Douglas House
7/tie	887	93	\$2.50	Matthew Squeglia
7/tie	1423	93	\$2.50	Angela Burns
7/tie	1850	93	\$2.50	Matt Mangus
Lo/tie	350	15	\$20.00	Larry Engel
Lo/tie	525	15	\$20.00	Darrell Huffman

**FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS
 WEEK 8 (12/23)**

Position	Tkt#	Points	Prize	Winner
1st	1520	130	\$180.00	Henry Cooney
2nd	1857	129	\$100.00	Matt Zysk
3rd	674	124	\$40.00	Holly Kozirowski
4th	1222	123	\$ 35.00	Regina Rapela
5th	128	121	\$ 25.00	Bonnie Astemborski
6/tie	606	120	\$12.50	DJ John
6/tie	1465	120	\$12.50	John Cox
2nd Lo	1076	26	\$10.00	Bill Mazur
Lo	124	23	\$30.00	Mert Small



Saturday Evening, January 15

5:00 Eileen Reynolds
 7:00 Lisa Nelson

Sunday, January 16

7:30 Lynn Fallon
 9:30 Kathy Schaaf
 11:30 Pat Gustafson
 5:00 Joseph Debeck



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 7:00 Darrell Huffman

Sunday, January 16

7:30 Mary Beth Danowski
 9:30 Volunteer Needed
 11:30 Theresa Wisor
 5:00 Heddy Hellmann

First Fridays
 for **Families**

Join Blessed Sacrament parish during the 2022 year in a unique prayer experience!
Every First Friday of the month,
 we will offer a guided Eucharistic Adoration program geared toward children and families of all ages on Friday evening at 6pm.
 Everyone is welcome to this experience to be with Jesus in a very real and unique way.

2022 Schedule

January 7th	July 1st
February 4th	August 5th
March 4th	September 2nd
April 1st	October 7th
May 6th	November 4th
June 3rd	December 2nd

Contact Jen Durney, jdurney@bserie.org, with any questions

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

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