

JANUARY 23, 2022

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Sheila WarnerParish Nurse
Cynthia Snider, OCDSParish 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



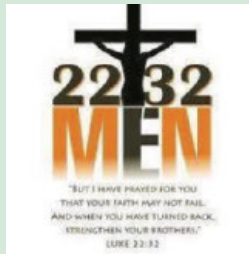
You may enter our church
as a stranger, but you'll
leave as a friend.



Bishop Lawrence Persico
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Diocese of Erie

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30

22:32 Men's
Conference
Saturday, February 12
8:30—Noon
At St. Jude's Church
www.2232Men.com



Monday, January 24

7:00 Tom Pius (Ron and Cindy Bielanin)

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 Wanda Pius, (Dorothy Snider & Family)

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 Susan & Elizabeth Wascak (Carol & Darrell Huffman)

Thursday, January 27

7:00 Virginia Waltz (Don Waltz Family)

Friday, January 28

7:00 Mr & Mrs Norbert Sitter (Joan Rossi)
1:15 Dr. Richard J. Ford and Deceased Family Members (Young Shin Kim)

Saturday, January 29

8:00 Margaret Warner (Carol Dean)

(JM) 5:00 Irene Rowinski (Rita Wroblewski)

(JM) 7:00 Richard Walsh (Dorothy Walsh)

Sunday, January 30

(SJ) 7:30 Michele May (May Family)

(JM) 9:30 Virginia Crabb (Crabb Family) and Harry & Ester Kozlowski (Karekos Family)

(CB) 11:30 Ron Lord (Kathy Marula)

(SJ) 5:00 Deceased Members of the Kern and Balough Families (Craig and Bonnie Kern)

* The school Mass at Cathedral Prep on Wednesday, January 26th will be offered for Henry Zalewski & Mary Zalewski Weber (Estate)

Parish Giving

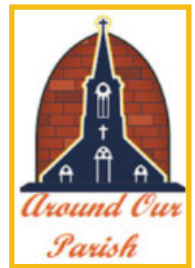
Collection from January 9, 2022

On line giving: 0

Total: \$10,065.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Last week's heavy snows delayed the repairs to the church roof. I'd like to thank Dennis Rizzo and Tom Michalski for giving me a hand getting the sidewalks and steps clear for Mass last Monday. A thank you also goes out to Joe Fallon for clearing a path for Jane Olowin to get to the daycare center. The snow was so deep that Prospect Avenue was impassible and the drifts around the entrance were waste deep.



Although October is Respect Life Month, January is the month that we have most of the Pro-Life events. The Pro-Life Breakfast, the Washington March for Life, and next Saturday, Erie's March for Life,



beginning at Perry Square at 11:00 o'clock. Regardless of the month of the year, all human life is valuable from conception to natural death.

The week of January 30— February 5th is Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. These words aptly sum up the mission of St. James School.

Our Dinner For One Is No Fun Group met last week at the Zem Zem Club for dinner and enjoy each other's company. In this time of COVID and lack of many of the ordinary social gatherings, these dinners are a means of having social contact with others. Too much time alone or in isolation can lead to feeling melancholia, which in turn negatively impacts both one's health and outlook on life. We are so fortunate that Gerry Miller is providing opportunities for our parishioners to be with one another in a safe environment.



The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection supports Catholic media efforts.

The collection totals for January 17 were not available due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Here are a few thoughts for the week ahead. Mistakes are a part of life. It is the response to errors that counts. Maybe it is not about trying to fix something that is broken. Maybe it is about starting over and creating something better. Challenges are what makes life

interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. A good goal in life is not to be better than someone else, but to be better than we used to be. It doesn't cost us anything to be grateful, but it does greatly enrich our lives and relationships.



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 _____

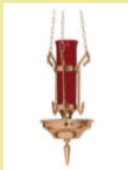
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✂ Clip and return this form to the rectory, drop it in collection basket, or give it to one of the ushers.

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

Wascak and Stolar Families



Requested by: Carol and Darrell Huffman



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

Marge Wargo

Requested by: Prayer Shawl Ministries

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.



FROM CINDY SNIDER: The **Bible Study Group** will **not** meet during the month of January due to the high numbers of COVID cases in Erie County. We will assess the situation later in the month before restarting the program.

The following memorials have been given in memory of:

Terry Kenziora

St James Maintenance Fund

by: Deb

Marco Alberico

St James Food Pantry

by: Tom and Bonnie Faulkner

St James Charitable Trust Fund

by:

Carol LeCorchick
Michael and Rita Page
Dan and Rebecca Henry
Barb and Frank Agnello
Julie and Joe Duda
Marge DeLuca
Bob and Sandy Goring
Shirley and Tony Colonna

Margaret (Marge) Warner

Church Endowment Fund

by:

George Perry and
Kathryn Schilk



March 1, 2022

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Lectors

Saturday Evening, January 29th

5:00 Bill Brown
7:00 Volunteer Needed

Sunday, January 30th

7:30 Lois Lintelman
9:30 Pat Feikles
11:30 Volunteer Needed
5:00 Joe Debeck

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday Evening, January 29th

5:00 Jim Brojek
7:00 Sheila Coon

Sunday, January 30th

7:30 Joan Rossi
9:30 Nancy Kaliszewski
11:30 Volunteer Needed
5:00 Heddy Hellmann

Altar Servers

We will not assign altar servers until the Covid situation passes.

PRAYER Requests
Email requests to : prayerchain@saintjamesrcc.org

Saint of the Week

Heralded as the Patron Saint of Athletes, St. Sebastian's story is one of courage, dedication, and strength. Though little is known about the details of St. Sebastian's life, the information available shows him to be a man devoted to God to the very end. It took several attempts on his life before St. Sebastian gained the glorious crown of martyrdom in the year 288, in Rome, Italy.

The specifics of St. Sebastian's birth and childhood have been lost through the ages. It is believed that he was born in modern-day France to a wealthy Roman family. He was raised as a Christian in a time when being a Christian was very dangerous. In the year 283, St. Sebastian joined the Roman army. He kept his Christianity a secret so that he would be able to act as a spy in the army. St. Sebastian was promoted to become a guard in the Praetorian Guard, which was a group of men who served as the emperor's bodyguards. The emperor, Diocletian, hated all Christians and ordered many to be tortured and killed. Diocletian did not know that St. Sebastian was a Christian, which allowed for him to lead this double life, in which he was able to both be a spy in the army and be a faithful follower of Jesus. St. Sebastian's spying may have resulted in him finding out information that helped to save Christians. He also secretly visited Christians who had been imprisoned for their faith, bringing them supplies and comfort.

One day, a woman named Zoe was brought to St. Sebastian. She was the wife of a soldier St. Sebastian was in the army with. Zoe had lost her ability to speak, and hoped St. Sebastian would be able to cure her. He prayed with her and made the Sign of the Cross over her. When she was healed, many learned of what had happened, and became Christians. Diocletian heard of Zoe and the other Christians, and had them all arrested. He ordered them to be put to death. St. Sebastian heard of this, and since he had been close with Diocletian, went before him to try to change his mind, telling Diocletian that he, too, was a Christian. Diocletian would not be persuaded, and instead, ordered that St. Sebastian be killed, too.



St. Sebastian was stripped of his clothes, tied to a tree, and treated as "target practice" by his fellow soldiers. They shot him with arrow after arrow. When they left, a Christian woman named Irene came to him, untied him, and seeing that he was still alive, nursed him back to health. When Diocletian discovered he was alive, told his soldiers to find St. Sebastian and see to it that he died this time. The soldiers beat St. Sebastian with heavy clubs until he was dead. Then they took his body and pushed it into one of the city's sewers.

St. Sebastian is the patron saint against plague and illness, of archers, athletes, and soldiers. St. Sebastian was a brave man and dedicated soldier. His courage in the face of death, and willingness to give up his life rather than forsake the God whom he loved and served, shows that he was a devoted, strong, and holy man. Attributes such as these are important for athletes and soldiers, for it is their dedication and fearlessness that helps them to succeed in their endeavors.

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