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FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil | 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass | 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily: Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Six month notification required

Baptism: By appointment

Penance: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Education Center or By appointment

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724-552-2535

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Public Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Office Closed

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WELCOME FATHER BANDURA

Saint James Parish welcomes this week our new Parish Administrator, Father Tyler J. Bandura. Saint James staff and parishioners are so delighted to have you at our parish. Welcome Father Bandura!

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BANDURA

I am excited to begin my responsibilities at Saint James Parish. After working full time for Bishop Malesic and in the Vocation Office over the past five years, I am excited to return to parish ministry. Since I have found out that I had been assigned here, everywhere I go people say to me, *"You are going to a wonderful parish!"* I tell them, *"I know."* I already had the opportunity to meet with the staff members and the pastoral and finance councils, and they are what people say, *"dedicated parishioners who love their parish."* I am excited this weekend to begin meeting the members of my parish family. I realize that some of you will only see me virtually. I am glad that you can join us through technology, but I look forward to a time soon when we can all be back together for in-person worship for the celebration of Holy Mass.

I know that you are aware of my other responsibilities in the diocese. I will continue my ministry at Greensburg Central Catholic High School, in the Priestly Vocation Office, and assisting Bishop Kulick as Episcopal Master of Ceremonies. Many people often say to me, *"Father, your many jobs make you so busy."* I indeed have many jobs, but I am not too busy. Please know that my ministry here at Saint James is very important to me, and so are you. Please do not ever hesitate to contact me. I am here to serve you as your priest.

I want to express my gratitude to Bishop-elect Kulick for his faithful and dedicated pastoral care to this parish community over the past eight years. I know that you will miss him, but I think that he may miss you more. This weekend in the bulletin, is a Novena prayer that I ask you to pray for in anticipation of the Episcopal Ordination that will take place on February 11. We will continue to support and offer our love to Bishop-elect as he moves on to his new ministry as our Bishop.

In Christ's Love,

Father Bandura
Saint James, Pray for Us!

SINCERE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Bishop-elect Kulick's last weekend Mass such a special event. Bishop-elect Kulick has asked us to express his sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make it such a memorable Mass. Especially to all those who expressed their well wishes by presenting him with gifts, cards and prayers. A special thank you to Mr. Mike Stango for his meaningful remarks to Bishop-elect Kulick and to Mrs. Nance Disciascio for decorating the Sanctuary so beautifully. Thank you also to all those that took the time to express your well wishes at the drive-by and the men of the Holy Name Society that braved the cold and directed the cars through our lot.

We so greatly appreciate all the kind remarks to the planning committee. We could not have accomplished this without all of your help. Thank you!

Father Bandura
Loretta Oken
Bridget Widdowson
Laura Nalevanko

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great pleasure that we announce our parishioner, Mr. Jim Bennett was received into Full Communion into the Catholic Church at last Saturday evening's Mass. He celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Your Saint James Family congratulates you!

CANDLEMASS CANDLES FOR PURCHASE

On **Tuesday, February 2, 2021** we celebrated Candlemass also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. During this Mass, Father Bandura blessed our candles that will be used for the rest of the liturgical year. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.

There are blessed candles from Candlemas Day available on the table in the back of the church for use in your home - (\$2.00 per box of two candles).

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

We are celebrating this weekend World Day of Consecrated Life. This celebration was Instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1997, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which commemorates through the blessing and lighting of candles that Christ is the light of the world.

So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Let us pray:

*Good and gracious God
who calls every man and woman to live a life of holiness,
we give you praise for those men and women we call brothers or sisters.
Grant them the wisdom to know and love you and to share that love with others.
Grant more vocations to the Church through consecration to religious life.
We ask all this in the name of Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.*

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

MARIAN PRAYERS

Our Rosary Altar Society will sponsor our monthly devotions and Marian Prayers on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 1:30 - 3:15 p.m.** in the Church. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. all four mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed. There will then be a period of quiet time for private prayer. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. with closing at 3:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in this time of prayer as we pray for the intentions of the Church, our world and country along with your own private intentions.

ROSARY ALTAR ROSARY AND MEETING

The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting their monthly meeting on **Sunday, February 14, 2021** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Rosary will be recited prior to the start of the meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend the meeting and everyone is welcome to attend the reciting of the rosary.

LITURGICAL SERVICES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021 | VIGIL MASS - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 p.m. † Andy Yantos (Chabino and Felice Families)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Matt Salandro (Fran and Nance Disciascio)

10:00 a.m. † For the People

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 | SAINT JEROME EMILIANI; SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

8:00 a.m. † Anna Loyacona (David Beckwith)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 | WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. † Linda Deglau (Bill & Martha Ebert)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 | SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

8:00 a.m. † For Renewed Health for Dottie Bacher (Catherine Pastor)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 | OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8:00 a.m. † Dale & Louise Shanefelt (Betty Nemchik)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 | WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. † John & Barbara Wagner (Family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 | VIGIL MASS - THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 p.m. † Larry Rich (Saint Vincent DePaul Truck Crew)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † For the People

10:00 a.m. † John Nemchik (Greg Pardi)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

BY: DENISE PENCOLA, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION

HEROES CORNER

Each year the secular world celebrates Saint Valentine's Day. It is interesting to note that there are three different Saint Valentine's in Church History. The historical record of these three men is sparse. The first Saint Valentine was a physician and a priest in Rome. It is believed that he comforted the martyrs, along with Saint Marius, during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II. Saint Valentine was eventually arrested, beaten and clubbed to death for his faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. His death occurred on February 14, 270 AD. He was buried on the Flaminian Way. Pope Julius I (333-356) had a basilica built on the site of his remains to preserve the tomb of Saint Valentine. However, during Archeological digs in the 1500s and 1800s unearthed his tomb and moved his remains to the Church of Saint Praxedes near the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where they remain today.

The second Saint Valentine was a Bishop 60 miles from Rome in what is now known as Terni. He too, was arrested, beaten and martyred for his faith under the persecution of Emperor Claudius II. Little is known of the third Saint Valentine except that he was martyred in Africa along with several of his companions. The one thing that tied all three of these men together is their great love for God, for Jesus Christ and for their faith and devotion to the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Valentine's Day on the secular calendar may be a day of exchanging cards, candies, or even gifts between people in love; it should be a day that faith-filled people should express their love for the Lord. To love like He loves. Love the Lord, our God with all our hearts, minds and soul and love our neighbor in kind. May Saint Valentine and all the saints pray for us!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Religious Education and Youth Ministry classes will be held on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Education Center.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 30, 2021 & JANUARY 31, 2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$2,590.00
Offertory Loose:	\$270.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$46.00
Candles:	\$37.00
Catholic Accent:	\$41.00
Central European:	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$2.00
Home Missions:	\$10.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$10.00
Total:	\$3,016.00

56 Adults - 24% out of 237 who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

Income	Budget	Difference
\$2,955.00	\$3,688.85	\$ -733.85

**New Weekend Second Collection
Fuel & Maintenance**

JANUARY 2021 ELECTRONIC TRANSFER REPORT

\$3,970.00

This amount is added offertory revenue for our Parish for the month of **January 2021**. This amount represents offertory gifts given through our parish EFT program and those received through our Diocesan website offertory link and these are not previously published in the bulletin. This amount will be added to our total offertory income for **January 2021**.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, February 11, 2021** for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick.



MASS ATTENDANCE

**JANUARY 30, 2021 &
JANUARY 31, 2021**

4:30 p.m. - 60
8:00 a.m. - 17
10:00 a.m. - 84

Total - 161

LECTORS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

4:30 p.m. - Nicole Wells

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Bridget Widdowson
10:00 a.m. - Mary Kay Rosborough

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning during the month of **February 2021**

February 2021

In Memory of:

Birthdays Remembrance for

George Pastor

Requested by:

Wife, Catherine Pastor and Family



2020 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

Last week parishioners should have received in the mail a letter that contains a record of your 2020 contributions to Saint James Parish. These letters are for your personal reference and for auditing and tax purposes. If your donation to the 2020 DLA was \$250.00 or greater you will receive a separate statement from the Diocese of Greensburg. If you do not receive these letters, or if you have a question relating to your record of contributions, please contact the Parish Office or a member of our Parish Finance Council. Thank you!

Novena to Prepare for and Celebrate the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Kulick as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg on February 11, 2021

Heavenly Father, in these days that lead to the ordination of the shepherd you have chosen for your people in the Diocese of Greensburg, we offer our prayers that Bishop-elect Kulick's time of service here will bear good fruit by your grace.

- February 3** Father in Heaven, may Bishop-elect Kulick be the spiritual father that you desire him to be.
- February 4** Lord Jesus, may Bishop-elect Kulick follow your loving example as the Good Shepherd.
- February 5** Holy Spirit, anoint Bishop-elect Kulick with the power to be a servant leader who helps sanctify the faithful through his ministry.
- February 6** Guardian angel of Bishop-elect Kulick, remain at his side always – lighting, guarding, ruling, and guiding him on the path of God's love.
- February 7** Most Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for Bishop-elect Kulick's faithfulness in our Heavenly Father's eyes and, ultimately, for his eternal salvation.
- February 8** Blessed Saint Joseph, foster father of our Savior, pray that Bishop-elect Kulick will be a blessing to the Church you love so deeply.
- February 9** Saint Charles Borromeo, pray the Bishop-elect Kulick will be an effective teacher of the Faith, as you were with God's help.
- February 10** Saint Benedict, through your intercession may the prayer and work of Bishop-elect Kulick complement each other for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.
- February 11** Holy Trinity, One God, bless Bishop Kulick with a strong sense of your love and an ardent desire to spread the love of God and neighbor throughout the Diocese of Greensburg.

Let us pray...

Heavenly Father you bless your Church with bishops as successors to the apostles chosen by your son, our Savior Jesus. We ask you to sustain with your Spirit our Holy Father, Pope Francis as well as the shepherd you have chosen for us, Bishop-elect Kulick.

May the bond of love and loyalty between those two leaders show itself in fruitful service to the faithful throughout the world as well as in the Diocese of Greensburg. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



RUMMAGE SALE OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

A rummage sale will be held in the basement of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, 420 McKinley Ave., East Vandergrift on **Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 7, 2021 from noon to 1:00 p.m.** Mask wearing and social distancing practices will be observed.

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOUNT PLEASANT

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant, will have a take-out doughnut sale from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on **February 8, 2021** in the community center. Doughnuts will be made on those days. The doughnuts will be pre-packaged for quick pick up in the community center. Cost of the doughnuts is \$1.50 each. All CDC guidelines in regard to COVID-19 will be followed, including the safe preparation of the doughnuts.



VENDOR FAIR SAINT JAMES PARISH APOLLO

A vendor fair will be held in Saint James Parish Center, 109 Owens View Ave., Apollo on **Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All vendors are needed. The cost with electric is \$20.00/table and without \$15.00/table. Mask wearing and social distancing are required by all. Call Linda at 724-882-8776 to register or any questions.

THE WELL MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Greensburg men's conference, THE WELL, will have a virtual conference from **9:00 - 11:30 a.m. March 20, 2021**. The seminar is free to anyone who wishes to attend and will be available on the Diocese of Greensburg website and Facebook page. The theme of the event is *"Jesus is Knocking, Open the Door!"* Two dynamic speakers will be featured: Mike Aquilina of Bridgeville, an award-winning author of more than 50 books on Catholic history, and Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., director of spiritual formation at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Interested men are asked to register for this free event so they are able to receive detailed information. Registration can be found at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL. Those who have paid and registered for the in-person conference, scheduled for September 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, are registered for this event.

BISHOP-ELECT KULICK INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION MASS TO BE CELEBRATED FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The Ordination and Installation Mass for Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be celebrated **Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In an abundance of caution and in order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be extremely limited and by invitation only.

However, the entire diocesan community is invited to participate in the celebration, which will be available for viewing on the diocesan website, DioceseofGreensburg.org, our diocesan Facebook page and YouTube Channel. The Mass will also be broadcast on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) live at **2:00 p.m.** EST.

Diocesan coverage of this much-anticipated event will begin at **1:00 p.m.** with special coverage by The Catholic Accent.





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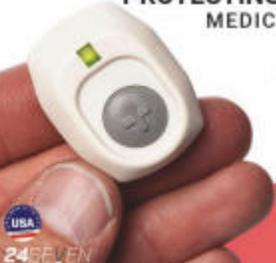
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