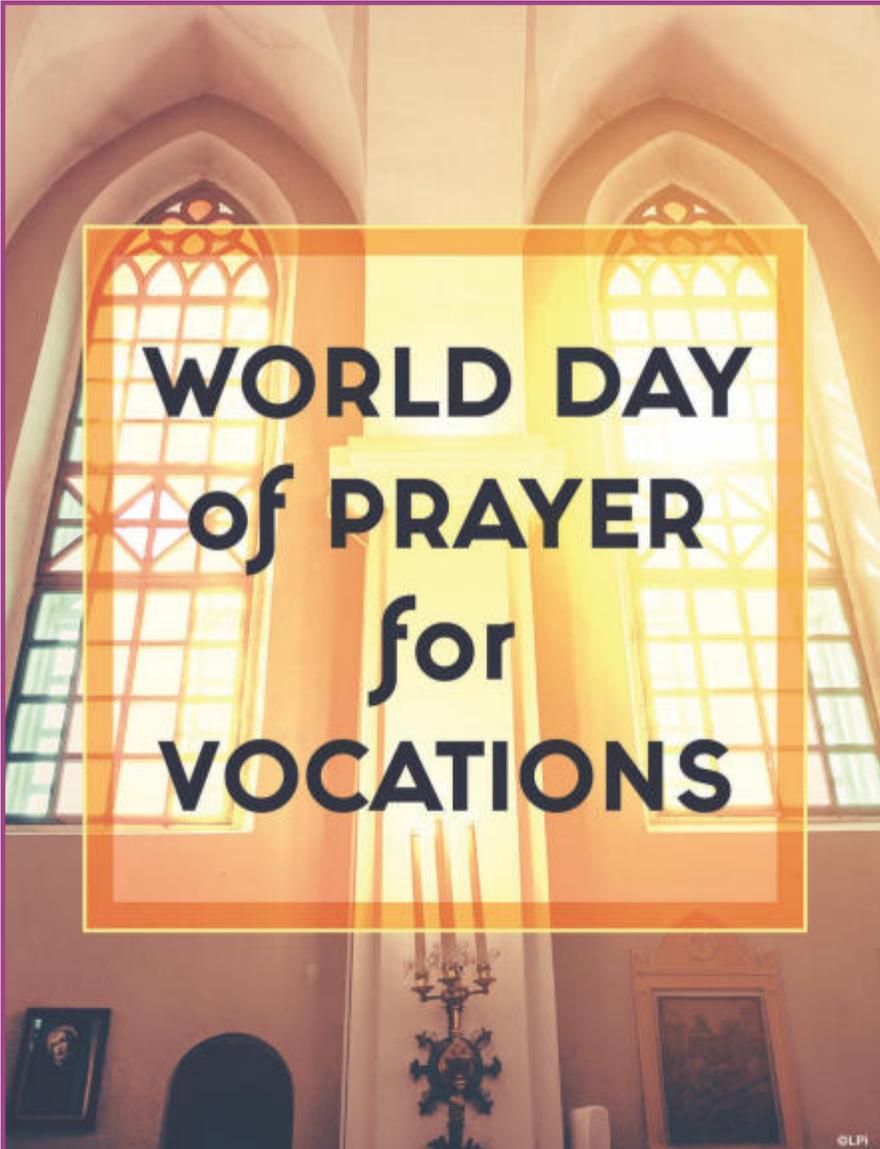




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**APRIL 25, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



## WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS

### **MASS SCHEDULES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 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: Available the Second & Fourth Weekends each month.**

Saturday: After 4:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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### **Public Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
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Wednesday - Office Closed

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# PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR MASS

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."  
(Acts 4:12)

### PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

### SECOND READING:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

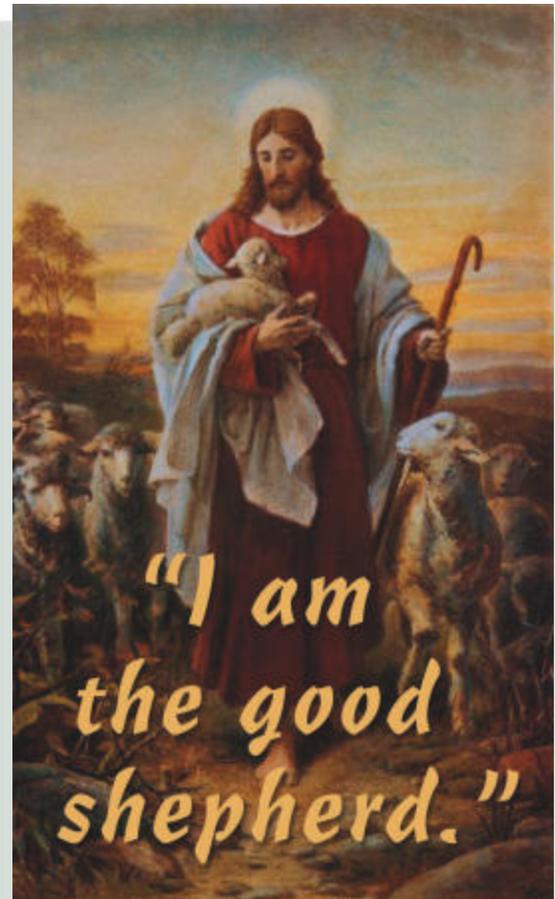
### GOSPEL:

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest  
Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Friday: St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day  
Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

### SECOND READING

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

### GOSPEL READING

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?

## VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

This Sunday, we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Day. When we hear the word “*vocation*,” we often think of just the Priesthood. While it is true that the Priesthood is a vocation, it is only one of the four particular vocations of the Church. The other three include the Sacrament of Marriage, Consecrated Life, and the single state. The work of promoting vocations in our diocese is close to my heart. This weekend also allows me to reflect upon my vocation of Priesthood, which brings me such great joy in my life. It is true, when we do what God asks of us, we will be the happiest we can be in this life.

As you know, one of my other ministries in the diocese is serving as the Director of Priestly Vocations. We must work to establish a culture of vocations in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. What is a culture of vocations? It is simply the fact that we raise the awareness within our families and parishes that God is calling everyone for a very specific purpose. It is our job to grow in holiness and to answer God’s call. To those of you already in your particular vocation, thank you for your commitment to following Christ.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## SEMINARIAN UPDATE

We are blessed with seven seminarians from our diocese, but as you can imagine, seven is not enough. We must continue to work to foster holy Catholic marriages because it is from the holiness of family life that vocations come forth. It does not matter how small we are at Saint James or even how few young people we have; we also must be a vocation-producing parish. Remember, God is calling each of us to one of the particular vocations of the Church. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers, along with all men discerning the Priesthood.

### Our Current Seminarians:

Christopher Pujol  
Andrew Hamilton  
Craig Alexander  
David Slusarick  
Kevin Richardson  
Jeremy Zawelensky  
Zachary Lentz

## COMMUNITY FOOD BOX PANTRY NEW INITIATIVE OF SAINT JAMES CHURCH

Over the past few weeks, the Rosary Altar Society has moved forward in working with the local New Alexandria Borough Council to seek approval to install a food pantry box to provide for the needs of our local community. I am happy to announce that the “*Little Free Pantry*” was installed this past week at the Community Center. It is the task of the Church to provide not just for the needs of our own community members but also the needs of our brothers and sisters of the broader community. I always like to ask myself, “*If our parish community would cease to exist tomorrow, would people even notice that we are gone?*” Something for us to think about.

The purpose of this food pantry box is to provide anyone who needs nonperishable food items with an instant and anonymous way to access support.

I want to ask the members of our parish community to lead the initiative in keeping the food pantry box stocked with items.

If you are at the grocery store or discover that you have a few extra items in your pantry at home, please stop by the community center and drop them off for those who are in need.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – NEW TIME

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the underutilized sacraments in our faith. We often fall into the pattern of going to confession only two times a year, during Advent and Lent. While this is not a bad practice, I have found in my own life the more I receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the more I can discover the authentic love of Christ and His power to bring about change in life. I always say the most challenging part about going for a run is planning out my route and putting on my shoes. After that, it is a breeze. I think the same is true about confession. Sometimes the most challenging part is being honest with yourself in examining your conscience and then stepping into the line and waiting for your turn to receive the sacrament. One of the other challenges in receiving this sacrament is that we make excuses in saying that it is not available at a convenient time that works with my schedule. I understand that and want to do my best to make this sacrament available to you.

Remember, that the Church teaches that as Catholics, we must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year and that anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without first going to confession unless there is a reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession (CCC1457).



To allow for greater access to this Sacrament it will now be offered on the second and fourth weekends of the month at the following times:

**Saturday – after 4:30 PM Mass**

**Sunday – In between Masses from 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM**

***\*In May, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will no longer be offered on Saturday at 9:00 AM.***

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the men of the Holy Name Society who graciously spent their time this past week in cleaning our grounds and for the way in which they keep the Church landscape in such beautiful shape each year.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce that this past week we had our final technological devices installed inside the Church. We have been working on this project for several months and we are excited that the last of the equipment has been installed that will provide wi-fi service to the Church and the Social Hall. This final equipment installation will provide us the complete capability to live stream our daily Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays and also our weekend liturgy, in addition any future special events. The ability for Saint James Parish to complete such expensive and significant project is a direct result from the generosity of our parishioners in former Diocesan Lenten Campaigns. Thank you once again for your generosity, and also to Mrs. Laura Nalevanko for her work in overseeing the completion of this project.

To gain access to the wi-fi in the Church using your phone, you must access your phones settings, search for the Saint James Guest Account, type in: **guest@stjamesna.org** and the password is: **guest**

## LITURGICAL SERVICES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021 | ANTICIPATED MASS - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 p.m. † Stanley E. Sheffler (Stella Sheffler & Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

8:00 a.m. † Birthday Remembrance for Betty Vargo (By Family)

10:00 a.m. † For the People

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021 | EASTER WEEKDAY  
NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 | EASTER WEEKDAY  
NO MORNING MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 | SAINT PETER CHANEL-SAINT LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIESTS  
NO MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021 | SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 | SAINT PIUS V, POPE  
NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 | ANTICIPATED MASS - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 p.m. † Special Birthday for Chuck McNaughton (Wife, Nancy, Daughter Kelly & Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. † For the People

10:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Rosary Altar Society Members

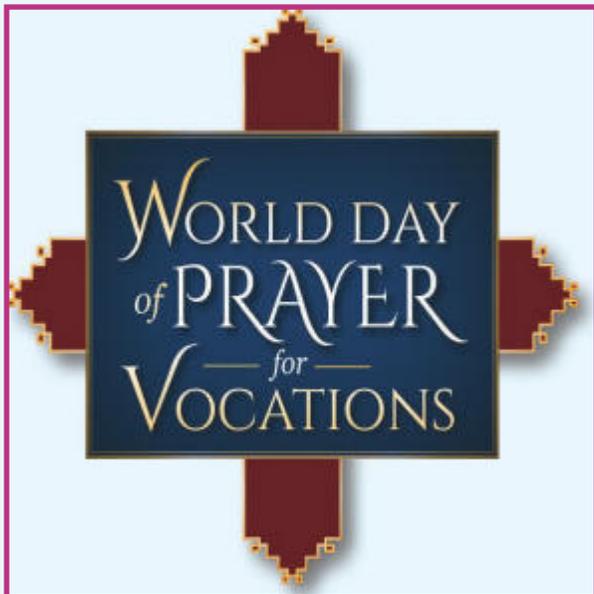
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

The last Religious Education & Youth Ministry class for the season will be held on **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Education Center with a class party. We would like to thank all our teachers who sacrificed their time and talent this year to make our Religious Education Programs, Elementary to High School classes and Youth Ministry active and interesting. We thank our Faculty, Mrs. Helen Ellis, Mrs. Angel Gillott, and Mrs. Roxanne Rouse.

We also acknowledge our Rosary Altar Society for the many services that they provide our young people through our Religious Education Program. The parties they subsidize, the generous gifts they give to acknowledge milestones of our participants and most of all for their constant prayers for each of our students.

*Mrs. Denise Pencola*  
Director of Religious Formation

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021



Established in 1964 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday to be World Day of Prayer for Vocations which is the day each year that all Catholics are asked to pray to God that he send more workers into the harvest. Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

We thank you, Father Bandura, for your service to God, your leadership in vocations, your service to our young students at Greensburg Central Catholic and to your commitment to Saint James Parish! We are so blessed to have you here with us!

*Please pray...*

*"God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord." Amen.*

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

### ROSARY ALTAR MEETING AND SPECIAL SPEAKER THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

The Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary in the Church Social Hall at **6:30 p.m.** and hosting the next monthly meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, May 6, 2021.**

There will a special speaker at the meeting, Sister Maria Theresa Rishel and the topic is *"Being Mary in a Martha World."*

This evening is open to everyone who would be interested in attending. We hope you can join us!

### SAINT JAMES OUTDOOR CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Food & Chinese Auction**

**Contact Angel Gillott for booth  
registration/information at:**

**724-787-2240 or email:**

**[angelgillott2@gmail.com](mailto:angelgillott2@gmail.com)**

# SAINT JAMES STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT

APRIL 17, 2021 & APRIL 18, 2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,970.00
Offertory Children:	\$2.00
Offertory Loose:	\$255.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$13.00
Candles:	\$57.50
Catholic Accent:	\$14.00
Easter:	\$70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,381.50</b>

64 Adults & 2 Children

27 % out of 237 who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$2,367.50	\$3,688.85	\$ - 1,321.35

## DLA UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce that to date we have received **92** gifts for a total of **\$70,030.00**. Last year, we received gifts from **110** parishioners to achieve our goals. If you have not yet made a commitment to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider a donation to assist our parish. Please remember that since we have already met the diocesan goal amount, all funds now being received will be returned directly to Saint James.



## MINISTERS OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**  
**4:30 p.m.**

Marion Cowan

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**8:00 a.m.**

Bridget Widdowson

**10:00 a.m.**

Karen Bennett

## MASS ATTENDANCE

**APRIL 17, 2021 & APRIL 18, 2021**

4:30 p.m. - 59

8:00 a.m. - 60

10:00 a.m. - 61

**Total - 180**

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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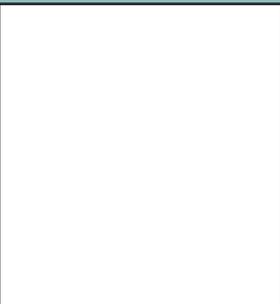
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