



Saint James Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
306 Saint James Lane
New Alexandria, PA 15670

The Reverend Monsignor Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.,VG, Pastor

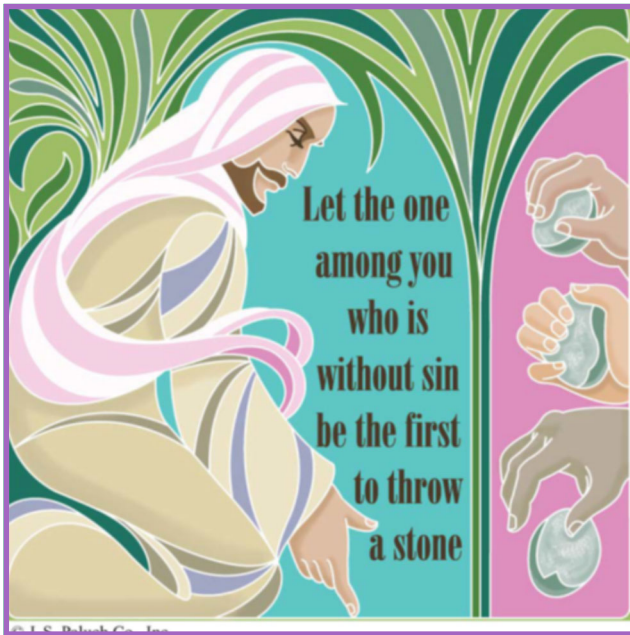
Rectory & Office: (724) 668-2829
Social Hall: (724) 668-2323
Education Center & Fax: (724) 668-7327

Website: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 4:00 PM



The Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7, 2019



Mass Schedules

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 8:00 AM
Holy Day: Vigil at 7:00 PM & Day at 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Marriage:

Six Month Notification is Required

Baptism:

By Appointment

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 4:00 PM or By Appointment

Saint James Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of Saint James Church, New Alexandria, consisting of diverse, dedicated hard working people, hold firm the traditions and beliefs of our Catholic faith.

Our Mission is to keep this faith alive and growing through the love of the Eucharist, the Sacraments, and the Word of God.

Responding to our Baptismal call we are devoted to fostering spiritual formation, strengthening Christian values, evangelizing and caring for all.

As we travel on our Journey of a Lifetime, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we help the community strive to seek the Kingdom of God.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday, April 7, 2019

*"I consider everything as a loss because of
the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. "
~ Philippians 3:8 ~*

Liturgical Services of The Week

Saturday,	April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:30 pm	Andrew W. Renchko (James & Rosalie Hall)
Sunday,	April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:30 am	For the People
Monday,	April 8, Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Loretta Lee Litzinger (Joe Ragan & Family)
Tuesday,	April 9, Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Andy Yantos (Tom & Jan Hankinson)
Wednesday,	April 10, Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Frank Levandosky (Chuck & Jane Strittmatter)
Thursday,	April 11, Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Rose DeMary (Family & Friends)
Friday,	April 12, Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	John Wagner (Family)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:30 pm	For the People
Sunday,	April 14, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:30 am	Edward Mowery (Ray & Anna Marie Mowery)
8:00 pm	Tenebrae Service

Ministers of the Week

Friday, April 12, 2019 - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Cierra & Deana Henderson

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - Palm Sunday

Altar Servers & Lector:

4:30 p.m. Ray & Anna Marie Mowery

4:30 p.m. Nicole Wells & Gene Bartolini
Karen Bennett, Mary Bartolini
Marion Cowan

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

Altar Servers & Lector:

9:30 a.m. David & Georgette McNaughton,

9:30 a.m. Bill Mauck & Jane Strittmatter
Barb Volek, Jan Hankinson
Ruth Ann Morelli

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Tenebrae

Altar Servers & Lector:

8:00 p.m. Bill Mauck, Mary Kay Rosborough

Communion to the Sick: Chuck & Nancy McNaughton

From Our Pastor:
The Reverend
Monsignor
Larry J. Kulick, JCL, V.G.



GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation. As we enter into the last full week of the Lenten Season, it is a wonderful time to avail ourselves to the Sacrament of Penance and experience the forgiveness of God through the healing grace of the Sacrament.

Diaconate Ordination

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Edward C. Malesic has called Mr. Mark R. Dunmire to the responsibility of the diaconate. The diaconate ordination will be celebrated on **Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Please keep Mark in your prayers as he makes the commitment to enter into holy orders and continues on his journey to the priesthood. In addition, please continue to pray for all people discerning God's call to the priesthood.



Collection Stewards - April 14, 2019

Barbara Volek, Joseph Ahearn, Vicki Mauck

**SAINT JAMES CHURCH
EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

By: William D'Angelo
Formation Director
(724) 771-7333

MASS ATTENDANCE:

“We count everyone because everyone counts.”

Weekend of March 30, 2019 & March 31, 2019
4:30 p.m. - 108 9:30 a.m. - 88
Total - 196

Evening of Reflection - Monday, April 1, 2019 - 36

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
and Marian Prayers**

Our Rosary Altar Society will sponsor our monthly devotions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Marian Prayers on ***Monday, April 8, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.*** in the Church. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and all four mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed. There will then be a period of quiet time for private prayer and Adoration. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. with closing of our afternoon with Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

Choir Practice

There will be Choir Practice on ***Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.*** in the Church.

Religious Education/Youth Ministry

The next Religious Education/Youth Ministry classes will be held on ***Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*** in the Education Center.

Rosary Altar Society Monthly Meeting

Reminder that the Rosary Altar Society meeting will be held on ***Thursday, April 11, 2019*** beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the church followed by the monthly meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. We will be praying for the church, our priests and all those in religious life. Our Hostesses will be Mrs. Lynda Aldridge and Mrs. Rose Mary Kuznicki. We welcome all women of the parish, it will be a very fun evening, please plan on joining us!

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on ***Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*** and on ***Good Friday, April 19, 2019.***



Blessing of Palms

Next weekend we will have the blessing and distribution of palms at all weekend masses. On Palm Sunday it is our custom, weather permitting, to begin our ***9:30 a.m.*** Mass in the Education Center for the Blessing of Palms and a procession to the Church commemorating the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. If you are unable to process, please go directly to the Church. Thank you.



**Easter Window
Candle Memorials**

There will be 14 memorial candles that will be placed to adorn each of our Stations of the Cross windows for the Easter season. These candles are available for your intention, in honor of someone, or in memory of deceased loved one. There is a \$25.00 donation for each window to cover the cost of the candles. Please call the Parish Office as soon as possible with your intentions to reserve your window. The candles will burn beginning on the ***Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 2019 through the Solemnity of Pentecost, on Sunday, June 8, 2019.*** A listing of these memorials will be printed in our Easter parish bulletin.

**REGIONAL LENTEN
PENANCE SERVICES**

7:00 PM

Monday, April 8, 2019

Saint John the Evangelist - Latrobe

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Saint Joseph - Derry

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Saint Rose Church - Latrobe

Monday, April 15, 2019

Saint James - New Alexandria

Holy Name Society Meeting

Sunday, April 14, 2019 is Holy Name Sunday. A meeting will be held at ***8:30 a.m.*** before Mass to discuss the final planning for the spring breakfast that will be held on ***Sunday, April 28, 2019.*** All men of the parish are invited to attend.

SAINT JAMES NEWS

Tenebrae Service

We will be celebrating again this year at Saint James an evening Tenebrae Service on ***Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019*** beginning at **8:00 p.m.** in the Church. The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the Church dating back to the Eighth Century. From the Latin, the word Tenebrae means “darkness” and commemorates the final hours of our Lord’s life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. The service includes readings and prayers, congregational hymns and choral selections by our cantors and choir. If you have never experienced a Tenebrae, we encourage you to attend this special service.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning during the month of ***April 2019***:

In Memory of: Paul & Ang Benko

Requested by:
Marty, Dorothy & Paul Strosko

The Lenten Tradition of Covering Statues

For Catholics, the Season of Lent is a very important time. We pray, fast and engage in acts of charity. Since the beginning of Lent some of the statues in our Church have been veiled. This weekend the remaining statues will be covered. This practice has its roots in 9th century Germany, with a cloth called the Hungertuch which covered the altar through Lent. This custom over the years evolved into the practice we follow today. First the veils alert us to the special time of year we are in when we notice something is different in our Church. Second, we listen to the words being said at Mass especially the Passion narrative. And thirdly the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter when they are removed.

This unveiling at Easter is a great reminder of our life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted, and we are able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



Diocesan Lenten Appeal

A sincere thank you to all who have responded to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. We are pleased to report that we have already reached our Diocesan target of **\$19,568.00**. That means that all gifts and pledges received from this point, retain 100 percent to Saint James Parish to be used for our parish needs as outlined in our 2019 Case Statement. To date we have received **74** gifts for a total of **\$48,705.00**. Thank you to all who took the opportunity to make their commitment at Mass last weekend.

If you have made your commitment yet, please consider making it this week. You may do so online at dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE, by sending your pledge card to the Parish Office or dropping it off, or by completing your pledge card and placing it in the offertory basket next weekend at Mass.

Save the date for...

Saint James Church
Car Cruise
Sunday, June 2, 2019

Please consider donating your time to support our Parish. Help will be needed with many areas, setting up, food preparation and tearing down. Please watch the bulletin for additional information for final preparations for this year's event. If interested, please contact Karen Bennett at 724-668-2069 or the Parish Office. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE Collection Report

March 30, 2019 - March 31, 2019

Adult Envelopes:	\$2,071.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 96.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$ 20.00
Special Donation:	\$ 125.00
Candles:	\$ 134.00
Easter Flowers:	\$1,038.00
Easter:	\$ 20.00
Lent:	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$3,554.00

**81 Adults - 33% out of 242 who choose to use
Regular Sunday envelopes.**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,554.00	\$3,653.85	\$ - 99.85

NEWS IN THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

“Open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE shine. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Bishop

Malesic describing how the DLA supports our Catholic schools and helps our students shine. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit: dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

Saint John the Evangelist Church **306 Saint John Drive, Latrobe**

A booster breakfast will be held at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Latrobe on the second Sunday this month. The Boosters will hold a French Toast & Ham Breakfast in the parish hall, on **Sunday, April 14, 2019** starting at 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The price for adults is \$6.00 and for children under 12 years of age is \$4.00. The breakfast includes: French toast, honey baked ham, apple sauce, orange juice and beverage.

“Prayer Around the Cross” at Christ Our Shepherd Center April 14, 2019

The Diocesan Heritage Center will host a style of Taize prayer, “Prayer Around the Cross” **Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.** at Saint Joseph Chapel at the Christ Our Shepherd Center. The event will feature prayer through Scripture, music, icons and candlelight.

Catholic Charities Offers Counseling for Individuals, Couples and Families

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers faith-based assistance with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, interpersonal conflicts, recovery support, parenting and family issues, anger management, and other personal and family issues. Counseling is provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. Fees are low, and many insurances accepted. Offices are located in Greensburg, Indiana, Uniontown, Kittanning and New Kensington. For more information or an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

21st annual Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner April 25, 2019

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host the 21st annual Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner **April 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Bishop Edward C. Malesic will present three awards — humanitarian, philanthropy and outstanding human service organization. All net proceeds benefit people in need in the diocese’s four counties. Contact Heather Rady, director of community relations and special events, at 724-837-1840 for sponsorship and ticket information.

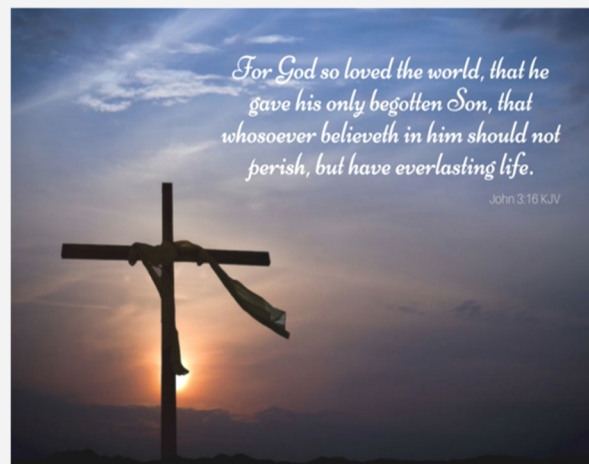
Church Tour **Holy Family Church** **Latrobe, PA**

We are offering guided tours of our Church from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019**. The Church will be decorated for the Easter Season. Reservations are not required, but please arrive by 1:00 p.m. Each tour is approximately 45 minutes. Future tour dates will be announced at a later date. They are located at 1200 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, PA, 15650.

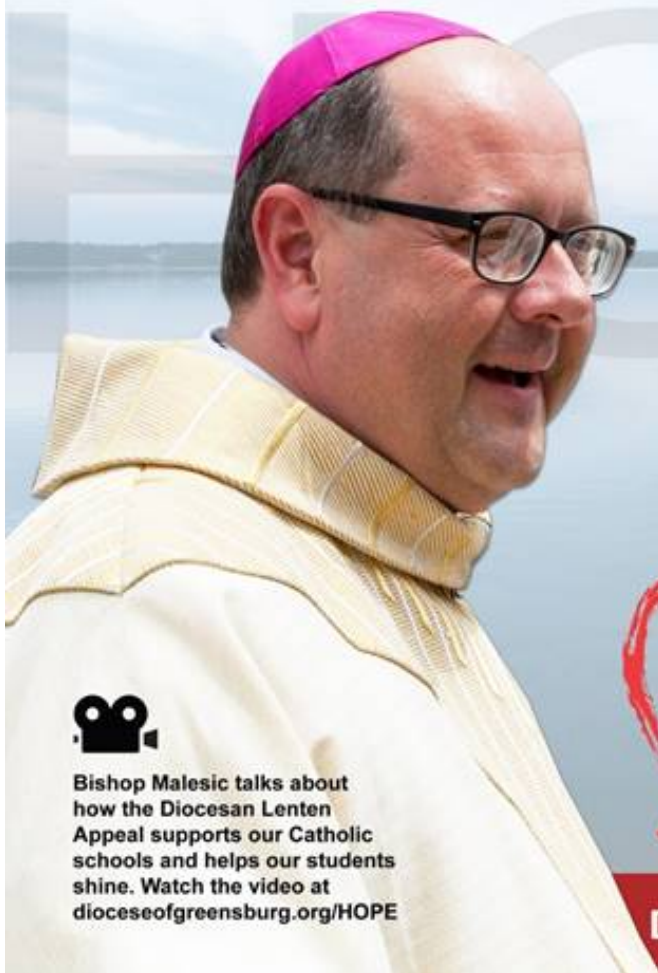
Group tours may be scheduled for weekdays and some Saturdays. To schedule a group tour or for more information, contact Charlene Nicholson at: cmnicholson54@gmail.com or 724-532-4135.

Bishop Malesic to lead Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration in Greensburg April 28, 2019

Bishop Malesic will lead an outdoor service and eucharistic procession for Divine Mercy **Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** in Saint Clair Park on North Maple Avenue, Greensburg. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on North Main Street.



Open your heart to HOPE



HOPE SHINES

In our Catholic schools, the Lenten Appeal helps more than 2,300 students shine! Jesse Dermotta attends Queen of Angels Catholic School. She was one of the founding members of the Kindness Club, which strives to walk the path of Christ, doing unto others as they would have done unto them.



Bishop Malesic talks about how the Diocesan Lenten Appeal supports our Catholic schools and helps our students shine. Watch the video at dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE

DONATE TODAY dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE