



Saint James Church

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

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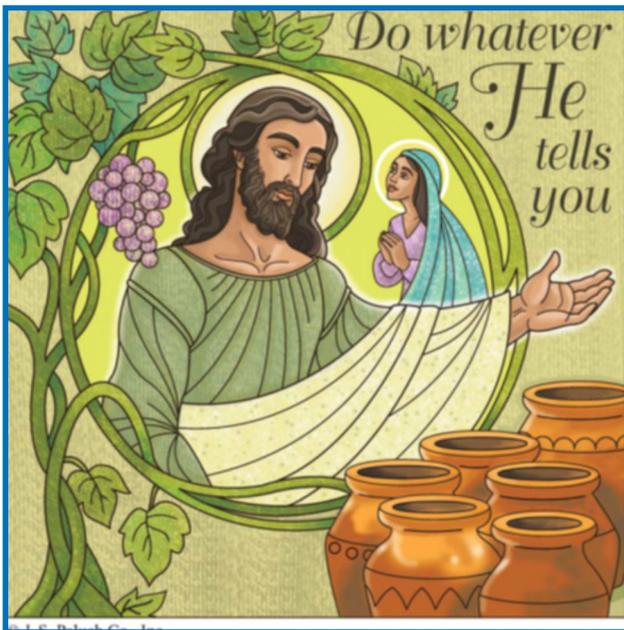
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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 4:00 PM



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 20, 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.

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 20, 2019

*"Nations shall behold your vindication, and
all the kings your glory."*

~ Isaiah 62:2~

Liturgical Services of The Week

Saturday,	January 19, 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time
4:30 pm	Karen Kuznicki Houston (Joseph & Rose Mary Kuznicki)
Sunday,	January 20, 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time
9:30 am	For the People
Monday,	January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 am	Joseph & Olga Janoscrat (Daughter Theresa)
Tuesday,	January 22, Day of for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:00 am	Barbara Stopa (Tom & Jan Hankinson)
Wednesday,	January 23, Weekday
8:00 am	John Wagner (Family)
Thursday,	January 24, St. Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am	Elizabeth Yantos (Chabino & Felico Families)
Friday,	January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
8:00 am	Adam Sopko (Nieces & Nephews)
Saturday,	January 26, 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time
4:30 pm	For the People
Sunday,	January 27, 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time
9:30 am	Ronald Yantos (Stanley & Barbara Volek)

Ministers of the Week

Altar Servers:

Sat: 4:30 p.m. Peggy & Emma Slezak

Sun: 9:30 a.m. Cierra & Deana Henderson

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Sat: 4:30 p.m. Marion Cowan
Betty Nemchik, Nicole Wells,
Fran Disciascio

Sun: 9:30 a.m. Gene Bartolini
Mike Stango, Karen Bennett,
Mary Bartolini

Collection Stewards - January 27, 2019 - Ruth Ann Morelli
Jan Hankinson, Judy Cramer

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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

Special Intention for:

Michael Oken & Deceased Members of Micklo & Sopko Families

Requested by: Loretta Oken

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



A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

"God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."
Amen

**SAINT JAMES CHURCH
EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

"We count everyone because everyone counts."

Weekend of January 12, 2019 & January 13, 2019
4:30 p.m. - 85 9:30 a.m. - 80
Total - 165

***"Thank you, Jesus, for renewing me. Lord,
help me to see your glory so that I can
believe in you more deeply."***

Religious Education/Youth Ministry

The next Religious Education classes will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Education Center. Please be sure to check our website for any changes in this schedule in case of inclement weather. Parents please remember to come into the Education Center to pick up your children.

A Word of Thanks

Thank you to all those who helped de-decorate the Church this past week. We can be so proud of how our Church was decorated for the Christmas season. We received many wonderful compliments. Thanks to all who assisted in any way!

The Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Friday, January 25, 2019

Still known as Saul, and "*still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord,*" he sought permission from the high priest to bring back to Jerusalem in chains any men or men who belonged to "*the Way.*" Seeking out more disciples of Jesus Christ, Saul wanted to punish them, and perhaps encourage them, by such punishment, to recant and rejoin the Jewish fold. But something happened on the way to Damascus – something which would change the course of the new Christian Church, and the course of the history of the world.

On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" He said, "*Who are you, sir?*" The reply came, "*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.*" The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, for they heard the voice but could see no one. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus. For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, "*Ananias.*" He answered, "*Here I am, Lord.*" The Lord said to him, "*Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying, and [in a vision] he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay [his] hands on him, that he may regain his sight.*" But Ananias replied, "*Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to imprison all who call upon your name.*" But the Lord said to him, "*Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.*" So Ananias went and entered the house; laying his hands on him, he said, "*Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.*" Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength, and immediately moved on to preach Jesus in the synagogues of Damascus.

Saint Paul is the man who would become known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, the man who would do more than perhaps anyone else to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ far and wide, and to fight heterodoxy and other problems that would arise in the churches he established. Saint Paul is largely responsible for the spreading of Christianity beyond Jewish circles. Saint Paul helps to show us just what conversion means. Conversion does not simply mean changing religious adherence. Saint Paul's conversion didn't only consist of his acceptance of Jesus as the Messiah, but a change of heart. Saint Paul had essentially made a career out of persecuting Christians for their faith. After his experience on the road to Damascus, Saint Paul recognized the folly of his ways, and had a dramatic change of heart. This is in what conversion consists: *a change of heart.*

We are all called to conversion. Conversion is not meant only for non-Christians or non-Catholics; conversion is not something that is only meant for those who have led dramatically sinful lives; conversion is a re-orientation of our wills toward God's, a change of heart wherein we seek what God wills, and strive to do what He is calling us to do. Conversion is not something that happens to us once. It is an ongoing change of heart, a perpetual reorientation of ourselves in order to align our wills with that of God. Our wills are not perfectly in line with God's. This is something we must strive for, something that we must always be working towards.

Reference: USCCB.org

SAINT JAMES NEWS

Winter Breakfast & Bake Sale Sunday, January 27, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies

Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes
Juice, Coffee, Tea

Prices:

\$7.00 Adults
\$4.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12 years)
Children: (Under Six - Free)

Bake Sale & Raffle Tickets to win a special Basket will be available. The drawing will be held at noon on Sunday.

Our Bake Sale will also be held on *Saturday, January 26, 2019* before and after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

WeShare - On-Line Giving

Thank you to the parishioners who have already signed up for the WeShare on-line giving program. There are many benefits in giving on-line, no further need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contribution amount can easily be adjusted at any time.

If any parishioner that has already created their on-line giving, and may be concerned about not placing an envelope in the collection basket, you may use your current church envelope and simply write "*EFT*" on the front of your envelope, this stands for Electronic Funds Transfer. This will identify your on-line giving to our weekly Collection Stewards. If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish office.



Saint James Rosary Altar Society Presents

*Let's Go Back in Time to the 1950's
Sock Hop*

*Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Saint James Social Hall*

Save the date!

More information to follow in future bulletins.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection Report

January 12, 2019 - January 13, 2019

Adult Envelopes:	\$3,078.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 148.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$ 72.00
Candles:	\$ 37.75
Catholic Accent:	\$ 70.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 20.00
Memorial Donation:	\$ 100.00
Christmas:	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$3,550.75

78 Adults - 32% out of 242 who choose to use
Regular Sunday envelopes.
2 Holy Day Envelopes

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,480.75	\$3,653.85	\$ - 173.10

Special Donations

In addition to our regular offertory income, we received two Special Donations, one in the amount of \$1,600.00 from the New Alexandria Lions Club and the second in the amount of \$10,000.00 from a parishioner for a total of \$11,600.00. These donations will help our parish meet our ongoing financial obligations.

Rosary Altar News

Rosary Altar Sunday

The Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary on *Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 9:05 a.m.* in the Church. Please come early to join and pray with our members. Thank you.

Rosary Altar Society News 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, February 11, 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.

NEWS IN THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

Dine at Hoss's, Greensburg, January 20, 2019 to help Catholic Charities

Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Greensburg, will contribute a portion of its proceeds to Catholic Charities **January 20, 2019**. Eat at the restaurant between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. that day and 20 - 25 percent of the total bill will go to Catholic Charities. A fundraiser form must be presented at the time of payment. Forms are available at Catholic Charities, 711 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, or can be downloaded at ccharitiesgreensburg.org.



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21st Annual Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner Set for April 25, 2019

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host the 21st annual Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner **April 25, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Bishop Malesic will present the awards for humanitarianism, philanthropy and outstanding human services 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 information.

Day of Prayer and Education to Combat Human Trafficking February 9, 2019 in Indiana

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Prayer and Outreach Group to Combat Human Trafficking will host its fourth annual Day of Prayer and Education **February 9, 2019** from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall, Indiana. For more information, contact Raissa Federline at rsyvpf@hotmail.com or call 724-537-2064.

Winter Retreat for High School Students

The annual winter retreat, "*I Am Called*," for Diocesan high school students will be held **March 1 - 3, 2019** at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant. Cost is \$120.00. Register at your parish. Information is at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/winterretreat.

THE WELL Men's Conference to be held March 30, 2019

The Diocese's Men's Ministry Team will host THE WELL Men's Conference on **March 30, 2019** at Greensburg Central Catholic. The event includes workshops, open discussions, the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration, and it concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic. The keynote speaker will be Mike McCoy, an Erie native who is a former Notre Dame and NFL football star. Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL.

2019 Summer Pilgrimage Saint Paul Parish, Greensburg

On Wednesday **June 12, 2019** Saint Paul Parish, Greensburg is taking a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica and Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. The motor coach departs from Saint Paul's parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and returns at 11:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$120.00 per person which includes the motor coach, taxes, dinner and admissions. They will attend the noon mass at the Basilica and lunch is on your own at the Basilica Cafe. This trip will take the place of the Sights and Sounds theater trip. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by **Sunday, February 10, 2019**. Please make checks out to Scholastica Travel, Inc. and mail them to Sharon Highberger, 15 Northmont Street, Greensburg. For more information contact Sharon at 724-989-6034.

National Catholic Youth Conference Registration

The National Catholic Youth Conference, a biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers, will be held in Indianapolis **November 21-23, 2019**. Register for the diocesan trip at your parish by **January 30, 2019**. Information is at:

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/NCYC

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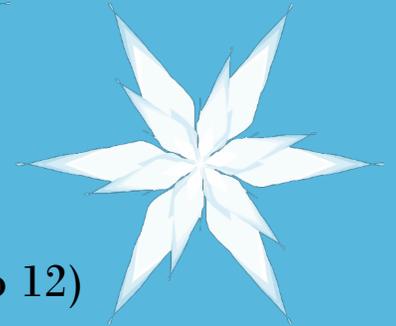
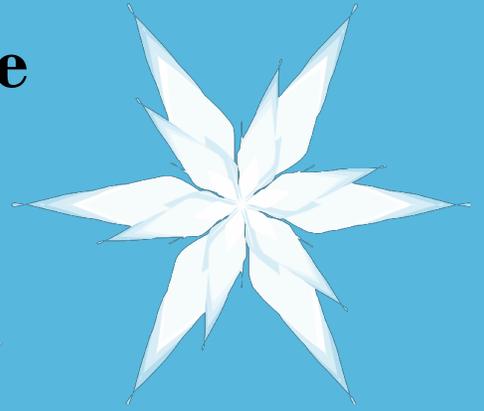
New Alexandria, Pa

Saint James Parish Social Hall

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Price: \$7.00 Adults / \$4.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12)
Children (Under 6 – Free)



Menu:

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Juice, Coffee, Tea

Basket and Lottery Raffle

Winner will be drawn at 12:00 p.m.

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Holy Name Society & Rosary Altar Society

