



# Saint James Church

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*  
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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## *The Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 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 Epiphany of the Lord*  
*Sunday, January 6, 2019*

*"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light  
has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."  
~ Isaiah 60:1 ~*

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



*Liturgical Services of The Week*

<u>Saturday,</u>	<u>January 5, St. John Newman</u>
4:30 pm	Annabelle Sarni (Marty, Dorothy & Paul Strosko)
<u>Sunday,</u>	<u>January 6, Solemnity of the</u>
	<u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>
9:30 am	For the People
7:00 pm	Epiphany Festival of Lessons & Carols
<u>Monday,</u>	<u>January 7, Christmas Weekday</u>
8:00 am	Kimberly (Phillips) Lauffer (Frank & Betty Nemchik & Family)
<u>Tuesday,</u>	<u>January 8, Christmas Weekday</u>
8:00 am	Mary Lupyan (Flo Love & Deb Daugherty)
<u>Wednesday,</u>	<u>January 9, Christmas Weekday</u>
8:00 am	George Dickerson (Tom & Jan Hankinson)
<u>Thursday,</u>	<u>January 10, Christmas Weekday</u>
8:00 am	Salvatore Vecchio (Mildred Fink)
<u>Friday,</u>	<u>January 11, Christmas Weekday</u>
8:00 am	Mary Masley (Frank & Betty Nemchik & Family)
<u>Saturday,</u>	<u>January 12, Christmas Weekday</u>
4:30 pm	Julius Benko (Marty, Dorothy & Paul Strosko)
<u>Sunday,</u>	<u>January 13, Baptism of the Lord</u>
9:30 am	For the People

Ministers of the Week

Altar Servers:

**Sat: 4:30 p.m.** Ray & Anna Marie Mowery  
**Sun: 9:30 a.m.** Dave & Georgette McNaughton

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**Sat: 4:30 p.m.** Nicole Wells  
Mary Bartolini, Karen Bennett,  
Betsy Ahearn  
**Sun: 9:30 a.m.** Bill Mauck  
Fran Disciascio, Mike Stango  
Chuck McNaughton

Communion to the Sick: Chuck & Nancy McNaughton

Collection Stewards - January 13, 2019 - Joe Ahearn,  
Bernie Merenda, 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

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march magnificently right up off the pages of Saint Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Saint Matthew alone tells us this story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

Epiphany  
January 6, 2019

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as *Theophany* - the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of Christ; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to humanity: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles - the other nations of the earth.



**SAINT JAMES CHURCH  
EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

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

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**"We count everyone because everyone counts."**

***December 22, 2018 & December 23, 2018***

**4:30 p.m. - 110 9:30 a.m. - 108**

**Total - 228**

***Christmas - December 25, 2018***

**4:30 p.m. - 219 Midnight - 112 9:30 a.m. - 67**

**Total - 398**

*Mass attendance totals for December 29th and 30th will be announced in next weekend's bulletin due to the New Year's Holiday early bulletin deadline.*

**Epiphany Festival of Lessons and Carols**

***Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church***

Lessons and Carols have long been celebrated around the world as a time to reflect, pray and sing. Our evening acts as the beginning of our closing to the Christmas season with readings and music that have resounded since the beginning of Advent. There will be time to reflect as we listen to the readings we heard at our liturgies. There will be time to rejoice and lift our voices together as we sing our beloved carols. Please join us!

**a festival of  
lessons & carols  
for epiphany**

**† Sympathy †**

We commend to your prayers the soul of our parishioner Rose DeMary who passed away on ***Tuesday, December 25, 2018*** and was buried from our Parish on ***Saturday, December 29, 2018***.

*and to:*

Monsignor J. Edward McCullough, 76, retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, on ***Thursday, December 27, 2018*** at Villa Angela in Greensburg.

May God receive their souls into His everlasting Kingdom and grant comfort and peace to their family and friends.



**46th Annual March  
for Life  
Washington, D.C.  
Friday, January 18,  
2019**

**Thank You**

We want to thank Monsignor Larry and all Saint James parishioners for their cards and expressions of sympathy shown to our family during this very difficult time. Your kindness is so greatly appreciated.

*Joan Dickerson and Family*

**Religious Education/Youth Ministry**

The next Religious Education and Youth Ministry classes will be held on ***Wednesday, January 16, 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.

**Holy Communion to the Sick**

Monsignor Larry will be taking Holy Communion to the Sick and Shut-in members of our parish on ***Saturday, January 12, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m.*** If you or a family member of your family would like to receive the Eucharist and are not on our regular communion call list, please call the Parish Office and let us know.



**Rosary Altar Meeting**  
**Today after 9:30 a.m. Mass**

Today is Rosary Altar Society and the members of the Rosary Society will be holding their meeting following today's Mass. Refreshments will be provided in the Church Social Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend this meeting, any new members are always welcome. Thank you!

**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, January 7, 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.

# SAINT JAMES NEWS

**New Website Redesign and Online Giving to Begin in January 2019**

Saint James Parish is delighted to announce that our current website will have a new look in *January 2019*.

Along with our new website, we are also pleased to implement the Online Giving program that will be available for parishioners, utilizing the new webpage, in making donating simple, safe, and secure by just a few simple clicks. Be sure to check the bulletin in the coming weeks for our official "go-live" date.

It's a New Year and a New Look!



*Sunday, January 13, 2019* is Holy Name Sunday and the members will be holding their next meeting at **8:30 a.m.** before Mass. They will be finalizing the plans for the Winter Breakfast that is scheduled on *Sunday, January 27, 2019*. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

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

**Save the date!!!**

*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 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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
Collection Report  
December 22, 2018 - December 23, 2018**

Adult Envelopes:	\$2,702.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 204.00
Advent:	\$ 6.00
Candles:	\$ 70.35
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 6.00
Christmas:	\$ 830.00
Oplatki:	\$ 37.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 10.00
Children & Family:	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary:	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total:	<b>\$3,890.35</b>



**91 Adults - 38% out of 242 who choose to use Regular Sunday envelopes.**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3,860.35	\$3,653.85	<b>\$ + 206.50</b>

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
Collection Report  
December 24, 2018 - December 25, 2018**

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,095.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 543.00
Advent:	\$ 10.00
Candles:	\$ 72.00
Christmas:	\$5,632.00
Oplatki:	\$ 19.00
Children & Family:	<u>\$ 713.00</u>
Total:	<b>\$8,084.00</b>

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**Stewardship of Treasure - Thank You**

Thank you for your generosity to our parish this Christmas season, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support towards the Diocesan Children and Family Services Appeal Collection. Families within our area will greatly benefit from this donation.

**The Pope's Prayer Intentions: January 2019 - Evangelization**

*That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.*

## NEWS IN THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

### ChristLife Sessions at Saint Vincent

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish will host "Discovering Christ," a seven-week series in the ChristLife program that begins **January 29, 2019** and includes a retreat on **March 3, 2019**. The sessions, held in the parish center, include a free meal, teaching and small-group discussions. For information and to register, call Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or email [Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu](mailto:Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu). To learn more about the course, watch the video at [www.christlife.org/christlife-series/discovering-christ](http://www.christlife.org/christlife-series/discovering-christ).

### Living Out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round-with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action.

The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from **Monday, January 14 - Tuesday, January 22, 2019**.

Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



### Epiphany House Blessing

On the Feast of Epiphany it is customary to bless homes. The following blessing may be celebrated with your family in your home.

Materials: A piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family, friends, and neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house! **All:** Amen

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year. (20 + C + M + B + 19)

Leader:

*A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.*

We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth God has promised, a dwelling place of righteousness. The Word of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

#### Living Room:

You are present where two or three are gathered. Bless this room, O Lord. **All:** Amen!

#### Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord. **All:** Amen!

#### Dining room:

May we be seated at the heavenly banquet, Bless this room, O Lord. **All:** Amen!

#### Bedrooms:

Protect us, stay with us through the night. Bless this room, O Lord. **All:** Amen!

#### Bathroom:

You cleanse us always from sin. Bless this room, O Lord. **All:** Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

*The leader sprinkles all present with holy water and concludes:*

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**All:** Amen!