



# ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH



*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"*

109 Owens View Avenue  
Apollo, PA 15613

[www.stjamesapollo.org](http://www.stjamesapollo.org)

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. James Parish strives to be aware of the unique nature of our Roman Catholic tradition and our call to be a Christ-centered community. As baptized members of this faith community in a diverse Christian environment, we strive to promote the kingdom of God on earth. We achieve this through the scriptures and by celebration of the Eucharist which draws us into a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through this relationship with Christ we share our faith with all the people of God. We strive through Catholic education, the Family Formation Program, evangelization, and good stewardship to mirror Gospel values as we reach out to serve the larger community.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome new members. If you are a Catholic living in this area and are not registered as a parishioner, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to include you on our roster. Also we ask that parishioners notify us of any change of address.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament will be administered on Sundays upon request except during Lent. It is necessary that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program for parents and sponsors before a child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office for further information and to register for the class.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage should contact Fr. Thomas More at least one year prior to the marriage. Couples are expected to fulfill all pre-marriage requirements. **Wedding time is at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.** Those who are married civilly and wish to sacramentalize their union, please contact Fr. Thomas More. For those celebrating a wedding anniversary who wish to renew their vows, please contact Fr. Thomas More well in advance of the desired date. Registered parishioners will take precedence for wedding dates.

**rites of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you are interested in inquiring into the possibility of becoming a Catholic through the process of formation and prayer, we invite you to call the parish office 724-478-4958.

**PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE:** If you feel called to be a priest or religious, or would like to discuss the possibility, contact Fr. Thomas More.

**Bulletin information must be in writing and received as soon as possible. You can email articles to [dsummerhill@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dsummerhill@dioceseofgreensburg.org).**

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### *Weekends:*

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 9:30 A.M.

Youth Mass 5:00P.M. Every 4th Sunday of the month at  
St. James

### **Weekdays and Holy Days unless noted inside:**

7:30A.M. Weekdays

7:30A.M. & 7:00P.M. Holy Days

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 — 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## ANOINTING AND VISITING THE SICK

Kindly contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH OFFICE

Rev. Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., *Pastor*

Dana Summerhill

Phone: 724-478-4958

Katie Tylinski-Regional Youth Director

724-478-4851

724-212-6740

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m.)

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m.)

Evenings: by appointment only

**ST. JAMES PARISH CENTER:** 724-478-4071

September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**  
**COURT ST. JAMES #2180**

2nd Monday of the month, or as announced. 7:00 P.M.  
(no meetings January or July)

**ST. JAMES ROSARY CONFRATERNITY:**

Last Monday of the month, 2:00 P.M.  
(no meetings January, February, June,  
July, or August)

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**

Saturday mornings, 9:00 A.M., Parish Center

**Pray For**  
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**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE  
HOSPITALIZED, INVALIDS,  
OR SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOME:**

Mary Ann Amorino, Rose  
Ashbaugh, Herb Barber, Marge Bernat,  
Richard Bopp, Frances Bowman, Mary Ann  
Cieslinski, Nick DePetris, Patricia  
Dobrowloski, Barbara Ferrari, Michael Fraser,  
Bill Frye, Lorraine Gallo, Ellen Gould, John  
Jackson, Myrtle Kaplin, Buddy Koffman,  
Mary Ann McIlwain, Paul Metro, Fred  
Morabito, Wanda Morabito, Carole  
Morrison, Mary Shook, Charlene Spelock,  
Lavina Stefaniak, Robert Tandaric, Betty  
Trinclisti, Marcella Trinclisti, Tyler Whaley, Fr.  
Justin-*previously of St. James parish, and all  
the sick who need our prayers.*

**Holy Hour(Adoration/Benediction)**

*There will be Holy Hour/Benediction on  
Thursday, September 14th, 2017*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8,  
11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Advertiser  
of the Week

**STANFORD HOME CENTERS**



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**

*Joan Damico & Family  
by  
Mary Ann Cieslinski*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Julie Gudalis  
by  
Mom & Dad DePetris*

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*Chubby DelVecchio  
by  
Olga Garufi*

**VIRTUS/Mandated Reporter Clearance  
Session for Volunteers**

All parish volunteers that have or may have contact with children are required by law to obtain clearances. For those who are still in need of the VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) clearance...a session is being offered at St. Margaret Mary's on **Tuesday, September 12**, at 6:30-9:15 p.m. in the Sullivan Room. You are requested to RSVP by calling the parish office at 724-335-2336 so that we may prepare accordingly. This is a great opportunity to obtain both class credits in one short evening.

*Thank  
You*

The love we feel from our family here at St. James is overwhelming... We would like to thank everyone for their condolences and support during this time in our family's life. We wish that Geraldine could have known our family here at St. James while she was here on this earth, but we know that she can hear your prayers now.

Krezolek Family



September 2nd & 3rd~\$4,866.00

Loose Collection~\$275.00

Children's Collection~\$5.00

Catholic University/Catholic Schools~\$30.00

**Special collection for disaster relief in Texas to be taken NEXT WEEKEND Sept. 16-17**

A special disaster relief collection will be taken at all Masses the weekend of Sept. 16-17 to support Catholic relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Contributions will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. CHECKS FOR THIS APPEAL NEED TO MADE OUT TO ST. JAMES.

**SEMINARIAN & CLERGY FORMATION APPEAL**

The Diocese of Greensburg will conduct its annual *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection* the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. Please look for a special letter from Bishop Malesic to arrive in your mail this week. Bishop Malesic highlights our seminarians, men preparing for the permanent diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy, and our International priests serving in the Diocese.

**White Mass for health care personnel at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Oct. 8**

Bishop Malesic will celebrate the 16th annual White Mass for health care professionals Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

**FUSED 4 NIGERIA MISSION**

Thank you to everyone who has supported FUSED 4 Youth Ministry's mission to help the poor of Nigeria. Anyone who is still looking to support our mission to the poor of Nigeria please forward to the Youth Ministry Office  
Attn: Katie.

Please make checks payable to St. James.  
It's not too late to donate.

**CD of A Reminder**

The Monday, September 11th, meeting will begin with a 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by appetizers and a business meeting. All are welcome!

**Discovering Christ**

*"I get confused when I look around at the world and see everybody running around... Yet no one is trying to figure out what is the cause of death and what happens when you die. That to me is the only thing really of importance and the rest is all secondary."*

GEORGE HARRISON, THE BEATLES

Are you looking for the meaning and purpose of **YOUR** life?

Then try **Discovering Christ!** Spend one evening a week enjoying a FREE dinner, listening to an enlightening teaching and joining fellow adults exploring the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ. **Bring a friend, EVERYONE is invited** (all faiths are welcome)!

**Discovering Christ** sessions begin 5 PM every

Sunday from October 1st through Nov 19th.

*Seating is limited!* For more information or to register call 724-568-2331 or 724-845-8191.

*Please register by the end of September.*



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**Faith Formation**

Please join the Faith Formation team on the church lawn after the St. James 9:30 Mass today, September 10th.

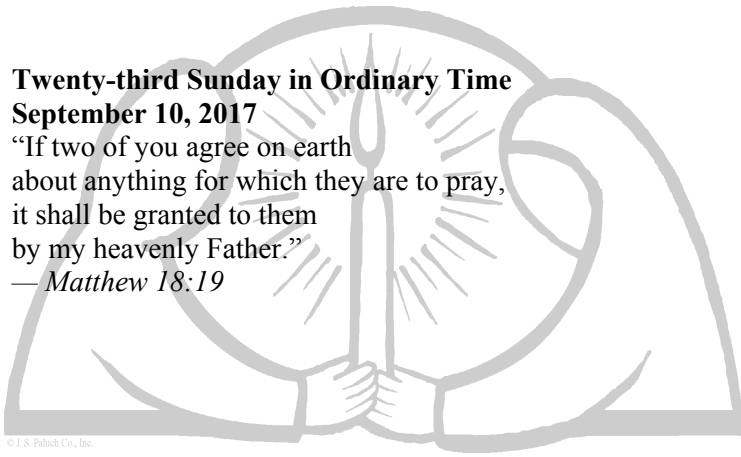
Children will be able to meet their teachers. Registration forms will be available for this year's programs. Classes begin next weekend.

**Sacramental Prep**

If you have a child entering 2nd grade or higher who has completed one year of faith formation and will be preparing for First Sacraments this year, please fill out the Sacramental Preparation information form found on the Church website. You may drop the form into the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 10, 2017**

“If two of you agree on earth  
about anything for which they are to pray,  
it shall be granted to them  
by my heavenly Father.”  
— *Matthew 18:19*



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SATURDAY — September 9**

4:30P.M. John E. Kolenchak by Teresita  
Kolenchak

**SUNDAY — September 10**

9:30A.M. Mass for Living & Deceased  
Members of St. James Parish

**MONDAY — September 11**

7:30A.M. Ed & Bertha Kazur by Rollinger  
Family

**TUESDAY — September 12**

7:30A.M. Bonnie Shaffer by Gloria &  
Andy Rokiesak & Family

**WEDNESDAY — September 13**

7:30A.M. Nellie Raczka by Tom & Deb  
Nigra

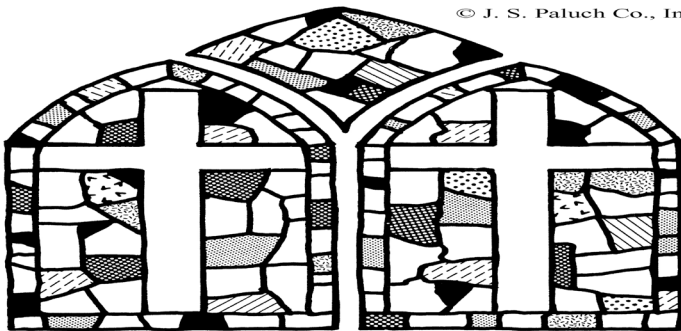
**THURSDAY — September 14**

7:30A.M. Richard & Elizabeth Froncek by  
Cindy

**FRIDAY — September 15**

7:30A.M. Andrew Nigra Jr by Mark &  
Kathy Nigra

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SATURDAY — September 16**

4:30P.M. Mass for Living & Deceased  
Members of St. James Parish

**SUNDAY — September 17**

9:30A.M. Stanley, Tillie, & Carl Piekarski  
by Lorraine

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*St. James \* Christ The King \* St. Gertrude \* Our Lady Queen of Peace*

You should have received a mailing regarding upcoming dates etc. for the new school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

We encourage youth and parents to attend the LIFETEEN and EDGE Open Houses. The LIFETEEN Open House will be held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM at Christ the King (St. Joseph Room). The EDGE Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. James (Hall). Refreshments will be provided. This will be our first session for the semester.

Please volunteer at the St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 PM in the church hall. Sign up to volunteer by Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a NET Retreat at Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood titled, "In His Image" on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at St. James church parking lot at 12:00 PM and return around 8:00 PM. Cost is \$5/person and due with permission slip (if you haven't completed one yet) no later than Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. This retreat replaces our regular weekly session.

Save the date! LIFETEEN goes on the road to visit with the "Men in Black" on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! Guys and girls are invited to come and see St. Vincent Archabbey and St. Vincent College Campus. It will feature a tour, a unique opportunity to pray Vespers with the Benedictine monks, a time to meet the monks and dinner. Please RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost: Free. Check the bulletin for more updates and info.

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Attn: Dana

MESSAGES:

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