



# 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

**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, **Betty  
 Huth**, John Jackson, Myrtle Kaplin, Buddy  
 Koffman, Mary Ann McIlwain, Paul Metro,  
 Fred Morabito, Wanda Morabito, Carole  
 Morrison, **Mary Rainelli**, Mary Shook,  
 Charlene Spelock, Lavina Stefaniak, Robert  
 Tandaric, Marcella Trinclisti, Tyler Whaley, Fr.  
 Justin-*previously of St. James parish*, and all  
 the sick who need our prayers.

Oplatky will be available at both  
 entrances to the Church for \$2.00  
 a packet.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
 Mk 1:1-8

**Advertiser  
 of the Week**

**CERRA PLUMBING**



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**

Stanley, Tillie,  
 & Carol Piekarski  
 by  
 Lorraine

**Holy Hour(Adoration/Benediction)**

There will be Holy Hour/Benediction on  
 Thursday, December 7th, 2017. Starts  
 at 6:30p.m. All are welcome!



Friday, December 8th is the  
 Feast of the Immaculate  
 Conception. The Patronal Feast  
 day of the Church in the United  
 States of America. We humbly  
 ask Mary's intercessions for  
 protection and guidance in our  
 land. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation  
 and masses will be offered at 7:30A.M. &  
 7:00P.M. Come and pray together as we  
 honor Mary & seek God's blessing on our  
 Land. The Parish Office will be Closed on  
 Friday, December 8th for the feast day.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH AT  
 SAINT MARGARET MARY, LOWER BURRELL  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT  
 MOUNT SAINT PETERS, NEW KEN  
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT  
 CHRIST THE KING, LEECHBURG  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH AT  
 ST. JAMES, APOLLO  
**ALL SERVICES WILL START AT 7:00P.M.  
 AND HAVE MULTIPLE PRIESTS IN  
 ATTENDANCE**



November 18th & 19th~\$3,641.00  
 Loose Collection~\$104.00  
 Children's Collection~\$11.00

Catholic Relief Services~\$405.00  
 November 25th & 26th~\$3,921.00  
 Loose Collection~\$178.00  
 Children's Collection~\$5.00  
 Catholic Relief Services~\$337.00  
 Accent~\$10.00

Please note-Your offertory envelopes for St. James can be used at any church you are attending this holiday season. That church will forward your donation to us. Please make sure you make your checks out to St. James and seal and mark your envelopes before placing in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your kind donations to our Parish.

### **Angel Tree Time Again!**

The Christmas season is approaching and so is our annual Angel Tree here at St. James Parish. Our tree will be present in the church this weekend December 2nd & 3rd. This year we had over 250 children's names on our tree. Many thanks to all of you who make Christmas a season of joy for a needy child and follow in the footsteps of Christ by giving of yourself to others

**Gifts are due in the Parish Office  
 by Monday, December 11th**

### **Attention Bakers**

We are looking for donations of cookies for our Angel Tree Party. Please drop off your donation to the Parish Office by Friday, December 15th! Thank you in advance!

**GOLDEN AGER'S HOLIDAY  
 LUNCHEON  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd  
 FOLLOWING 9:30A.M. MASS**



There will be classes this Sunday, December 3rd immediately following 9:30a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Please use side doors for pickup and drop off as the cafeteria is being used for Golden Agers Luncheon.

### **Respect Life Mass**

At St. James the Greater Church the monthly Respect Life Mass will be offered on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm**. Catholics are called to uphold the dignity of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death. A powerful response to this call is prayer. All are invited to join together for the Holy Mass every first Wednesday of the month in support of God's great gift of life.



Thank you to our St. James Parish Family for the support, prayers, and visits for Betty Trinclisti during her illness and recent passing. These things meant a lot to our family.

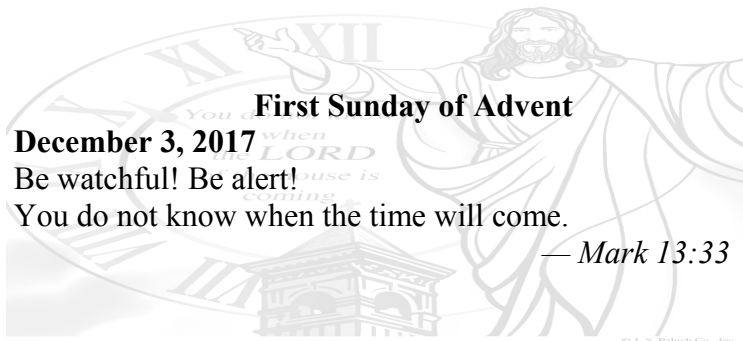
Dezzutti & Trinclisti Families

Thank you to all of those who filled Shoe Box Santa's for adults, baby baskets, or gave a monetary gift to make someone's Christmas a little brighter this year. Your generosity as a parish is wonderful.

Also, thank you for all the donations of food items to benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

### **Confraternity and CDA Christmas Party Reminder**

For all those who registered, the party is on Sunday, December 10th following 9:30a.m. Mass at the Twisted Thistle Garden Room, located in the building across from the restaurant (the former VFW).



## First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

### 1st Sunday of Advent

#### **SATURDAY — December 2**

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

#### **SUNDAY — December 3**

9:30A.M. Richard Trinclisti by Wife, Terry &  
Family

#### **MONDAY — December 4**

7:30A.M. Deceased Members of  
Warchol Family by George  
Kraynick

#### **TUESDAY — December 5**

7:30A.M. Andrea Kunkle by Mr. & Mrs.  
Joseph Huffman

#### **WEDNESDAY — December 6**

7:30A.M. Michele Poydence by Fred &  
Mary Ann Mamros

#### **THURSDAY — December 7**

7:30 A.M. Brett Shaffer by Tom & Janice  
Stivason

#### **FRIDAY — December 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:30A.M. Harry Rollinson by Wife & Family

7:00P.M. Joan Damico by Paul &  
Veronica Metro



### 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### **SATURDAY — December 9**

4:30P.M. John B. Gibson by Wife &  
Family

#### **SUNDAY — December 10**

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

# FUSED 4

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

## **FUSED 4 ~ DECEMBER EDGE CALENDAR**

(Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ~ St. James Parish Underground/  
Upper Room ~ 6:30-8:00 PM)

December ~ 6<sup>th</sup>—Session

13<sup>th</sup>—Session

20<sup>th</sup>--Session

27<sup>th</sup>--NO SESSION

## **FUSED 4 ~ DECEMBER LIFETEEN CALENDAR**

(Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> ~Christ the King Parish ~  
St. Joseph Room in the basement of the church  
offices at CTK~ 6:30-8:00 PM)

December ~ 3<sup>rd</sup>—NO SESSION (Golden Agers)

10<sup>th</sup>—Session ~

17<sup>th</sup>—Meet at 6:15 at CTK to go Caroling at

Bishop Morrow--pickup at CTK at 8:15

24<sup>TH</sup>—NO YOUTH MASS

31<sup>st</sup>—NO SESSION

The annual pilgrimage sponsored by The Office for Evangelization and Faith formation to the March for Life in Washington, DC, slated for January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, is open to youth in ninth through twelfth grade and their adult chaperones. The youth pilgrimage includes the [Life Is Very Good](#) evening rally, as well as the Life is Very Good Mass on Friday morning.

Both events are held at the Eagle Bank Arena on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.,. Cost is \$60 (subsidized by FUSED 4 YM) and checks are to be made payable to St. James Parish. Scholarships are available. *If you register by December 10<sup>th</sup>, you will save \$10.*

Deadline to register is January 4<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate your t-shirt size.

You will be receiving a calendar soon with upcoming dates for the next semester.

Stay tuned!

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Attn: Dana

MESSAGES:  
December 3, 2017

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