



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

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.

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, **Kimberly McHenry**, Mary Ann
McIlwain, Paul Metro, Fred Morabito,
Wanda Morabito, Carole Morrison, **Mary
Rainelli**, Mary Shook, Charlene Spelock,
Lavina Stefaniak, Robert Tandaric, Marcella
Trinclist, 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 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-
47, or any readings from the Common of
The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Advertiser
of the Week

HELD'S SHOP 'N SAVE



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE
(\$10), SANCTUARY
LAMP(\$10), AND
MEMORIAL CANDLES
(\$5)**

**ARE AVAILABLE FOR NUMEROUS
WEEKENDS IN 2018. PLEASE
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION OR TO CHECK
DATES.**

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**

Are you Getting Married?
**Catholic Engaged Encounter is an
opportunity for Christian couples to
prepare for a lifetime commitment.
This marriage preparation program
presents a comprehensive, up-close,
and personal look at marriage.
The next scheduled weekend will be
held in Greensburg on February 2-4.
Please see the magazine racks for
pamphlets with more information.**



December 2nd & 3rd~\$6,661.00
 Loose Collection~\$160.00
 Children's Collection~\$11.00

Catholic Accent~\$160.00

Catholic Relief Services~\$102.00

Second Collection Next Weekend will be for
 the Apollo-Ridge Food Bank.

Children and Family Services

Appeal Collection

As you are aware, every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been for those people living within our own diocese who are less fortunate than we. This collection is titled the "Children and Family Services Appeal." On the coming Christmas Feast, which reminds us of the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility, We ask you to support the "Children and Family Services Appeal" and make your contribution toward changing the future of an individual, a family or a child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

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

**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!



There will be classes this Sunday, December 10th immediately following

9:30a.m. Mass in the Parish Center.

Next weekend will be the Faith Formation Christmas Party. There will be no classes Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.

Confraternity and CDA

Christmas Party Reminder

For all those who registered, the party is this 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).

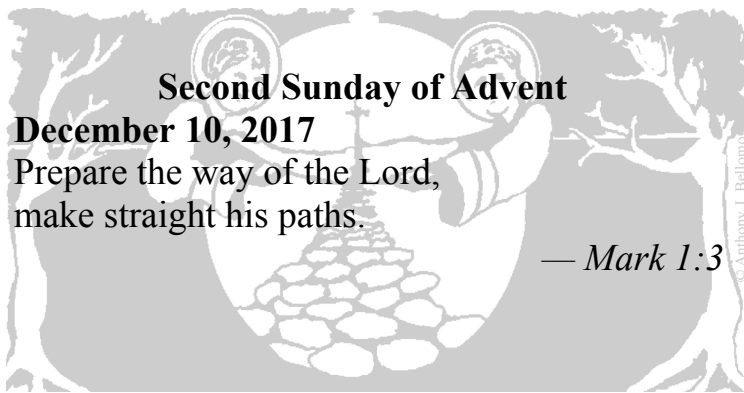
Holy Hour(Adoration/Benediction)

There will be No Holy Hour/Benediction on Thursday, December 14, 2017 due to the Penance Service at Saint Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell.

BEST ADVENT EVER

Rediscover the joy in the season with the Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a way that will allow you to have a Christmas as memorable and joyful as when you were a child. You'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, real life stories of hope. Sign up at DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT

Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule for the Region will be in Next Week's Bulletin.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

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

MONDAY — December 11

7:30A.M. Geno Tozzini by Sister, Laura

TUESDAY — December 12

7:30A.M. Froncek & Jakubek Families
by Cindy

WEDNESDAY — December 13

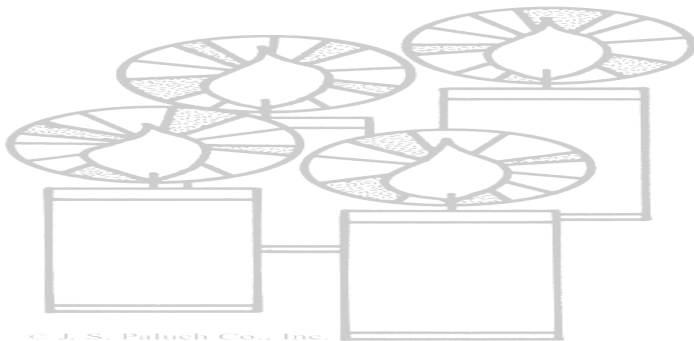
7:30A.M. Michele Poydence by David
Majercik

THURSDAY—December 14

7:30 A.M. Theresa Stivason by Paul &
Veronica Metro

FRIDAY —December 15

7:30A.M. Robert Kovaloski by Dan &
Annette Fisher



3rd Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY — December 16

4:30P.M. Marie Klaric by Helen & Bill
Barnett

SUNDAY — December 17

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



FUSED 4 ~ DECEMBER EDGE CALENDAR

(Grades 6th-8th ~ St. James Underground ~ 6:30-8:00 PM)
December ~ 13th—Session ~ 20th--Session ~ 27th--NO SESSION

FUSED 4 ~ DECEMBER LIFETEEN CALENDAR

(Grades 9th-12th ~ Christ the King Parish ~ St. Joseph Room in the basement of the church offices at CTK~ 6:30-8:00 PM)
December ~ 10th—Session ~ 17th—Meet at 6:15 at CTK to go Caroling at Bishop Morrow--pickup at CTK at 8:15 ~
24th—NO YOUTH MASS ~ 31st—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 18th-19th, 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 10th, you will save \$10.* Deadline to register is January 4th.
Please indicate your t-shirt size.

Attention 9th-12th graders: Join us for the Winter Retreat, "I AM the Vine, You are the Branches" February 23rd-25th at Laurelville Retreat Center Solar House, Mount Pleasant. Take time out of your busy life and make some quality time for God! It's an amazing experience! Your cost for the retreat is \$40 (The total cost is \$125). The cost includes all lodging, meals and supplies for the weekend. The amount is subsidized in part by the Youth Ministry Office and is eligible for Francis Funds. The total amount eligible for Francis Funds is \$62.50 (half of the cost). The application for Francis Fund must be submitted by January 2, 2018. If you do not apply for Francis Funds you will be responsible for the \$62.50 for that you would have received from the Francis Funds as well as the \$40. Francis Funds will require a letter from your pastor so please request this from him well in advance. Don't miss out on a fantastic weekend! If finances are an issue, please see Katie. In order to register you must turn in your check payable to St. James. Please register for the retreat by Thursday, February 8th.

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

We are looking for a family to help to provide the main dish, setup and cleanup for the After Mass Party on January 28th.

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Attn: Dana

MESSAGES:
December 10, 2017

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