



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

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

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, **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
 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: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
 Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
 Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
 Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
 Lk 1:57-66
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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Stanley, Tillie, & Carl Piekarski
 by
Lorraine

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Jane Ban
 by
St. James Consolation Committee

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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.

Please see insert for regional
Christmas and New Year's Mass
Schedule.



December 9th & 10th~\$3,241.00
 Loose Collection~\$84.00
 Children's Collection~\$6.00

Catholic Accent~\$37.00

Second Collection **THIS** 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.



The Parish Office will close at Noon on Friday, Dec 22nd and will not reopen until Wednesday, December 27th. It will be closed again on Monday, January 2nd and reopen again on Tuesday, January 3rd. May you and your family have a blessed holiday season!



There will be classes this Sunday, December 17th immediately following 9:30a.m.

Mass in the Parish Center. There will be no classes on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th.

Holy Hour(Adoration/Benediction)

There will be Holy Hour/Benediction on Thursday, December 21, 2017 from 6:30P.M.-8:30P.M. in the Church. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 5:00P.M. AT
ST. JAMES PARISH HALL.
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.



St. James Parish Family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Jane Ban** of our Parish. & **Maureen Ford**, mother of Megan Krachanko of our Parish. May God grant **Jane & Maureen** eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to their families.

Jesus loves all of God's children. He doesn't judge, just loves. Our parishioners imitate this love by participating in our angel tree gifts every Christmas season. Thank you to all individuals, families and organizations who have bought gifts for the needy children in our community. Thank you to our cookie bakers. Thanks to our shoppers, who bought gifts with the generous donations from individual parishioners, CDA, Rosary Confraternity and St. Vincent dePaul organization. Thanks to those who helped separate and bag the gifts and especially to all who have been praying for the children who God has given us to love. Merry Christmas.



The Angel Tree committee.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

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

MONDAY — December 18

7:30A.M. Nellie Raczka by Alina Brochetti

TUESDAY — December 19

7:30A.M. Chief Petty Officer Leo Homzuk Family Jr by Cousin Rosyln Zipful, Julian, Jordan, & Jason

WEDNESDAY — December 20

7:30A.M. Michele Poydence by Rich & Eleanor Bernat

THURSDAY — December 21

7:30 A.M. Dennis Vovaris by CDA

FRIDAY — December 22

7:30A.M. Camilla Tozzini by Sister in Law, Laura



4th Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY — December 23

4:30P.M. John Wigle Sr. by Wife & Children

SUNDAY — December 24-Christmas Eve

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

4:30P.M. CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Bishop, Meinet, & McIlwain Families by Tom & Mary Ann McIlwain

Midnight Joe & Marge Stefaniak by Children

MONDAY — DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30A.M. Tina Hall by Mom & Family



FUSED 4 ~ DECEMBER EDGE CALENDAR

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

December ~ 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 ~ 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. We are also looking for readers, altar servers, greeters and ushers.

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Attn: Dana

MESSAGES:
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