



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

January 7, 2018

Epiphany

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, 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.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Advertiser
of the Week

NASER FOODS



ALTAR BREAD & WINE

*Health & Recovery of Felicia
Motosicke by Anna*

MEMORIAL CANDLES

John Wigle Sr by Wife & Family

XLT

People of all ages are welcome!

Friday, February 2nd: XLT-Adoration of Our Lord at 6:30 PM at St. James. We have music from our worship band, an inspiring talk, a time for silent adoration, Benediction and Confession followed by snacks and a time of fellowship in the church basement. Speaker and topic TBA. Bring a friend!

THE EPIPHANY EXPERIENCE

The Parishes of St. Joseph and St. Mary of Czestochowa, New Kensington, present "The Epiphany Experience," Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2:00 PM, in St. Joseph Church, 1125 Leishman Ave., New Kensington. Choral selections begin at 1:40 PM. Come in from the cold and participate in an afternoon of readings, carols, and tableaux of angels, kings, shepherds, and a few of God's four-legged creatures, plus fellowship and blessings.

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



*December 23rd & 24th~\$3,565.00
Loose Collection~\$136.00*

Christmas~\$4,700.00

Children's Collection~\$25.00

Loose~\$362.00

Children & Family Services Appeal~\$1,124.00

December 30th & 31st~\$3,689.00

Loose Collection~\$71.00

Children's Collection~\$8.00

Accent~\$5.00

Children & Family Services Appeal~\$120.00

Christmas~\$780.00

Opioid Abuse Education Program

Please join us in the Mother of Sorrows, Murrysville, social hall on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. for an awareness evening that will include a presentation by Dr. Paul Niemiec, Director of Counseling for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg. Dr. Niemiec will present the facts of opioid abuse, followed by discussion and questions. Msgr. Gaston will then lead us in a prayer service. The evening will conclude with a light reception. Reservations are not necessary. Please join us, and please invite anyone else who might be in need of information or assistance about this critical concern.



We would like to thank a group of local young people who got together and held a food drive in memory of their friend, Levi Shellhammer. A substantial food donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank was made through their efforts. What a wonderful way for those that loved him to honor his memory.



There will be Faith Formation Classes immediately following the 9:30A.M. Mass Sunday, January 7th in the Parish Center.

Holy Hour(Adoration/Benediction)

There will be Holy Hour/Benediction on Thursday, January 11th, 2018 from 6:30P.M.-8:30P.M. in the Church. All are welcome!

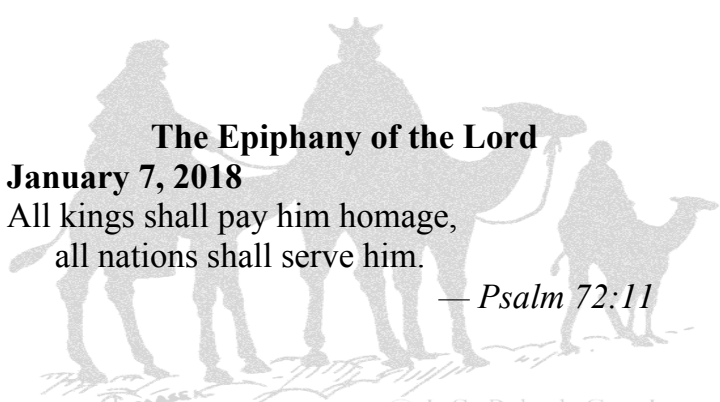
2018 CALENDARS

Calendars for 2018 are available at both entrances to the Church for you to take home. We are grateful to those who sponsor and pay for our Church calendars each year-The Curran Family of Funeral Homes and Stanford Home Centers.

**MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT
5:00P.M. AT
ST. JAMES PARISH HALL.**

**March for Life Eucharistic
Adoration and Mass
Friday, January 19, 2018**

For those unable to attend yet wish to participate in the National March for Life on **Friday, January 19**, St. James the Greater Parish will offer Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed immediately following the 7:30 am Mass and will remain exposed throughout the day. This will conclude with a Respect for Life Mass to be celebrated at **6:00 pm.**



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

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The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY — January 6

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

SUNDAY — January 7

9:30A.M. Jerry A. Stokes by Charleen &
Tim Polka

MONDAY—January 8

7:30A.M. Irene & Anthony Adamik by
Children

TUESDAY — January 9

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

WEDNESDAY —January 10

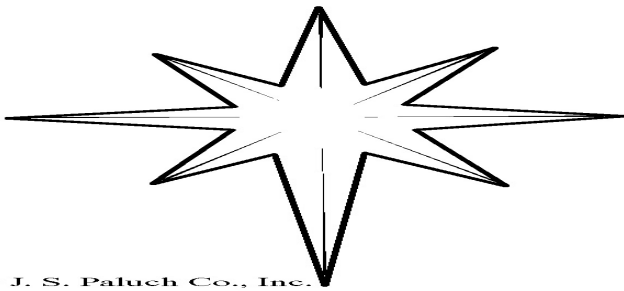
7:30A.M. Dave Rollinger by Lieb Family

THURSDAY—January 11

7:30 A.M. John L. Coulter by Wife, Phyllis

FRIDAY —January 12

7:30A.M. Joe Canzano by Pisarcik Family



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY — January 13

4:30P.M. Mass for Living & Deceased
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SUNDAY — January 14

9:30A.M. Health & Welfare of David
Ostien by Wife, Lynda



FUSED 4 ~ JANUARY EDGE CALENDAR

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

January ~ 10—Session ~ 17—Session ~ 24—Session ~
28--Youth Mass at 5 PM at St. James with AMP to fol-
low in the hall ~ 31—Session

FUSED 4 ~ JANUARY 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)

January ~ 7—NO SESSION ~ 14—Session ~ 21—
Session ~ 28--Youth Mass at 5 PM at St. James with
AMP to follow in the hall

Attention 9th-12th graders: Join us for the Winter Re-
treat, "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 ex-
perience! Your cost for the retreat is \$40 (You will
need to pay \$102.50 if you missed the January 2nd
Francis Fund deadline. This is still a discounted price
as the total cost is \$125.00 but youth ministry is sub-
sidizing the remaining \$22.50) The cost includes all
lodging, meals and supplies for the weekend. 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 regis-
ter for the retreat by Thursday, February 8th.

Attention 6th-12th graders: 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, greet-
ers and ushers.

Attention 6th-12th graders: We will be going snow
tubing at Hidden Valley on Saturday, February 10th.
We will meet at St. James at 4:00 PM and return
around 10:30 PM. Cost is \$23 for snow tubing
(includes dinner). If you volunteered with the
Golden Agers dinner then your cost is only \$13.
Money, permission slips and snow tubing release
and waiver agreement (found in back of church) are
due by Sunday, January 28th.

Bulletin # 910018

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Attn: Dana

MESSAGES:
JANUARY 7,2018

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