



# 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**

**March 25, 2018**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

**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

**Advertiser  
of the Week**

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**NASER FOODS**



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Stanley, Tillie & Carl Piekarski  
by Lorraine*

**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, Fred Morabito,  
Wanda Morabito, Carole Morrison,  
Brenda Palmo, 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.*

**Rosary Confraternity Updates**

Rosary Confraternity members please  
note there will be NO March meeting.  
We will have our April business meeting  
on April 30 at 2:00pm

**EASTER BASKET BLESSING**

Fr. Thomas More will be blessing Easter  
baskets at 1:00p.m. on Saturday, March  
31st in the Church.  
All are welcome!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7  
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**Respect Life Mass**

**Wednesday, April 4th, 2018**

At St. James the Greater Church the monthly Respect Life Mass will be offered on **Wednesday, April 4th 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 this Holy Mass in support of God's great gift of life.



*Due to Early Bulletin Deadlines the offering for last week will be in upcoming bulletins.*

**DLA 2018**

Total~97 Families  
\$22,400.00

There are envelopes available at both entrances to the Church as well as in the pews. We thank you for your generosity! Every day we are getting closer to reaching our goal.

**Holy Week Schedule**  
**for St. James**

Holy Thursday (March 29th)  
Mass at 7:00P.M.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
until Midnight

Good Friday (March 30th)  
Stations of the Cross at 12:30P.M.  
Liturgy of Good Friday 1:30P.M.  
Stations of the Cross at 7:00P.M.

Easter Vigil (Saturday, March 31st)  
Mass at 8:30P.M.

Easter Sunday (April 1st)  
Masses at  
9:00A.M. & 11:00A.M.



The Seder Meal will take place this Sunday, March 25th immediately following 9:30a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

There will be no classes next Sunday, April 1st in observance of Easter.

**Holy Hour (Adoration/Benediction)**

*There will be NO Holy Hour/Benediction on Thursday, March 29th, 2018.*

**CMA ENROLLMENT**

Cardinal Maida Academy is now accepting enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Incoming Kindergarten students are invited to participate in our "Kindergarten Club" beginning on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Students transferring in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> are eligible for a transfer grant. Please contact the school office at 724-568-3304 for more information or to schedule a tour.

**HELP WANTED**

We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to devote a couple of hours a month to deliver food boxes to individuals who are infirmed and unable to pick up their monthly food pantry supply. It would be a great help for those in need. The boxes could be heavy and would need to be lifted. This would only involve 2 hours of your time a month. The time of delivery would be sometime within the week of the food pantry distribution. If you feel you could help, or to inquire further contact either Rich Gavalik or Fr. Euker. ALSO, if any one would like to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society in its work with the disadvantaged, we would love to have you with us.

Contact Rich Gavalik or Fr. Euker.



*The Parish Office will be closed Friday, March 30th & Monday, April 2nd in observance of Good Friday & Easter. We wish you a happy & blessed holiday.*

## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**March 25, 2018**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*

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### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

#### **SATURDAY — March 24**

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

#### **SUNDAY — March 25**

9:30A.M. Deceased Members of Sam &  
Mary Calderone by Family

5:00P.M. **YOUTH MASS**

#### **MONDAY — March 26**

7:30A.M. Our Parents by Dave & Gloria  
Notte

#### **TUESDAY — March 27**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY — March 28**

7:30A.M. Shelby Calderone b tom &  
Janice Stivason

#### **THURSDAY — March 29-HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00P.M. Sophie Borello by Angeline  
Valosio

#### **FRIDAY — March 30-GOOD FRIDAY**

12:30P.M. Stations of the Cross

1:30P.M. Liturgy of Good Friday

7:00P.M. Stations of the Cross



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### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

#### **SATURDAY — March 31-Easter Vigil**

8:30P.M. Nellie & Adam Raczka by Mark  
& Kathy Nigra

#### **SUNDAY — April 1-Easter Sunday**

9:00A.M. Karen Hanan by Mother,  
Jeannette

11:00A.M. Mass for Living & Deceased  
Members of St. James Parish



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

### **FUSED 4 ~ MARCH/APRIL EDGE CALENDAR**

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

March ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Youth Mass at 5 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the hall

28<sup>th</sup>—NO SESSION

April 4<sup>th</sup>—Session

11<sup>th</sup>—Session

14<sup>th</sup>—Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity 18<sup>th</sup>—Session

22<sup>nd</sup>-- Youth Mass at 5 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the hall

25<sup>th</sup>—Session

26<sup>th</sup>--Volunteer at Spaghetti Dinner at St. Gertrude's

### **FUSED 4 ~ MARCH/APRIL LIFETEEN CALENDAR**

(Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> ~Christ the King Parish ~ (lower level of church offices at CTK ~ 6:30-8:00 PM)

March ~ 25<sup>th</sup>— Youth Mass at 5 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the hall

April 1<sup>st</sup>—NO SESSION

8<sup>th</sup>—Session

14<sup>th</sup>—Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity 15<sup>th</sup>—Session

22<sup>nd</sup>-- Youth Mass at 5 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the hall

26<sup>th</sup>--Volunteer at Spaghetti Dinner at St. Gertrude's

29<sup>th</sup>—Session

Attention 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Please volunteer at the Seder at St. James from 10:30-12:30 PM on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Contact the Youth Ministry Office to signup.

Attention 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Please save the date—Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity from 9:00-3:00. Please sign up to volunteer by Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Attention 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: We are looking for volunteers for the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Gertrude's on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 PM. Please RSVP by Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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Attn: Dana

MESSAGES:  
March 25,2018

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