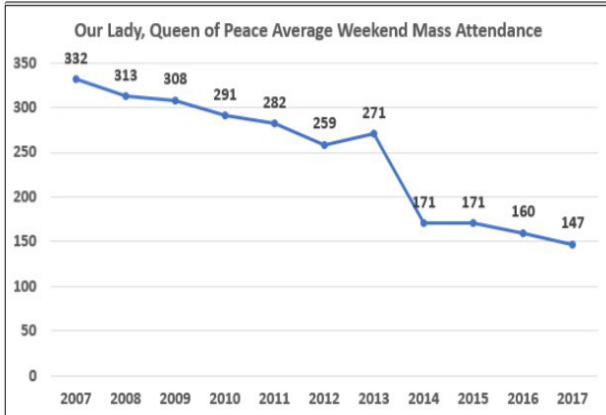
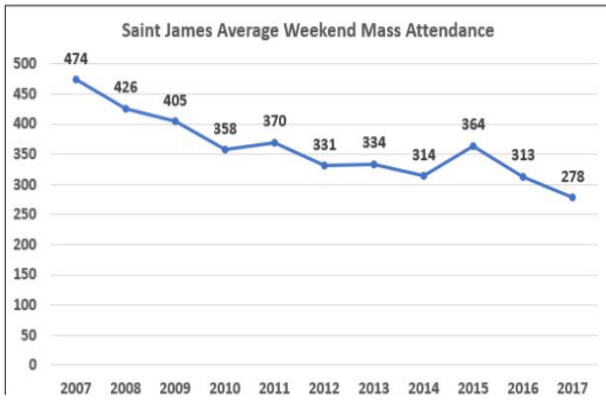


**Annual Mass Attendance Count**

Each October many dioceses, including Greensburg, request that every parish conducts a weekend Mass attendance count. This 'October Count' is helpful in revealing trends in diocesan and parish growth or decline. This Mass attendance count will be taken at each of the weekend Masses in our partner parishes throughout October. The average for these four weekends will indicate the percentage of our total parish membership who are attending Mass regularly. That statistic will be compared with the results of the October counts in the previous years. This year's final tabulations will be published in a future church bulletin. In 2017 the average Mass attendance at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church was: Saturday, 6 p.m. Mass — 64; Sunday, 11 a.m. Mass — 83; for a weekend total of 147. In 2017 the average Mass attendance at Saint James was: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Mass — 111; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass — 167; for a weekend total of 278. The line graphs in today's bulletin show the Mass attendance trends for our partner parishes over the last 10 years.



**Care Packages for College Students**



This Fall our partner parishes will be sending care packages to our members who are away at college. If you would like to have your son or daughter receive a package, kindly fill-

out the information below and return this form to the parish office via the U.S. Mail or collection basket by Sunday, September 30.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

College address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rummage**

**October 12-13-14 Sale**

**Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Saturday 8 a.m. to noon;  
and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace Social Hall  
413 McKinley Avenue  
East Vandergrift**

### **Parents of Children Faith Formation Age**

As parents we all want to give our children the very best in life. Giving your child the gift of faith is truly the BEST gift that you can possibly give them. We are here to assist you in being the primary educators of the faith. Having said that, please note that it is *mandatory* that your child participates in faith formation the year *before* they receive the Sacrament(s). Please don't view this just as a rule but rather a way to give your child the best that you possibly can! Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724-212-6740 for more information.

### **Region 2 Faith Formation Calendar of Sessions for Fall 2018 (6:00-7:30 PM at the former St. James School) for grades K-5**

October: 7th & 21<sup>st</sup>

November: 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

December: 2nd & 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Votive Candles**

For many years it has been a custom in the Church to light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. In doing so, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but we honor the one whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

As we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the month of October, we will be placing fresh flowers in front of the statue of Mary each weekend. During this time, at the recommendation of our Councils, we will also move a set of votive candles from along the sidewall of the church to the front of the statue of the Virgin Mary. At this time we will also increase the donation for each votive candle from \$2 to \$3. Such an increase has not occurred in our parishes for many, many, many years. The increase in cost is necessary to offset the higher prices that our parishes have been paying for these candles.

### **Becoming a Catholic**

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in knowing how one becomes a member of the Catholic Church? Jesus invited His first followers to come and see. Their first step was to say yes, and then they listened and questioned, they were amazed and yet they doubted, they drifted away and were unconditionally welcomed back. Do you have questions and doubts? Have you drifted away and want to come back? Do you want to confirm your faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process invites you to do just that. To know more about RCIA, please call Father Vincent at (724) 478-4958.

### **Food 4 Kids Meeting**

This next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00p.m. at Apollo United Presbyterian Church. Anyone looking to help in this program is welcome to attend the meeting. The program will be begin the weekend of October 26th and be offered to students in kindergarten through 2nd grade at Apollo-Ridge School District who are in need of food.



### **FUSED 4 ~ September LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR**

30<sup>th</sup>—Catechist Retreat at St. James/NO  
EDGE/NO LIFETEEN

Looking for ways to help pay for activities/conferences/retreats? We are excited about an upcoming year-round fundraising opportunity! We are looking for parents to volunteer to help with BINGO roughly once a month at Our Lady Queen of Peace for a few hours on a Sunday. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in being put on the schedule. This is a great way to earn money towards youth events. **Please sign up ASAP.**  
**Volunteers are needed soon!**

*SHOE BOX SANTAS FOR ADULTS*

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Razors and Blades  
Shaving Cream and After Shave  
Q-Tips and Cotton Balls  
Hand Lotion  
Corn Plasters, etc.  
Soap(bar or liquid)  
Shampoo  
Toothbrush and Toothpaste  
Hand Sanitizer  
Denture Cleanser and Adhesive  
Mouthwash/Dental Floss  
Deodorant  
Nail Clippers, Sets  
Hairbrush or Comb  
Tweezers  
Purse Sized Tissues

GIFT ITEMS

Large Print Playing Cards  
Stamps  
Chewing Gum  
Note Pads, Pens, Pencils  
Hose(one size fits all)  
Socks  
Jar Grips  
Dominoes, Checkers, etc  
Magnifying Glass  
Band Aids  
Calendars  
Puzzle Books  
Perfume  
Folding Umbrella  
Gloves(one size fits all)  
Greeting/Note Cards

FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ALLOW PURCHASE  
OF MORE ITEMS.

Please have boxes to us by Sunday, November 4th. Boxes can be left at the back  
of the Church or in the Parish Office.

The shoe box should be wrapped in Christmas paper and please put a signed  
Christmas Card inside the shoe box to add to the recipient's holiday cheer. Mark  
the left side of the box with male or female.

If you have any questions, please call Rich at 724-727-2326.

If anyone is interested in doing the Baby Bonus Basket, please contact the Parish  
Office at 724-478-4958 for a list of suggested items.