

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Website

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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday

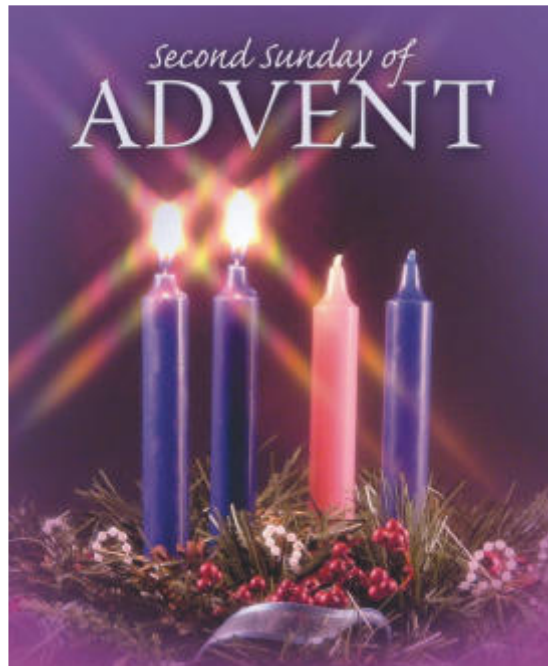
4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holidays

Listed in the Mass Schedule



Our Vision Statement

“to be a blessing to one another.”

Pope John Paul II

Our Mission Statement

Our goal is to bring people together to Christ with the help of our patron saint, Saint Mother Teresa.

Our current mission is to give life to our new parish.

Our strategy is to help all parishioners, especially our younger members, to discover their own personal calling and to share their talents and graces by becoming socially connected and a blessing to one another.

Contacts:

Pastor: Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

Deacon: John Hendricks

Trustees: Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger

Business Office: Janet Corda, Ext. 200

Parish Secretary: Sandra King, Ext. 201

Faith Formation Office : Debbie Pirog, CRE, Ext. 208

Faith Formation Secretary: Jessica Damian, Ext. 207

Building & Grounds: Dale Earsing, Ext. 210

Music Director: Susan Loniewski, Organist

Caring and Sharing Ministry: Janet Corda ext. 200

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Beth Bauer, 681-5844

Cemeterian: Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

If the rectory is closed, please leave a message. It will be answered in a timely manner. Thank You for your kind understanding.

New Parishioners

You are more than welcome in our Catholic Community. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms

Please call the rectory to schedule a Pre-Baptismal class. Ceremony at your pleasure, during or after Mass.

Marriages

Please consult with the pastor at least six months before anticipated date.

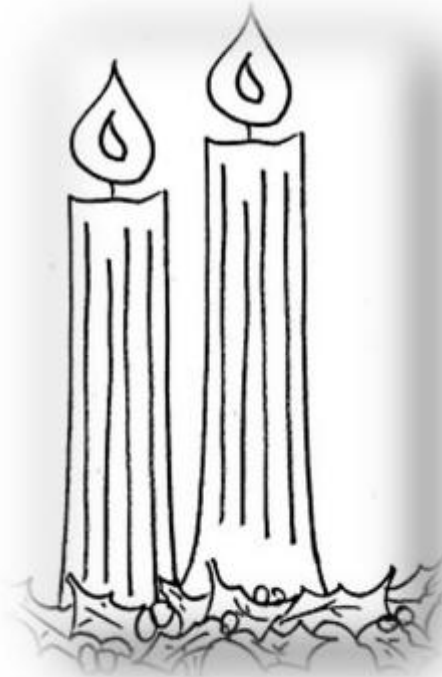
Confessions

Beginning December 1st on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

Letters of Recommendation

Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, December 5, 2021—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Bernard & Charlotte McLaughlin req. by Jim & Barb Fox
1:00 AM Wallace J. Gawoski req. by Sr. Alisette

Monday, December 6, 2021—Advent Weekday

6:30 PM James Falloon req. by Eugene and Dorothy Przybyl

Tuesday, December 7, 2021—St. Ambrose

8:00 AM Fathers' Day Intention
7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 8, 2021—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 PM Confessions
6:30 PM Norine Ceppaglia req. by Vic, Kate & family

Thursday, December 9, 2021 —Advent Weekday

8:00 AM All Souls' Day Intention

Friday, December 10, 2021—Advent Weekday

6:00 PM Confessions
6:30 PM Patricia Corda req. by Corda family

Saturday, December 11, 2021—Advent Weekday

4:00 PM Benjamin Hodan req. by Beardsell family

Sunday, December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Patricia Atlas req. by husband, Frank and family
11:00 AM Colleen Hufford req. by Dan and Donna Wojcik

Please Note: Wednesday, December 8th (Holy Day of Obligation) one Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. Eucharistic Ministers and a Lector are needed to serve. A sign up sheet is posted in the sacristy.

**"OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH"
COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 20/21**

Weekly	\$ 3,386.00
Loose	\$ 687.00
Youth	\$ 3.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 35.00
All Saints'	\$ 5.00
Human Development	\$ 756.00
Fuel	\$ 170.00

COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 27/28

Weekly	\$ 3,728.00
Loose	\$ 429.00
Youth	\$ 3.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 37.00
Christmas Wafers	\$ 71.00
Human Development	\$ 41.00
Fuel	\$ 52.00

"MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION"

Catholic Charities

Despite a joyful time for many, we know the holidays can bring out feelings of sadness, grief and anxiety. If you experience any of these emotions and think talking to someone could help, please turn to Catholic Charities. We are a beacon of **HOPE**. Our agency offers several types of counseling including: comprehensive assessment and counseling for children, adults and families, marriage counseling, substance use treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers. To get connected, call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Christmas Paint Night



Ablaze Young Adult Ministry is hosting a Christmas Paint Night Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption in the Parish Center. If interested, RSVP (\$10 per person) to 716-683-67445 or jakaite1@gmail.com

**Bingo at
Blessed Mother Teresa Parish
Thursday, December 9th @ 7:30 PM
Captain: Michele Armstrong
Doors open at 6:00 PM**



Second Sunday of Advent

Do you ever feel like you are not the good and faithful disciple you would like to be? As children, we were taught to imitate Jesus. As adults, we know that is not so easy and may seem impossible at times. We try for years to control our quick temper and it can seem that we have not improved at all. Success is nice; but, it is not the real goal. The goal is to keep trying every day and never give up. Allow God to be the judge of our “success.”

He who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion.

-Philippians 1:6

Second Collection

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.” Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Fr. David Richards and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish on a Holy Land Catholic Pilgrimage, October 17-26, 2022. Starting at \$3,049 (Land Only), Airfare will be additional once air schedules are confirmed. Your price include: Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities, Program Fees, Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motor coaches, First Class Hotels and much more! If interested, Brochures regarding the trip can be found on the table at the break of the church.

Christmas

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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Advent

The Second Week of Advent our focus is “Peace”, inner peace. The voice of John the Baptist cries out, calling us to prepare our hearts for the Lord. We are called away from the lures that society places before us and are invited to consider that God loves each of us so much that he was willing to send his son, Jesus for our salvation. One of the messages of the prophet Isaiah is to reform our lives and change the way we do things. God’s reign is at hand. He extends a call to each of us this Advent, to acknowledge our sinful nature and seek repentance. Wouldn’t it be great to hear children say, “Christmas is coming! What can we give others this year?” Build new holiday traditions around giving to those who really need our generosity. It is in caring and doing for others that one experiences inner peace and is able to grow nearer to the sacred feast of Christmas. “Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come—for him to come every day in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: Ecce veniet! He is about to arrive!” (Saint Josemaria Escriva



Caring & Sharing

This year we are responding to the needs of the Mother Teresa Home for Mothers and children. We have decorated our Advent Tree with tags asking for personal care items for mothers. If donating please place items in a bag. We also have set up a crib to be used for newborn items such as onesies, infant clothing and diapers. They will greatly appreciate some help from us.

Please Remember In Your Prayers All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:

Robert Loniewski, Gery Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Mendel, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Laureen Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Nierit and Lottie Grzybek.



*Our Deepest Sympathy to the families of:
Elizabeth Opoka, whose Funeral Liturgy
will be held on
Monday, December 6th and
Annette Borgosz.*

*“Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
And Let The Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.”
Amen*

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