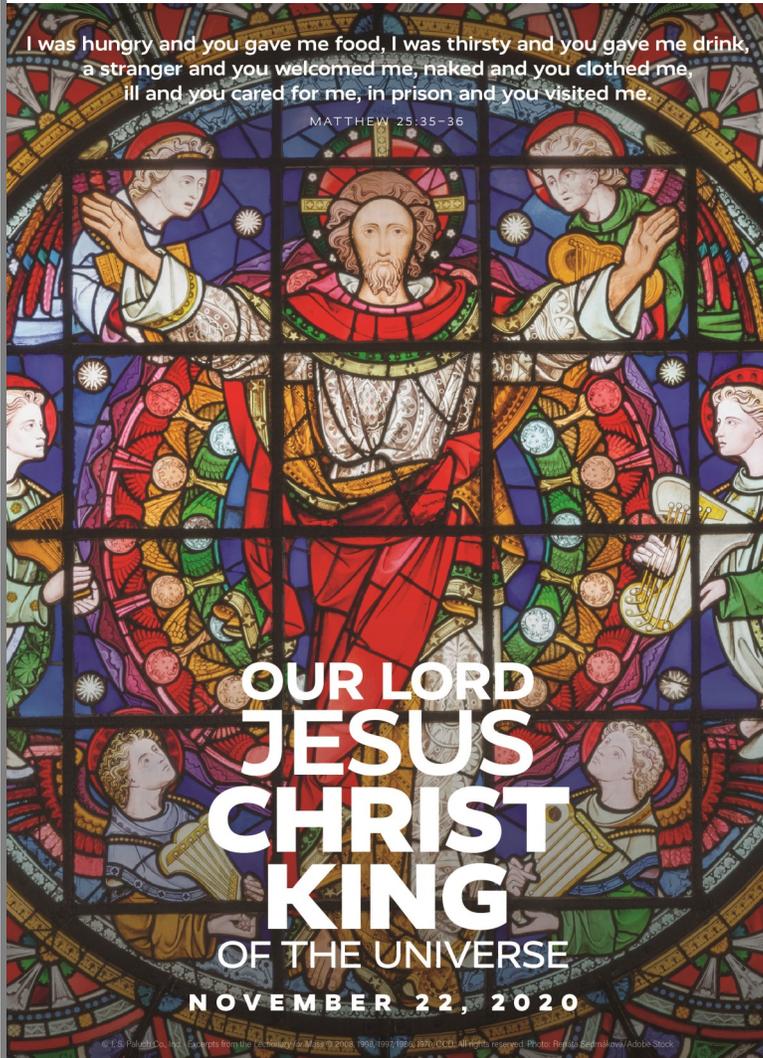


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Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: (BEGINNING NOV. 29)

Sundays: 8:15am, 10:00am and 11:45am

WEEKDAYS:

Mon 8:00am, Wed 7pm, Fri 6pm, Sat 8:00am.

Tues & Thurs 8am-Simple adoration (or Mass, if a priest is available). Check the home page on our website for Tues/Thurs updates.

ADORATION:

Adoration on Wednesday 5-7pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday 6:00pm & Saturday 8:30am.

Otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

CLERGY:

Rev. Waldemar Stawiarski, Pastor

Fr. Tom Koys, M.A., S.T.L., Rector

Fr. Edward Gleeson, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John Wilkinson (Retired)

Deacon Doug Szarzynski

SECRETARY & BUSINESS MGR: Ann Noonan



In these most unusual of times, we still have much to be grateful for! Begin your holiday with Mass at 9:00am. Sign up, please.

For the time being... While restrictions remain on the number of worshipers allowed inside our Church, we must ask that you register for Mass. **The link is on the home page of historicstjames.org.** Registration for Church is reserved to parishioners, and all are asked to limit attendance inside Church to two Sunday Masses per month to share the opportunities. Thanks for your understanding.

St. James at Sag Bridge



Altar & Rosary
Society
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HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE!!! The Officers of the St. James Altar and Rosary Society have selected two very worthwhile charitable causes to focus on this Christmas Season. Our traditional Giving Tree project for the children will once again take place under the direction of Bunny Heppner. We are also offering support to The Women's Center by way of gift card donations. Jo Jackson will oversee this project. More details will be provided in the bulletin. Please do what you can to help someone in need.

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FROM THE DESK OF, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L., RECTOR**A CATHOLIC INDIAN MEETS THE PILGRIMS
FOR THE FIRST THANKSGIVING.**

In addition to teaching the Pilgrims how to plant corn and find fish, Squanto also taught them to stalk deer, plant pumpkins, find berries, and catch beaver, whose pelts proved to be their economic deliverance. He was also helpful in securing a peace treaty between the Pilgrims and surrounding Indian tribes, which lasted over fifty years. In the words of William Bradford, "Squanto.. was a special instrument sent by God for their good beyond their expectations." In 1605, Squanto, a member of the Patuxet Indian tribe, was captured by an English merchant explorer and taken to England. He remained there nine years, during which time he learned to speak English. In 1614, Captain John Smith took him back to "America", but shortly after this he was again taken captive and sold into slavery in Spain. With God's grace, some local Catholic friars bought him and rescued him and Baptized him in the waters of new life.

From Spain he eventually went to England again where he remained until 1619, when he obtained passage back to his home in "America". As Squanto went ashore at what was to become Plymouth, he found his entire tribe had been killed by a plague. He was the only survivor of the Patuxet tribe. Joining himself to a nearby tribe, he remained there until the spring of 1621 when he joined himself with the Pilgrims, determined to see them survive at the place where his tribe had not. Thanks to God's instrument, Squanto, and the character of the Pilgrims, half of them had survived an unimaginably difficult first year. Moreover, they harvested a sufficient supply of food for their second winter at Plymouth. Governor Bradford appointed a day of Thanksgiving and invited the nearby Wampanoag Indians, Squanto's adopted tribe, to celebrate and

give thanks unto God with them. Chief Massasoit and 99 of his men came and feasted with the Pilgrims. While many people today follow the Pilgrim's example of feasting at Thanksgiving, they too often ignore the entire reason that the Pilgrims set aside a special day, that was to give thanks to Almighty God and acknowledge their utter dependence upon Him for their existence. While many today take ease in having plenty, never seeing a need to cry out to God, the Pilgrims relied upon God in their lack and thanked Him in the abundance. Their trust was in God and not in their abundant provisions.

(adapted from *America's Providential History*, by Beliles and McDowell)

**St. James Catholic
Mission Society**

Join us on Saturday,
December 5. Mass at 4pm,
followed by presentation.
Details to follow.

**PLEASE NOTE:
New Sunday Mass Times****Effective Nov. 29, 2020:****8:15am****10am****11:45am**

Can you volunteer to help with our Sunday Masses?
Submit the form on our website or on paper form
in church, rectory, or hall.

¶ Eternal Father,

I offer Thee the most precious blood of
Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the
Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for
sinners everywhere, for sinners in the
universal Church, those in my own
home and within my family. Amen.

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

IF WE'RE REMOVING "RACIST" STATUES, WE SHOULD TEAR DOWN MARGARET SANGER'S

By KRISTAN HAWKINS

All across America, video of activists attacking statues plays on a loop while some political leaders voice their support for removing all reminders of people whose personal histories put them in a negative light. In asking for the U.S. Capitol to be cleansed of Confederate statues, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said they must go because their efforts were "to achieve such a plainly racist end." New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on NBC's "Today" show that removing statues is a "healthy expression" of priorities and values.

For those identifying historical figures with racist roots who should be removed from public view, Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, must join that list. In promoting birth control, she advanced a controversial "Negro Project," wrote in her autobiography about speaking to a Ku Klux Klan group and advocated for a eugenics approach to breeding for "the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extinction, of defective stocks — those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization."

In a 1939 letter to Dr. C. J. Gamble, Sanger urged him to get over his reluctance to hire "a full time Negro physician" as the "colored Negroes...can get closer to their own members and more or less lay their cards on the table which means their ignorance, superstitions and doubt."

Like the abortion lobby today, Sanger urged Dr. Gamble to enlist the help of spiritual leaders to justify their deadly work, writing, "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

And that spirit of racism continues today, as more than 300 former and current employees of Planned Parenthood said recently in an open letter, noting a "toxic" environment.

"Planned Parenthood was founded by a racist, white woman. That is a part of history that cannot be changed," they observed, writing that the pattern of "systemic racism, pay inequity, and lack of upward mobility for Black staff" continues.

The vast majority of the abortion vendors have set up shop in minority neighborhoods, which can be seen in the scarce statistics available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Though they are only 13% of the female population, African Americans made up 38% of all abortions tracked in 2016.

In the 1970s, when the Supreme Court's Roe V. Wade decision legalized abortion, polling showed that Blacks were "significantly less likely to favor abortion" than whites. Yet in New York City, more black babies are aborted than born alive each year. And the abortion industry think tank, the Guttmacher Institute, notes that "the abortion rate for black women is almost five times that for white women."

Among those who advocate for the removal of statues, signs and traces of racist ancestors there is no balancing of good and bad deeds. It would be hypocritical to say that the racist attitudes and eugenics policy preferences of Sanger should be ignored because it was a "tactic" to advance birth control that some consider a social good, the position of famed feminist Gloria Steinem.

But consider Sanger's own words. In an article titled "A Better Race Through Birth Control," she wrote, "Given Birth Control, the unfit will voluntarily eliminate their kind."

"Birth Control does not mean contraception indiscriminately practiced," Sanger wrote. "It means the release and cultivation of the better elements in our society."

Just this week, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York announced it will remove Sanger's name from its Manhattan abortion vendor location because of her "harmful connections to the eugenics movement."

Why stop there?

Sanger is honored in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and at Margaret Sanger Square in Manhattan. And a Margaret Sanger statue stands in the Old South Meeting House in Boston, which ironically enough is on the Freedom Trail commemorating the Revolutionary War. How a woman who advocated for the selective breeding of her fellow citizens came to be memorialized with those who built a country is hard to understand and a mistake easy to address.

They should not be removed through mob violence, but rather through the use of democratic tools, as a Students for Life group at the University of Missouri did in successfully petitioning for posters of Sanger to be removed.

Students for Life of America is launching an SOS: Strike Out Sanger campaign calling on pro-life people nationwide to demand the removal of Sanger's statues and symbols, which represent a racist who actively targeted minority communities because she did not value their lives. The founder of Planned Parenthood does not represent our American ideals, and her images and honors should be pulled down to gather dust in history's closet.

Our
Weekly Offering



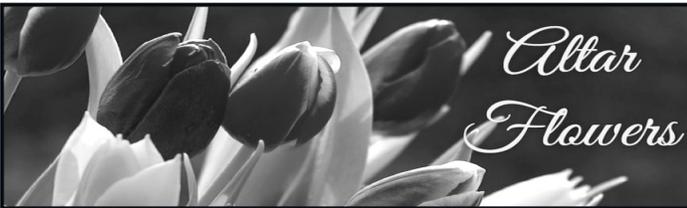
Our weekly *Offertory* collection from November 15, 2020 was \$2,723. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$95. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,100.

OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED FAMILIES USING ONLINE GIVING,



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/22/2020

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fr. David & Fr. Bohula
For the United States of America
For President Trump



Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:

TERRY & BARBARA WOOD
AND
CINDY STACH-PEARMAN—IMO SARA RUTKOWSKI

The King will reply,
"Truly I tell you, whatever
you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me."



Matthew 25:40

Mass Intentions



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM Successful surgery for Joan Stanzler
In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM †Leonard & †Dorothy Postregna

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 PM Diane & Padraic Walsh & Family
†Maria Piech

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26-THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 AM †Michael Alagno
Noonan & DeSitter Families

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:00 PM †Linda Schmilke
Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM John & Marilyn Kurowski

First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 AM †Sara Rutkowski

10:00AM †Karol & †Algzia Bohinec
Diane Kurowski

11:45AM George & Mary Bartik
Maryanne Channell

| MASS | | LECTORS NOVEMBER 26 | LECTORS NOVEMBER 29 |
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| 8:15am | | Beecher (9am) | M. Dillenburg |
| 10:00am | | | Lawler |
| 11:45am | | | M. Fleckenstein |

