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A Catholic Faith Community

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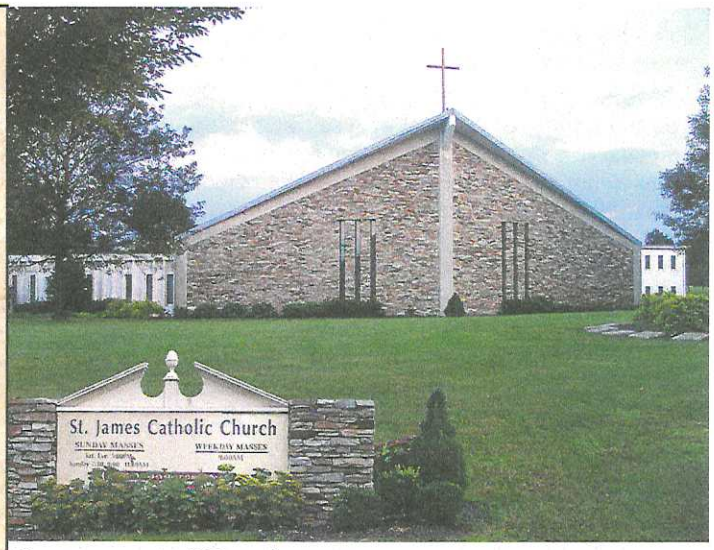
SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mornings 9:00 a.m.
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help during Mass on Wednesday.

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon
Except Holy Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) Anytime on request
Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.



Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month either during or after the 11:00a.m. Mass. No Baptisms at Mass during Lent. Parents are required to attend a preparation class and are encouraged to do so before the child is born. **Classes are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00p.m.** Please call the Parish Office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to marry should begin arrangements by contacting the Pastor at least nine months before a contemplated date of the marriage. Please do not reserve a date for the wedding or a place for the reception prior to meeting with the Pastor.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
This sacrament is offered upon request. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Pastor at the first sign of a serious illness. If someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Penance or the Eucharist at home, please call the Parish Office.

Registration
Registration forms are available upon request to our new parishioners. Stop by the Parish Office or call to obtain a form and let us welcome you to St. James. If you move from the parish or make a change in address, please notify the parish office.

Office Hours
Monday through Friday 8:00a.m-4:00p.m.

St. James Hall/Pavilion Rental
Please call the parish office 717-626-5580 x2

Bulletin Deadline
Friday at noon (10 days prior to desired bulletin date)
All articles must be submitted in writing, email preferred.

Catholic Schools
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Ephrata 717-738-2414
Lancaster Catholic High School 717- 509-0315

Second Sunday of Lent

The transfiguration takes place only a few days after Jesus makes his first passion prediction to the disciples, telling them how "the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days" (Mark 8:31;NABRE). For the first disciples, Jesus's words must have sounded nonsensical. To rise from the dead was not something anyone in the history of salvation had done before. What did it entail? How was it brought about? Despite their confusion, the disciples continue to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. Only in living the paschal mystery with Jesus will they begin to perceive the immensity of the resurrection.

Adapted from Living Liturgy-February, 2021

PRESIDERS & DEACONS FOR MASSES February 27-28

Saturday, 5:00 PM--Father Tizio with Deacon Ken
Sunday, 7:15 AM— Father Tizio with Deacon Tom
Sunday, 9:00 AM— Father O"Blaney with Deacon Tom
Sunday, 11:00 AM—Father O'Blaney with Deacon Ken

The ***SANCTUARY LIGHT*** burns as a reminder of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle. The light burns this week in remembrance of **Anthony Hofmann**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 9:30-NOON In-Person.

- **Adoration will be streamed until Noon.**
- **At 11:45 the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; and at Noon the Angelus and accompanying prayers are said.**
- **"Drop-in" Adorers are welcome!**
- **The church entrance will remain open until 4PM** for people to come in to pray—but the Blessed Sacrament, though present in the tabernacle, will not be exposed.

(1) All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of the Lenten season.
(2) All who are between the ages of 18 and 59 must observe the two days of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which means no eating between meals and the eating of one main meal and two smaller meals.
(3) Those seriously ill are not obliged to fast during the Lenten Season.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	**February 27–Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Ron Fink *(requested by Walt & Judy Zale)*
5:00PM	St. James Parishioners
Sunday	**February 28–Second Sunday of Lent**
7:15 AM	✞Frances Warco *(requested by Sue & Terry Warco)*
9:00 AM	✞Mike Riordan *(requested by Mary Lynn Lavender)*
11:00AM	✞Ron Fink *(requested by Al & Corinne Smith)*
Monday	**March 1–Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM	✞Angie Baylon *(requested by Hubert & Rito Baylon)*
Tuesday	**March 2-Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Charlie & Alice Hartman *(requested by Joseph & Janis Sharkey)*
Wednesday	**March 3–Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**
9:00 AM	✞David Donovan *(requested by David Chavez)*
Thursday	**March 4-Memorial of St. Casimir**
9:00 AM	Father James O'Blaney-Birthday
Friday	**March 5-Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Ron Fink *(requested by Don Engle)*
Saturday	**March 6–Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Melissa Ruhl *(requested by Tracy Toth)*
5:00 PM	St. James Parishioners
Sunday	**March 7–Third Sunday of Lent**
7:15AM	✞Ron Fink *(requested by Dan Barkume)*
9:00 AM	✞Ron Fink *(requested by Peggy Malloy & Patrick Gergely)*
11:00AM	✞Joseph Bruce Gordon *(requested by Jerry & Trish Link)*

CHURCH SUPPORT

The Sunday Collection for Feb. 21st was $7,824.00
The Parish Improvement Fund was $3,154.00
Ash Wednesday Collection was$2,463.00

Harrisburg operates as an independent Charitable Trust. Contributions provided to our parish are used solely for the operation of our parish.

Reconciliation Service- Tuesday, March 30th, 7pm

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 1st
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, 8:30am
Morning Prayer, 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, April 1st, 7:00pm
(Adoration following Mass until 10:00pm)

Good Friday
Friday, April 2nd
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, 8:30am
Morning Prayer, 9:00am
Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Friday, April 2nd, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 3rd
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, 8:30am
Morning Prayer, 9:00am
No Confessions at 4:00pm
No Mass at 5:00pm

Solemn Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 3rd, 8:00pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4th
Masses: 7:15am; 9:00am; 11:00am
(Please note the first Mass is at 7:15am for Easter Sunday)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Sunday, April 11th, 3:00 PM

REMEMBER ALL OUR SICK, ESPECIALLY:

James Anton, Dann Barkume, Michael Bedich, Sheri Blevins, Pat Brust, Sandy Buckwalter, Teresa Burke, Christine Cavalieri, Lori Chilcoat, Bob Clemson, Le Cofield, Katie Corvell, Gail Daniels, Pat Delbuono, Marian DiGioanni, Kathleen Donnachie, MaryLou Drysch, Bill Eckert, Jacki & Paul Eilenberg, Donna Eves, Esperanza Flores, Albert Frantz, Alfred Fritz, Bonnie & Allison Gaughan, Susan George, Bryan Good, Chris Hertzog, Lukas Gervinski, Tom Hazer, Liam Heverly, Melanie Hollingsworth, T. James, Linda Jannarone, Charlotte Jones, Mary Iovino, Jean Jakowbek, Phyllis Kiel, Joanne Kimball, Arlene H. Kime, Harper Grace LeBlanc, Joan Libonati, Georgia Lisinski, Joan Lisinski, Pete Lisinski, Kenneth Loechner, Andrea Lowe, Kelly Lynch, Adeline Marie, Sandy Martin, Kristin Mathias, Krista Merkel, Barbara Mitchell, Gary Mitchell, Michelle Mitterer, Justin Montgomery, Bob Morris, Jack Nesbitt, Zach Newlon, Kathryn Orlosky, Kristi Ott, James Daniel Parisi, Nino Pesce, Jonathan Perez, Mary Beth Prendergast, Alicia Prestano, Dan Regan, Kathy Regan, Jacqueline Rowell, Pat Ruth, Maria Salmeron, Betty Seeds, Brandon Shaine, Mary Siegrist, Peter Silva, Special Intention, Ken Stutz, Mary Susan, Megan Swank, Charlie Sweeney, Dan Trimble, Regina Tuscano, Debra Ulicny, Martin Veneski, Andy Werner, and Nancy Whitacre, Valerie Wilson. *Please notify the Parish Office of any changes.*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Streaming is from the Parish Website.
Holy Communion is distributed to In-Person Mass during Mass.

Saturdays 5PM In-Person and Streamed
Communion after Mass offered at 6PM
Sundays 7:15AM In-Person only.
Sundays 9:00 AM In-Person and Streamed
Sundays 11:00 AM In-Person and Streamed
Communion after Mass offered at 12 NOON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

March & April SignUp Genius is Available. See Link Below:

USHERS & INDIVIDUALS TO SANITIZE THE CHURCH

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054faaa82aabfe3-stjames

Parish Meals Ministry

Many parishioners are not aware that we have a Meals Ministry here at St. James. We are a group of volunteers who deliver home-cooked hot meals to parishioners after surgery, in times of illness, or during mourning. We also are happy to provide meals to new mothers!

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please contact Aimee Taylor at 234-716-0988 or aimeetaylor01@gmail.com

Remember All of Our Service Men & Women in Your Prayers

especially, Maximilian Michael Acker-Marine Corp; Joseph Belgrod-Navy, Middle East; Jason Black-Marines, Oahu, HI; Rachel Bochenko-Air Force, Dover AFB, DE; Steven Bochenko-Shaw Air Force Base, SC; Philip Camera-Army; Hannah Citsay-USNA; George Cook IV-Army, Fort Carson, CO; Chris Devlin-Marines, Camp LeJune; Josh Eggleston -Air Force; Jerome Greco-Marines Sam Gross-Navy, Gregory Harris-Army; Samantha Kutcher -National Guard, Bryson Long-Army, MO; David Luttermoser -Coast Guard, GA; John Luttman V-Army, El Paso, TX; Skylin Miller-Air Force, Lackland, TX; Rizmel Paguio-Army, Afghanistan; Kelly Sanders-Army, Ft. Carson, CO; Erik Schnitzenbaumer-Navy; Allen Siegrist– Navy; Stacy L. Sullivan-Air Force; and Paul E. Thomas-Army, Virginia.

Please provided additions/deletions/updates to this list to the Parish Office.

Spiritual Adoption Program

Our Spiritual Adoption Program has begun. Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program pledge to pray every day for nine months for an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. Since the child is adopted "spiritually", it is not necessary to identify an actual unborn child. However, God knows who the child is. In October, at the end of the nine months of prayer, a baby shower will be held to gather items for A Woman's Concern, a local Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Center that supports mothers and babies.

The Spiritual Adoption Program has three goals…

- Encourage prayer for women who are expecting a child, especially those considering an abortion.
- Educate adults and children about the development of the pre-born child.
- Provide mothers in need with a 'baby shower' of baby gifts.

For COVID safety, send your name, or family name, and your spiritually adopted babies name toLititz5KforLife@gmail.com. The Respect Life Committee will write the names on an Adoption Card and hang it on the tree at the Marian Shrine in Our Lady's Center which will be setup for nine months. Adoption Cards will be available at the church for those who don't use email. Prayer cards are available at church also or make your own. The Spiritual Adoption Prayer is:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

Volunteer Position Needed…..

The Catholic Worker House of Lancaster is looking for a "master" gardener. Someone who knows every aspect of gardening, from planting to harvesting. We have a large, beautiful garden off of Pleasure Road. Volunteer position, in need of a seasoned gardener to lead our group of volunteers who help plant, weed, water and maintain. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tara Hauber, 717-203-6206.

Rescheduled Land of Peace Weekend is THIS Weekend

This weekend, a representative from the Land of Peace mission-a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

More information is available at their website:
Www.landofpeace.org

A WOMENS CONCERN

Donating to Community Aid can help A Woman's Concern.

Your donations to Community Aid can benefit A Woman's Concern in multiple ways:

1. The center receives **Monetary Contributions** per pound of clothing items donated in our name
2. We receive opportunities to apply for **Operating Fund Grants**
3. We become eligible to receive Community Aid **Gift Cards** that we give to our clients

Helping is simple, Just mention A Woman's Concern when dropping off your gently used clothing and household items at the *Community Aid Donation Center at 31 Rohrerstown Road*, in *Lancaster*. You can clean our your closets and help A Woman's Concern at the same time!

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

If you requested a tax statement last year, your document was mailed or emailed the last week of January. If you did not receive yours tax statement, or wish to request one, please email our bookkeeper, Melanie Blodgett at mblodgett@hbgdiocese.org. Alternatively, you may call the Parish Office at 717-626-5580 X2.

OMPH

Our Mother of Perpetual Help School

Reverence. Respect and Responsibility

OMPH School is now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year! We offer full-day Preschool (age 3) and full-day Pre-Kindergarten (age 4), a full-day Kindergarten program, as well as grades 1-8. Registration is now open to all parish families! The Preschool program, for children who are 3 and 4 years old by September 1st, provides developmentally appropriate activities in a Catholic environment. Our Kindergarten program, for children who are 5 years old by September 1st, provides daily Religion class along with skill development in Language Arts and Math and special classes in computer, physical education, Spanish, art, and music. Students in grades 1 through 8 experience an education noted for academic excellence in an environment which reinforces our Catholic identity.

Financial aid is available to qualifying families!

Please contact the Enrollment Office at:
enrollment@omph.org or 717-738-2414 for more information!

March 3: Feast of St. Katherine Drexel

St. Katharine Drexel is the 2nd American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Though an heiress to a large fortune, she became a religious sister and a brilliant educator. Katherine never let wealth adversely affect the way she lived her life and faith. She is an example of a person with a proper understanding that the goods of this earth are given for the common good. After an audience with Pope Leo XIII, she became a missionary in service to both Native Americans and African Americans. Taking the name Mother Katharine, she established a religious order called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, dedicated to working for the betterment of these marginalized peoples. Katherine founded the first Catholic university in the US dedicated to the education of African Americans—Xavier University in New Orleans— and 63 schools throughout the US to educate Native Indians and African Americans. She is remembered for her love of the Eucharist, a desire for unity of all peoples, and her courageous initiatives to address social inequality of minorities peoples. Beatified on November 20, 1988 and canonized on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II, Katharine is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists.

For Reflection: It is a lesson we all need—to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path." *St. Katharine Drexel*

Religious Education Class Schedules

Due to COVID infection rates,
all In-person RE Classes continue to have ZOOM classes until March 3, 2021.
In-person RE Classes resume March 7 and 10.
For the complete schedule and Zoom links, please go the Parish website at **https://www.stjameslititz.org/religious-education** and look under Religious Education Documents or call/email the RE Office.

The schedules for the **Home schooled, Hybrid RE Classes, and Family Catechesis** are unchanged.

Announcing: *Christ Is Alive Essay Contest*

All students in Grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the **2nd Annual Christ Is Alive! Essay Contest,** by writing a **one page essay about a moment when you felt close to God**. For more information, contact the RE Office. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. **Entry deadline is March 19, 2021.**

Sponsored by the Communication Center.

Save the Date! 2021 Vacation Bible School

August 2 -6, 2021
Morning Session: Age 4-Grade 5
Evening Session: Grades 6-8
PEACE LAB: Where Children Discover God's Way of Peace

By learning how to resolve conflicts and figuring out ways to help others, participants will learn how to be peacemakers. Five Bible stories will lead children on an awesome adventure through the Bible, equipping them to follow Jesus as compassionate peacemakers. This is a theme for this time of division, bullying, and discrimination. Teach children how to be an antidote, as Christ-bearers to the world!

Peace Lab is a Bible and activity-based learning experience with tracks for Ages 4– Grade 5 and a separate program for Grades 6-8. Games, skits, crafts, snacks, Bible story discussions and prayer will be part are part of each session.

NEEDED: Adult and Students Volunteers to help plan and present each session. *Interested in helping? Email the RE Office at Cfeldman@hbgdiocese.org.*

More information will be available in April 2021.

This VBS will be presented in person, but will also be offered virtually for those who are quarantining.

Formed. The Catholic Faith. On demand.

An easy way to for the whole family to grow in knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith and to fall deep in love with GOD. To access programs: **enter www.formed.org**, click on **belonging to a parish,** enter **the name and address** of St. James **and your email:** begin enjoying movies & programs!

A LENTEN RECOMMENDATION

For Adults and Teens: **The Search.** What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination? Does this destination extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there...and the answers. (7) 30 minute episodes.

Episode 2: To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? If you're just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simple bodily needs. But there's more to you then that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more.As C.S. Lewis once said, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

Social Justice Network Newsflash

MANNA BAG FOOD DRIVE-Bags will be distributed this weekend for our annual food drive to benefit the Lititz-Warwick Community Chest (LWCC). General requests from the LWCC are listed below. Please return donations by Sunday morning, February 28th. **Donations will be collected after all Masses on February 20-21 and February 27-28.** Please look for the trailer and volunteers in the church parking lot. Donations do not have to be returned in brown bags-any bag or box will do! Please do not leave donated items by the trailer at any other time if there is not a volunteer present. Please call Rick Thompson at 717-514-6124 or email rickt4951@gmail.com with any questions about this year's food drive. Thank you for your generosity!

Canned Fruit (pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, peaches, etc.)
Canned Soups-condensed or ready to eat
Baked Beans
Canned Beans (kidney, black, northern, etc.)
Canned Vegetables (mixed veg, carrots, beets, corn, green beans, etc.)
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Rice-White or Brown
Pasta (elbows, shells, spaghetti, etc.)
Helpers-hamburger, tuna or chicken
Flavored Rice or Pasta Mixes
Canned Tomatoes (diced, stewed, etc.)
Canned Meats-Chicken or Spam
Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Laundry Detergent

Granola Bars and Assorted Snacks
Juice for children (no prune or tomato please)
Breakfast Cereal-Hot or Cold
Jelly (we currently have lots of Peanut Butter)
Coffee or Tea
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
Dishwashing Liquid
Deodorant

Please, NO GLASS JARS or outdated items.

Catholic Social Teaching

February 28th – 1st Reading– Gn 22:1-18
The Test of Abraham

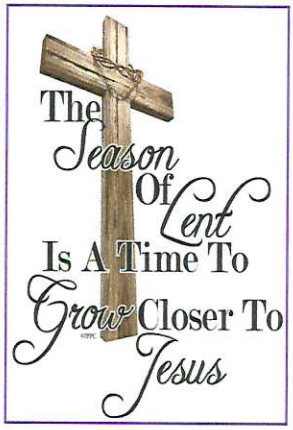
***Theme*: Care for God's Creation**
Comment: "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him." Every human is created in the image and likeness of God. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, God within us, and therefore should be treated with respect. Respecting all of God's creation, our fellow humans above all else, shows respect for our Creator. Similarly, this is why God has the angel prevent Abraham from sacrificing Isaac. In a world that is plagued by a culture of death, this passage is a great reminder to treat God's creation with respect. This story also goes to show us that God doesn't want sacrifice and blood, he wants our hearts.– *Ronnie Reynolds*
Reflection: What are my stances on important issues that affect God's creation? Do I take care of my own body and realize it is a temple of God? Do I look for the good that comes from evil and times of suffering?
CCC 311 "For almighty God, because he is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in his works if he were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself."
CCC 1700 "The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God."

TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU! THE FIGHT OF FAITH

THE FIGHT OF FAITH-SPRING SEMESTER

Week 20-Learning the Secrets of God

- Speaker: Steve Bollman
- Understanding the Knowledge That Transcends Words
- How God Reveals His Divine Life to Us
- Understanding the Mystery of the Holy Trinity
- The Temple of God at the Home in Nazareth
- The Trinitarian Mystery at the Home in Nazareth
- Pathway to the Heights of Mystical Union with God



LOOKING AHEAD.....

MARCH 14, 2021!!!

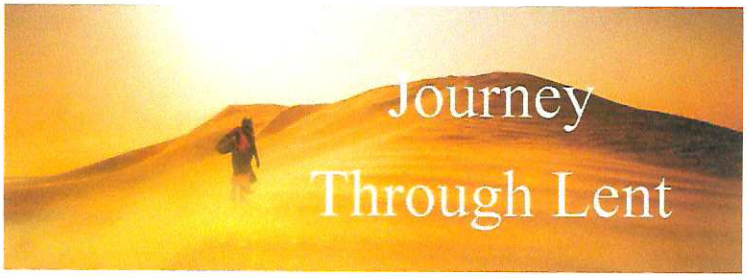
SIGN UP TO RECEIVE

Email or Text Messages

TO SIGN UP

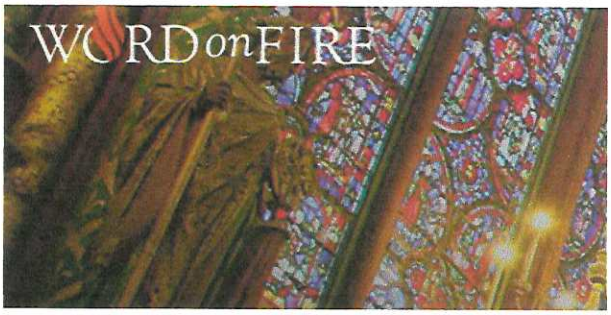
VISIT eva.us/stjlititz
or TEXT stjlititz to 55321

Let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us. Follow the response to update your profile and select email or text message as your preferred form of contact. You can also find and join the groups and apostolates you're a part of.



Catholicism Film Series—Sundays, February 28 through March 28, 7 PM to 8 PM

St. James presents Bishop Robert Barron's acclaimed series, *Catholicism.* Bishop Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or Scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. Participants are encouraged to bring their own refreshments. An informal discussion will follow. Presented in St. James Hall.



To help us plan for your safe attendance, please pre-register on the parish website: www.stjameslititz.org/Lent2021, or call the parish office.

Participants are required to follow all COVID-19 protocols, including mask wearing.

There will be an online option available for all events. See the website for more information.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN RECAP

FINAL 2020 PARISH STATUS

The 2020 theme, ***Rooted in Faith***, encouraged us to demonstrate our love of God by sharing our treasure to reach out in love and mercy to those in need.

Parish Goal	**$122,636**
Total Paid toward goal	**$ 94,370**
Over/(under) Goal paid	**($ 28,266)**
Unpaid Pledges:	**$ 3,775**
% toward goal	**77%**
Average Gift:	**$ 260**
Percentage of Participation:	**27.4%**

FINAL 2020 DIOCESE STATUS

Diocese Goal	**$7,461,400**
Total Paid toward goal	**$6,896,709**
Over/(under) Goal paid	**($ 564,691)**
Unpaid Pledges:	**$ 76,833**
% toward goal	**92%**
Average Gift:	**$ 381**
Percentage of Participation:	**20.9%**

2021 PARISH GOAL—$114,910

The 2021 theme, ***Faith Alive***, will continue the good work begun in 2020. The 2021 DAC began on February 7th, with outreach from the Diocesan Office of Development. **Our St. James "In Pew Appeal" will begin next week at all Masses, March 6 and 7, 2021 and will continue through the month of March.**

All monies raised for the DAC are only used for the programs, services and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the DAC are used to satisfy legal fees or settlement costs associated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg's reorganization. A listing of all DAC allocations may be found at **www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign.**

ANNOUNCING!

2021 SUMMER

ST. JAMES YARD SALE

Friday July 23 4-8PM

Saturday, July 24 8AM-1PM

Drop off of donations will begin on July 3, 2021. More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin and on the website.

Congratulations, Tanya Janoski—Spiritual Guide!

On February 6, 2021, Bishop Gainer celebrated holy Mass for new 9 Diocesan spiritual guides and presented their certificates. One member of this first class of Spiritual Guides is our fellow parishioner, **Tanya Janoski.**

A spiritual director/guide is a person who accompanies individuals on their journey toward union with God. In individual sessions, spiritual directors/guides help guide their fellow brothers and sisters into a deeper relationship with God and his will for their lives.

Spiritual direction is not counseling. While it can include discussion about relationships and struggles in life, spiritual direction focuses on discovering God working in day-to-day life. **Spiritual direction doesn't focus on problem-solving, but on a person's relationship with God.** Spiritual directors/guides are listeners, and serve as a compassionate presence. They listen, pray with the individual, and offer observations and suggestions that help guide a person along the path on which God is leading them. They help you to discern where God is leading you, or what obstacles might be in the way of your relationship with Him, so that you can grow closer to God.

Introducing Tanya

My name is Tanya Janoski and I have been a member of Saint James parish for over 10 years. During this time, I have grown by leaps and bounds in understanding the teachings of our beautiful Church, and I have fallen madly in love with Her, and the whole of our faith.

In 2008, I began volunteering as a Catechist for the 3rd grade class, and thus my proper formation truly began. Having to revisit the elementary tenets of my faith, I learned anew what it means to follow Christ and to desire his will for my life. That desire continued to grow as I completed the Basic Catechist Certificate requirements and continued with more advanced study on Christology and Morality. The Annual Catechetical conferences offered even more in depth study of the different aspects of our faith—I could not seem to get enough. Discovering the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and reading this masterpiece alongside the Scriptures, following a Bible/Catechism 1 year reading plan, *the absolute truth and cohesiveness of our faith was illuminated!* I found that pearl of great price, and I never looked back. As my love of the faith grew, I was encouraged to step outside of my comfort zone of just teaching children. I soon found myself playing Mother Mary for VBS, facilitating Bible studies for adults, helping to form RCIA candidates, interviewing Confirmation students, attending retreats and conferences, and learning to simply trust God.

I am a natural introvert. I love solitude, silence, and simplicity, and this has greatly helped me to adopt a prayerful and contemplative foundation for my life. This in turn, stirred a desire in my heart to lead others to this quiet, intimate, and simplistic way of relating to God. The Ministry of Spiritual Direction appealed to me greatly, but formation in this ministry was not available in close proximity, nor could I find one that was fully Catholic and affordable. I prayed earnestly, so that I might know if it truly was his will for me to pursue this vocation. Two years later, I opened the Catholic Witness and discovered that the Diocese of Harrisburg was initiating training for those called to the Ministry of Spiritual Direction. With Father O'Blaney's support and recommendation, I applied and was accepted. Now, I have completed my 3 years of formation in this ministry, and **I look forward to accompanying others on this amazing faith journey we call life.**

I think of Spiritual Direction as a scavenger hunt, where I mostly listen. I may occasionally ask questions in an attempt to go deeper. I may suggest certain Scripture passages to ponder, or prayerful practices that invite the Holy Spirit into the conversation. In doing this we can recognize His presence, follow His promptings, and experience His peace, as we more fully abandoned our life to His will. God is truly in every thought, action, and word, and he never tires of drawing us to himself, but sometimes we just need help listening. In Genesis 2:18 the Lord God said, "*It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a suitable helper for him.*" This verse certainly speaks of marriage, but it also speaks of the desire of every human heart to be loved, to be understood, and to be supported.

Spiritual Direction is for everyone and anyone who wishes to know, love, and serve God better, so that we can live forever with him in heaven.

I am humbled to be called to this ministry, and I prayerfully offer myself to this parish and our Diocese in hope that I can truly be a blessing to others, as well as grow in my own spiritual life. If you think you may want to pursue Spiritual Direction for yourself, please consider reaching out to me. I would be honored and humbled to accompany my brother or sister in Christ! God bless, and thank you,

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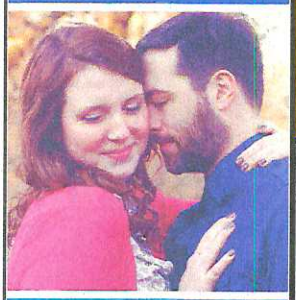

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