Saint James Church
505 Woodcrest Ave.
Lititz, PA 17543
A Catholic Faith Community

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Deacon Ken DiPaola–Permanent Deacon

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning	7:30, 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	3:30-4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated 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.

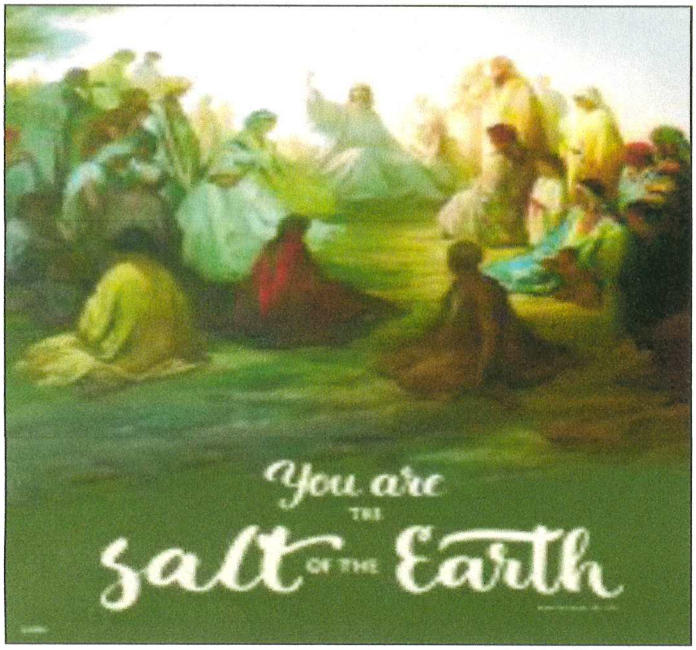
St. James Hall/Pavilion Rental
Please call the parish office 717-626-5580 x2

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gluten Sensitive?

Here at St. James, we have hosts available during Communion that are practically gluten-free. They have a gluten content of 0.01%, which is a negligible amount for most. Ask the priest or extraordinary minister for a gluten-free host.

CHURCH SUPPORT

The Sunday Collection from January 29th was $7,393.00

Is God Calling You?—Seek to follow Jesus, the humble servant. You will be blessed! Discover the grace of the gospel. If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org

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!**

When exposed for Adoration, a person must always be worshipping in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

2023 Men's Conference

Saturday, March 18th, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men's Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, **Fr. Ryan Fischer,** Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera. Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are all part of this annual event.

For more details, visit https://www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

PRESIDERS & DEACON FOR MASSES
February 4 & 5

Saturday, 5:00 PM Fr. Siconolfi
Sunday, 7:30 AM Fr. Fischer
Sunday, 9:00 AM Fr. Fischer
Sunday, 11:00 AM Fr. Fischer 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 memory of *Jeffrey Ising*

Food Safety Training

February 16
time 10 am until 4 pm (lunch included)

Please join us for a beneficial food safety program:

Volunteer Food Safety Training presented by the PA Dept of Agriculture.

there will be additional topics including "How to" sessions

Specific questions on our kitchen and new equipment

This is a required training for all ministries utilizing the St James Hall Kitchen.

Please register with the office 717-626-5580 X2

Please note additional future classes in May and September.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	**February 4-Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Christopher Lefever *(requested by The Morgan Family)*
5:00 PM	✞Jack, Winnie & Glenn Davis *(requested by Betty Rush)*
Sunday	**February 5–Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM	✞Mary Ann Sabatini *(requested by Carol & Jim Malone)*
9:00 AM	Dennis & Anne Quinn and Family *(requested by The Quinn Family)*
11:00AM	St. James Parishioners
Monday	**February 6-St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**
9:00AM	✞The Gernard Family *(requested by Julia Damato)*
Tuesday	**February 7-Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Eleanor McKee *(requested by Mary-Lynn Lavender)*
Wednesday	**February 8-St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**
9:00 AM	✞Michael A. Gurrieri *(requested by Peter Dettioree)*
Thursday	**February 9-Weekday**
9:00 AM	✞Josephine M. Weaver *(requested by Jim & Babs Tribble)*
Friday	**February 10-St. Scholastica, Virgin**
9:00 AM	✞Marilyn Clisham *(requested by David & Linda Humma)*
Saturday	**February 11-Our Lady of Lourdes**
9:00 AM	✞Martin Coffey *(requested by The Feeley Family)*
5:00 PM	2023 Confirmation Class
Sunday	**February 12–Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM	✞Kristin MacFarland *(requested by Bill & Laurie Sceski)*
9:00 AM	Jeannette & Stephen Crnkovich-51st Anniversary *(requested by Stephen & Jeannette)*
11:00 AM	St. James Parishioners

Parish Meals Ministry

Many parishioners are not aware that we have a Meals Ministry here at St. James. We are a group of volunteers re not 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

Thank you to those of you who write the amount of your contribution on the envelope. It is a great help to our volunteer counters especially during the busy times of year.

REMEMBER ALL OUR SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Bill Abell, John Adams, James Anton, Martha Barber, Mary Bast, Cindy Baum, Dawn Bejgrowicz, Lance Benko, Sheri Blevins, Tom Bochenko, AnnaMarie Bowlin, Michael Broutsas, Pat Brust, Joanne Bullock, Teresa Burke, Joel Butler, Michael Cannon, Christine Cavalieri, Harmony Chiccarine, Lori Chilcoat, Kirk Clelan, Bob Clemson, Tim Conlin, Kathy Considine, Stephanie Conway, Katie Corvelle, Paul DeCaro, Pat Delbuono, Marian DiGioanni, Joan Doughton, Jacki & Paul Eilenberg, Carm Eopechino, Don Fisher, Nancy Fittery, Maureen Fitzgerald, Peter & Vanessa Fleming, Esperanza Flores, David Frederick, Al Fritz, Bonnie & Allison Gaughan, Claudia Geib, Lucas Gervinski, Bryan Good, Ryan Gruett, Olena Haras, Chris Hertzog, Liam Heverly, Carol Hoover, Joan Hresko, Kari Hulse, T. James, Linda Jannarone, Charlotte Jones, Jean Jakowbek, Kathy Kenavan, Phyllis Kiel, Donald & Mary Jo Keim, Joanne Kimball, Lee Kimball, Arlene H. Kime, Dave Kirsch, Lorraine Kunz, Harper Grace LeBlanc, Carol Leibfried, Joan Libonati, Georgia Lisinski, Anne Loechner, Kenneth Loechner, Carol Long, Diana Long, Andrea Lowe, John Luttman, Donna Manley, Adeline Marie, Vincent Martello, Kristin Mathias, Pat McCall, Robert McGlone, Timothy McGlone, Krista Merkel, Kelli Metzler, Carol Miller, Michell Mitterer, Justin Montgomery, Kate Moran, Bob Morris, James Daniel Parisi, John Park, Nino Pesce, Jonathan Perez, Greg Petrohovich, Anthony Polito, Sarah Polito, Mary Beth Prendergast, Alicia Prestano, Dan Regan, Kathy Regan, Ken Rhinier, Joan Rothermel, Jacqueline Rowell, Carolyn Ruggiano, Pat Ruth, Kathy Rutt, Richell Sager, Maria Salmeron, John Sceski, Edward Schaich, Nisa Nejadi Scinta, Jenn Sivillo, Betty Seedes, Brandon Shaine, Mary Siegrist, Adam Skomra, Ian Smith, Kelly Smith, Zachary Smith, Mason Sottek, Kenneth Stauffer, Thomas Stork, Anne Marie Straley, Carole Sukenik, Pat Sullivan, Megan Swank, Charlie Sweeney, Elliot Trump, Barbara Tshudy, Regina Tuscano, Carmella Umbriac, Martin Veneski, Florence Verano, Jim Weaver, Kristin Weber, Doug Wenger, Andy Werner, Mark Wilson, Hank Williams & Shayann Williams.

Remember All of Our Service Men & Women in Your Prayers

especially, Maximilian Michael Acker-Marine Corp Joseph Belgrod-Navy, Middle East; Jason Black-Marines, Helsinki, Finland; Washington, DC; Steven Bochenko-Shaw Air Force Base, SC; Hannah Citsay-USN USS Preble, San Diego; 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; Roman Ilustre; Justin Jolin,-Army National Guard, Iraq; Michael Kopriva-Air Force; Samantha Kutcher -National Guard, Bella Luvito-Navy, Bryson Long-Army, MO; David Luttermoser -Coast Guard, GA; Skylin Miller-Air Force, Lackland, TX; Rizmel Paguio-Army, Afghanistan; Kelly Sanders-Army, Ft. Carson, CO; Allen Siegrist– Navy; 2LT Justin Smith-Marine Corps, Quantico, VA; Stacy L. Sullivan-Air Force; and Paul E. Thomas-Army, Virginia, Dr. Jared M. Verga, Lt. Cmdr,-US Navy, Portsmouth, Norfolk, VA.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE
Feb. 11 & 12 2023

5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
LECTORS			
S. Bonefield	M. Melbert	C. Miller	P. Devlin
EXTA-ORDINARY MINISTERS			
Deacon Ken	Deacon Ken	Deacon Ken	Deacon Ken
R. Koretke		M. Blodgett	C. Devlin
ALTAR SERVERS			
S. Conlin	I. Rudy	S. Do	R. Makhlouf
M.Conlin	L. Rudy	M. Boyle	T. Makhlouf
T. Conlin	L. Taylor	L. Boyle	Y. Makhlouf

REACHING THE 2022 DAC GOAL

I am honored to announce that with your contributions, as well as a very generous unexpected donation, we have met our goal for the **2022** Diocesan Annual Appeal. We greatly appreciate your participation in this important appeal that supports ministries that help our parishioners, our neighbors, and our community.

Details of the ministries that this year's campaign will be supporting will be communicated to everyone in February.

Thank you again for your support!

Your in Christ,
Fr. Fischer

Parish Goal	**$ 119,732**
Total Paid toward goal	**$ 124,962**
Outstanding Pledges	**$ 450**
Over/(under) Goal paid	**$ 5, 230**
% paid toward goal	**104%**
Average Gift:	**$ 277**
Register Households	**1065**
Percentage of Participation	**28%**

Family Holy Hour and Potluck

Catholic Family Connection of Lancaster (CFCL) will be hosting an event on Sunday, February 19th at St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel in downtown Lancaster. Holy Hour will be at 4:30PM followed by 5:30PM Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish or dessert to share! RSVP to catholic. families.lanc@gmail.com

February 22nd

Young Catholic Professionals

Are you a hardworking, career focused Catholic in their 20's or 30's? We need your energy and drive as part of our YCP leadership team! Are you a prominent Catholic business owner or working professional in the Diocese looking to give back to the next generation? We need your knowledge and experience as part of our YCP board of directors!

What is Young Catholic Professionals? YCP is a national organization with regional chapters that provide networking and development opportunities for young working Catholics to inspire them to live out their faith through their professional career.

Interested? Visit https://bit.ly/3GRP0z4

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration

Save the Date—February 12, 2023—The Parish will once again honor our Blessed Mother on her Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, February 12th from 3:00-4:30 in the church. Come and listen to guest speaker, singer-songwriter Mike Gallagher who has been entertaining audiences throughout the Pittsburgh region backing his clear tenor voice with sensitivity and versatility in the 12-string guitar. Mike took ill in 2017 and traveled to Lourdes as a pilgrim in 2018. He will share his story, told in word and song as he reveals the working of the Blessed Mother leading him to deeper conversion and devotion. All will be invited to participate in the Washing of Hands in response to our Blessed Mother's request to "wash in the water" as told in her apparition to St. Bernadette. Plan on attending and bring your intercession requests to lay at the feet of our Blessed Mother. Please join us at:

Saint Anne Church
929 North Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

You are invited…

Join St. Philip's for a trip to sunny Portugal. You are invited to join St. Philip's from Oct. 24-Nov. 2nd as they travel from the Portuguese Riviera to the sunny cliffs of the Algarve. Discover the charms of Lisbon. Explore the soft sandy beaches and classic fishing villages. Visit the charming town of Tavira with its Moorish inspired architecture. Encounter picturesque resort towns. **St. Philip's will be hosting an informational session with the travel agent on Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 6:30pm in the PAC.**

For more information, contact St. Philip's Parish Office at 717-872-2166 or lneff@stphilipmillersville.com

QUOTE

"I assure you, on judgment day people will be held accountable for every unguarded word they speak."
Matthew 12:36

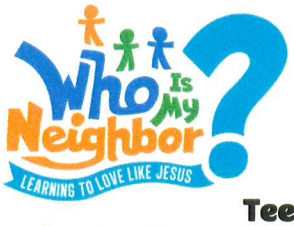
For Reflection: Ouch! How many unguarded or idle words have I spoken in my life? Am I willing to work on developing " self-control", a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, to break this vice?

FEBRUARY FAMILY MASS
Sunday February 5, 2023
11AM Mass
Celebrating Scout Sunday

BSA Troop 142 members will serve as Altar Servers, Lector, and Offertory Gift Bearers. Also available at this Mass—booklets to assist children to follow the Mass and a Homily geared towards children. A reception and light refreshments will be available in Our Lady's Center after the Mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sip & Dip Has Returned!

Gather with other adults in St. James Hall **after each 9AM Sunday Mass,** to share some coffee & crumpets and "dip" into our Catholic faith.
We are delving into **The Mass**, with *Bishop Robert Barron* (a short video, followed by discussion).
Come Join Us in St. James Hall!



Save the Date!!
2023 VBS
August 7 -11
Would you like to help out?
Teens and adults welcome!
Contact Irma Do: ido@hbgdiocese.org

Have you eaten at the Knight & Day or Park City Diners this week? The **RE Program is rebated 10% of your check** when you mention St. James Catholic Church or use your Loyalty Card.

Call for Babysitters!!

The Family Life Ministry is looking for teens/young adults who have a gift for working with children, to be part of our **St. James Child-care Club (SJCC)!** After completing the application and other requirements, SJCC members will be connected with families who need childcare for date nights/other events. Complete the application at https://forms.gle/DMQkMokQJFHnVFzF8 or use the QR code! Questions? Contact Irma. It is expected that members of the St. James Childcare Club (SJCC) will be paid for their service.

If you're a family who is interested in using this service, please contact Irma Do at ido@hbgdiocese.org to complete a family application.

Religious Education News…

The 2022-2023 RE Year materials are on the Parish Website at **www.stjameslititz.org,** under Faith Formation/ Religious Education-Documents.

Feb 5 Sunday RE Classes
CGS 8:45-10:30AM Rooms 201 & 202
CGS 10:30-Noon Room 201
G7-8 9:00-10:50AM
G2-6 10-11AM
G7 5:30-7PM Room

Feb 8 Wednesday RE Classes
CGS 4:15-5:45PM Room 201
G2-6 4:30-5:30PM

Feb 12 Sunday RE Classes
CGS 8:45-10:30AM Rooms 201 & 202
CGS 10:30-Noon Room 201
G7-8 9:00-10:50AM
G2-6 10-11AM
G7 5:30-7PM Room

2023 Grade 8 Confirmation

Please continue to pray for our youth, that they may be filled with the grace of God and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit , as they complete preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Day of Reflection
Saturday February 11, 2023 2-5PM
Sponsor or Parent are also requested to attend.

Rite of Sending Confirmation Candidates to the Bishop
During the 5PM Vigil Mass Saturday, February 11, 2023

Mass with the Sacrament Of Confirmation
Saturday, February 18, 2023 10AM
St. John Neumann Parish

First Holy Communion Preparation

The **PARENT MEETING** for children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time in May 2023 will be held on **Sunday, February 12, 2023** from **10-11AM** in **St. James Hall.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER?

Want to know what classes and/or events are cancelled at St. James? Please see the Parish Website at stjameslititz.org for information or check email and WGAL online.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Room 104 6:30PM
Topic: Catholic Morality - Living As A Catholic Christian in a Secular World
All are welcome.

For information, please call the RE Office (717) 626-0244 or email to rbarnas@hbgdiocese.org.

Social Justice Network Newsflash

For more information or to become more involved with the Social Justice Network, please contact Jeannette List blist@dejazzd.com-717-626-1715

JOIN US FOR SIX WEEKS OF PERSONAL GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION-In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published a pastoral letter against racism *Open Wide our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.* Although the bishops had written letters addressing the sin of racism in previous decades, they saw the need for a revised statement because in their view "racism still infects our nation." In *Open Wide our Hearts*, the bishops call for "a genuine conversion of heart" that is needed in all individuals as well as in our institutions and society. Their letter exhorts all Catholics and all churches to make a determined effort to foster and support this transformation.

Recently Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Institute created a six part video series entitled *Racism, Human Dignity and the Catholic Church in America, with Gloria Purvis* with the intent to continue the conversation about ending racism in the Church and throughout the world. In response to the bishops' charge in *Open Wide Our Hearts*, we at St. James are pleased to offer this series to our parishioners. It should be noted that violence and uncomfortable facts about our Catholic Church history are discussed. The presentation is very powerful and matter-of-fact.

Because this material can be provocative, and because these issues are truly personal for all of us, we are taking a unique approach in offering this series. There will be no discussion sessions after the viewing of the videos; rather, opportunities for individual self-reflection, prayer, and journaling will be provided. Coffee, tea, and water will be available for all participants.

Please join us in Our Lady's Center at 9:40am (after 9am Mass) or 7:50pm (after Stations of the Cross) on Fridays during Lent: February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 March 24, and March 31. On March 31 we will participate in the USCCB Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism.

The videos are also available for free on the internet at the Word on Fire Institute's YouTube channel so that you can watch, re-watch or listen whenever you would like. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-qxMAIuRCZkg39tIY3ZtYBoAk1Ck8fUM. We encourage participation with a prayerful and open heart. We look forward to seeing you for this wonderful series!

Silver Liners

The Silver Liners will meet Wednesday, February 8th in St. James Hall at 10 AM.
Games, Games, Games!!!

Pinochle, Yahtzee, Scrabble and more...
If you have a favorite game, bring it!!

Save the Date…
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Knights of Columbus Council #10827 and The Lancaster Irish American Cultural Society invite you to continue your St. Patrick's Day celebrations at St. James on Saturday, March 18th. Join us for ***Irish Knight***, featuring the Musical entertainment of ***Boys from Innisfree.*** Cost of a ticket is $20 and includes beer and set-ups. All other beverages, BYOB. Please feel free to bring your own food for your table, but there will be light fare offered in our kitchen for purchase. There will be chances for 50/50, door prizes, and basket raffles.

Tickets are available at the door, but if you'd like to reserve a table of 8 ahead of time, please contact:

Peggy Malloy 717-468-5489 or
Joe McGrath:
josephmcgrath218@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE…

Singer/Songwriter Sarah Hart is coming to St. James March 29, 2023 at 7PM

Additional Bazaar Thank you…

Thank you to all who helped with the Bazaar Ham/ Turkey Dinner Meal, especially

Debbie McGrath
Joe McGrath
Dave Covey
Andrew Pickett
Jim Smith
Jim Carpenter
Bob Hertz
Joe Klazas
Dave Wilson
Jim Sincavage
Tricia Sincavage
The Knights of Columbus
Mike Gergal
Frank Kenavan
Mike Squierdo
Tom Scanlon
Terry Duffin
Jeff Rinehimer
Bob Lowe
Patrick McGrath
Kathleen McGrath
Steve Kutcher
Karen Kutcher

Spiritual Adoption Program and Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign

Our ***Spiritual Adoption Program*** begins this weekend – February 4-5. Participants pledge to pray every day for nine months for an unborn baby who is 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.

The ***Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign***, run by our Knights of Columbus Council, begins today also. This campaign for A Woman's Concern, Lancaster's Pregnancy Resource Center, helps women facing unplanned pregnancy to find the hope and support they need to welcome their babies into the world.

These programs are the perfect duo – Spiritual Adoption for heavenly support and Baby Bottle Blessings for material support of 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.

Adoption Cards and Prayer Cards are available at the Spiritual Adoption Marian Shrine in Our Ladies Center. Individuals or families complete the Adoption Card and place it on the tree at the Marian Shrine. Monthly updates on the development of the unborn children will be provided in the bulletin and at the Marian Shrine. You are encouraged to stop by the shrine occasionally and say a prayer for good health for the mothers and their babies.

Adding the Spiritual Adoption Prayer to your morning prayers, prayer before dinner or prayers at bedtime is a great way to assure saying the prayer daily.

It's easy to participate in the ***Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign***! Just pick up a bottle near the exits of the church, and fill it with coins, cash, or a check over the coming weeks. Bring it back to the church by March 4-5 and know that your giving is making a positive difference for the women and children of our community. Place bottles in the crib at the Marian Shrine.

In October, at the end of the nine months of prayer, a Baby Shower will be held to gather items for the mothers and babies who come to A Woman's Concern.

St. James Knights of Columbus
Council 10827

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Trivia Night with Mike Horn

Saturday, February 25th
7pm

(Doors open at 6pm)

St. James Hall

St. James Church

505 Woodcrest Ave, Lititz, PA
(Rear Entrance)

St. James Knights of Columbus, Council 10827

- **$15** per person
- BYOB
- Beer and setups included
- Food available for purchase at 6pm

- Must be **21** or over
- Teams are limited to **8** persons
- **$200** Team Grand Prize
- $100 Team Second Place Prize

Tickets available at the door

Reservations encouraged for planning purposes but not required

Sign up to reserve your table by contacting Joe McGrath via email: josephmcgrath218@gmail.com, or call the Parish Office at 717-626-5580

Partners *in* FAITH™

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith. February 2023

St. James Catholic Church
Lititz, PA

Thoughtful Moments

Instill confidence in prayer

Many Catholic parents worry their children will be tempted away from the Faith. The good news is that children who grow up with a strong prayer life, regular Mass attendance and Confession often are likely to stay Catholic. Youngsters who turn to God from an early age grow up to revere and lean on Him. Teach children to pray and have prayer aids handy. Pray regularly as a family, and stay close to the greatest Catholic prayer – the Mass.

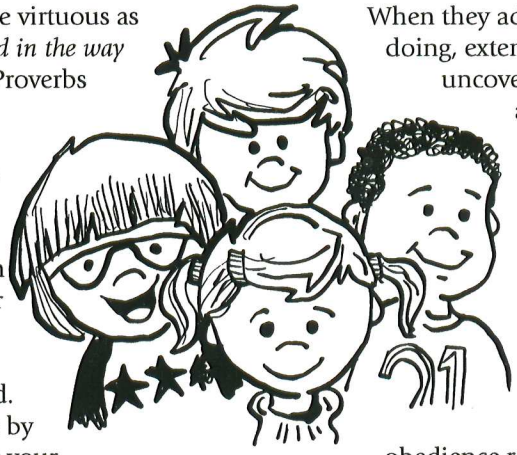
Love of God and others

Christian parents, by example, can help their children live the greatest commandments – love of God and neighbor. By creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, and humility flourish, the family places the spiritual above the material aspects of society. Children learn to love as God loves – freely, confidently, and without limits.

"Discipline your children, and they will bring you comfort, and give delight to your soul" (Proverbs 29:17).

Four holy habits to teach children during Lent

The season of Lent is a call to change our ways and repent. It's also a chance to help our youngsters grow in holiness. In turn, we will find ourselves becoming more virtuous as we *"train a child in the way he should go"* (Proverbs 22:6).



Patience: Children often have trouble waiting, but impatience can make us sad or mad, and lead us to stop trusting in God. Teach patience by calmly waiting your turn, don't complain when enduring difficulty, and encourage children to pray while waiting.

Kindness: Flowing out of the virtue of charity, it is best learned by feeling it so it can be reproduced. Make kindness a signature virtue your family shares.

Honesty: Deception in any form is sinful. Children may lie to get out of trouble, to get something they want, to avoid upsetting others. When they admit to wrong doing, extend mercy. If you uncover a lie, require an apology and impose steps to repair damage done.

Obedience: Our fallen nature means that disobedience is more natural to us than submitting to authority, but obedience recognizes rightful authority. This virtue encourages us to submit to God's will – a critical life skill. We can model obedience when we seek God's will in prayer and Scripture, pray for His guidance, and model those habits for our children.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we use different colored vestments during Mass?

Each color highlights a particular aspect of the season and helps us enter the mystery we're celebrating. Green symbolizes spiritual growth and is worn during Ordinary Time. Purple (or violet) is for the penitential seasons of Lent and Advent. White and gold signify joy and glory and are for Christmas and Easter. Red, recalling Christ's blood, is worn on Good Friday and the feasts of the martyrs. It also recalls the Holy Spirit and is worn on Pentecost and Confirmations.

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Explain the Faith on five fingers

The best gift we can give our children is a close, loving relationship with Christ. An easy way to explain the basics of our faith in Him is to use the five fingers of the left hand:

Pinky: The smallest finger reminds us that we're weak and need a Savior. We must ask Him each day for the graces we need.

Ring finger: Traditionally, this is the finger on which married people wear a wedding ring. God's love for us is forever, like the perfect, endless circle of a wedding ring.

Tall finger: Jesus died on the Cross for our sins and then He rose, victorious. He promises that if we stay close to Him, we will also rise, victorious, to Heaven.

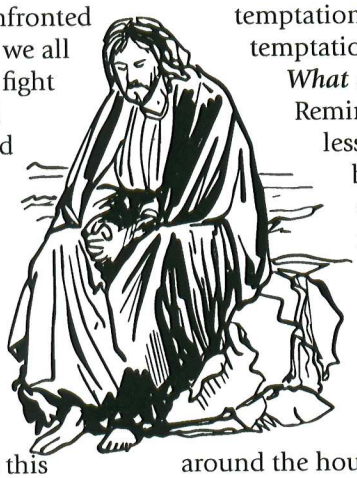
Pointer: Jesus chooses each of us to imitate His example of love. He asks us to inspire others with our words and actions.

Thumb: As part of Jesus' Body, we are stronger together than alone. "Thumbs up!" reminds us to stay close to Him and invite others, too.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus leads us to victory

In this Gospel reading, Satan tried to tempt Jesus to sin. Jesus confronted the three basic temptations we all face and showed us how to fight them: choosing self-control over selfishness, serving God instead of expecting Him to serve us, and remaining faithful to God's plan, even in the face of difficulties.



During the season of Lent, we join Jesus in the desert in prayer and fasting for forty days (not counting Sundays). We use this time to go deeper in relationship with God and to purify our hearts to love well, and to grow in virtue. Sooner or later in our lives, we all encounter temptations, especially the temptation to give up.

What can a parent do?

Remind youngsters that the lesson of Lent is to come back to God and encourage them to make offerings that help them think, choose, and love like Jesus. For example, they can resolve to only say kind words, sacrifice dessert, help around the house. Teach them to pray whenever they feel tempted. When we stay close to Jesus, He will lead us home.

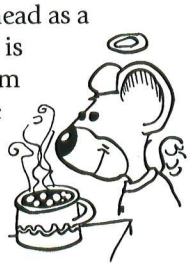
Feasts & Celebrations

February 2 – Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

February 3 – St. Ansgar (865). St. Ansgar was born in Picardy, France. He was sent to a Benedictine monastery after his mother's death. After taking vows, he traveled to Denmark and Sweden to preach the Gospel.

February 4 – St. Jane of Valois (1505). Briefly a queen of France, St. Jane was unwillingly married to the Duke of Orleans. Despite an unhappy marriage, she remained loyal and patient. When their marriage was annulled, she retired to Bourges and founded the Order of the Annunciation.

February 22 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. The ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Today is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.



Parent TALK

Lent often felt like a holy diet to me. I focused on cutting out sweets, alcohol, and snacking. I ended up, six weeks later, pounds lighter and not an ounce holier. When the children came along, I decided to look at the three pillars: prayer, penance, and almsgiving.

On Ash Wednesday Mass we each offered a sacrifice – a favorite toy, screen time, some luxury. Then, we agreed that each night before bedtime we would pray a decade of the Rosary and offer spontaneous prayer.

Finally, we spent the weeks setting aside gently used toys and clothes to donate at the end of the season. We also increased our contributions to the poor box at church.

The emphasis on God and the practices the Church encouraged brought us out of ourselves and helped us approach Easter with a new perspective. As my daughter said, "Isn't that the whole point of Lent?"

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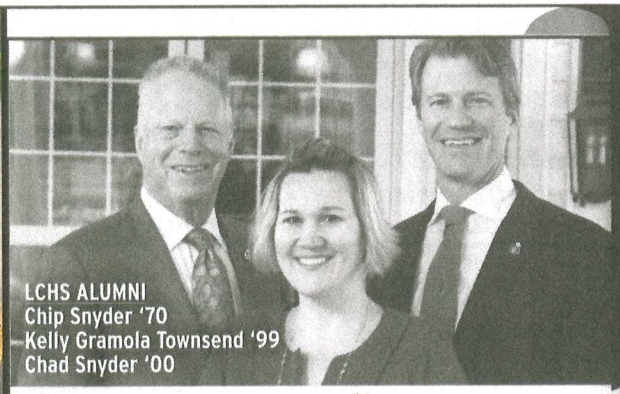
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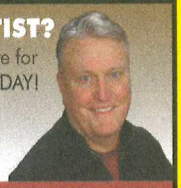
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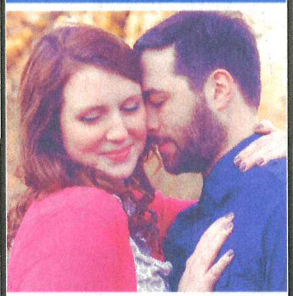
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