

St. James Parish

St. Hilary † Immaculate Conception † Sacred Heart

Our Mission Statement

Our mission at Saint James Parish is to be, from the beginning to the end, oriented to and focused on, Jesus. Our lives are rooted in the mystery of our faith that the incarnate Word of God has revealed to us. This mystery culminates in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of Christian worship. In the Eucharist we are nourished and empowered as living tabernacles to bring the life and light of Jesus Christ to the world in which we live, and to proclaim His saving Gospel in season and out of season. As in all things, we are always seeking to glorify His Holy Name.

January 22, 2023



Sunday of the Word of God

God's Word
has the power to open our eyes and to
embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity.
Pope Francis



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM - St. Hilary
5:30 PM - I.C.
Sunday: 8:00 AM - St. Hilary
9:00 AM - Sacred Heart
10:30 AM - I.C.
Radio Mass WJPA-AM 1450
12:15 PM - I.C.
Weekdays: Monday-Friday
6:30 AM, & 12:00 PM - I.C.
Monday: 7:00 PM - St. Hilary
Saturday: 9:00AM - I.C.

CONFESSION TIMES

Mondays 6:00 - 6:45 PM - St. Hilary
Saturdays 9:30 AM - I.C.
Or by appointment

HOLY HOUR/ADORATION

Mondays 6:00 PM - St. Hilary
Monday thru Friday 11:00AM
Thursdays 6:30 PM - I.C.

Word of God Sunday

From the Desk of Reverend Edward L. Yuhas Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we come to Mass on this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel from Saint Matthew shows us Jesus leaving Nazareth to live in Capernaum in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali announcing the call to: *“repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* Jesus then goes on to call his first disciples: Peter and Andrew, James and John to become his followers, leaving everything behind to participate in the mission of our Lord using nothing less than the commitment of their whole lives in service of announcing and building the kingdom of God.



Reverend Edward L. Yuhas

The message of the Gospel is to continue to be spread through each of us through our example of lived faith, the actions of our lives and the words that we speak. It was in our baptism that the Word of God first came to birth in our very souls for us to share the Good News with others. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared that each year the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be observed as the “Sunday of the Word of God.” This is found in his Apostolic Letter *“Aperuit Illis.”* Pope Francis says in his Letter that as Catholics we are to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Gospel is for us a reminder that we too are each called to be faithful followers of the Lord by helping those we know in our lives today whose hearts are weighed down by illness, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, or any circumstance where darkness is experienced. We are called to be the instruments of God’s healing presence in the world today by offering listening ears to those who are suffering and in sorrow and to bring Christ the Light of hope for those who are in need of God’s comfort, consolation and strength.

An important question that each of us must answer in our hearts is what is the Good News of the Gospel that needs to be proclaimed by my life to others? There is nowhere in life that we can go without leaving the imprint of who we are as Christians and that reflection should always be marked by the ways we live the gift of faith that we profess.



“In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.

The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie” (Preamble, 7).

Apostolic Letter: *Aperuit Illis*
~Pope Francis~

Influenza and the Liturgy

The cold and flu season is upon us again. It is important that we all work together to limit the spread of disease through normal good hygienic practices. When the community gathers for Mass or other celebrations we come from the real world. We are God's' people and we take part in the heavenly liturgy, but we remain part of the human family in its earthly pilgrimage. We are vulnerable to the troubles that can befall people along the way, including illness and disease. Both for our own sake and out of care for others, it is helpful to recall something we can do to foster our community's health and wellbeing.

For all members of the congregation:

-Keep tissues or a clean handkerchief available for coughs, sneezes, or sniffles. Once the tissue(s) used, put them in a pocket or purse (perhaps in a simple plastic sandwich bag) until you can properly dispose of them. Please do NOT set them on the pew seats, NOR in the hymnal racks of the pews.

-When a sudden cough or sneeze comes upon you, nestle your mouth and nose in your elbow rather than using your hands.

-Speaking of hands, be careful of them. Use common sense in keeping them clean and in avoiding contact with mouth or nose in the cold and flu season. You may also want to consider carrying on your person a small container of hand sanitizer or use the hand sanitizing stations located at the entrances to each of our two churches.

***Note about the Sign of Peace at Mass:**

Remember that there is NO single gesture required for the Sign of Peace at Mass. Consider using a gesture that does NOT involve shaking hands. For the Sign of Peace, some offer an embrace, some place a hand on another's shoulder, some simply wave their hand at others without any physical contact. The Sign of Peace at Mass is a time to express our peace in Jesus Christ before we share in Holy Communion. Be thoughtful when you share the Sign of Peace AND be considerate of the sensitivities of others.

-Be mindful and reverent in receiving Holy Communion (as the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should be in practicing the normal hygienic standards).

+Note about Mass attendance when Sick:

If you are very sick or know that you have an easily communicable disease you are NOT bound by the obligation to participate in Mass on the weekend or holy day of obligation. Stay at home and return to the practice of participating in Mass when you are well. Try to watch the Mass on TV or listen to it on the radio. (For longer illnesses, please contact the administration center office so that arrangements can be made to have an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion bring the Most Holy Eucharist to you).



The Season of Lent

This Sunday marks exactly one month from the beginning of the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The Church calls us to begin thinking of how we as individuals and as families will be observing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to strengthen our faith and to grow in holiness. What spiritual activities/ practices will you be observing this year in the season of Lent?

MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 21

- 4:00 PM (H) † **Helen & Frank Chmiel** (Ron & Lois Junka)
- 5:30 PM (IC) † **Dr. Charles Tripoli** (David DeSimone)

SUNDAY, January 22

- 8:00 AM (H) † **Wanda Bainer** (Maryann Zarichansky)
- 9:00 AM (SH) † **The People of St. James Parish**
- 10:30 AM (IC) † **Scott Family** (Tony & Pam Mihelcic)
- 12:15 PM (IC) † **The People of St. James Parish**

MONDAY, January 23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Barbara Dunst** (Nancy Rieger)
- 12:00 PM (IC) † **Ann Mituzas** (Lesly McAfee)
- 7:00 PM (H) † **Dominic & Angeline Pastoral** (Jeanne & Ralph Fisher)

TUESDAY, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **James Petro** (Roberto Petro)
- 12:00 PM (IC) † **Mildred Domitrovic (A)** (Daughters & Son)

WEDNESDAY, January 25 The Conversion of Paul the Apostle

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Mary Theresa Desmond** (Grandson Guy A. Desmond)
- 12:00 PM (IC) † **Paul Martos** (Family)

THURSDAY, January 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Month's Mind: Pray for Mary "Mitzi" Rydzak

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Wilma Brletic** (Pat)
- 12:00 PM (IC) † **Frederick B. Elliot, Esq.** (Mark & Judy Geary)

FRIDAY, January 27 Weekday

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Louis & Theresa Castriota** (Pete & Janet Castriota)
- 12:00 PM (IC) † **Margaret Slesh** (Lesly McAfee)

SATURDAY, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 AM (IC) † **The People of St. James Parish**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 28

- 4:00 PM (H) † **Dr. Charles Tripoli** (Donna K. Mayton)
- 5:30 PM (IC) † **The People of St. James Parish**

SUNDAY, January 29

- 8:00 AM (H) † **The People of St. James Parish**
- 9:00 AM (SH) † **Barb Dunst** (Family)
- 10:30 AM (IC) † **Special Intention** (Paul & Karen Litvak)
- 12:15 PM (IC) † **Elida Feeney** (Family)
- 3:00 PM (IC) † **Missa Pro Populo**
- 5:00PM (NC) † **The Students, Faculty, & Staff of W & J College**



This week...

Sunday:

- *Food Bank Collection Weekend
- *Religious Education
- *Youth Group (MS)
- *Youth Group (HS)

Tuesday:

- *Martha Washington Quilters
- *Faith Sharing Bible Study
- *Dartball
- *RCIA

Wednesday:

- *Faith Night

Thursday:

- *Knitters & Crocheters
- *St. James Quilters
- *Holy Hour
- *Ladies of Charity
- *Choir

Friday:

- *Youth Group Outing (MS)

Saturday:

- *Night at the Races

Sunday:

- *Religious Education
- *Youth Group (HS)
- *Traditional Latin Mass

Details are available on our website (on our calendar) or by calling the parish office, ext 206.



"The measure of love is to love without measure."

Saint Frances de Sales
Feast Day - January 24



5:00 Mass at the W & J Newman Center will resume on January 29th. All are welcome!

St. James Parish

Women In Faith Annual Retreat

Fiat: Saying Yes with Mary to the beauty of a relationship with Christ

Saturday, March 25, 2023 Sacred Heart Church Claysville, PA
 This retreat is open to all women of faith.

Our retreat leaders:
 Franciscan Sisters T.O.R. Penance of the Sorrowful Mother
 Toronto, OH

Cost: \$40.00 – Includes lunch

Reservations are first come-first serve and must be made by March 5, 2023
 Call Robin at (724) 228-1783 or email: icwomensretreat@gmail.com

(retreat sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court #1651)
 Learn more about the Franciscan Sisters: <http://www.franciscansistertor.org>



If you love to sing and would like to become involved with a loving group who also love to sing, please consider joining our St James Parish

choir. We rehearse at 7:00 on Thursday evening in the JFK middle school. We sing for the 10:30 mass on Sunday at IC. Reading music is helpful, but not required. Just show up on any Thursday evening or speak to me or any choir member. We would love to have you join us!!

Kathy Sacco, Director of Music

Parish Fish Fry-We need You!

Are you looking for a way you can help out the parish fish fry? How about by donating a case of Pepsi or Coke (12 oz cans) or bottled water (16 oz)? You can simply bring in a case of pop or water and leave in the IC Church Hall any Sunday from now until March 26th. There will be a table marked where your donation can be placed.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the fish fry on Ash Wednesday or any of the Fridays in Lent, come to one of the scheduled volunteer meetings in the IC Church Hall:
 Sunday, January 22nd at 1:30pm
 Wednesday, January 25th

Contact Robin Krofcheck at 724-986-0694 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY DONATIONS RECEIVED:	
January 14th & 15th	\$16,753.09
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$1,517.00

Second Collections this month:

There will be a Second Collections in January as follows:
 January 21-22: Energy Needs/ Heating Expenses
 January 28-29: St. Vincent DePaul Society

Pre-Cana Class

If you are getting married within the year, the Diocese of Pittsburgh requires that you attend a Pre-Cana Class. We offer this class at St. James Parish.

Our next session will be held on February 10th & 11th. It consists of a Friday evening session and resumes Saturday morning until mid afternoon. You can register now by calling the St. James Parish office, ext 201.

January 22: Day Of Prayer For The Legal Protection Of Unborn Children

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance for abortion, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” Full relevant section from the GIRM: “373. Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are used in certain situations either as occasion arises or at fixed times. Days or periods of prayer for the fruits of the earth, prayer for human rights and equality, prayer for world justice and peace, and penitential observances outside Lent are to be observed in the Dioceses of the United States of America at times to be designated by the Diocesan Bishop.

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the “Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.”

Respect Life Prayer

Heavenly Father,
you have made the beauty and dignity of human
life
as the crowning of your creation.
You further ennobled that life when your Son
became one with us in his incarnation.
Help us to realize the sacredness of human life
and to respect it from the moment of conception
to those who do not reverence your gift of life.
To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed
to be grateful
for your precious gift of life or to respect it in
others.
We ask this in Jesus' Name.
Amen.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services:

Catholic Charities has a local office and is willing to help. They provide free, confidential pregnancy testing; counseling and education; and free infant-care items to expectant parents and the parents of children up to the age of 2 . All Pregnancy and Parenting services are free and available to all who approach us for help.

Call: (724) 228-7722

Visit: 331 South Main Street
Washington, PA 15301

*For all unborn children: that our love for them may keep
them safe until the joyous day of their birth;
Let us pray to the Lord*

Month 4 - The baby's brain has begun maturing - a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or 2. Fine hair begins to grow on her head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming



We Pray For

† In Memoriam †



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jacqueline Francis Naccarato Yuhas, Mother of the Reverend Edward L. Yuhas, who died on January 12th**

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Welcome to St. James Parish!

Please help us welcome these new parishioners :

- **Conor Manning**
- **M/M Daniel & Erin Evan and Audrey, Liam, Anna, James, Genevieve, Benedict, Adelaide, and Henry**

We are very glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you. We pray that your membership in our parish will be happy and spiritually enriching.

Welcome into God's Family

We were very pleased to welcome **Scotlyn Grace Deep, daughter of Jared and Madeleine (Hotrum) Deep**, into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism on January 7th.

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders, for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.



I Kara Ehrenberger & Matthew Palmer

Our Prayer List

Mary & Tony Patterson, Dennis & Judy Lewandowski, Richard Nevin, Jessica Florian, Mary Jo Guy, Dan Morris, Fr. Jim Young, Brady Markley, Nathan Litvak, Kristen Messer, Karlee McDermitt, Samuel Gallo, Kevin Patterson, Ryan & Ashley Dornon, Charlene MacDonald, Sheryl Giovanelli, John Kiger, Barbara Woleslagle, Vincent Woleslagle, Eugene Castle, Jim "Bucky" Selway, Matt Petrola, Alka Kopec, David Borkowski, Rosemary Dittman, Paul Litvak, Ray Durbin, Jennifer Markley, Catherine Lopez

And all who have asked for our prayers.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, call the office, ext. 201 or send an email to tsushel@stjameswashpa.org. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, please be sure that you have their permission to be put on this public list. Thank you!



Interested in a Catholic school education? Open House will be February 4, 2023!

Call the school office for more information or to schedule a tour!

The JFK Scholarship Fund helps families afford a Catholic education at John F. Kennedy Catholic School. Scholarships are funded solely based upon donations. Contact the school office or rectory to make a donation.

Are you an alumni of IC/JFK? The alumni committee has established the **JFK Alumni Fund** to support the greatest needs of the school. Contact the school office for more information.



Catholic School Week 2022 begins on Sunday, January 29th, at 12:15 pm mass. We have a fun-filled week planned with daily themes and special activities. A special STEAM activity is schedule to challenge groups of students to build Noah's Ark from various donated items. Daily themes include Career Day, where community members will speak to students about potential future plans, and Spirit Day, where students show their school spirit by dressing in Comet colors and attending a pep rally.

Catholic Schools Week allows our faculty and students to celebratethe unique gift of Catholic education. Please consider joining us for CSW Opening Mass next weekend!

#CSW23

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AT OUR OPEN HOUSE

Tour the school! Meet the teachers and staff! Learn more about the benefits of Catholic Education!

JFK OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY | 2.4.2023 | 11 AM - 1 PM
 JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR PRESCHOOL -8TH

Don't forget to RSVP!
 Call the School Office 724-225-1680
 or RVSP on our website - www.jfkatholic.com

John F. Kennedy Catholic School invites prospective families to attend an Open House. This is a great opportunity to tour our school, meet teachers and principal, and learn more about the programs we have to offer. Consider giving the gift of a Catholic education to your children. Busing is available from most area school districts. Aid packages are available.

Are you interested in joining the JFK family and would like a private tour? Currently, all tours are done outside of school hours. Contact Laurie Bodart at lbodart@jfkatholic.com for more information! We hope to hear from you soon!



JFK CATHOLIC SCHOOL – SUPERBOWL LVII POOL

After much success with our Steeler pool this season, JFK Catholic School is excited to sponsor a Superbowl pool for the third time. Each pool profits \$1000 for the school. We filled 4 pools last year – let’s do it again!

There are 100 blocks on a pool. Each block costs \$20. Numbers will change for each quarter of the game. The payouts are as follows:

**1st Quarter - \$125/Halftime - \$125/
3rd Quarter - \$250/Final - \$500**

- \$20 per block (cash or check) and the following form must be received by **January 31**.
- Make checks payable to John F. Kennedy Catholic School with “Superbowl Pool” as memo.
- Please drop form and payment off at the school or mail to:
JFK Catholic School
111 W Spruce St
Washington, PA 15301
- Winners will be notified by email and checks will be sent in the mail.

Questions: Please call the school office at 724-225-1680 or email footballpool@jfkatholic.com

***Form and payment must be received by January 31, 2023. Please print legibly.**

Number of blocks @ \$20 each _____

Total \$ _____

Payment Method: ___ cash ___ check (no. _____)

Block names (use different sheet if purchasing more than 3 blocks):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Fundraising assessment credit to (\$5 in credit per pool for JFK Fundraising Assessment): _____

LAST CALL!



Night at the Races

Saturday, January 28, 2023

IC Church Hall

7:30 – 10:30p.m.

(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Must be at 21 years old to attend

Become a horse owner or simply attend the event on a general admission ticket.

Bring a group of friends for an adult only fun night out! Beer, mixers (BYOB), drinks and light snacks will be provided and feel free to bring additional food for your table.

Email nightattheraces@jfkatholic.com for information regarding horse ownership, general admission, or the events of the evening! This is a fun way to spend a night out with friends!

HIBERNATION STATION

Our preschool teachers taught our preschool and kindergarten classes a lesson in hibernation. The students learned about animals that hibernate during the winter. Students participated in the lesson by bringing a stuffed bear from home to hibernate for the winter. The bears will continue to hibernate at school just as bears do throughout the colder months. We will see our bears in the spring!



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 Commonwealth of PA: 1-800-932-0313
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