

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Website

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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

Holydays

12:10 p.m.



Our Vision Statement

“to be a blessing to one another.”

Pope John Paul II

Our Mission Statement

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

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

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

Contacts:

Pastor: Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

Deacon: John Hendricks

Trustees: Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger

Business Office: Janet Corda, Ext. 200

Parish Secretary: Sandra King, Ext. 201

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

Faith Formation Secretary: Jessica Damian, Ext. 207

Building & Grounds: Dale Earsing, Ext. 210

Music Director: Susan Loniewski, Organist

Contemporary Music Ensemble Director: Barbara Struebel

Caring and Sharing Ministry: Janet Corda ext. 200

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Beth Bauer, 681-5844

Cemeterian: Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

Rectory Office Hours

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

Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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

New Parishioners

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

Baptisms

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

Marriages

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

Confessions

Beginning December 1st on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

Letters of Recommendation

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 21, 2021—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 AM James Horn req. by Jarnot family

11:00 AM Freda Runyon req. by family

Monday, November 22, 2021—Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service

8:30 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, November 23, 2021—Weekday

7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service

8:30 AM NO MASS

7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 24, 2021—Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companion & Martyrs

7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service

8:30 AM NO MASS

Thursday, November 25, 2021 —Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Special Intention for our Parishioners

Friday, November 26, 2021—Weekday

7:00 AM NO Communion/Prayer Service

8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday, November 27, 2021—Weekday

4:00 PM Gertrude Eschberger req. by husband, Ken and daughters

Sunday, November 28, 2021—First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Edward Bylina req. by Donna Oleszek

11:00 AM Walter Gnorek req. by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Preston & family



Please Note: There will be a 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day!

Due to early submission of the weekend bulletin, the collection and Split Club results will be in the bulletin publication of November 26/27

Beginning Monday, November 29, 2021

Daily Masses:

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Monday, Wednesday and Friday @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:00 AM

Our Lady of Pompeii

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday @ 8:00 AM

Tuesday and Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Confessions will be available Wednesday and Fridays at 6 PM at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Thursdays at 6 PM and Saturdays at 3:30 PM at Our Lady of Pompeii.

Attn. Parish Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Ministers and a Lector are needed for the 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th. A sign up sheet is posted in the sacristy if you are able to serve.

Weekday Mass Schedule

We are in need of Lectors for the Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM weekday morning Masses and the Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for the 6:30 PM Masses. If you can serve as a Lector please call Jan in the rectory office at 683-2745, ext. 6.

Caring & Sharing-Thanksgiving 2021

Thank you for your incredible response to our request for food and gift cards for our needy families! They are sure to have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with their families because of your goodness. Our Caring & Sharing Ministry is able to provide a turkey for each family. Distribution day is this weekend. May each and every one of you have a most Blessed Thanksgiving!



Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday November 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. However, regular office hours will resume on Monday, November 29th.

**Bingo at
Blessed Mother Teresa Parish
Every Thursday @ 7:30 PM
Doors open at 6:00 PM
No BINGO on Thursday, November 25th
due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.**



Christ the King

Jesus came to **testify to the Truth**. He did not promise his followers wealth, power and prestige. He offered them the opportunity to serve others. How do you view your discipleship? Do you think things should always go well for you because you believe in the Lord and go to church? Do you resent the good fortune of others who seem to lack any faith? Discipleship is not a membership rewards program. It is an invitation to service and sacrifice. It is a commitment to the Truth, to doing what is right and just, to giving and serving others without counting the cost or expecting a reward. What kind of disciple are you?

*Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for length of days.
-Psalm 93:5*

Save the Date!

Dr. Edward Sri: Two-Day parish mission:
Living Lent

Tuesday, March 15th & Wednesday, March 16th
(7-8:30 PM)

St. Martha Church at 10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043. Co-sponsored by Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. Martha Parishes. (Free will offering accepted at the event)



Catholic Charities

Thankful. As we look toward celebrating Thanksgiving this week, we find a renewed sense of gratitude-thankful for the people, places, opportunities and blessings in our day-to-day lives. We'd like to take this chance to offer our sincere thanks to all who support Catholic Charities. Because of your support, we can continue to be a beacon of HOPE to those in need across Western New York. Thank You! If someone you know needs help, go to www.ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.

Christmas Wafers

We will once again be offering Christmas Wafers before and after all the weekend Masses beginning next weekend, November 27/28. Wafers will be at all the entrances of the church. A good will donation is greatly appreciated to offset the cost. Thank You!

A Note of Thanks to our Parish Family

From the family who lost everything to a recent fire.

We want to thank you for all of your donations, prayers and positive thoughts throughout our ordeal. Without your generosity we would not have been able to start getting our lives back on track. Your donations helped us get clothing, personal care needs, food and household items that were needed in our temporary housing. Hopefully we will be back in our home by the summer next year. Thank you again for everything. We know THANK YOU will never be enough to show how grateful our family is to our parish family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Life Long Faith Formation

Thanksgiving: November is a special time set aside in the calendar year to express gratitude to God for our countless blessings. Thanksgiving celebrated the agricultural harvest and other blessings of our life making it a national fall holiday. It was George Washington who declared the first National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. Congress, in 1939 fixed the date of Thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November. Gratitude is deeply rooted in our central defining ritual as Christians. Eucharist is the Greek work for Thanksgiving. Come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, and celebrate the Eucharist in Thanksgiving for your many blessings.

Advent: The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year. It speaks to us of the hope we have which will be completely fulfilled when Christ comes and we enter the kingdom of heaven. The wreath is the symbol of eternity, the evergreens, eternal life, the purple candles penance and the rose candle, joy. During the first week we are called to wait in hopeful anticipation not only of Christ's promise to redeem us from sin, but also to come again at the end of time. "Hope builds bridges between faith and love, between present and future, between earth and heaven" Peter Kreeft. At the beginning of each Saturday, 4 PM Mass and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11 AM Mass we invite a parish family to light the Advent Wreath. If you are interested in having your family light the Advent candles before one of the Masses during Advent contact our Faith Formation coordinator, Mrs. Debbie Pirog at 683-2746. Ext. 208. Thank You!



Second Collection: This weekend our parish will take up a second collection for the Campaign for Human Development. Please be as generous as possible.

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

Robert Loniewski, Gerry Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Mendel, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Lauren Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Niertit, Lott Grzybek, Elizabeth Opoka and Helen Pirog.



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