

DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Welcome to our weekend Mass. Sunday Mass is for the Members of the Parish and we pray for those at mass as well as for those who cannot attend mass and for those who are ill. Please pray for all health care workers and their families, medical researchers, civic leaders, and all public servants who continue to serve us.

There is a daily mass most every weekday; consider having a Mass intention scheduled for a weekday. The person who requests a mass intention, does not have to be present when the petition is offered. One's physical present is not a requirement yet the graces/benefit of the Mass are still given.

Immaculate Conception Mass
Mon. Dec. 9 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James

Christmas Mass Schedule
Wed. Dec 18 7:00pm St. James Communal Penance
Tues. Dec. 24 5:00pm Mass at St. James
Tues. Dec 24 10:00pm Mass at St. James
Wed. Dec 25 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

New Year's Mass Schedule
Tues. Dec 31 Time 4:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Wed. Jan 1 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James-Solemnity of Mary

Office will be closed Dec. 25 thru Jan 1
Will reopen Jan 2, 2025

Schedule of Ministries

	St. James 4:30pm Sat. Dec. 7	Sacred Heart 9:00am Sun. Dec. 8	St. James 11:00am Sun. Dec. 8
Altar Servers	Minnocci Family		Angiulli Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J.Barberio		P.Gonzalez
Readers	D.Minnocci		J.Santilli
Ushers	Policano Dossier	M. Cain	Colanero D'Agostino
Counters		April Susan Cathy	John Mary Beth

Liturgy Schedule & Intention *The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart is burning this week for Mary Komenda*

Mon. Dec. 2 - 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

Tues. Dec. 3 - 12:00 Noon **+** Mary Komenda

Wed. Dec. 4 - 12:00 Noon **+** Dan Fisher

Thurs. Dec. 5 -12:00 Noon **+** Lucy Alvarez

Fri. Dec. 6 - 12:00 Noon **+** Anthony & Mary Spadafore

Sat. Dec. 7 - 4:30pm **+** Donna Fagersten

Sun. Dec. 8 - 9:00am **+** Viola Talerico

Sun. Dec. 8 - 11:00am - Members of the Parish

It is a Holy and Wholesome Thought to Pray for the Dead

More effective than flowers or memorial gifts, is to have the Liturgy offered for your deceased loved ones or a Liturgy celebrated as a "special intention" for a living person. Call or visit the parish office to request a Liturgy. The person requesting the mass intention does not have to be present when the petition is offered.

Light a candle (\$1 & \$3), **make a Mass Intention** (\$10 weekday/\$20 Saturday), or **light a Sanctuary candle** (\$10 week) in memory of your loved ones that have passed, or for a special intention or occasion. There is also a box of blessed candles for home use in the candle corner. Stop by the office to make arrangements for a Mass or Sanctuary candle. **The donation amounts listed above are for St. James. Sacred Heart donation amounts may vary, please check**

Prayer Requests & Intentions

To submit a prayer request at St. James or Sacred Heart, please contact the St. James office at 622-1668. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. Names will be published for until requested to be removed. To place someone on the list, (we must have their permission) please contact the office.

St. James Prayer Network: Remember to place your prayer intention in the Prayer Box located near the Shrine of the Holy Family in the Worship Area of the church. All intentions are included in the daily prayers of our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: **Mary Jo Veltri** (304-677-6457) and **Sylvia Basile** (304-623-4782). Also, if you feel called to this ministry, please notify either of the coordinators.

Sharon Stewart, Ralph Stanton, Ms. Jenn, Carmine Faro, Rose Brunetti Bennett, Makayla Posey, Terry Antonacci, June Angiulli, Nancy Scardina, Faith Garrett, Mary Jane Merandi, Virginia Liptak, Frances Pandora, Doug Bailey, Louie Talerico, Catherine Mancina, Dale Garrett, Jim Ayers

Offerings & Attendance

Nov. 23-24, 2024

Regular Collection **\$1867.00**

Attendance: Saturday 60 Sunday 39

Nov. 24, 2024 (Salem)

Regular Collection **\$240.00**

Maintenance **\$25.00**

Attendance: Sunday 31

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

Anniversary or Birthdays: If you are celebrating your Wedding Anniversary or Birthday call the office and we will announce it in the bulletin on the following Sunday. Father will do a "special blessing" for you at the Liturgy.

Rel Ed: Dec, 1 - Confirmation Class #3 in the Parish Center 5pm-6:30pm

Dec. 22 - Family Session for Children & Adults in the Parish Center 9:30-10:45

Dec. 22 - Luncheon in the Parish Center 12-15/Christmas Caroling 2pm



Question of the Week: How can you serve and help build the Kingdom of God?

Loving Memory Ads: New Loving Memory ads deadline is Dec. 9. Payment due by Dec. 16. Anyone wishing to renew or make a new ad, please contact Patty at 304-623-4085.

Altar Rosary Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, Dec 5 at 6pm. Please call for your reservation to Patty 304-623-4085, Tonda 304-622-3385, or June 304-622-2808. Thank you!



McDonald's Community Card: We have McDonald's Community Cards available. **Over \$110 value for just \$5. 100% profit for parish.** Coupons expire Sept. 30, 2025. Contact Reta Gaston to get yours to sell or at 304-709-4005 or call the office at 304-622-1668. Everyone eats at McDonald's, so lets strive to sell all 100 cards.

New Address for Jim Ayers: Send him a card-Let him know we are still thinking about him.

Jim Ayers
Pineview Center
400 McKinley Ave,
Harrisville, WV 26362



Welcome to Fr. Rusiri Kokila. Fr. Kokila has just arrived from Sri Lanka, and will be staying with Fr. Akila for about a month, until he can get all his paperwork finished, and ready to be assigned a parish with the Diocese. Welcome to America!!

Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3. Don't forget that you can still give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. You can do this on Giving Tuesday or up until the end of December. Remember, is we meet our goal, 50% comes back to the parish. CSA cards can be found on the table by the Baptismal Font.

First Sunday of Advent: The First Sunday of Advent encourages us to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. Through hope, love, and vigilance, we grow closer to Him.

The 1st Sunday of Advent teaches us to be ready for Jesus' second coming. The Gospel speaks about alarming signs, but believers should find hope in these events. Jesus says these signs mean our final redemption is near. We must prepare now by living according to Jesus' teachings. He is with us through the Church and the sacraments, helping us grow closer to Him. By choosing to follow Jesus and accepting His grace, we are preparing for His return.

It focuses on being watchful and ready, Common practices include increased prayer and acts of charity to deepen our relationship with God.

As we begin Advent, let's focus on trusting in God's promises. Are we placing our hope in Him? Are we confident that He will guide us and fulfill His word? By trusting in God's promises, we can prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and find peace in His faithfulness.

Let us examine our lives. Are we growing in love? Are we living in holiness? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and deepen our faith.

Are we living in a way that honors God? Are we watchful and prayerful? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and grow in our faith.

Let us prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming through trust, love, holiness, and vigilance. As we reflect on these themes, let us open our hearts to God's guidance and strive to live in a way that pleases Him. May this Advent season bring us closer to God and ready our hearts for the birth of Christ.

Advent invites us to prepare ourselves for Christmas, welcoming Jesus without fear. If we open wide the doors of our life, everything takes a new light and our family, work, suffering, health, friendship, become opportunities to discover His consoling presence. Pope Francis

First Advent Candle: Hope: Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."-C.S. Lewis. It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope-The first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes call the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.



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Parish Mission Statement
 Saint James Catholic Church is a parish family that lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, prayer, teaching, and service, inspired by the example of Saint James the Greater.

Location: 2107 Pride Ave., Clarksburg, WV 26301
Phone: 304-622-1668
Parish Center: 304-918-9447
Email: stjamesparishclarksburg@gmail.com
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.stjamesparishclarksburg.org
Facebook: St. James Parish Clarksburg
Live Streaming on Facebook Sunday at 11:00

Mass
 4:30pm Every Saturday
 11:00am Every Sunday
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:30pm - 4:15pm Every Saturday
 or by appointment

Location: 53 Sacred Heart Lane, Salem, WV 26426
Phone: 304-782-2277

Mass:
 9:00am Every Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Fr. B. K Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R
Parish Secretary: Nancy Cain (304-782-2277)
Organist: April Seamone (304-871-0817)
Youth Group, Evangelization & Safe Environment:
 Nancy Cain (304-622-5856)
Women's Club: Nancy Cain (304-622-5856)

Parish Pastoral Staff
Pastor: Rev. Fr. B. K Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R
Parish Secretary: Linda Insani (304-622-1668)
Music Director: Gerald Somazze (304-622-5869)
DRE: Mike Spatafore (304-622-8270 or 304-641-5764)
Organists: Mary Kay Greer (304-641-3420)
 Barbara Cale (304-952-8112)
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Parish Pastoral Council: Larry Wooffer (304-622-0133)
Finance Council: Marlene Wooffer (301-641-8807)
Liturgy Committee: Gerald Somazze (304-622-5869)
Social Ministries: Helena Kerns (304-622-4862)
Altar Rosary Society: Sheila Marra (304-940-0242)
Parish Sacristan: Reta Gaston (304-709-4005)
Prayer Network Coordinators: Mary Jo Veltri (304-677-6457)
 Sylvia Basile (304-623-4782)
Hospital Ministry: Larry Wooffer (304-641-9063)
Community Room Rental & Dinners:
 Patty Gonzalez (304-623-4085) **Parish Center** (304-918-9447)

Sacraments: If anyone is sick or in need of a sacrament, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 304-622-1668.

Parish Membership:
 We warmly welcome new or returning members and families to our Parish Community. Please register with the Parish Office during regular office hours to update the Census information.

Infant Baptism:
 Baptism preparation classes are required of parents wishing to have their baby baptized. Contact Fr. Akila to make an appointment. (Appointment prior to the birth of the baby is highly encouraged.)

Marriage:
 Marriage preparation classes are required by our Diocese. Couples wishing to get married should contact Fr. Akila at least six months prior to the requested marriage date to make arrangements.