

DECEMBER 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY), 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.

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 4:15pm 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. 21	Sacred Heart 9:00am Sun. Dec. 22	St. James 11:00am Sun. Dec. 22
Altar Servers	G.Banko		T.Marra
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J.Minnocci		J.Santilli
Readers	A.Policano		M.Weaver
Ushers	Paletta Nardelli	M. Cain	Fratto
Counters		April Susan Cathy	Rick Larry

Liturgy Schedule & Intention

Mon. Dec. 16 - 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**
 Tues. Dec. 17 - 12:00 Noon + Karl Insani
 Wed. Dec. 18 - 12:00 Noon + Deceased Family Members of Russell & Mary Mazzie
Wed. Dec. 18 - 7:00pm St. James Penance
 Thurs. Dec. 19 -12:00 Noon - Fr. Tom Gallagher & Family
 Fri. Dec. 20 - 12:00 Noon + Tina Jo Antonacci
 Sat. Dec. 21 - 4:30pm + Robert Barberio
 Sun. Dec. 22 - 9:00am + Lillian & Robert Streyle
 Sun. Dec. 22 - 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 with Nancy for correct amounts.**

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

Dec.7- Dec. 8, 2024

Regular Collection \$1847.00
Attendance: Saturday 50 Sunday 38

Dec. 8, 2024 (Salem)

Regular Collection \$252.00
Maintenance \$120.00
Flowers \$40.00
Retirement Fund \$10.00
Attendance: Sunday 37

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. 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 2:00pm
 Jan 5 - Confirmation Class #4 in the Parish Center 5:00pm -6:30 pm



Question of the Week: How can the Holy Spirit help you on your faith journey?

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.

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.

Christmas Brunch and Decorating at Sacred Heart, Sunday Dec 22. All are welcome, bring your favorite dish and donate some time to help prepare for Christmas Day Mass.

Parish Council Meeting will be held Jan. 22 at 6:30pm in the Rolland Room. All members are asked to please attend. If unable to attend, please call the office at 304-622-1668.

Third Sunday of Advent: Also known as Gaudete Sunday, invites us to rejoice and find hope in the coming of our Lord. The readings today encourage us to celebrate God's presence, find peace in His love, and prepare our hearts for Jesus. We are reminded of the joy and anticipation that this special time of Advent brings.

This Sunday reminds us to seek trustworthy advice, as shown in the Gospel of Luke 3:10-18. People trusted St. John the Baptist because he was dedicated to God and not influenced by the culture of his time, John's advice emphasized fairness and compassion, reflecting God's will. In our lives, we should seek advice from faith-filled people who follow Christ. Prayer and sacraments help keep us on the right path. While we can be friends with many, we must be careful about who influences us most.

We often hold tightly to our possessions and positions, wanting to secure our future. But God's vision is bigger. He dreams of a world where everyone has what they need. This is a good time to reflect on our lives. Are we helping to build a world where everyone is cared for? Or are we part of systems that keep people down?

This Sunday invites us to welcome the change Jesus brings. It encourages us to look beyond our comfort and seek God's bigger plan. By doing this, we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming and help create a more just and loving world.

Let's carry the themes of joy, peace, and preparation in our hearts. Let us rejoice in God's presence, find comfort in His peace, and actively prepare for Jesus' coming. May we be inspired to live out our faith with renewed hope and love during this Advent season.

"What should we do?" With this question, the Gospel of the day reminds us that life has a task for us. Life is a gift that the Lord grants us, saying to us: discover who you are, and work hard to make the dream that is your life come true!"--Pope Francis



Third Advent Candle: Joy:-"Gaudete Sunday". The third Advent candle symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more.

The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy.

Catholic Charities: The second collection on Christmas Day: We recall God's fulfillment of His promise to send the world a Savior in which we are moved to engage in good works in Christ's name. Remember all the good works that Catholic Charities of West Virginia does in Christ's name and ours to help people in need. Show your support, help families with emergency expenses, The Birth to Three program for little children at risk of delayed development without early intervention-among many other things. Please be generous with your donation as you remember and honor God who gave us His Son in our need.

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 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

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)
Youth Group, Evangelization & Safe Environment:
 Mike Spatafore: (304-622-8270 or 304-641-5764)
Parish Pastoral Council: Larry Wooffer (304-622-0133)
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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)
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 Patty Gonzalez (304-623-4085) **Parish Center** (304-918-9447)

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)
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Women's Club: Nancy Cain (304-622-5856)

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.