

**DECEMBER 29, 2024**  
**FOURTH 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.

**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**

**All Donations for 2024 must be received by Dec. 31, 2024 in order to appear for your tax statement.**

**Schedule of Ministries**

	St. James 4:30pm Sat. Jan 4	Sacred Heart 9:00am Sun. Jan 5	St. James 11:00am Sun. Jan 5
<b>Altar Servers</b>	G.Banko		Vilain Capicola
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	T.Antonacci		T.Weaver
<b>Readers</b>	T.Antonacci		P.Colanero
<b>Ushers</b>	Policano Dosier	M. Cain	D'Agostino
<b>Counters</b>		April Susan Cathy	John Mary Beth

**Liturgy Schedule & Intention**

Mon. Dec. 30 - 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**  
Tues. Dec. 31 - 4:15 PM **Solemnity of Mary at Sacred Heart** + Gene & Joy Fahey  
Wed. Jan 1 - 12:00 Noon **Solemnity of Mary at St. James** + Carman & Annette Stumpo  
Thurs. Jan. 2 -12:00 Noon **No Mass**  
Fri. Jan 3 - 11:00-12:00 **No "Holy Hour and Benediction" Followed by Noon Mass**  
Fri. Jan 3 - 12:00 Noon **No Mass**  
Sat. Jan 4 - 4:30pm + Joe Tomaro, Jr.  
Sun. Jan 5 - 9:00am + Lou Talerico, Jr.  
Sun. Dec. 29 - 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, Andrea McClain, Fr. Alfred Abiudu

**Offerings & Attendance**

**Dec. 21-22, 2024**

**Regular Collection \$2190.00**  
**Attendance: Saturday 39 Sunday 60**

**Dec. 21, 2024 (Salem)**

**Regular Collection \$388.00**  
**Maintenance \$25.00**  
**Flowers \$25.00**

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

Jan 26 - Family Session for Children and Adults in Parish Center 9:30-10:45

Jan 26 - Luncheon in the Parish Center 12:15/Family Game Day at 1:00pm



**Question of the Week:** How can Jesus be born into your heart this Christmas.

**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.

**Mass intentions:** It was mentioned in a previous bulletin, that because of low requested weekday mass intentions, we took some of the names listed on your All Souls envelopes to help fill in for our weekday masses. So you may see a mass intention that you may not have requested. These mass intentions are at no charge to you.



**Happy New Year**

**Feast of the Holy Family** offers a chance to reflect on the values that strengthen our families. By looking at the examples of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, we learn about respect, love, and finding our place in God's family. These reflections help us understand how to live these virtues in our daily lives and grow closer to God.

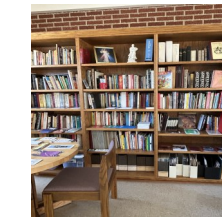
It call us to honor and respect our parents. Respecting our parents means valuing their wisdom and guidance. It helps build a strong family foundation.

When we respect our parents, we follow God's commandment and create a loving home environment. This respect helps us learn patience, kindness, and humility. The Feast reminds us that honoring our parents is a vital part of living a holy and fulfilling life. By following Jesus' example, we strengthen our families and grow closer to God.

The Feast reminds us of our place in God's family. Jesus, Mary, & Joseph show us the importance of family bonds. Jesus grew in wisdom by understanding His place in His Father's house. He was curious, asked questions, and studied. This helped Him understand that He was the beloved and obedient Son of God.

This Feast provides valuable lessons on how to live in our families and find our place in God's family. By respecting our parents, fostering love and unity, and seeking our roles in God's plan, we can build strong, faithful families.

**Catholic Sharing Appeal: Total for St. James so far this year is \$1,620, only 14% of our goal and Sacred Heart has \$590, only 23% of their goal. We are encouraging you to donate, if possible, before Dec. 31. Support your parish by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. There are envelopes at the baptismal font, or you can go to [dwc.org/CSA](http://dwc.org/CSA)**



**Stop by the library!** There are always new arrivals placed in the red Bulletin Articles book. Each week there is a new "Faith in WV" article on the table. This is interesting reading about the Catholic faith. Parishioners can also check out books to take home and return when finished, (just sign the sign-out sheet provided on the table), or sit at one of the tables, relax, and read a good book.

**The Parish Center (gym)** is available for rentals. Anyone interested in renting can call Patty Gonzalez at 304-623-4085. St. James gym may only be used for parish events or gym rentals. Per rental policy, no private sports can be held in gym. **ALL RENTALS MUST SHOW PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE OR PURCHASE INSURANCE FROM THE DIOCESE. YOUR HOMEOWNERS DOES NOT COVER THIS.** The **Parish Center (gym)** is available for rentals. Anyone interested in renting can call Patty Gonzalez at 304-623-4085. St. James gym may only be used for parish events or gym rentals. Per rental policy, no private sports can be held in gym. **ALL RENTALS MUST SHOW PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE OR PURCHASE INSURANCE FROM THE DIOCESE. YOUR HOMEOWNERS DOES NOT COVER THIS.**





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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

**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)  
**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)

**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)

**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.