

**JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 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.

Information to keep you updated will be published weekly in the bulletin. The bulletin is available on the Parish Web site at www.stjamesparishclarksburg.org

The first step in helping St. James assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to **complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today!!** Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. James and better prepare us for the future-as we seek to grow in missionary discipleship. **Visit the survey site at:** <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xd7t9x>

Schedule of Ministries

	St. James 4:30pm Sat. Jan 18	Sacred Heart 9:00am Sun. Jan 19	St. James 11:00am Sun. Jan 19
Altar Servers	T.Antonacci		Malfregeot Beale
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J.Barberio		S.Marra
Readers	M.B.Barberio		R.Short
Ushers	Paletta Nardelli	M. Cain	Colanero D'Agostino
Counters		April Susan Cathy	Rick Larry

Liturgy Schedule & Intention

Mon. Jan 13 - 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**
 Tues. Jan 14 - 11:00 AM **Funeral Mass**
 Wed. Jan 15 - 12:00 Noon + Dan Fisher
 Thurs. Jan. 16 -12:00 Noon + Deceased Members of the Hickman Family
 Fri. Jan 17 - 12:00 Noon - Brian Rankin & Family
 Sat. Jan 18 - 4:30pm + Mary Spadafore
 Sun. Jan 19 - 9:00am + Viola Talerico
 Sun. Jan 19 - 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, Traci Streyle

Offerings & Attendance

Jan 4-5, 2025

Regular Collection \$1646.00
Attendance: Saturday 41 Sunday 34

Jan 5, 2025 (Salem)

Regular Collection \$211.00
Maintenance \$200.00
Attendance: Sunday 22

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 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

Feb 2 - Confirmation Class #5 in the Parish Center 5:00pm-6:30 pm



Question of the Week: How does being baptized affect the choices you make?

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: As 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 cost to you.



Sorry to see you go! Fr. Kokila has gone to St. Francis De Sales in Beckley on Friday, sooner than expected because of weather. Hope he enjoys his time there. He is welcome back anytime.

The Baptism of the Lord: In Year C we reflect on the special event of Jesus' baptism. Jesus, though sinless, chose to be baptized by John the Baptist, who called people to repent. Why did Jesus, who had no need to repent, decide to be baptized?

One reason is that Jesus wanted to show his support and understanding for us. He wanted to share in our humanity and weakness. Be being baptized, Jesus stood with those who were seeking forgiveness and a new start. He showed that he was not distant from us but very close, sharing in our struggles.

Another reason is that Jesus' baptism was a way to begin his mission. It was a public sign that he was ready to do God's work. The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." This showed that Jesus was chosen by God for a special reason.

Through Jesus' baptism, we see how much God loves us. Jesus showed that he is with us in our joys and our difficulties. He came to save us and to show us the way to God. By being baptized, Jesus showed that he was one of us, sharing in everything we go through.

Please pray for the soul Larry Policano, who passed away Friday morning, and for those who are mourning. May he find eternal rest in the Lord.



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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 HOME-OWNERS DOES NOT COVER THIS.



Women's Retreat: Co-sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. March 28-30 at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. For more information go to the DWC website or contact Gerri Wright at gwright@dwc.org or 304-552-3662



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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:
 Mike Spatafore: (304-622-8270 or 304-641-5764)
Safe Environment: Susan Satterfield: (304-669-4029)
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)
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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.

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