JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE DESERT
PROCLAIMING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
~ Mark 1:4
A Reflection….from Carrie Conley and Rebecca Linscott, Religious Education

A few weeks ago we invited our second year Confirmation students to join us on a Chicago Church History Tour. This was our first time taking a group of 8th graders on a field trip and to be honest we thought we’d be in for a long day of touring and being on a bus with a bunch of rowdy kids! Boy, were we wrong!!!

We gathered the students at 7:30AM and got them all loaded on a coach bus and departed for downtown. Our first stop was Assumption Church located in the River North area. Our second stop St. John Cantius (our favorite) in River West and it was absolutely breathtaking. We had the joy of holding the large doors as the students filed in. The looks on their faces as they saw the beauty and splendor of this worship site was amazing!! Our third stop took us south of the city to the Bridgeport neighborhood. We arrived at St. Barbara and ate our sack lunches in the school basement. When the church was built over 100 years ago they had 1,000 students in their school!! Our fourth stop was at St. Mary of Perpetual Help.

Every time we got back on the bus we could not stop talking about how well behaved and proud of our students we were! The reverence and solemnity they displayed was remarkable. We witnessed students kneeling in prayer at communion rails, praying before various statues and lighting candles! They were also so very observant and asked such good questions of our tour guide.

Our hope and prayer for our Confirmation students is for them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In bringing them to these churches it was very obvious these students are well on their way!

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:

Monday: Human Life
Tuesday: Military
Wednesday: Marriage
Thursday: Priests and Religious
Friday: Sick
Saturday: Souls of the faithful departed

Children’s Rosary Group
The Children’s Rosary Group will meet in the CHAPEL at 4:00pm each Monday afternoon. Please join us!

Holy Hour
All are invited to the 7pm Thursday Holy Hour in the Church with Deacon Matthew Hahn. This 7pm Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction.

Advent 12Noon Mass
During the Season of Advent, we will offer a Mass at 12:00 Noon in the Church, Monday, through Friday. All are welcome to attend.

Adoration of Our Lord
Would you like to visit the holiest place on earth? Visit your Adoration Chapel or Church. Why is it so holy? Because God dwells there in His Real Presence. Every Catholic Church and Chapel is a dwelling place for God. Stop in and visit Him. All are invited to St. James Adoration on Thursdays, from 8am-8pm in the Church.

Join the SJ Adoration Team!
Please contact Regina Kastner: 847-207-8893

St. James Annual Advent Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, December 10th, at 2PM in the Church
Featuring our Parish Children’s Choir and Adult Choirs.

Come and bring the family to ring in the birth of the Baby Jesus!

Advent Taizé Prayer
We will have an Advent Taizé service on December 22nd at 7pm in the Church.

As we are awaiting the birth of Christ, the Light of Hope, let our voices be a light for all as we pray through our singing.

Taizé worship is a prayer consisting of meditative singing and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state.

All are welcome to come to participate in our singing and in our silent prayers.

ADVENT MULTI-PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday, December 18th – 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside, Arl. Hts.

Tuesday, December 19th – 3:00pm at St. Edna Parish, Arl. Hts.
7:30pm at St. Mary Parish, Buffalo Grove

Wednesday, December 20th – 7:30pm at St. James Parish (in the Church)

Thursday, December 21st – 7:30pm at St. Colette Parish, Rolling Meadows (Spanish service)

Please join us for our Multi-Parish Advent Reconciliation Services.

Please note that there are 2 services on Tuesday, December 19th:
one service will be at 3:00pm at St. Edna, and another at 7:30pm at St. Mary’s in Buffalo Grove.
Masses on the 4th Sunday of ADVENT

December 23rd – Saturday
5:00pm Mass in the Parish Center

December 24th – 4th Sunday of Advent
7:00am & 8:30am Masses in the Church
10:00am Mass in the Parish Center

St. James 2017 Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

December 24th – Christmas Eve
(Carols before each liturgy)
Church: 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm
Parish Center:
3:00pm and 5:00pm - (both will be Children’s Masses)
11:00pm Mass

December 25th – Christmas Day
(Carols before each liturgy)
Church: 8:00am & 10:00am
Parish Center: 10:00am & 12:00 Noon

December 30th/31st – Feast of the Holy Family
December 30th – Saturday
5:00pm Mass in the Parish Center
December 31st—Sunday
7:00am and 8:30am Masses in the Church
10:00am & 11:30am Masses in the Parish Center
5:00pm Sunday Mass in the Parish Center

January 1st – 2018 – New Year’s Day
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the Church

Let’s be good neighbors…

St. James has been hearing about some issues with parking on both Pine and Evergreen Avenues. We know that parking for Masses, Religious Education & School drop off/pick up times can be very congested, but please remember to follow the rules of the road. Please be cognizant of our neighbors and keep all driveways open and streets passable.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Day of Reflection

Women of St. James are invited to participate in the Opus Dei Women’s Day of Reflection, which will take place on Wednesday, December 13th, at 9:30am in the Church. All are welcome!
Celebrating Motherhood

Friday, January 12 ~ 7 p.m. ~ St. James Church
831 N. Arlington Heights Rd.

Join us for the fifth annual “Celebrating Motherhood” event!

This special mass and reception is an awesome night where we gather with other women in our community to give thanks to God and to celebrate being or knowing a mom!

Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. by Fr. Matt Foley in the St. James Church, followed by a reception with light refreshments and drinks downstairs in the Laramie Room.

Sponsored by the Moms Plus Ministry and Women’s Club at St. James.
If you have questions about the event, contact Sandra Chaplin at sandramchaplin@gmail.com.

Christmas REMEMBRANCES

The Environment & Art Ministry invites you to create a tangible remembrance of your departed family members and friends by helping to fund the Christmas décor in the Church and Parish Center. In addition to providing for flowers and candles and lights, the names of those being remembered will also be published in the December 31st weekend Bulletin.

To create a Christmas Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it by December 11th to the Parish Office. A donation of $25 per Remembrance is suggested. Checks should be made payable to St. James Church and either mailed to the Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004; or deposited in the collection basket at mass in an envelope marked “Christmas Remembrance.”

We thank you for your kind generosity and wish you a blessed Christmas.
The Environment & Art Ministry

Christmas 2017 REMEMBRANCE

In Memory of:
(Please print)

Remembered by:
(Please print)
Inviting ALL 1st through 5th Graders to be a part of the Christmas Eve Children’s Masses 2017

Sunday, December 24th
3:00 PM & 5:00 PM Mass

1st through 5th graders are invited to have a special role in our children’s masses. We will be asking parents to provide simple costumes for the children. Girls/Angels - white dress or white fabric. Boys/Shepherds - bathrobes or dark color fabric. We will provide the angel wings.

There will be one rehearsal for each mass. Both rehearsals will take place in the Parish Center. Plan to attend the entire rehearsal with your child.

3PM Christmas Eve Mass will rehearse on Sunday December 17th 1:00 PM

5PM Christmas Eve Mass will rehearse on Sunday, December 17th 2:00 PM

Again, if your child would like to participate in this St. James’ tradition, please be sure to attend the rehearsal with your child, based on the Mass you will be attending on Christmas Eve.

The Season of Advent

For those interested, here are some recommendations to help prepare you for Christmas. Prayers for a Blessed Advent!

Best Advent Ever | Advent 2017 | Dynamic Catholic
dynamiccatholic.com   https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

What is Best Advent Ever? It’s a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You’ll experience Advent in a whole new way, leading to the best Christmas of your life!

FREE Daily Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron
dailycatholicgospel.com

It’s probably the most common request we receive at Word on Fire: daily reflections from Bishop Robert Barron. People are hungry to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day, not just during the major liturgical seasons. How can we receive a bit of this nourishment the rest of the year?

Step 1: Sign up FREE at DailyCatholicGospel.com

Step 2: Make sure you receive the introductory mail in your Inbox. If it’s not there, check your spam folder.

Step 3: You’ll receive a batch mail each morning. Each email will contain a link to that day’s Gospel passage, so you can read the Scripture yourself. That will be followed by a short reflection on the passage from Bishop Barron.

It’s short, simple, but extremely powerful. It’s like getting a mini-homily each morning from Bishop Barron! Sign up today!
**St. James Peace & Justice**

St. Vincent de Paul

AS OF NOVEMBER 17TH the
ST. VINCENT de PAUL PANTRY IS CLOSED.

With your help, we were able to provide food boxes to over fifty families this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

If you would like to continue to give food—we suggest that you give to either Catholic Charities in Des Plaines or Wheeling Township on Arlington Heights Road.

THANK YOU—ST. JAMES COMMUNITY... for all your support of our mission through the years!

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**St. James Divorce Ministry**

The St. James Divorce Ministry is offering the Divorce Care program. Divorce Care is a 13-Session journey aimed to provide education, support, and healing. This free video seminar presented over multiple sessions meets on most 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Attend one or all sessions. Our ministry is geared toward supporting those who are separated / divorced / annulled to provide healing and renewal.

December 19, 2017 - 7pm
Session 8: “Financial Revival”
O’Brien Room, St. James Parish Office
820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arl. Hts.

Contact Deacon Jim Bannon
for more information:
224-345-7200
jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net

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**Save the Date!**

**PRODUCEMOBILE** Free fresh fruit and vegetables

2018 Distributions, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am
January 11—St. Colette, 3900 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows
February 8—St. Edna, 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Hts.
March 8—Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Rd., Inverness
April 12—St. Thomas of Villanova—1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine
May 10—St. Emily—1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect

Please note: Dates may change due to special occasions, holidays, or emergencies and ending time may vary.

Please call 773-247-FOOD with questions. [chicagofoodbank.org](http://chicagofoodbank.org)
St James Mercy Box Christmas Charity

Thank you to all those that are participating in our Mercy Box Christmas Charity. Just a reminder that the completed, filled boxes are due back on Sunday, Dec 17th between 7-1PM. The boxes can be dropped off at the south end of the Church parking lot, behind the old School. There will be volunteers to assist in taking the box out of your car and loading it on to a truck. If you would like to volunteer on December 17th to assist loading the truck please visit our website under Quick Access ADVENT 2017 to signup.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. James Women’s Club Cookie Sale

Don’t Forget to Buy Your Cookies Today

Saint James Women’s Club will be selling cookies after the weekend masses today in the Parish Center. (Or until the cookies sell out!) Funds will be used by Women’s Club so that we may continue to support our parish, community and people in need.

Catholic Charities “Celebration of Giving” Toy Donations

Through your generous donation of toys and gifts Catholic Charities “Celebration of Giving” program gives you and your family a wonderful opportunity to make Christmas wishes come true and brighten the holidays for needy families.

Donate toys online by going to our Amazon wish list http://amzn.to/2xwufoO. Order from the list and the toys will ship directly to our Workshop. Please visit our St James website for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Toys and Gifts should be delivered DIRECTLY to Catholic Charities at 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines, IL 847-376-2100.
RETIREDE MENS GROUP

Have you ever been to the HOLY LAND? If you have not made a Pilgrimage to these sacred sites, then you need to make a Pilgrimage to the RETIRED MENS MEETING, which will take place on December 13th, at 10:00 in the Board Room.

If you have been there, I could use your help in deciphering my pictures and where I visited. If a certain gentleman who was present to video our Pilgrimage has it down to 2 hours of taping, maybe he could show it until there is no one left in the room. Anyhow, please come and support me at this last meeting of the year.

Deacon Pierce
847-259-1743

BRING A FRIEND!
BRING A ROSARY!

Please consider Manna cards to purchase items for Mercy Boxes

There is a Manna gift card for EVERYONE on your shopping list!

Plus, Manna cards would be great for when shopping for:
Mercy Boxes, Sharing Trees, Grab-Bags, teacher/coach/hostess gifts, Christmas Parties...

Manna gift cards also make great gifts!

You can choose the card, or give a gift certificate and let the recipient choose their own – gift certificates are available for purchase at the parish office only, M-F 9-4

Call 224.345.7211 with any Manna questions.
As always, a limited amount of inventory cards are available for sale at ALL of the Sat. 5pm, Sun 8:30, and 10am masses!
Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Advent Gospel Acclamation

Psalm Response

Sung Psalm Refrain:
Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**NEWS OF COMFORT**

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, “Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God” (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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Order of Worship

Opening Hymn

A VOICE CRIES OUT
Michael Joncas

Verse 1

1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the
   heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is
   end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain

A voice cries out in the wilder - ness: “Pre - pare a
way for the Lord!”

Verse 2

2. Ev - ry valley is made a plain, ev - ry moun - tain is
   low - ed; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -
   vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.

Verse 3

3. A voice shouts: “Cry!” O what shall I cry? All flesh is like
   grass and its flow - ers: the grass may with - er, the
   flow - ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for -
   ev - er.

Verse 4

4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -
   sus, people of God’s own

Verse 5

5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold - ing his
   lambs in his arms, keep - ing his flock so
close to his heart, lead - ing them all, old and young.

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You Are Invited!

SPRED (Special Religious Education)
Faith Development for Young Adults with special needs to help nurture the presence of God in themselves.

SPRED
A Small Faith Community
Activities
Prayer
Music
Agape
Friendship

SPRED is every other Wednesday
Starting October 18th through May 16th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. In the St. James SPRED Room.
Contact Dan Desmond for information: 847-903-3287.
Visit www.spred-chicago.org to learn more about SPRED.

SAVE THE DATE!

Calling all men for

Christ Renews His Parish
MEN’S RENEWAL WEEKEND
Brothers in Faith
February 10-11, 2018
More details to follow in the bulletin during the weeks ahead
Communion Hymn

Take and Eat This Bread

Refrain

Take and eat this bread. Take and drink this cup.

This is my body and my blood.

When you eat this bread, when you drink this cup,
you live in me and I in you.

Verses

1. This is the bread come down from heaven;
2. Gathered as one around one table,
3. Within our hands we hold the mystery,
4. Come all who thirst for life eternal,

this is the cup of our salvation.

sent forth to witness to salvation.

dying and rising to salvation.

come to the table of salvation.

Text: Francis Patrick O’Brien, b.1958
Tune: Francis Patrick O’Brien, b.1958
**Order of Worship**

**Closing Hymn**

**CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT**

Bernadette Farrell

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**Verses**

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in darkness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is troubled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

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1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a lone
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
4. warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be long. Let us be ser-vants

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1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow’r to save us. Make us your liv ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv ing stone.
5. to one an oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

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**Refrain**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark ness.

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Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath ered to day.

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Educating the Whole Child

Your child is away from you many hours each day. You want a school that embraces the values you instill in your child at home and enriches them academically, spiritually, and emotionally. You want a school that embraces and encourages a partnership with parents. With our faith based approach, academic standards, and welcoming parental involvement, Saint James is the right school.

Come and Visit Us!

January 18, 2018 at 7:00pm: PreK and K Parent Information Night
January 28, 2018 from 12:45pm-2:00pm: Open House
February 9, 2018 from 9:00am-10:30am: Kindergarten for a Day

Call for more information: 224.345.7145
www.stjamesschoolah.org
Community Groups and Events

**St. James Parish Groups**

**Annulment Support Ministry**
Richard Nagengast  847-732-0970

**Elizabeth Ministry**—A ministry of women reaching out to other women in their childbearing years. We offer prayers and support regarding pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, child loss, adoption, NFP, and other issues. Visit the Rosebud Display in the Parish Center Gathering Space or connect with us: ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org or http://bit.ly/ElizMinStJamesAH

**Grief Support Group**
The St. James Grief Support Group meets on every Wednesday (during session times) from 7pm-8:15pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The group offers support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful.

Next session: Oct 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15; (No Nov. 22 mtg.), and finish on 11/29. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - is an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

**Wheels to Worship**
If you need a ride to Mass or wish to be a volunteer driver, please call Carol at 847-253-4680. carolserranianderson@yahoo.com

**Stepping Stones**
Everyone deserves to be in a safe, healthy relationship. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or locally, contact WINGS 24-hour Hotline at 847-221-5680.

**Lunches by Catholic Charities**
Luncheons are served M-Fri for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis only. Call 847-797-5354 for more info & reservations.

**Senior Health Insurance Program**
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5532 for information.

**Mended Hearts** - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Alexian Bros. Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

**AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** - meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

**Community Resources**
Alcoholics Anon.  312-346-1475
Alanon/Alateen  847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon.  708-848-4884
Families Anon.  847-795-8320

A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arl. Hts.

**NA/MI**—National Alliance on Mental Illness—847-899-0195

**Office for Protection of Children and Youth**  www.archchicago.org 312-534-5254

**Escorted Transportation for Seniors**
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available to those 60 and over in our community who are in need of rides to medical and dental appointments. It is a multi-denominational outreach to the elderly. If you are in need of such assistance, or if you would like to volunteer to serve seniors in our community as a part of this outreach team, please call Gia at 847-222-9227 or gias@etsnw.org

**Cancer Research Network**
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org

**For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:**
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Retreat/Workshop**
For Widowed Men/Women

The Joyful Again program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey.

“I felt welcome.”
“Found hope.”
“Am more at peace.”

Dates:  March 3rd & 4th, 2018
April 21st & 22nd, 2018

For more information, contact us at:
Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry
708-354-7211
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
Website:  www.joyfulagain.org
(There is a short video on the website.)

Important: Register early; space limited
Please pray for our sick...  
Amalia Palacios, Jeannette Moquin-Bergeson

In Loving Memory

Rosemary S. Biel...mother of James David (Lesly Marban) Biel and Steven Jon (Emily Figdor) Biel; grandmother of Carmen Biel, Diego Biel, Isabella Figdor, and Harper Biel; life companion of Jim Carlisle

Justice Robert C. Buckley...husband of Patricia; father of Gabrielle M. Buckley, Robert C. Buckley, Jr., Peter M. Buckley, Patrick O. (Shelly) Buckley, and Jacqueline T. Buckley; grandfather of Patrick O. Buckley, Jr., Daire O. Dolan, Morgan E., Brendan F. and, Connor M. Buckley.

Janice Tambéaux

Sheila Jaloway

Edward J. McQuillan

Baptisms

Violet Mae Nowakowski, child of Michael & Samantha (Shepard) Nowakowski

Rose for Life

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Marilee Cripe in thanksgiving for her daughter, Sara.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 10
Dr. & Mrs. Walter Powers, Mary Hansen, Lucy McGrath, Gloria Erickson (1st Anniv.), Barbara McNown, Nellie & Dan Madden, Jim Madden, Anthony Lundy, Margaret McNamara, Rehmat Nathaniel (2nd Anniv.)

Monday, December 11
Lloyd Benjamin, Mary McGrath, Dana Mangi, Anthony Lundy

Tuesday, December 12
Anna Marie Perna (1st Anniv.), Meggan McDermott, Gertrude (Trudi) Pietrobonardo, Linda Mackey

Wednesday, December 13
Daniel V. Angerame (1st Anniv.), John Glueckert, Sr.

Thursday, December 14
John Glueckert, Sr., Edward Doherty (11th Anniv.)

Friday, December 15
Frank Karlovits, Howard Anderson, Dana Mangi

Saturday, December 16
George F. & Regina C. Bieber, John G. McLoraine, Gretchen Cronin

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 17
Dana Mangi, John G. McLoraine, Peggy Holland, Kay Selfridge, Ron Oppedisano, Catherine Sabay, Mary Evelyn Flynn

Weekly Intentions

Stewardship

December 3, 2017

Weekend Masses — 573 Envelopes $31,974.06
GiveCentral — 45 Online Donations $5,335.00
December 3rd Total Collection $37,309.06

TAX SAVING IDEA

Anyone who must still make Minimum Required Distributions (MRDs) in 2017 should consider making some or all of them Qualified Charitable Distributions(QCDs)(payable to St. James, of course). This will lower their Adjusted Gross Income and that may lower their Medicare Premiums, raise their exemptions, lower the deduction exclusion and possibly other means related tax items. You even may do this retroactively for up to 30 days. Check with your tax advisor.

Our Charity

During this month of December, our charity will be the Retirement Fund for Religious, one of our yearly Archdiocesan appeals.

There are more than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests living in the United States. Through prayer, love and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your donations help their religious communities with necessities such as medications and nursing care. Thank you for your generous donations.
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Dear Santa,

We have been a very good parish this year. For Christmas, we would like a better way to connect with the parish and school, and get information about St. James ministries and events using our smartphones.

Signed,
St James Parish

Coming soon ...

Welcome New St. James Parishioners

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Aurelia Mustafa Family
Matthew & Maribeth Lee Family
Matthew & Christy Goduto Family
Jon & Maggie Longtin Family
Joseph & Lisa Malcom Family
Brittany & John Pologrinos Family
Robert & Charlotte Obodzinski Family
Matthew & Jaclyn Peno Family
Justus & Karen Joseph Family
Martin & Michelle Sadowski Family
Lisa & Chris Duello Family
Edgar & Sylvia Nolan Family
Markéta Allison Family
John & Kirsten Krupa Family
Wayne & Katherine Rozanski Family
MaryBeth Joyce Family
Quinn & Elizabeth Skony Family
Nicholas Alexenko Family
Anthony & Kaitlynn Thommes Family
Roshani & Tobby Mathew Family
Valerie Pape Family

Alexander & Brittney Lazarz Family
Anna & Witold Jozefowski Family
Eric Estadt Family
Jennifer Seatholm Family
James Gerding Family
Lawrence & Franca Cirrincione Family
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Katarzyna & Saulius Pawlak Family
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Mario & Kimberly Bolanos Family
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 7:00am Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 8:30am Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning 10:00am Parish Center Contemporary Choir & Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sunday Morning 11:30am Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Teen Ensemble)

Weekday Masses (Church) 831 N. Arlington Hts. Road
Monday – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7:30am Mass
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30am Mass

Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days.

Sacramental Celebrations

Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date at least one month in advance.

Marriages
Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior to your wedding date, we warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office. Our Office Manager will explain the process of preparing for a Christian marriage and assist you in selecting a date for your wedding liturgy.

Reconciliation
Saturdays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3:30—4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am—8:00pm
Friday 9:00am—6:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am—1:00pm
Sundays 9:00am—1:00pm

Parish E-mail Address: parishoffice@stjamesah.org
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