“...If we really believe in the Eucharist and the other beautiful teachings of the Church — which in my case, especially where my marriage and my own spiritual salvation were concerned, quite literally saved my life — then one doesn’t walk away when the situation gets really tough. If it’s true, then we stay. We stay to fight for those truths and help others fight for them as well.

Over the centuries in the history of our Church, it has often been the laity that was responsible for getting the battered and often bruised barque of Peter back on course. Now is not the time to abandon ship. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get busy through prayer, fasting, respectful and direct feedback and involvement, and help guide the Church through these latest troubled waters, all because she carries with her the cargo of truth. “

Teresa Tomeo
Our Sunday Visitor (Aug 15, 2018)
Parish Staff

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The Sick and Homebound
If you or a family member are confined to the home or hospital, contact Chris Pifer at 304-725-5558 ext. 225 to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you.

Events / Activities & Our Bulletin
We include all ministry and parish events, on & off site, on our parish master calendar. To make a reservation request go to www.stjameswv.org/about-us/reservations. Then send a bulletin announcement to bulletins@stjameswv.org a minimum of two weeks prior to the publication date.

Liturgical Schedule

Regular Mass Schedule
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm (English) and 1:30 pm (Spanish)
Monday 7:00 am, Tuesday 12:05 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm, Thursday 12:05 pm
Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 5:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours
Wednesday 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
24 hours every day

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 pm

St. Zita’s Cupboard

Weekends Before & after the 5pm Saturday Vigil,
Sunday 8 am, 11 am, and 6 pm Masses
Mon & Wed 9 am to 8 pm
Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9 am to 5 pm
Sat 9 am to 1 pm

Weekly Finance Report

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Building Fund Original Mortgage $14,939,064
Mortgage Balance as of July 2018 $5,469,527

Bulletin Deadline, Wednesday
Publication, Following Weekend (10 days later)
Psalm 140 is listed as a Psalm of David. It is considered a lament seeking rescue from violent and treacherous foes. While praying this psalm during my the praying of my office, I was struck with a very difficult meditation. I thought of the young men, women, seminarians, and priests who have been the victims of abuse by members of the clergy. I have prayed this Psalm an abundance of times in my life. I have focused upon struggles of feeling oppressed by a situation. I have contemplated the religious liberty battles locally and in our nation. I have contemplated the international battles against communism and other ideologies that are in direct conflict with the teachings of Jesus Christ. This summer, the meditation has been very different. A violent and treacherous foe has entered into the heart of the Catholic Church. Consider the following quote from the National Catholic Register on August 30th. Father Dominic Allain shared: “St. Ambrose says that you can see the whole of the Church in the soul of one person. I will say it till my last breath: We will only understand the abuse crisis if we see it through the eyes of Jesus’ little ones, the victims—those who came to priests seeking the Person and ministry of Jesus Christ and who were violated, exploited and soiled, and left with chronic and life-altering spiritual, psychological and physical damage.” From our theology, we know that the priest serves in the person of Jesus Christ. For those who have been abused, it seems like a personal betrayal of Jesus Christ.

By the time that you read this, many of you will have celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with us, by praying the rosary and attending a Mass for Healing and Reparation for the sins of members of the Church. As has been discussed in the last few articles; prayer and fasting are real, and they work. We thank Father Carlos for giving us this opportunity to come together in prayer and to willingly offer this Mass of Healing and Reparation. This must only be a start. We must continue to make this prayer and fast part of our everyday life. Rooting this sin out of the church is going to be painful, and it is going to take time, patience, and long suffering. Yet, even after this commitment of prayer and fasting, there is still a longing to put our faith into action on this issue.

In next week’s bulletin you will see a letter from a wife, a mother, and a homemaker. She is reaching out through our bulletin, through newspapers, and other media outlets to let victims know that she willing to pray with, and for, them. She is willing to take anonymous requests, and named requests, to take those to prayer and then communicate back to them. When you see her information in the bulletin, reach out to her, and see how you, too, can be an agent of mercy.

Take time to listen to someone. So often we are not able to listen, we hurry from one task to another. We stay attached to our media devices. If someone starts to open up: **stop and listen.** Many victims have waited 30 or 40 years for someone to listen. That someone could be you. Listen with a humble heart when someone has the courage to come forward. **Do not abandon them in the time of need.** I recently spoke to a priest who was checking on a victim daily. He recognized that after sharing his story, the victim was unburdened, yet he faced a new burden of anxiety, as the allegation and proceedings dragged on without resolution. Those of us who have been fortunate to not have had this pain inflicted on us, we need to recognize that we have a strength that is often needed by those who have been victimized and have kept silent for far too long.

Have courage, be kind, and always return to Christ. Contact Sharon Wheaton (adoration@stjameswv.org) about taking an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Imagine the healing we could provide and share if we had 168 of us commit to an hour in the Adoration Chapel. This would be in addition to the ordinary adorers. Every hour of every day, we would have someone from our parish praying for healing for victims. Pray about it. What if we could tell our community that there is always someone praying for the victims of those abused in the church? It would be a start to us helping carry the cross of others.

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"Friends, many of you have asked for my thoughts on the McCarrick abuse crisis, the Pennsylvania grand jury report, and the recent report from Archbishop Viganò. We're all devastated by the horrific suffering of these many victims, and we're all wondering what to do next. Please watch the discussion below, and together let's pray for the victims and the entire Body of Christ."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncMEXx60AeI&feature=youtu.be&utm_campaign=Consumer_502SOFF_HITC_SEP_18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua...
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday Readings Year B, Weekday Readings Year 2, Psalter Week 3)

| Priests’ Mass Intentions September 10-16 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mon             | 7:00 AM         |
| Shenandoah      | Sally Mave (D)  |
| Nursing Home    | Franny & Carol  |
|                 | Olsheski        |
| Tues            | 12:05 PM        |
|                 | Christopher    |
|                 | Jacobson (L)    |
|                 | by Helen        |
|                 | Shumaker        |
| Wed             | 7:00 PM         |
|                 | Floyd Tester (D)|
|                 | by Bob & Cyndi  |
|                 | Trainor         |
| Thurs           | 12:05 PM        |
|                 | Howard & Gloria |
|                 | Straight - 60th |
|                 | Wedding         |
|                 | Anniversary by  |
|                 | The Straight    |
|                 | Family          |
| Fri             | 7:00 AM         |
|                 | Glenn Dindinger (D) | Carol Dindinger |
| Sat             | 5:00 PM         |
|                 | Bill Timberlake for his birthday (L) | The Timberlake Family |
| Sun             | 8:00 AM         |
|                 | For the people  |
|                 | of our Parish   |
|                 | 11:00 AM        |
|                 | Ruth Ward (L)   |
|                 | by St. James    |
|                 | Women’s Club    |
| St Peter        | 11:00 AM        |
| Spanish         | 1:30 PM         |
|                 | For St. James   |
|                 | Hispanic        |
|                 | Community       |
|                 | 6:00 PM         |
|                 | George Smith (D) | by Bob & Cyndi Trainor |

Liturgy Matters / Music Notes
Symbolic Numbers in the Liturgical Calendar

The Liturgical Calendar, the cyclic celebration of the mysteries of Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, has origins well back into the 4th century. Originally the most important festivals were marked: Easter, Epiphany, the Martyrs “birthday into heaven” (i.e. the day of their death). Eventually other celebrations, preparatory seasons and extending seasons were added.

The symbolism of numbers played a role in organizing the calendar dates. The conception of Mary and her birth were marked 9 months apart (Dec 8 and Sep 8); the same for Our Lord (Mar 25 and Dec 25).

The Feast of the Transfiguration (Aug 6), whereupon God the Father’s voice affirmed the mission of Jesus as His Son, occurs the “perfect” number of seven months after the Epiphany on Jan 6 (which early remembered the Magi, the Baptism and the Wedding of Cana as great manifestations).

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross occurs 40 days after the Transfiguration. In revealing his pure divinity, Christ prepared the 3 apostles for the human scandal of the Cross.
### This Week’s Events

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**If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.**

**Ryan Topper of Shillington, PA and Gabrielle Parisi of Reading, PA**

**Date of Wedding: October 20, 2018**

**St Peter Chapel**

**1st Publication**

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**Check Out the Scenery**

Point things out to your children. Show them the monstrance, the alter, the candles, or any statues and explain who or what they represent. Show them the stained glass windows, or the books that people can read while they sit in the Real Presence. In one of the parishes that we visit, Eucharistic Adoration is held in the main church. This offers me a chance to spread out with my brood, and stretch our legs a bit. We can walk around and look at the panels for Stations of the Cross or check out the Baptismal font if my little people get fidgety.

**Dianna Kennedy, The Kennedy Adventures Blog**

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**“Be Not Afraid!”**

Pepe St John Paul II
Please Pray for...

Our sick and homebound... Cindy Craig, Reyano Tapia, Kaciah Matthew White, Lynn Shuff, Paul Segreti, Sean Henry, Renee Queen, Nathan Conners, Megan Ciecor, Misty McGough, Coleen Vekter, and George Mark Knipe.

There are three ways to request prayers at our parish: (1) contact the Parish Office at 304–725–5558 or bulletins@stjameswv.org to have a name included in the bulletin, (2) write your request in the Book of Intentions located on the podium behind the last pew on the left side of the church, or (3) contact David White at prayer@stjameswv.org or 304–262–3040 for your request to be sent to our Prayer Chain. Names listed above are also included in the Book of Intentions. All requests are kept strictly confidential by our prayer ministry.

Brian & Sandra Chrzanowski
Daniel & Gracelda Scott and their daughter
Kimberley Elizabeth
Irene Zehfuss

McKenzy Ariel O’Rourke
Olivia Grace Trudel

Please pray for the soul of
James Edward Gore
who died recently. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.
May God support his family and friends in His loving care.

Upcoming Events and Community Announcements

St. Bernadette’s Potluck Luncheon For Our Widows and Widowers
Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 12:00 noon - McFadden Hall

St. Bernadette’s would like to invite the widows and widowers of our surrounding parishes to our monthly lunch with Deacon Marcus. The group meets for prayer and to share experiences dealing with the loss of a spouse. For additional information contact: Barbara Loefler at 304-271-8915.

See bulletin insert for the 2019 Parish Business Directory sign-up form!
Support your fellow parishioners in their local business ventures!

IT’S TIME FOR FOOTBALL FRENZY 2018: a fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring FOOTBALL FRENZY - a sweepstakes based on 10 weekends of NFL football starting with the weekend of October 28th and ending December 30th. Sweepstake tickets cost $10. See bulletin insert for details.

CDA Court Martinsburg 392 and KofC Monsignor Lackey Council 1169 are hosting a bingo on Sunday, October 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 West Stephen Street, Martinsburg. Doors will open at 1:00, with the games beginning at 2:00. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets cost $25 in advance or $28 at the door. The games will include 16 paying $50; 3 paying $100; and a black-out game paying $400, as well as ticket sales for Scrip cards, a 50-50 drawing, and tip jars. All CDA profits will be donated to St. Joseph’s School tuition fund. Tickets may be purchased from any CDA member or by contacting Judy Risdon at 703-928-4977 or by emailing her at judy.risdon@comcast.net.

“...You are invited to a special new “Project”!

Wednesday, Sept 12
5:30 pm with Nancy Guiney
8:00 pm with Sister Reyna

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Check the Monthly Calendar for other events. Contact Mark Guiney for more information at 304-671-1181.

PB&J Sewing Class Saturday, September 15
9:00 am
St Agnes/St George

September 9, 2018–23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
SAINT JAMES’ ADVENTURE TROOPS,
AHG WV0082 AND TLUSA WV8:2 ARE BACK TO TROOP!
GIRLS AND BOYS 5-18 YRS OLD
SAINT BENEDICT & SAINT SCHOLASTICA, PRAY FOR US!

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

EVERY MONDAY 7 PM-8:30 PM

TROOP SUNDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 11 AM MASS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE! MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7 PM - 8:30 PM

The people of Saint James welcome you to our home. We pray that we get to know you as you get to know us. We pray that you come to love our parish as you live amongst its people. We pray that we labor together, as co-workers, in the vineyard for the glory of God. We ask that you be our spiritual father, nourishing our spiritual needs, strengthening us as we practice the works of mercy. Pray for us as we pray for you, and Father Manny, to be the holy priests the lay people of Charles Town need. Welcome home!

May God bless your ministry!
Our parishioners bagged 7,000 lbs of potatoes in 45 minutes to be sent to our fellow West Virginians in need.

Thank you!

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kimball
Married on Sept 1 at St Peter Chapel

Joy and service around the Parish this past weekend!

Thank you!

Nuestra Fé: La Comunidad Hispana de Santiago Apostol

San Jose Sanchez del Rio Memorial Icon Weekend Celebration

Friday, October 19 7 pm “No Greater Glory” Movie Night

Saturday, October 20 6:30 pm Cristeros! Dinner

Sunday, October 21
Our Lord Of Miracles: Celebrating Peru’s Faith Tradition (12:30 pm Procession, 1:30 pm Mass, 3:00 pm Reception)

“I wish to dedicate a particular remembrance to our beloved Venezuela. I pray that the Holy Spirit will give all the Venezuelan people — all, rulers and people — the wisdom to find the path of peace and unity. I also pray for the detainees who died yesterday.” (May 20, 2018)

https://zenit.org/articles/venezuela-pope-offers-prayers/

You are invited to our monthly Hispanic Traditional Dinner!

Third Sunday of each month in the Social Hall
2:30 PM
$9 adult/$3 child

Citizenship Teacher Training
Friday, September 7, 2018 => 9:00 am – 3 pm &
Saturday, September 8, 2018 => 10 am – 12 pm
Career One Stop, 202 Viking Way, Martinsburg, WV 25401

USCIS is offering free training for adult educators, program directors, volunteers, and representatives from immigrant-serving organizations. This event will provide adult ESL, EL/Civics, and citizenship teachers and administrators with an in-depth overview of the naturalization process and test; a snapshot of the online resources available to help adults prepare to pass the citizenship test; and overviews of several immigration specific topics. Participants will also receive free educational resources.

USCIS recommends that interested participants register early for this training as space is limited. To Register, please send an email to PhiCommunityRelations@uscis.dhs.gov by Tuesday, 09/04/18. Be sure to provide the following information within the body of your email, name, organization, position title, and phone number.

You are invited to our monthly Hispanic Traditional Dinner!

Third Sunday of each month in the Social Hall
2:30 PM
$9 adult/$3 child
Faith Formation

Attention Parents of First Communion Prep 2 and Sacramental Prep students

Parents, please mark your calendars!
At least one parent/guardian must attend the Parent/Student Orientation with their First Communion Prep 2 or Sacramental Prep student Orientation will be held downstairs in the Social Hall.

Sunday students/parents: orientation will be held from 9:30am to 10:45am on September 9.

Wednesday students/parents: orientation will be held from 5:30pm—6:45pm on September 12.

Saint Store Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Ann Powers, our wonderful Volunteer Saint Store Coordinator of the past several years, is retiring from this volunteer position as she now is managing our own St. Zita’s.

I am now in need of a volunteer or two who could take on this awesome volunteer opportunity. Coordinating our Religious Education Saint Store is a very easy job for someone who enjoys making children smile and has the gift of being organized.

The individual will need to organize the donated items we receive throughout the year into appropriate categories and then twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring, open up our Saint Store to our religious education classes on Sundays and Wednesdays to go shopping with their saint points. If you might be interested, please contact Allie Enos at vcre@stjameswv.org or 304-725-5558.

The First Holy Communion and Confirmation pictures are now available for viewing and purchasing. Please visit:
http://www.voxdomini.us/STJamesCatholicChurch

If you purchased a First Holy Communion or Confirmation video, you may pick it up in St. Zita’s. A complimentary group picture is also available in St. Zita’s for pick-up for each child who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year.

Parents, please mark your calendars!

RCIA Classes Have Started!
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions are now being held each Sunday from 9:15am to 10:45am in the St. James Library. Any persons baptized in another faith, those who have not been baptized, or anyone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith is invited to attend. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Parish Office.

CALLING all 6TH-12TH GRADERS!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your parish? Do you have the "time" and "talent", just not a lot of "treasure"? Here is your chance!

Training for all Readers, 6th grade and up, will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 9:15 AM. If you are interested in becoming a reader for the Wednesday evening Masses and/or the monthly Sunday Youth Masses, please join us at 9:15 am in the Narthex. This training is open to all youth of the parish whether or not they are enrolled in Wednesday night Religious Education classes. All former readers are also asked to attend as a refresher. The first Wednesday Youth Mass will be on September 12 7 pm, and the first Sunday Youth Mass will be on October 7 at 11 am.

Please contact Carol Dindinger at the Parish Office at 304-725-5558 to register, or send an email to dindingerc@stjameswv.org.

Calling 9th Grade/Confirmation Parents

Parents, please mark your calendars!

9th Grade/Confirmation classes at St. James will begin Wednesday, September 12 from 7-9:15pm. Parents/Guardians must attend the following week’s class on Wednesday, September 19 for the Parent Orientation Session. Parents/Students will attend the 7pm Mass and then move downstairs at 8pm. Students will go to their classrooms and parents will meet in the Social Hall.

2018-2019 Youth Catechesis Schedule at a Glance

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-5):
Sundays: 9:30am
Wednesdays: 5:30pm

Grades PK/K:
Sundays — 9:30 am-10:45 am
Wednesdays — 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Grades 1-6:
Sundays — 9:30 am-10:45 am
Wednesdays — 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Grades 7-8:
Wednesdays — 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
(including 7:00 pm Mass)

Grade 9/Confirmation:
Wednesdays — 7:00 pm-9:15 pm (including 7:00 pm Mass)
We encourage you to become an active member of our faith community. Join us at daily Mass and Adoration, attend one of our social events, check out any of our ministries, and find your niche. You can pick up a parish registration form in the narthex or parish office. Just drop your completed form in the offertory basket or bring it by the office. Get connected, get involved, register today.

BECOMING CATHOLIC at St. James begins with a religious education process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Through RCIA, people learn about the Catholic Faith and prepare to become full members of our Catholic family. This process is also available for children and teens.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME is a program that provides a warm welcome to all desiring to return to the Catholic Church. Voice your concerns and get answers to your questions. Contact Linda Bryan at returnhome@stjameswv.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION As adults, our second most important job is raising our children in our Catholic faith. (Our most important job, of course, is maintaining our own relationship with our Heavenly Father.) Families registered in our parish may enroll their children in religious education as early as the age of three. Contact the Allie Enos at vcre@stjameswv.org. We have a variety of adult faith formation opportunities during the year and they are always listed in the weekly bulletin and monthly calendars.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is the initiation into the Christian community of the Church and an invitation to a lifelong vocation of holiness. Registered families may celebrate the baptism of their child after attending a Baptism class that is usually offered on the last Sunday of each month at 1 pm. Register for the class with Chris Pifer at parsec@stjameswv.org.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE celebrates a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman. If you are a registered, active member of the parish considering this vocation, congratulations! You and your fiancé will be in our prayers in the coming months. Contact Carol Dindinger at least six months before your desired wedding date to begin the marriage preparation program. Wedding dates will not be held or set prior to the meeting. Contact Carol at marriage@stjameswv.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING is the general title for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancies. NFP respects God’s unitive and procreative design for married love. To learn more contact, NFP@stjameswv.org.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING is a ritual of healing formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme Unction. Contact the parish office to arrange for an anointing when you or a family member are preparing for surgery, hospitalized, or nearing death.

THE HISTORIC CHAPEL OF ST. PETER in Harpers Ferry celebrates a “Tourist” Mass on Sundays at 11:00 am. The Chapel is also open to visitors on weekends from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm most weekends from May through October.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT The Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800–352–6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888–434–6237 (toll free) or 304–233–0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, ext. 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit http://www.usccb.org. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop-down menu.

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