



The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Shell, is a periodic email newsletter for the parishioners and friends of Saint James Church. This does not replace the Sunday bulletin or Parish Life. It's an opportunity for brief updates and news. A symbol for our patron saint is a shell and that gives the name to our e-letter.



St. James White Oak 175th Anniversary

1843-2018

Spreading the Word

St. James Church is celebrating its 175th Anniversary in 2018 and we want you to be a part of it!

It's not too late to make a **Family History Display** to be used at the Kick-off Celebration on November 26! The posters will also be displayed throughout the year at parish events, like the Fish Fry and Festival. **Everyone is invited to make a poster, even if you are new to the parish.** Find some additional details below, including a few examples that our parish families created.

Plan to celebrate the start of our anniversary year at a special kick-off event on Sunday, November 26 after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses.

- Enjoy a coffee and danish at Donut Sunday
- View the *Family History Displays* created by our parishioners
- Take home the anniversary year *Calendar of Events*
- Purchase a commemorative ornament, coffee mug, car magnet and more. Prices range from \$3-\$35.

The purpose of the family history display is to capture pictures and memorabilia that highlight your personal family history. Some things you may want to include: Family Name, Pictures of Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, May Crowning, Weddings, Family Photos, Social Events, Parish Picnic, Festival, Bingo, Fish Fry, Volunteer Fair, along with written short stories about your Family History, Church History and White Oak Community.

•Posters should be *no larger* than standard poster board (22"x28") •We ask that you use *copies* of photos or documents rather than originals. •Please include your contact information on the back so the Anniversary Committee can return the poster after the 2018 Parish Picnic. •You can turn your poster in to the Parish Office or bring it to any anniversary event. •It's never too late to submit a *Family History Display* – because we'd love to see every St. James family represented in this anniversary year!



Members of Religious Orders

As we begin celebrating our 175th Anniversary as a parish, we need your help. Sad to say, parishes seldom have kept records of parishioners who have entered religious orders as brother or sisters. Most of the time if a man was ordained a priest for a religious order, that was recorded in the parish. (We have the list of those ordained as priests from St. James.) But nothing was kept about those who became brothers or sisters. As part of our anniversary projects, we want to put a list together.

If you are related to someone or know somebody who was or is a member of a religious order who was a parishioner at St. James when they entered the order, please let us know. We would appreciate having information such as which order they joined, when they made final vows, are they still living (and where). If someone joined an order and left religious life we want to know that too. Please mail this information to the parish office and be sure to include your name in case we need to contact you for additional information.