



The Shell

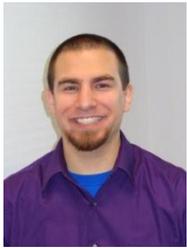
An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

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.

February 4, 2014

Nicholas Kovatch Joins the Parish Staff



Mr. Nicholas Kovatch joined the parish staff on February 3 as Pastoral Associate. He replaces Deacon Gregg Rose who accepted a position at his home parish, St. Teresa of Avila in Price Hill.

Mr. Kovatch earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Holy Cross College, South Bend, and a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame University. He has worked in parishes and taught high school theology.

Deacon Gregg will remain with us on a part-time basis to complete the R.C.I.A. process through Easter and to lead the VIRTUS training sessions until Mr. Kovatch can be trained as a facilitator.



Safety Issues

A few weeks ago we mentioned at all Sunday Masses that everyone should be locking their cars and keeping items out of sight. Recently, we also had attempted break-ins at the gym lobby doors to the parish offices and at the sacristies and storage areas in church. We are considering a number of things to tighten security around the parish facilities. You can help by simply being alert to any questionable behavior.



New Stuff

You have seen the new sign on Cheviot Road. The plastic parts of the old one had gotten so bad that a new sign was needed. This new sign will allow us to have multiple messages rotate throughout the day.

Soon, we hope, you will see a new roof going on the parish center. Everybody coming to the building has seen the garbage cans collecting water as it drips from the ceiling by the front doors. The leaks are also in the gym itself and in our offices. As soon as weather permits, a new and better insulated roof will go on the building. The present roof lasted longer than expected but this winter was just too much for it. We will pay for the roof out of the proceeds of last summer's festival, Holiday Bonanza and this year's fish fry.