



St. James

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*Land Deeded by James D. Leray de Chaumont, 1818
First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821
Present Church Dedicated 1866*



St. Mary's

NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen

*Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated 1890
Present Church Dedicated 1902*

We are two diverse communities of faith who are united in bringing the Gospel into the daily lives of all who worship with us. We stand together with all people, especially the poor and the alienated, as a sign of God's universal love for all people. We extend a warm welcome to all and hope that you will find the parishes of St. James and St. Mary's places where faith can be nourished.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Donald A. Robinson
Pastoral Associate: Deacon Richard J. Staab
Pastoral Associates: Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ
Augustinian Academy: Mrs. Mary Ann Margrey, Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm St. James (ant.)
 Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's
 10:00 am St. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm St. James
 Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Rectory

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the Rectory anytime

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April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ALL THESE MASSES WILL BE SAID BY
FATHER ROBINSON IN PRIVATE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

(ant.) -Herman Stevens-45th Anniversary by Garry & Rosie

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY

- Tom Carroll by Cliff & Sue
- For the People of the Parishes

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- Anna Schreck by Kathy Smith

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- Jim Reape by Jane

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- Fran Hebert by Ron & Dawn Burns

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - HOLY THURSDAY

- Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - GOOD FRIDAY

- Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - HOLY SATURDAY

(ant.) - Easter Vigil - Mass for Vocations

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY

- For the Benefactors of St. Mary's & St. James

Augustinian Academy School News April 5, 2020

The students and staff of Augustinian Academy wish everyone a blessed Holy Week. As we say Morning Prayer this week, we will pray for the safety and good health of everyone.

Everyone is welcomed to visit our website at www.c-augustinian.org to see what is going on, as well as to view many resources to be used by families! We also have resources on health updates!

If you need to contact Augustinian Academy, please email Mrs. Margrey at mmargrey@augustinianacademy.org. We are still here for anyone who may need us! If you call the school at 315-493-1301, please leave a message and I will return your call!

K of C News - With the absence of Social gathering, I hope and pray for the physical, mental and spiritual health of our Bishop, our Pastor - Father Don, our clergy, Augustinian Academy, the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary's and my brother Knights. I look forward to the time when we can all be together again in the presence of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

St. Mary's News April 5th

As we live in social distancing, let us pray for Jesus' healing presence in our hearts and land.

Reminder: check the parish website sj-sm.org & Flocknotes for the video-taped Sunday Masses with Fr. Robinson.

You can also follow the weekly bulletin on the website and Flocknotes.

God bless and keep healthy.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord / April 5, 2020

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced. (Is 50:7a)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,
and gave up his spirit.
And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mt 27:11-50-51)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?



From the Pastor:

I sincerely want to thank those parishioners who are mailing or delivering their weekly envelopes to the parish office while we are in this isolation period with the COVID-19 Pandemic. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take an isolation, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even while you cannot personally attend Mass. We continue to look to our faith as we carefully navigate in the coming months. Here at St. James and St. Mary's we continue with the Mission of ministering to the sick and helping those in need. We pray for all the victims of this virus, those assisting with their care and for a speedy cure.

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. This is going to be a very unusual Holy Week, one like we have never experienced before. Palms will be blessed today and left in the entrance of the church so people can come in and pick them up. Please take as many as you want. We will have many extra. If you know some parishioners who are unable to come to the church for palms, please take some to them.

Holy Thursday Mass or Mass of the Lord's Supper will be videotaped in the late afternoon and uploaded to all the various sites. St. James Church will be open till 9pm for people to stop into the church for quiet prayer. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration altar this year. The Good Friday service will likewise be videotaped and uploaded later in the day. Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday. The Easter Vigil service will not be videotaped; it would be just too difficult to do so. Of course, Easter Sunday Mass will be available for you. All the Sunday Masses will be videotaped for you until we get back to normal.

St. James and St. Mary's will be open each day only for private prayer and devotions. At St. James, please sit in the pews that are not roped off; at the end of the day, we will only have to clean the pews that have been used. I still want to keep St. James open each day despite what happened last week. A few days ago someone came into St. James and ripped the Poor Box off the wall and walked out of the church in broad daylight. We reported it to the Carthage police and the Diocese. These are desperate times and people are doing desperate and crazy things. We have no way of knowing how much money was in the box.

RECONCILIATION – I am available at the regular time each Saturday (3:30-4:30pm) for the Sacrament of Penance; I have set up a reconciliation "station" in front of the St. Joseph altar allowing for social distancing.

Some parishioners have come regularly to the church for private prayer since the coronavirus outbreak. That is wonderful to see. I am asking parishioners who stop by the church to bring a photo of themselves and other family members and tape them to the pews. There is a roll of blue tape on the offertory table to use for attaching photos.. It is a very meager way to stay connected. When I celebrate the private Mass, I will be able to look out to the congregation and see all your smiling faces in the photos. I have been celebrating my Masses either in the Church or in the Convent Chapel. (continued next column)

(continued) As you can imagine, my pilgrimage to Italy and the Passion Play in Germany has been cancelled. We were scheduled to leave on May 25. It would be just too risky to travel there in these uncertain times. The Passion Play has been moved to the year 2022. This trip to the Passion Play has been in the planning stages for the past 2 years and now it looks like we will have to wait another 2 years for it to happen. I am not sure I am willing to wait that long! Instead, I am planning to organize a pilgrimage to DeKalb Junction later this year. Travel there should be safe and not as expensive. I have lined up some exciting hot spots to visit: the antique shops in DeKalb, the DeKalb Agway Store, Post Office, and a couple of side trips to downtown Russell and Pyrites.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes provide Catholic schools and offer religious education and to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. More information is available at <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday>

Carthage VEM Food Pantry - PROVERBS 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Thank you St. James church for your generosity and being a cheerful giver. VEM appreciates your willingness to make a difference in the life of so many people in our community. We also thank you for your participation in the Construction Event. God Bless You,
Your friends at VEM, Carthage Food Pantry.,

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



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