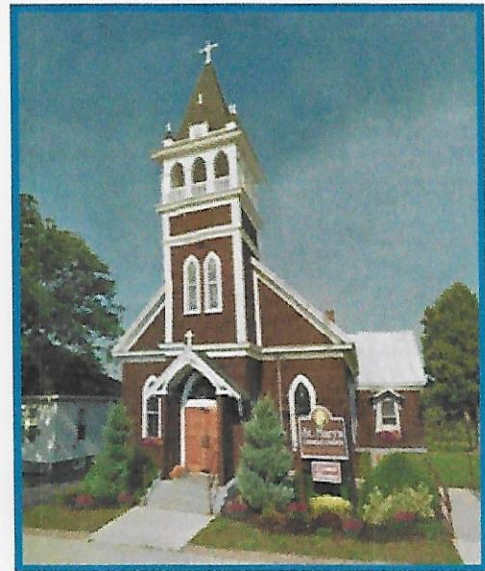


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First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821  
Present Church Dedicated 1866*



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*NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen*

*Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated 1890  
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*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. Todd E. Thibault

**Pastoral Associate:** Deacon Richard J. Staab

**Pastoral Associate:** Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ

**Augustinian Academy:** Sister Suanne Johnson, Principal

**Sunday Mass Schedule**      **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 4:00 pm St. James (ant.)**      **Saturday: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm St. James**

**Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's**      **Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's**

**10:00 am St. James**      **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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# MASS INTENTIONS

April 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

4:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

8:00SM - Bernard Brady - 4 yr. anniversary by family

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

10:00SJ - Wesley Mace by Pops & Nana

3:00pmSJ - **Divine Mercy Celebration**

**Monday, April 8 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

9:00SJ - *Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena*

9:30SJ - Genevieve Buckingham by family

10:00-11:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Ruth Gyurko by Dick & Sheri Gamble

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

9:00SM - Eugene Thesier by Kate & Frank Fazio & family

2:40-3:00SJ - *Rosary*

3:00-6:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Michael DeCaprio by Yvonne, Amber & TJ

10:00-11:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Laurence, Anna, Dale Dalton & Janice Dalton-Cole by family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

4:00SJ(ant.) - Intentions for the Married Couples of St. James & St. Mary's

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

8:00SM - Raymond Hebert by Shirley Nevills & family

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

10:00SJ - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

**NOTE:** 9:30 Mass on Monday

**Calendar of Events:**

Apr. 9 - Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 6:00pm (Rectory)

Apr. 13 - Celebration of Marriage Mass/Dinner, 5:00pm (Elks Club, Carthage)

Apr. 14 - Pancake Breakfast 8:00-12 noon (CR)


Apr. 20 - Mens Rosary, 8:30am (SJ)

Apr. 20 - Benefit Concert for Cancer - 6:30-7:30pm (St. James)

Weekly Offerings March 24, 2024			
St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$4,887.00	Envelopes	\$820.00
Plate	\$636.00	Plate	\$125.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,523.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$945.50</b>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$6,254.00	Last Year	\$1,377.25
THANK YOU!			

**Uplift Your Priest Campaign - April 8th through 19th**

Our priests are being called into great heroic action, all while pouring out an overabundant amount of love and support for all of us. As a gesture of gratitude, the Houston-based Vocation Ministry launches its annual "Uplift Your Priest" campaign on the Monday after the 2nd Sunday of Easter. The campaign inspires the laity to affirm and encourage their priests, especially after Lent and Easter.



*Uplift Your Priest*

VOCATION MINISTRY

**Daily Deed Ideas**

- Call/text/email your priest
- Send spiritual bouquets to him
- Drop off popcorn and snacks for movie night
- Send him drawings or paintings by children
- Pray, fast, and offer sacrifices for him
- Send him a gift card for Amazon or a restaurant
- Make a family video message/song of affirmation for him
- Create a sidewalk message in front of church/rectory
- Post pictures of your family with your priest
- Drop off or have dinner/lunch delivered
- Send financial support to the parish, if able
- Hold a "Parade of Love" for him
- Challenge and tag 3 families/individuals to pray a Rosary for him on social media

**When posting on Social Media, consider:**  
Tagging Vocation Ministry in your Facebook/Instagram Posts and use the hashtags #Uplifyourpriest #Vocationministry

**The Annunciation of the Lord** - The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and conceived of the Holy Spirit. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin to tell her that she would be the mother of our Savior. After 9:30 a.m. Mass, Monday April 8th the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in honor of the Annunciation. Our Creator came into the world as an infant, so that we would not be afraid to draw close to him. Come, adore Christ the King.

**Time & Talent Survey for St. James & St. Mary's** - It's not too late to turn in a time and talent survey. Even if you already volunteer, please indicate those areas you are volunteering for.

**Beneficial accordion concert for children with cancer Saturday, April 20, 2024, 6:30-7:30pm @ St. James**  
A young exchange student from Slovakia, currently living in West Carthage, is hosting a concert to help an organization that helps kids with cancer, which has helped him. You may expect a pleasant evening with music from cultures from all over the world.. The entry is donation-based. After the program, there is going to be a bake sale of goods that you can buy. Looking forward to seeing you there!"

Weekly Offerings March 31, 2024			
St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$3,156.00	Envelopes	\$885.00
Plate	\$1,070.31	Plate	\$201.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,226.31</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,086.60</b>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$6,057.00	Last Year	\$1,597.50
THANK YOU!			

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.



### We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

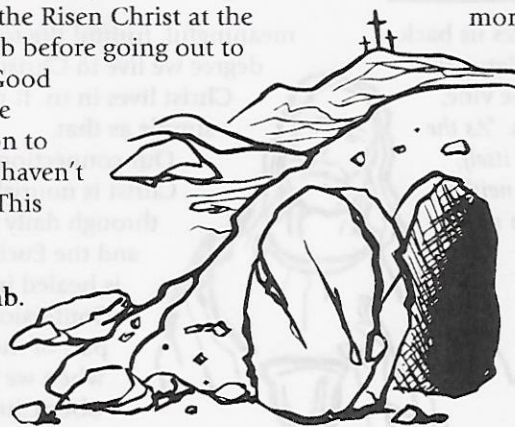
"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:54).



## This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

**Visit the empty tomb.** Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



**Renew your commitment to Him.** Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

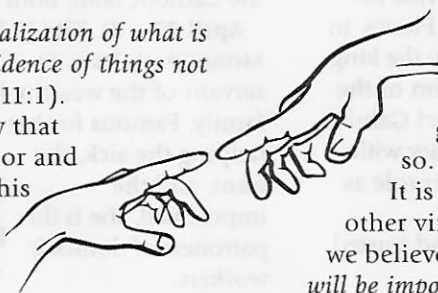
Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his



## Why do Catholics need faith?

suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

## 3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

**Know which conversation you're having.** There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



**Ask good questions.** Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

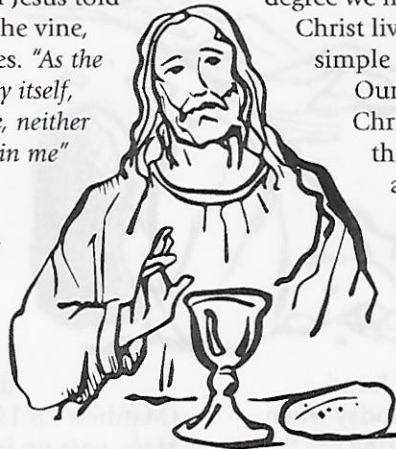
**Really listen.** Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

### from Scripture

#### John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,



meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

### Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion. Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507).** St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

**April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century).** The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

**April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622).** In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

**April 27 – St. Zita (1271).** Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.



The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin to tell her that she would be the mother of our Savior.

**After 9:30 a.m. Mass Monday, April 8th the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in honor of the Annunciation, until 11:00 a.m.**

Our Creator came into the world as an infant, so that we would not be afraid to draw close to him.

Come, adore Christ the King.



Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ hear us. Christ,*  
*graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on*  
*us.*  
God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *Pray for us. (repeat after each line)*

Holy Mother of God,  
Holy Virgin of virgins,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of the Church,  
Mother of mercy,  
Mother of divine grace,  
Mother of hope,  
Mother most pure,  
Mother most chaste,  
Mother inviolate,  
Mother undefiled,  
Mother most amiable,  
Mother most admirable,  
Mother of good counsel,  
Mother of our Creator,  
Mother of our Savior,  
Virgin most prudent,  
Virgin most venerable,  
Virgin most renowned,  
Virgin most powerful,  
Virgin most merciful,  
Virgin most faithful,  
Mirror of justice,  
Seat of wisdom,  
Cause of our joy,  
Spiritual vessel,  
Vessel of honor,  
Singular vessel of devotion,  
Mystical rose,  
Tower of David,  
Tower of ivory,

House of gold,  
Ark of the covenant,  
Gate of heaven,  
Morning star,  
Health of the sick,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Comfort of Migrants,  
Comforter of the afflicted,  
Help of Christians,  
Queen of Angels,  
Queen of Patriarchs,  
Queen of Prophets,  
Queen of Apostles,  
Queen of Martyrs,  
Queen of Confessors,  
Queen of Virgins,  
Queen of all Saints,  
Queen conceived without original sin,  
Queen assumed into heaven,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
Queen of Families,  
Queen of Peace,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, *Have mercy on us.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, *That we may be*  
*made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray,* Grant, we beseech you, Lord God, that  
we your servants may rejoice in continual health of  
mind and body and, by the glorious intercession of  
Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may we be delivered  
from present sorrow to delight in joy eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### St. Mary's News - April 7, 2024

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary members are looking for assistance for cleaning our church and laundering linens on a weekly bases for the month of April. If you are interested please notify Deb Green at 315-688-2685.

Please remember that Mass Cards, Hosts, and candle requests are handled at St. James rectory only. We no longer have a person in residence at St. Mary's. Call 315-493-3224.

#### **KofC News: Upcoming dates:**

**Apr 6&7** - Pennies collections

**Apr 13** - Celebration of Marriage, 4pm Mass followed by dinner at Elks Lodge

**Apr 14** - Pancake Breakfast

**Apr 20** - Mens Rosary, 8:30am

**Attention:** Brother Knights: if you are interested in serving as an officer for the coming year, please contact Tom Wojcikowski or myself as we prepare our incoming slate of officers.

Serving families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity.  
Garry Stevens, Grand Knight

**Celebration of Marriage** - The Knights of Columbus and the Ave Maria Circle warmly invite the married couples of Saint James and Saint Mary's to join us for a Celebration of Marriage Mass and Dinner Reception on April 13, 2024. We will commence with a Mass at 4 PM, followed by a delightful dinner at the Carthage Elks Club. The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5 PM, transitioning to a buffet dinner at 5:45 PM. Attendance for the dinner is priced at \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. **Payment is due by April 6/7.**

We also welcome individuals whose spouses have passed away to celebrate the love and commitment that remains.

As a tribute to the couples attending, we kindly ask you to bring a framed wedding photo. These photos will be displayed during the event as a celebration of the beautiful journeys and bonds among our community's couples. **Please bring your framed photo to any of the Masses on April 6 and 7 if you wish to contribute to this heartfelt display.**

Let's gather together to honor the sacred bonds of marriage within our community.

#### **Ave Maria Circle News:**

**April 14** - Pancake Breakfast with K of C

**May 1** - Confirmation reception, 7pm

**May 5** - Bake for First Communion

**May 7** - Monthly meeting 6:30pm, CR

**This weekend is the last chance to turn in framed wedding photos and payment for the Celebration of Marriage.**

Heidi Marshall, President

**Welcome New Members of the Catholic Church** - Thousands were welcomed into the Catholic Church in parishes across the country at the Easter Vigil this year. All have participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a process of conversion and study in the Catholic faith for catechumens and candidates coming into full communion with the Church.

Among the thousands, here at St. James & St. Mary's we welcome: Shannon Burt, Kerry Carter & Bailey Colson. Catechumens Shannon and Kerry who have never been baptized, received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Fr. Todd Thibault. Bailey was received into full communion with the Church after receiving Reconciliation, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

Besides participating in study and prayer, they also spent time with their steadfast sponsors, Aislinn Ashcroft, Gail Countryman & Michael Sligar.

Let us all welcome them and join with them in prayer, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace.



April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to recognize the importance of collaboration and community efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, the most common form of abuse. It is also a time to educate yourself on how to recognize and report abuse so minors and others who are vulnerable are better protected. Everyone has a role to play in helping to prevent child abuse and promoting healthy, safe communities.

Our diocese places the utmost importance on its mission to bring about reconciliation and healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse at the hands of clergy and other Church personnel. We have put policies and procedures in place to prevent any recurrence of this plague in the future. We remain fully committed and dedicated to creating an enduring culture of safety and trust in all parishes, Catholic Schools, and other diocesan entities.

Those who have been harmed by Church leaders deserve pastoral care to help guide their healing journey. The first step in that process is to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terriane Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, at (518) 358-3145 Ext. 7179 (days) or (518) 569-0612 (evenings). Dr. Yanulavich will assist with the intake and healing process. All allegations are automatically reported by Church personnel to local authorities, including law enforcement. Victim/survivors are also encouraged to contact local authorities regarding the allegation.

Mr. John Morrison heads our diocesan Safe Environment Office. He oversees the implementation of national and diocesan policies aimed at maintaining safe environments for all minors and vulnerable adults in our diocese. Mr. Morrison works cooperatively with leaders in our parishes, Catholic schools, and other entities to fulfill the mandates of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. We are grateful for his tireless efforts.

This year the diocese will have an independent, on-site audit to determine compliance with national policies outlined in the *Charter*. While our diocese has established an exemplary track record of compliance during past audits, we will not rest on these laurels.

The success of our efforts to date speak to the energy and dedication of everyone involved - clergy, employees, and volunteers. It also establishes a strong foundation for safeguarding efforts to build upon, both in terms of the information gathered as well as the collaborative culture of safety we are building. Our promise to protect and our pledge to heal is the guiding principle leading our actions now and in the future.

With a Shepherd's care and concern,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

**Confessions** - will be held in the Sacristy during the flu season.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT-VIRTUAL MEETING:  
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Are you a single Catholic man of high school age or older who is hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood? You are invited to virtually join fellow discerners and Father Howard Venette from 4 to 5 p.m. on any of the following Sundays:

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