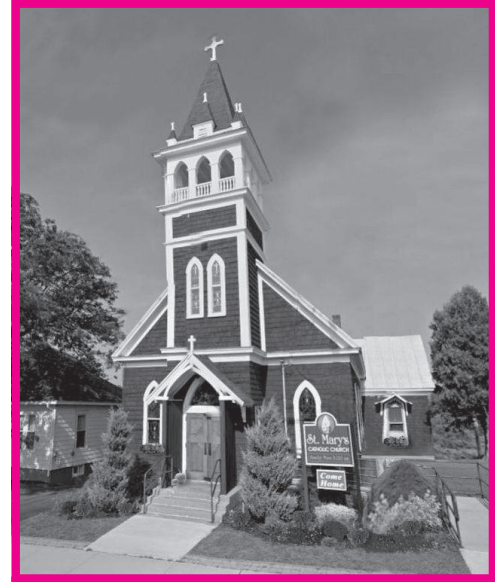


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Pastoral Associate: Deacon Richard J. Staab

Pastoral Associates: Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ

Augustinian Academy: Mrs. Mary Ann Margrey, Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 5:00 pm St. James (ant.) **Saturday: 3:30 pm – 4:30 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:

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December 17, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00SJ(ant.) - - Margaret Segovis by her daughters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00SM - Richard Coseo by family

10:00SJ - Deceased members of Schreck & Burrell families by family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00SJ - Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ -David & Lucy Champine by Bette

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:00SJ - Christopher Sligar by Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00SM - Thomas Sweredoski by Penny & Bill Tyner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:00SJ - Stanley Company by family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00SJ(ant.) - Clyde & Leona Champine by Bette

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00SM - NO MASS TODAY

10:00amSJ - Terry Rigabar by Joe & Peg Shambo

4:00pmSJ(ant.) - For Vocations

6:00pmSM - For the People of the Parishes

10:00pmSJ - For the People of the Parishes

MONDAY - DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00amSJ - For the Benefactors of St. James & St. Mary's

NOTE: Please note Mass times

Calendar of Events:

Dec. 16/17 -Karen Jackson- selling religious articles, (after Mass)

Dec. 17 - Little Flowers Girl's Club, 11-12:30pm (CR)

Dec. 18 - Faith Formation Ministry Class, 6:30pm (CAA)

Dec. 19 - Advent Communal Penance Service, 7pm (SJ)

Jan. 4 - K of C Meeting, 7pm (CR)

Jan. 6 -Ave Maria Epiphany Dinner,after 5pm Mass(Amer. Legion)

The Lewis County Right to Life and Knights of Columbus

would like to invite you to participate in their annual Right to Life Bus Trip to Washington DC. This year marks the 44th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States. The bus will be leaving at 10 PM on evening of January 18th and traveling through the night to Washington DC for the Right to Life March on January 19th. The bus will be returning mid-morning on January 20th. Adults are \$25 donation and Youth are Free. For more information please feel free to contact Paul Campeau at (315) 346-6575 or (315) 486-7928 or Bob Kreager (315) 348-4000.

Weekly Offerings

December 3, 2017

	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$4,390.50	Envelopes	\$675.00
Plate	\$756.40	Plate	\$225.50
TOTAL	\$5,146.90	TOTAL	\$900.50
Last Year	\$11,449.00	Last Year	\$1,134.26

Thank You!

Augustinian Academy School News December 17, 2017

A very special thank you to Joanne Sligar who coordinates CAA's Santa Shop. The students look forward to shopping for their families. Thank you, Mrs. Sligar and your helpers!

Thank you to the 10th Mountain Brass Band who shared their gift of music with us. What an awesome opportunity for our students to see what their own special gifts could do for them.

The students will gather for Advent wreath prayer Monday at 9:10. We will also gather on Friday for a Christmas prayer service! We will offer our prayers for everyone to have a blessed Christmas!

CAA will be closed the week of December 25th. We will reopen on January 2nd. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Creating a culture of vocation... HOLINESS is a challenge for all of us, whatever our vocation. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner, strive to be a saint.

IN MEMORIAM For the month of **DECEMBER, 2017(SJ&SM)**

Sanctuary Lamp

SJ - In memory of deceased members of the Huff family

SJ - In memory of Ed Brown

SM -

Mass Candles

SJ - In memory of Stanley Company

Votive Lights on our Lady's Shrine

SJ- In memory of the Brown & Latremore families

Votive Lights on St. Joseph's Shrine

SJ - In memory of Calvin Terry

Altar Breads

SJ - In memory of Auguste Trepanier

SJ - In memory of deceased members of the Schreck, Holliday & Burrell families

SM - In memory of deceased members of Doyle & Green families

Throughout the month of December, the ladies of the **AVE Maria Circle** will be selling **Save Around coupon books** before and after the weekend Masses. The books cost \$25.00 & make great gifts! Books can also be ordered online to send to family and friends for use locally where they live. Go to **supportourgroups.com/GN/224193** and follow the directions shown on screen. Thank you for supporting the fundraising efforts to facilitate the work and activities that serve our parish communities!



Third Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor:

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent – it is often called Gaudete Sunday or “Rejoice Sunday”. It is our annual reminder that joy and laughter befit the Christian much more than sadness and gloom. St. Paul in the Scriptures tells us today: “Rejoice in the Lord always.” The liturgical color shifts from purple to pink/rose. I am so happy that I get to wear my pink vestment today; it happens only once a year and I have been so excited that I haven’t been able to sleep for days.

Don’t forget the Communal Penance Service at St. James, Tuesday evening at 7pm. The priests from Lewis County will be here to assist us in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

People have begun to ask me about decorating the Churches for Christmas. Decorating at St. James will be begin this Thursday, December 21 at 4pm. Please come and give us a hand. It would be greatly appreciated.

Karen Jackson, from Watertown, is here this weekend to sell all kinds of wonderful religious articles for all those on your Christmas list. You won’t even have to go to the mall; you can do all your Christmas shopping here at St. James

Please remember this change in the Mass schedule for next weekend: THERE WILL BE NO 8am MASS AT St. Mary’s NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24 for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Also, remember you are required to attend Mass both on the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve or Day.

Update on interior renovation project at St. James: as I write this column, it appears that both the painting and lighting will be completed by Christmas! The new flooring will be tackled after Christmas and that issue is still being discussed and negotiated. I am happy to announce that the new interior lighting will be “unveiled and revealed” at the Christmas Eve Masses at St. James. The new lighting will not be seen again until the new flooring is installed and the complete interior project is finished. The 14 Stations of the Cross have now been meticulously cleaned and repaired by Mary Beth Renaud and each station has a separate and distinct spotlight which will be viewed on Christmas. As you well know, we have some of the most beautiful Stations of any church in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and I am grateful to Mary Beth for spending hours and hours bringing them “back to life!” You will be amazed when you see each Station illuminated

Due to the interior renovations...the Angel Dusters will be dusting St. James on each Friday at 3:30pm. If you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Bulletin Info Submission For Holiday Season

Weekend bulletin for Dec. 31 - info due to SJ by Dec. 20

Parish Update

Please return to the Rectory or drop in collection basket.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

- () New registration
- () Check for incorrect address or phone number
- () Send offertory envelopes
- () Moving away from parish

Thank you for helping us keep our records updated!

2nd Annual Christmas Open House

St. James Parish House

Sunday, January 7, 11am -2pm

Thank you to all the different ministries at St. James

FOOD

Door Prizes

GIFTS

Drinks

Alcoholic & Non

2018 Pre-Cana Announcement - The **Spring 2018 Pre-Cana Session** at St. James Church will be Friday, March 16 from 6-8pm & Saturday, March 17 from 10am- 5 pm. **The Fall 2018 Pre-Cana Session** will be Friday, October 12 from 6-8pm & Saturday, October 13 from 10am - 5pm. **COUPLES ONLY NEED TO PICK 1 SESSION TO ATTEND.**

Pre-Cana will be held in the St. James Community Room and lunch and refreshments are included in the fee. Couples must pre-register on the Diocese of Ogdensburg website and both sessions are limited to 7 couples. To register and pay, please go to the following website and click on the Office of Pre-Cana link: <http://www.rcdony.org>. The fee is \$75 and is payable by check or credit card. If you have questions about Pre-Cana at St. James, you can contact Andrianna Crawford at 315-778-1883 and leave a message if necessary.

The Advent Penance Services in the area are:

Sunday, December 17 - St. Peter’s Church - Lowville, 2pm
Tuesday, December 19 - St James Church - Carthage, 7pm

Ave Maria Epiphany Dinner - It is once again time to join us for our “Little Christmas” celebration. On January 6, 2018 we will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St. James at 5pm. We will travel through the snow to the American Legion where we will enjoy a Pot Roast Dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$15 and all members and their guests are welcome. If you would like to be a part of the “Santa Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. Phone the party hot line 315-493-0169 - (Joanne Sligar). If no one answers, please leave a message and I will return your call.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

St. Patrick’s Church, Watertown, NY

Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson’s message and a brief prayer.

St. Mary’s News: Dec. 17th

Dec. 20 - Food Pantry - 4:30-6:30

St. Mary’s Bishop Fund Goal:	\$2840
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