



St. James

State Street, Carthage

*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

St. James Rectory

327 West St., Carthage, NY 13619

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December 20, 2020



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

**PUBLIC MASSES BEING SAID WITH 50% CAPACITY
ALL THESE MASSES WILL BE SAID WITH
ABOUT 100 PEOPLE**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00SJ(ant.) - Christopher Sligar by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00SM @SJ - For the People of the Parishes

10:00SJ - Deceased members of Schreck/Burrell families
by Kathy Smith

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

11:30SJ - Rosary (NO NOVENA)

12:00SJ - Stanley Campany by family

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:00SJ - Antonio Avallone by Roseann Perry &
Kathy Latremore

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

3:00pmSJ - NO ADORATION

4:00pmSJ - Church decorating

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pmSJ(ant.) - For Vocations

6:00pmSM(ant.) @SJ - For the People of the Parishes

10:00pmSJ - For the People of the Parishes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00SJ(ant.) - Joseph N. & Elizabeth Shortt Renaud by
Dick, Elaine & Anne Renaud

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00SM @SJ - For the People of the Parishes

10:00SJ - Christopher Gamble by Grams & Gramps

**NOTE - Monday Mass time and Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday - Church Decorating
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times**

Calendar of Events -

Dec. 20 - Religious Ed classes, 9-9:45am (CAA)

Dec. 21 - Eucharistic Adoration, 3-6pm (SJ)

Dec. 22 - Advent Adult Ed Classes, 7pm (CR)

Dec. 23 - St. James Church Decorating, 4pm (SJ)

Dec. 28,29,30 - 200th Anniv. Celebration/Banquet Set up
9am-noon and 6pm-8:30pm (CAA Gym)

Dec. 28 - 200th Anniv. **SUB** Committee Meeting, 6pm CAA

Jan. 2 - 200th Anniv. Celebration/Banquet Take Down, 9am

K of C News -

On behalf of my brother Knights may you and your families
enjoy a blessed Christmas!

Brian Thompson, Grand Knight

Do you know of someone who is sick or homebound who
would like to have a pastoral visit or receive the Eucharist?

Name of Sick/Homebound: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Put in collection basket or give to Father

Augustinian Academy School News December 20, 2020

Our seventh and eighth grades prayed the Stations of the Crib
with the students on Friday, December 18th. It was a wonder-
ful way to reflect on the birth of Jesus!

On Dec. 21st and 22nd, the students will participate in a Christ-
mas Movie Trivia game prepared by the 7th & 8th graders. A
little fun as they prepare for vacation!

We will also have an Ugly Sweater Day on Monday so the
students can show off their creativity or ugliest sweater/
sweatshirt.

We will be closed for Christmas break from December 23rd –
January 4th.

Please contact us at mmargrey@augustinianacademy.org
or call and leave a message at 315-493-1301.

The students and staff of Augustinian Academy wish everyone
a very merry and blessed Christmas! We are truly blessed for
all you do to support us!



**Volunteers needed for 200th Anniversary New Year's Eve
Opening Celebration/Banquet –**

Looking for volunteers to set up and tear down: CAA GYM
Monday, December 28, Tuesday, December 29, and
Wednesday, December 30.

Hours 9am - noon and 6pm - 8:30pm each day.

Any questions, please call Joe Margrey- 315-493-1430

Clean up/Tear down - Saturday, January 21, 9am until complete

Bulletin Info Submission For Holiday Season

Weekend bulletin for Jan. 3 - info due to SJ by Dec. 22

Weekly Offerings

December 6, 2020

	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$11,313.00	Envelopes	\$1,031.00
Plate	\$387.00	Plate	\$130.00
TOTAL	\$11,700.00	TOTAL	1,161.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$6,977.00	Last Year	\$863.50

THANK YOU!



From the Pastor:

HAPPY 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MERRY CHRISTMAS!

What a year it has been! I would have never imagined a year ago that we would face a worldwide pandemic that would change our lives so dramatically. But still, even as our daily lives have been upended, one thing has not changed: the love of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We will celebrate his birth in just a few days.

If possible, I hope you and your family will join us for one of the Christmas Masses at St. James. I would love to see you but understand if you do not feel comfortable yet with public worship at this time. As we have been doing, we will follow all the necessary safety precautions outlined by the CDC and the Diocese. Because of the limited seating capacity, we are asking people who ordinarily attend the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass to attend a later one. There are Masses also at 6pm and 10pm. On Christmas morning, I will celebrate a 10am Mass.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!. The feast of Christmas is a feast of joy and peace. It is a day on which we call to mind the great love of God, Our Father, for all humankind. We recall that God now dwells among us, that He has entered into our time and our history and that we are truly His people. The peace of Christmas is the peace of God's loving presence, it is the peace of His Son, and His Spirit who lives among us and guides us. This is the peace that we are now called upon to share with others.

May the glory and the love of the infant Jesus fill your heart with joy. May every blessing of the Holy Season be yours. I want to thank you for your loyal and generous cooperation during the year, and wish you and your loved ones a truly happy Christmas and New Year blessed by the presence of Christ!

We have a Christmas gift for each family in both parishes. I decided NOT to give away diamond earrings and Rolex watches this year. At the end of Mass you will receive a beautiful CATHOLIC wall calendar - something you can't buy in the mall or the department store. This calendar with beautiful pictures of God's creation, highlights all of the Catholic holidays and feast days of the Church Year! Please be sure your family receives one.

Doctor Fauci warns that Christmas will be more of a challenge than Thanksgiving with COVID surging out of control. Many people have started to stockpile household supplies again, much like last Spring. I went out the other day to get my share! Does anyone know how long toilet paper will last if you freeze it?

St. Mary's News – December 20th

Bishop's Fund Report – 2020

Goal..... \$2,840.

Total to Date.....\$2,716.

Balance.....\$ 124.

Thanks for all the support.

Parents wishing to have religious education for their children may receive materials to study at home. Mrs. Elaine Gibeau & Sr. Mary Ellen are anxious to help.

Please call 315 – 688 – 2683 if you would like to develop your child's faith formation during this challenging time.

St. Mary's Church is open for the Wednesday Weekday Mass at 9:00am. Please spread the "Good News". Masks & Social Distancing. Thanks to all who clean the church.

Advent is a time of waiting, longing and asking. It's a time to pray, "Come Lord Jesus".

A Blessed Christmas and my promise of prayers to all. Stay safe and healthy.



Christmas 2020

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing..."
(Isaiah 9:1-2)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Abundant joy and great rejoicing" -- Isaiah's prayer is most welcome! We have been dwelling in the land of gloom for months. We are restless and ready to hear the Advent message of hope. We yearn to embrace once again the Christmas story of light, peace, and joy.

The Feast of Christmas is the time when it is the easiest to fight against discouragement and darkness. As we gaze upon the Infant Babe in the manger, God makes Himself so close that our hearts cannot remain fearful, anxious or troubled. As Pope Francis preached on the First Sunday of Advent, "Advent is the season for remembering the closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst." The Christmas hymns and the customs that surround this Feast are imbued with the profound joy of being saved—such Good News! Knowing that we are so loved and saved by God, we shiver with hope and joy before the nativity scene.

The birth of Jesus comes about because of the extraordinary faith of His mother Mary. Several months ago, the Diocese of Ogdensburg was consecrated to St. Joseph, her husband. He accepted the fact that Jesus is indeed the promised and long-awaited Savior. We desire the trust and deep faith that Mary and Joseph lived.

In the quiet and calm of sleep, Joseph's life was open to God's regenerative and sustaining love. The decisiveness with which Joseph acts upon his dreams reveals a man who already walks with God. Joseph will believe the angel's words, and this belief will sustain him in the face of challenging demands and arduous conditions.

In the unique demands made upon us in this pandemic, we, too, are determined to be open to God's regenerative and sustaining love. We, like Joseph, want to walk with the One Who bids us, "Follow Me." May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

St. James 200th Anniversary

You're Invited

An Evening of Celebration

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2020

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Augustinian Academy Gym

\$75 per couple

\$40 individual

Tickets can be purchased through the rectory

Or reservations can be made on website sj-sm.org

Tickets must be purchased by December 21 or until sold out

Dinner will include buffet featuring Prime Rib and Chicken provided by Zero Dock Street

This semi-formal event will kick-off a year of celebration and will feature music, trivia, and entertainment.

Masks and temperature screening will be required.

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