



## ***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** **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:**

**Contact the Rectory anytime**

#### **St. James Rectory**

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# MASS INTENTIONS

December 22, 2019  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

5:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8:00SM - Thomas Sweredoski by Penny & Bill Tyner

9:00SJ - *Divine Office /Rosary*

10:00SJ - Ronald Zehr by family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

5:30SJ - Stanley Company by family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00pmSJ (ant.)- For Vocations

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

10:00pmSJ - For the People of the Parishes

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

12:00SJ - Emily, Alma, Rita & David by Harold Dawes

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

8:00SM - For the People of the Parishes

9:00SJ - *Divine Office /Rosary*

10:00SJ -Arthur, Hattie & Ronnie Latremore by Don/Kathy

**NOTE:** Times for Christmas Masses

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 21-22 - Karen Jackson visit, 5pm & 10am (SJ)
- Dec. 22 - Church Decorating after 10am Mass (SJ)
- Dec. 22 - Advent Adult Enrichment Program, 6:30pm (CR)
- Jan. 2 - K of C Meeting, 7pm CR
- Jan. 5 - Little Flowers Girls Club, 11am-12:30pm (CR)
- Jan. 11 - Men of Faith, 8:30-10am (SJ Church)
- Jan 12 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am-noon (CR)
- Jan. 16 - Stone Soup Supper, 5:00-7:00pm (CR)
- Jan. 21 - Church Cleaning, 9am (SJ)

**Lost and Found** - A book titled *This is Our Faith* was found at St. James. Please call the rectory to claim it. 315-493-3224.

**2020 Lector Workbooks** - Are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please sign your name when you take yours.

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

### Weekly Offerings

December 8, 2019

	St. James		St. Mary's
Envelopes	\$6,398.00	Envelopes	\$660.00
Plate	\$579.00	Plate	\$203.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,977.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$863.50</b>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	1,754.80
Last Year	\$5,746.57	Last Year	\$947.00

**THANK YOU!**

## Augustinian Academy School News December 22, 2019

**Congratulations to our newest Saints:** Jordyn Mast, Jolynn Ulrich, Kayden Pate, Carson Williams, Braylie Higgins, Ben Luketic, Ethan McCain, Kate Dawson, Skylar Ernst, and Alexandra Petro! Keep up the good work!

The students and staff of Augustinian Academy wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! We are especially grateful at this time of the year for the gifts you have shared with us! We are truly blessed!

A few thank you's for the many events that happened in December:

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Business After Hours:** Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Schexnayder, Mrs. Lazore, Mrs. Mast, Mrs. Olley, Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Tolley...the food was absolutely delicious and the decorations were wonderful! Mrs. Claus spent the evening with us as Santa was busy checking his lists!
- Thank you for the wonderful **float**...the Normans, the Weekleys, the Caputos, the Hutchinsons, the Guzmans, the Ulrichs, Ms. Tavernier, Mrs. Lazore & Ms. Margrey for assembling it, and all the children who rode & parents who walked. A special thanks to Lisa Spear Woodward for sponsoring the float and the fabulous donation of candy!
- Thank you for all those who helped on Saturday with **Gingerbread decorating and Cookies & Cocoa** with Santa & Mrs. Claus... Mrs. Martin, Ms. Margrey, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Mast, Mrs. Workman and the Little Flowers, Anna, Mia, Martha, as well as Jordyn, Ben, Dominick, Shane, Bethanee, and Kenley. It was a wonderful day! Thank you to all who baked cookies for Santa especially the Ave Maria Circle ladies...he sampled them all!
- Many thanks to Mrs. Sligar and her helpers for a fantastic Santa's Shop! The students loved being able to shop for their families!

## Summary -St. James Parish Council Meeting-Dec. 10, 2019

**In Attendance:** Pastor, Joan Todd (trustee), Sister Annunciata, SSJ, Mary Ann and Joseph Margrey, Judy Nye, Darren Bracy, Joanne Norrgard (recording secretary) **Absent:** Patrick Britton, Barbara Kohler; **Guest:** Frank Skvorak

### Spiritual Life and Worship

- One RCIA candidate - Robert Houghton
- First Penance celebrated December 7
- New Altar Servers needed
- Advent and Christmas reviewed

### CAA

- Report given by Mary Ann Margrey

### Social

- Winter Gala - February 8, 2020 at Elks Club - Theme "Roaring 20's"

### New Business

- 2016 Capital Campaign follow-up discussed; Buildings and Grounds envelope inserted in envelope packet, to be taken up the first Sunday of each month
- 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal goal (\$19,000) reached
- 2020 St. James Fair - June 11, 12 & 13
- Bequest from Bette Shampine estate received - \$19,000
- Living Stones Pastoral Plan - 3 priorities/goals for St. James established: 1. Outreach to Unchurched 2. Strengthen Family Life with emphasis on Vocation Recruitment 3. Youth Ministry Development

**Catholic Charities** - Please help Catholic Charities help others in need by donating personal care items. A box has been set up in the parish/church. Items requested: soap, razors, shampoo, conditioner, diapers, wipes, dish soap, small laundry soap, etc. See the complete list on our bulletin boards.



# From the Pastor:

## HAPPY 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By now you know what the St. James and St. Mary's Mass schedule is for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. My only advice to you is this: if you and your family plan to attend the 4pm family Mass, come EARLY. If it is anything like last year, it will be very crowded and there will be no "saving of seats". In other words, someone from your family cannot come to St. James at 3pm and reserve a whole block of pews for the rest of the family who will arrive at 3:55pm. The beautiful St. James Choir will sing at the 10pm Mass and will provide us with many of the traditional Christmas hymns.

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 holydays and feast days of the Church Year! Please be sure your family receives one.

### Bulletin Info Submission For Holiday Season

Weekend bulletin for Jan. 5 – info due to SJ by Dec. 26

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** - The Diocese of Ogdensburg's **Retirement Plan for Priests** has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 33 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$900,000 in 2019-20. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$220,000 this Fiscal year, is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say thank you to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of our parish's annual Christmas Collection will be contributed to the priest's religious order to provide for the needs of our retired priests and others who will retire from active ministry in the future. Please be generous to the Christmas Collection and show your appreciation to your priests through your gift. Thank you so much!



Christmas 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)*

A constant theme that Pope Francis has incorporated into his teaching is that of accompaniment. Of course, the premier example of accompaniment is the Incarnation, that Joyful Mystery of our faith when God, born of the Virgin Mary, chose to accompany us on our earthly journeys. The Christmas story is a divine love story of accompaniment.

In our recent *ad limina* visit to Rome, the Holy Father spoke of the importance of the family and its tragic brokenness today. He urged us to accompany, with tenderness and care, members of broken families and to support struggling and strong families. We each have a role to play in the Christmas story as fellow companions in faith, beginning with those closest to us, our families.

So many persons need someone to lean on, someone to show them Jesus. Our Godparents and Confirmation sponsors will want to recommit themselves to accompanying the baptized and confirmed in their walk of faith. We enter more fully the Christmas story when we take the time to understand and support the fearful migrant, the confused teen, the depressed homeless, the victim of abuse, the mentally ill, the desperate addict, the overwhelmed parent, the forgotten elderly. No one should walk alone.

Christmas is the divine reminder that our God never forgets us. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life who never leaves us alone. It is no wonder that this is a time of great hope, joy and peace. The Christmas story is our love story! For the faithful one, we know how the story ends. As the New Year approaches, let us turn the page to a new chapter in our story. *Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled*, we seek to be the companion whose own personal encounter with Jesus becomes the witness for others to want to seek the Prince of Peace.

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

**Adoration for Vocations** - The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations into the Priesthood and Religious Life on Saturday, December 28, 2019, from 10am to 12 Noon at St. Patrick's Church. We extend our welcome for all to join us and share some moments in prayer.

**K of C News** - On behalf of my brother Knights, best wishes and prayers for a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

### 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

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