

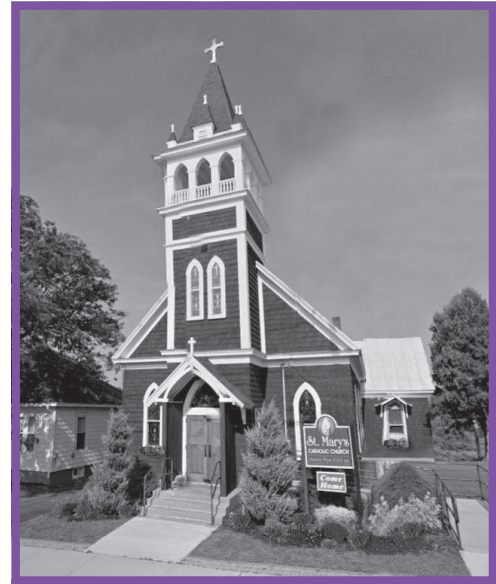
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First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821

Present Church Dedicated 1866



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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

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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

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December 24, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00SJ(ant.) - Clyde & Leona Shampine 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(ant.) - 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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00SJ - William Walseman by the Woods family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00SM - Helen Liola by Dianne Lawler & family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

8:00SM - Mary O'Rourke by Dawn & Ron Burns

10:00amSJ - Catherine Sinicropi by Mary Lou Peebles

4:00pmSJ(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

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

MONDAY - JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

11:00amSJ - For the intentions of Rose Ball by Steve & Jeanne

NOTE: Please note Mass days & times

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 3 - St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 7pm (SM)

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

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

Jan. 7 - Little Flowers Girl's Club, 11-12:30pm (CR)

Jan. 9 - Women of Grace, 10am (CR)

Jan. 11 - Women of Grace, 6:30pm (Rectory)

Jan. 13 - Men of Faith, 8:30-10am (SJ Church)

Jan. 14 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am - noon (CR)

Creating a culture of vocation... *CHRIST SPOKE of the talents each one of us has, talents that must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.*

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 **supportourgroupp.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!

Augustinian Academy School News December 24, 2017

We are grateful to Carthage Central for inviting our students to a special program with Jared Campbell. He had a powerful message delivered with music: reminding us that everyone has value & we should appreciate it every day! Thank you!

Thank you to the MacGregor family and their helpers for the wonderful float Augustinian Academy had in the Twin Village Christmas parade! A big thank you to our families who participated in the parade, especially those who rode on the float or walked with it! These special events add so many precious memories for our students!

Augustinian Academy will be closed for Christmas vacation. We will reopen on January 2nd.

The students & staff of Augustinian Academy wish everyone a blessed and joyful Christmas! We are grateful for all you do to support us! Many blessings to everyone!

Knights of Columbus - The winner of the K of C - 50/50, Keep Christ In Christmas drawing was Marco Franchini - \$606. Thank you for your participation.

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.

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.

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.

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.



From the Pastor:

HAPPY 4th SUNDAY OF AVENT.....
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This is an unusual last Sunday of Advent. It actually is only a few hours long before the celebration of Christmas takes place.

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. For the past 2 years, we have given away a spiritual reading book for each family. This year I decided to give away something different. You will be mighty surprised when you exit the church today. I sure hope you like the diamond earrings and Rolex watches you will receive at the end of Mass!

The St. Joseph of Cupertino fraternity of the 3rd Order of Secular Franciscans will meet on Saturday, January 27th at St. Anthony's Parish for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The regular monthly meeting will be the following day, Sunday, January 28th. Everyone is welcome to both of these events.

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 GIFTS
Door Prizes Drinks
Alcoholic & Non

Christmas 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have asked the youth of our Diocese to provide me with a cover design for this year's Christmas card. I received many fine pieces of art, many of which were captioned with verses from Scripture. One citation that surfaced on a few cards is from St. Luke's Infancy Narrative: "**The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'**" (Luke 2:10)

What an appropriate message for each of us to reflect upon this Christmas. We should give careful attention to this angelic proclamation that offers such hope and heavenly happiness to all people. Fear, bad news and division seem to be having their way in our world today. In the midst of such darkness, we remember that there is no reason to be afraid because God brings Good News of great joy for all of God's people through His Son, born of Mary.

"Do not be afraid." I need not provide a list of serious concerns that today cause so many to fear what tomorrow may bring. No matter the heartache, this is a season of hope and joy. Jesus is the One who rescues humanity from sin and delivers us from the condition of alienation from God. With His birth, the Christ Child brings an unfathomable gift that we must unwrap to enjoy. He brings salvation to all humanity. But in order to enjoy the salvation won for us, our personal encounter with Jesus must be tended to through a lifelong journey of love and service.

Just a few weeks ago, I consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We know that Mary submitted humbly and totally to God's will, even without fully understanding it. By saying "yes" to God's mysterious will, she enabled salvation to enter the world through the birth of her Son. We must tug at her sleeve, she who desires so much to lead us, all of us, to Jesus.

We want to follow Jesus. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we can be hope-filled and not weighed down by the menace of evil. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and greet a New Year, let us unwrap the gift of salvation offered by making Mary's words our own: "*Let it be done to me according to thy word.*"

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. Mary's News: Dec. 31st

Thanks to all for the many Christmas wishes. You are a big blessing to me and St. Mary's Parish.

Jan. 3rd - Altar & Rosary Meeting following the praying of the rosary at 7pm

Jan. 7th - No Coffee & Donuts this month. Stay tuned for what is coming!!!

St. Mary's Bishop Fund Goal: \$2840
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