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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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Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

## February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord

MASS INTENTION

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:00SJ(ant.) - Stephen Paragon by St. James Good Samaritan Society

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James 10:00SJ - James Cassoni Jr. by Ellie & family

### Monday, February 3

9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ - Communion Service

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Communion Service

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

No Mass or Communion Service

2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary

3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Communion Service

10:00-11:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

## FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - SCHOOL MASS

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Emily Ross by St. James Parish Office Staff

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:00SJ(ant.) - Randi Lynn Newman Brotherton - 1st Anniv. by Mom & Dad

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James 10:00SJ - Jeffery Davis by Mom, Dad & family

#### Calendar of Events:

Feb. 4 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6:30pm (CR)

Feb. 6 - KofC fellowship and meeting, 6&7pm

Feb. 9 - Pancake Breakfast

Feb.11 - St James Fair Meeting, 6:00pm (CR)

Feb. 12 - Worship/Liturgy Meeting, 3:00pm (CR)

Feb 15 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be on **First Friday**, **February 7** after the 9:30am Mass. You are invited to come and spend an hour in prayer. Nocturnal Adoration is 6pm until 7am, Saturday.

	Weekly (	Offerings			
January 19, 2025					
St. James		St. Mary's			
Envelopes	\$4,810.00	Envelopes	\$610.00		
Plate	\$631.00	Plate	\$144.00		
TOTAL	\$5,441.00	TOTAL	\$754.00		
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80		
Last Year	\$6,767.00	Last Year	\$1,161.00		
	THAN	X YOU!			

## Making a Pilgrimage

The Jubilee Year offers everyone opportunities to participate in jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses.

Pope Francis opened the first Holy Door, marking the beginning of the Jubilee of Hope, at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors were opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.

"In Catholic tradition, the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation — the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus," explained Pope Francis in <u>Spes Non Confundit</u> (Hope Does Not Disappoint), the papal bull officially proclaiming the Holy Year of 2025.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd.

For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world have designated cathedrals, shrines, and churches within their dioceses as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

Pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Ogdensburg by deanery:

## Adirondack Deanery

St. Alphonsus Church in Tupper Lake

St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge

St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga

## Clinton-Franklin Deanery

St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh Mother Cabrini Shrine in West Peru Notre Dame Church in Malone

#### Jefferson-Lewis Deanery

St. Mary's Church in Clayton Holy Family Church in Watertown St. Stephen's Church in Croghan

#### St. Lawrence Deanery

St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

St. Mary's Church in Canton

## Prayer: World Day for Consecrated Life

God of all goodness,

you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

To Benefit Augustinian Academy

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 AM Till 12:00 PM St. James Community Room, Carthage

## **MENU**

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Sausage, Baked Goods, Juice, and Coffee

## **PRICE**

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# One Minute Meditations

## St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Jerome led a wayward life while a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. Soon after returning to Venice, he began studying

for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518. With the devastation from the war came famine and plague.

At his own expense, St.

Jerome cared for the victims left behind, especially the children. For this purpose, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somasca, in Somasca, Italy.

## Imitating Christ in the world

When Jesus said, "I am the way" (John 14:6), He meant for us to follow Him and live as He lived. He ate, slept, worked, and cared for friends and family, much like we do. Now, ordinary life, lived in union with Christ, can be an opportunity of grace for us.

"All the feasts in the Church's calendar are events of remembrance and hence events of hope." Pope Benedict XVI

## "I choose Heaven!"

Our time on Earth is but a fleeting moment compared to the vastness of eternity. Yet, we often prioritize earthly concerns over preparing for Heaven. Jesus reminds us of the right priority: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides" (Matthew 6:33). When we put God first, He faithfully provides for our every need.

What are your true priorities? Your daily routine is a reflection of your heart. Pause and consider: What consumes your time and energy? The things that dominate your schedule are the true indicators of your priorities. If they are pulling you away from God, it's time to reevaluate and make a change.

Where do you turn for guidance? When faced with decisions, do you seek advice from friends, social media, or colleagues, or do you turn to prayer and Scripture? Aligning our choices with God's wisdom leads to lasting fulfillment and peace. Resolve to trust His direction over the fleeting opinions of the world. When we place our decisions in His hands, we can move forward with confidence.

Do you trust God with your happiness? God's promises assure us of His perfect plan: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). If trusting Him feels difficult, invite Him into your doubts and fears. Ask Him to reveal His goodness and faithfulness—He will answer, because He is always near.

Refocus your heart and trust God's plan for your life. Let go of distractions, realign your priorities, and step into the peace that comes from seeking Him first.

# Why Do Catholics Do That

# Why are Catholics only baptized once?

The Catholic Church teaches that Baptism is the gateway to the Christian life, marking the beginning of our communion with God.

Through this Sacrament, we are adopted as God's children and permanently sealed as His own. Baptism transforms us into new creations, opening our hearts to

grace, strengthening us against sin, and deepening our love for God and others (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1121).

Because this sacred mark is everlasting, Baptism is received only once, signifying our eternal bond with God and call to holiness.

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## **Trusting God in unexpected moments**

Imagine you're at a wedding celebration for your friends. The atmosphere is lively, the music is playing, and everyone is enjoying themselves—until you overhear a troubling conversation. The kitchen has run out of wine. Due to an oversight, the caterers didn't bring enough, and with all the stores closed, the situation seems hopeless. What now?

"They have no wine" (John 2:3). Moments of crisis can catch us off guard, but they don't have to shake us. When Mary encountered this dilemma at the wedding in Cana, she didn't panic or place blame. Instead, she turned to the one she knew could help—her Son, Jesus. With confidence, she simply informed Him of the need, trusting fully in His ability to provide.

"Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5). These profound words, Mary's last recorded in Scripture, offer us a powerful lesson. When we bring our problems to God, He often invites us to be part of the solution. Trusting Him means being open to His direction, even when it leads to unexpected actions. The servants at Cana likely didn't anticipate filling massive jars with water, yet their obedience led to an extraordinary outcome—the finest wine, far surpassing anything they could have imagined. With God, the impossible becomes possible.

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## Luke 6:27-38, The demands of merciful love

In this Gospel passage, Jesus challenges our natural sense of fairness by commanding us to "love your enemies ... lend expecting nothing in return ... and forgive." These teachings contrast with the Old Testament principle of "an eye for an eye," which aimed to prevent excessive punishment, and the idea of exchanging favors as a sign of gratitude.

However, human justice can lead to destructive cycles of retaliation and diminish the sincerity of generosity. When giving is tied to expectations, it becomes difficult

to discern whether kindness is motivated by love or the hope of something in return.

Jesus invites us to embrace God's justice—one that surpasses human understanding. God's love is not conditional or transactional; it is generous, selfless, and freely given to all, regardless of merit.

As children of God, we are called to reflect His love by extending kindness, forgiveness, and generosity without expectation. In doing so, we move beyond human limitations and participate in God's perfect justice.

## Feasts & Celebrations

February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the longawaited Savior (Luke 2:29-32).

February 10 - St. Scholastica (543). Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles from her brother's monastery.

February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders (13th century). Seven

Italian noblemen who withdrew from the immorality of the times to live in prayer, simplicity and penance. Their order, the Servants of Mary, was later approved by the Holy See in 1304.

February 23 - St. Polycarp (155). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John the Evangelist, and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.

## What do icons offer & to our devotional

Icons are a revered form of sacred art. These sacred images carry a deep historical and theological significance, rich in symbolism and spiritual depth. Recognizable by their distinctive "flattened" style, vivid colors, and frequent use of gold backgrounds, icons often depict significant events from the lives of Jesus, Mary, and the saints, offering a window into their mystical and spiritual dimensions.

At first glance, the stylized, twodimensional nature of icons, coupled with the direct gaze of the figures, can feel unfamiliar or even challenging to engage with in prayer. It is often recommended to begin by spending just five minutes a day in quiet reflection before an icon, gradually increasing the duration over time. There is no need to rush—prayer with icons is a contemplative journey, and as we remain open and attentive, the Holy Spirit gradually unveils their deeper meaning to us.

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#### St. Mary's News - February 2, 2025

Reminder to Altar & Rosary Members:

No meeting for Jan, Feb or March. If you have an issue, please let MJ Fleming know. We will be using our membership calling list to circulate information.

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

Feb 1&2 - Pennies collections

Feb 6 - KofC fellowship and meeting, 6&7pm

Feb 7 - First Friday

Feb 9 - Pancake Breakfast with Ave Maria Circle

Feb 15 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am.

Serving families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Tom Wojcikowski, Grand Knight

## **Ave Maria Circle Upcoming Events:**

2/4/25 - Monthly meeting, CR, 6:30 PM

2/9/25 - Pancake breakfast with KofC

New members always welcomed!

Heidi Marshall

President



## World Day for Consecrated Life (Sunday)

"The Church must keep the lamp of hope burning and clearly visible, so that it may continue to shine as a sure sign of salvation." (Pope Francis). This "lamp of hope" must be kept burning bright and shining in the world today. As we begin the **Jubi-**

lee Year of Hope: Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace, the Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on February 2. The Church honors consecrated men and women who have radically set aside their lives to serve Christ and His Church by means of their vowed lives of poverty, chastity and obedience within their respective religious community or living in the world for the sake of the Gospel. Let us pray for each of our Religious Congregations who continually pray for and serve the needs of the People of the North Country and to pray for more vocations to the Consecrated Life.

<u>Confessions</u> - will be held in the Sacristy during the flu season.

<u>Volunteers are needed</u> - to clean the St. James Rectory, twice a month. General cleaning, dust and vacuum. Please call the Rectory - 315-493-3224

EM Training - More Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the Saturday, 4pm Mass. If you are interested, Please call the Rectory 315-493-3224. Training date to be determined.

Religious Education - Joanne Lazore teaches St. James and St. Mary's Religious Education Program for 1st grade and up, from 6:00-7:15pm on Sunday evening at Augustinian Academy School. Classes began October 27, at 6:00pm, but it is not too late to register. Please complete a registration form and submit it to Augustinian Academy. Registration forms are available in the back of church, at the Rectory Office, or at the Augustinian Academy Office, and on the Academy Facebook page. Registration can also be completed on the first day of class.

This weekend we welcome Fr. John K. Ojuok, from St. Peter's Church, Lowville to St. James and St. Mary's, while Fr. Todd goes on Vacation. - Welcome Fr. John



Through the generous support of more than 6,200 households across the diocese, the 2024 Bishop's Fund Appeal has surpassed its goal of \$1,330,000. This generosity will allow the Diocese of Ogdensburg to continue to its mission to meet others on their journey of faith through the proclamation of

the Gospel, the celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments, and in the loving service of our neighbors. The programs and ministries of the Bishop's Fund Appeal encourage deeper prayer life and spiritual knowledge, strengthening our families and welcoming those who feel disaffected or marginalized.

In responding to the generosity, Bishop's LaValley commented "I am profoundly grateful to the many parishioners in our North Country churches who have so generously supported the mission of the Diocese of Ogdensburg with their contributions to the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. On behalf of the many individuals and families we serve through our programs, ministries, and outreach efforts: THANK YOU! I also wish to extend my deep appreciation to our priests and deacons whose strong leadership and personal contributions support this vital appeal each year."

As of January 23, the total gifts received are \$1,375,614.55 with an additional \$90,866.65 remaining in pledges promised. The Bishop's Fund Office will continue to receive payments on pledges until the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2025.

The Bishop's Fund Appeal continues to provide the following programs and ministries of the Diocese of Ogdensburg: Education of Seminarians; Family Life Ministry; Natural Family Planning; Respect Life Ministry; Formation for Ministry Program; Office of the New Evangelization; Continuing Education and Formation of Priests; Priests' Graduate Studies; Vocations; Permanent Deacons; Deacon Formation; Tuition Assistance Program; Campus Ministry Program; Matching Gifts to Catholic Schools; Department of Faith Formation; Youth Ministry; Young Adult Ministry; Guggenheim Center; Department of Worship and the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

It is our hope that 6,700 households will participate in this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. We are currently 480 households away from our participation goal. All funds received over this year's goal will provide additional emergency grants to individuals and families through the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund. During the year, many families and individuals reach out to their pastor for help with unexpected emergencies. Pastors, on behalf of a parishioner or community member requests Bishop LaValley's assistance to help the person or family in need. Grant requests for assistance from Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund continue to be on the rise with many of our North Country neighbors in urgent need of assistance due to illness and high medical costs, heating costs, home repairs and loss of homes to fire. The Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund also provides assistance to food pantries, soup kitchens, outreach centers and snack pack programs so that they may continue to help families in need

If you have made a pledge to the 2024-2025 Bishop's Fund Appeal, you are encouraged to mail your final pledge payment before **June 15, 2025**. If you have not made a gift or wish to make an additional gift, donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or made online at

www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund.

<u>Church Contributions</u> - If you would like a copy of your church contributions for the past year, please call the parish office and a copy will be mailed to you for tax purposes. 315-493-3224



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