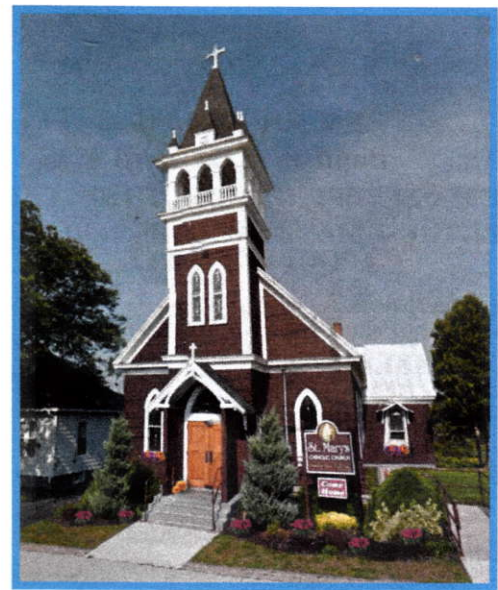


### *St. James*

*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  
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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.*

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**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:

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**January 10, 2021**

# MASS INTENTIONS

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

PUBLIC MASSES BEING SAID WITH 50% CAPACITY

ALL THESE MASSES WILL BE SAID WITH ABOUT 100 PEOPLE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:00SM @SJ - Leo Archer by Helena Archer

10:00SJ - Sue Staab by Joe & Mary Ann Margrey

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

5:00SJ - Rosary (NO NOVENA)

5:30SJ - Fr. James T. Spenard O.S.A. by Richards family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

12:00SJ - Staff Sgt. Joseph Schreck by Kathy Smith

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:00SM - Ron Gaines by Jim & Betty Wilton

3:00-6:00pmSJ - Eucharistic Adoration

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00SJ - Katie Bezanilla by Dick & Sheri Gamble

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00SJ - Communion Service Today

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

5:00SJ(ant.) - Ronald Buckingham by St. James Choir

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:00SM @SJ - Douglas Hebert by Kathy Smith

10:00SJ - For the People of the Parishes

NOTE - Thursday - 9am Mass

Friday - Communion Service

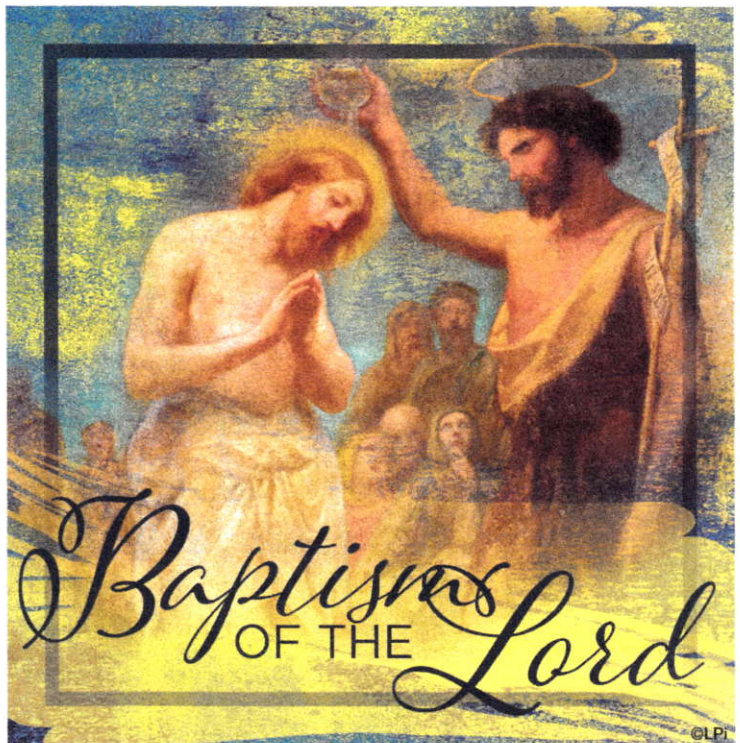
**Augustinian Academy School News January 10, 2021**

I am excited to report we have been approved for a grant through the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation: **“Establishing Wholistic & Healthy Activities for After-School Programs.”** This grant was written to provide opportunities for healthy activities to meet the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional well-being of the students. We will be planning these events during January. Once they become available, we will share the information! They will be open to all students!

Congratulations to the Students of Augustinian Academy! They have been recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US Auxiliary for their work in supporting our local Veterans. Our local VFW Auxiliary nominated our students to be recognized for **“Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans Youth Activities Award”** because of their efforts to thank our local veterans by delivering meals to our retired veterans and sending treats to our active duty soldiers. Keep up the great work!

Students in grades 3 – 8 will participate in practice computer-based English Language Arts Assessments this week. This will help them prepare for the assessments scheduled for the spring.

Religious Education classes resume today for students in grades 1 – 6.



*Calendar of Events -*

Jan. 9 - Men of Faith, 8:30 - 10am (SJ)

Jan. 10 - Religious Ed classes, 9-9:45am (CAA)

Jan. 11 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 6pm (CR)

Jan. 12 - 200th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 7pm (CR)

**The Good Samaritan Society** - would like to thank everyone who donated food, clothes, toys and money for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Our church family is generous and caring all year round. God Bless you all.

**Weekly Offerings**

December 27, 2020

	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$3,475.00	Envelopes	\$2,870.00
Plate	\$308.00	Plate	\$110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,783.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$9,938.07</b>	<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$1,754.80</b>
Last Year	\$5,172.75	Last Year	\$1,064.50

THANK YOU!

**Weekly Offerings**

January 3, 2021

	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$9,079.00	Envelopes	\$532.00
Plate	\$491.00	Plate	\$91.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,570.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$623.00</b>
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$9,938.07</b>	<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$1,754.80</b>
Last Year	\$6,730.00	Last Year	\$1,300.00

THANK YOU!

# Growing in FAITH™

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Rev. Donald Robinson, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Tough times?

Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.



### Tune out the world and tune into Go

In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God's voice.

*"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"* (Philippians 4:6).



## Give the gift of friendship in the New Year

When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

Make spending time together a priority. Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected. Video conferencing has become a staple of daily life; consider organizing regular get togethers with friends and family using your favorite conferencing program.

Help other people feel important. No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

Celebrate your friends' successes. A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

Value differences. Don't try to change your loved ones.

Celebrate their diversity.

Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

Don't forget old friends. Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics honor the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross, and circled by a crown of thorns.



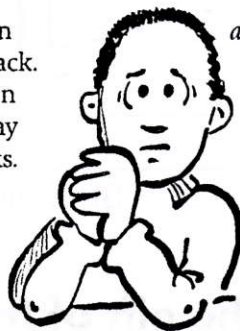
Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.

# “What do you want from me, Lord?”

God gives to us freely, but what does he want in return? Simply put, God wants us to love Him back.

**Know Him.** God made each of us with a space in our heart just for Him. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things, but nothing else fits. When we turn to Him, the reward is beyond our dreams.

**Love Him.** Jesus said, *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,*



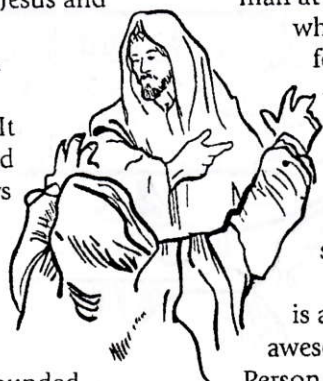
*and with all your mind”* (Matthew 22:37). He wants us to surrender to his infinite love. Show your love by praying frequently, seeking Communion with Him often, and praising Him continually.

**Serve Him.** *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”* (Matthew 25:40). When we make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he wants from us.

## from Scripture

### Mark 1:21-28, God’s authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, “Thus says the Lord...” Instead Jesus said, *“I say to you ...”* He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.



man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God’s power and authority isn’t just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, “Jesus is Lord,” then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

**Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century).** Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

**Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century).** Timothy was a convert of St. Paul’s and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul’s, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



## Q & A How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an “imprimatur” printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an



imprimatur generally means that a bishop’s office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral

errors. It may be accompanied by a “nihil obstat” (Latin for “nothing stands in the way”) which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions.

It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God’s infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.

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## From the Pastor:

### Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

and it ends the Christmas Season in our Church. Sadly, we will take down the Christmas decorations in our Churches. Today after the St. James, 10am Mass, we will remove the decorations from the Church. Can you give us a hand with the job? Many hands make light work!

Thanks to all who sent me Christmas cards, gifts and delicious goodies! I appreciated your kindness. I received many sweets. You probably have noticed that I have packed on a few extra pounds this holiday season. I have already chosen a new diet plan for 2021 so I can shed this extra weight.

I want to extend a special thanks to all who helped make our Christmas celebration a beautiful liturgical experience for both parishes. I thank all those who in any way helped to plan, prepare, or minister at any of our Christmas Masses. I thank the following groups of people: Deacon Richard Staab; our Seminarians, Youmarcks Jacques and Nicholas Olley; Sister Mary Ellen, SSJ and Sister Annunciata, SSJ for all their assistance; the Worship/Liturgy Committee representing both parishes; our organist, Michael Perfetto, and the leaders of song; ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers; our custodian, Dan Leary, and his helpers who set up all of the trees, etc.; Debbie Kepler who coordinated the decorating of St. James and all those who helped decorate the churches from both parishes; the Altar Rosary Society ladies from St. Mary's; the Ave Maria Circle who baked all those delicious cookies for Sister Annunciata and I to take to the homebound parishioners (We only snitched a few of them); the Knights of Columbus; Thomas Bankard who set up the beautiful St. James Creche; Joe Margrey and Nick Olley who prepared the altar servers; OUR ENTIRE PASTORAL STAFF AND ANYONE I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN WHO HELPED IN ANYWAY.....THANKS TO ALL!

Special thanks to the Good Samaritan Society and the parishioners from both parishes who contributed food supplies to their respective parish for Christmas food baskets for those in need. I am so proud of all our parishioners who helped to support, donate food or give Christmas presents to children from the Advent Giving Tree. Your response to the Christmas food drive and the angel tree gifts was outstanding again the year. This is indicative of your thoughtfulness and generosity. Over 50 baskets of food with gifts were made available to many in need, thanks to the combined generosity of so many people. The Good Samaritan Society and other generous parishioners once again are to be commended for their work in this regard.

I am sorry to report the St. James 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kick-off event - New Year's Eve Banquet and Party - was cancelled. Because only a few people registered for the event and out of an abundance of caution because of COVID, we believe we made the right decision in cancelling the celebration. It was imperative to keep everyone attending the celebration safe and when that was called into question, we had no other choice. The original plan was to have an event each of the 12 months of the year and we would still like to have a different celebration later in the month of January. I will keep you posted. (continued next column)....

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I took a survey among many of the parishioners from St. James and St. Mary's and I asked them the question:

"What did the Year 2020 teach you about yourself?"

These are the top 10 responses:

1. I am actually just lazy. I couldn't find time in 6 months at home to vacuum?
2. I don't need acrylic nails and hair color to feel beautiful.
3. I don't have to go shopping every day.
4. I took too much for granted.
5. My home is way more important to me than I realized.
6. How much I enjoy cooking, baking, and sharing with friends.
7. The events of 2020 taught me just how precious hugs are.
8. I really like gin and cheese.
9. I'm a toilet paper snob.
10. When my mom said, "Go find something to do! Learn to enjoy your own company!", she was really training me for 2020.

### St. Mary's News – January 10, 2021

Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. These words of Baptism were said at the time of your Baptism. Do you know the date of your Baptism?

Our Pastor, Fr. Don Robinson, baptized the following at St. Mary's Church during 2020

Garrett R. Zehr – 8/16/20

Sawyer Jo Gaines – 10/3/20

Quinn R. Swartzentruber – 10/3/20

Ivy K. Swartzentruber – 10/03/20

Ava B. Gingerich – 12/19/20

Congratulations to our 2020 Bishop's Fund supporters - St. Mary's has reached our Goal of \$2,840

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". Stop in church to visit & pray before the crib scene. Masks & Social Distancing. Thanks to all who clean & decorate the church.

Let us continue to pray for each other during these challenging times. God bless.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### St. James Baptisms - 2020

Burke Elizabeth Young - 02-23-2020

Lachlan Paul Eberly - 04-05-2020

Robert Alan Houghton - 08-15-2020

Timothy John Gibeau - 08-27-2020

Mylee Ann Campeau - 10-17-2020

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