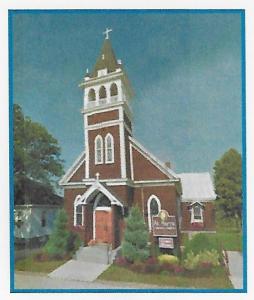


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First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821
Present Church Dedicated 1866

Website: www.sj-sm.org



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. 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

January 7, 2024

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January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:00SJ(ant.) - For Living & Deceased Members of Ave Maria Circle

Sunday, January 7

8:00SM - Floyd Company by Cliff & Sue Mattis & family 9:00SJ - *Rosary*

10:00SJ - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

Monday, January 8

9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Joyce Becker by Joe & Mary Ann Margrey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00SM - Deceased members of Green & Doyle families

2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary

3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Susan Tavernier by Judy Nye

10:00-11:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Mary Graves Fisher by St. James Pastor & Rectory Staff

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

4:00SJ(ant.) - Joseph A. Abbass by George Ablan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James

9:00SJ - Rosary

10:00SJ - Mom & Dad Ashcroft by their children

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 6-7 - Pennies Collections, after Masses

Jan. 6 & 13 - Book Study Discussion Group, 9-10:30am(CR)

Jan. 6 - Ave Maria Epiphany Dinner, after 4pm Mass (Elks Club)

Jan. 14 - K of C Pancake Breakfast, 8am - Noon (CR)

Jan. 14 - Right to Life March, 1:50pm @ Former KofC Hall

Jan. 18 - Stone Soup Supper, 4:30 till gone (CR)

Jan. 20 - Mens Rosary, 8:30 (SJ)

Jan. 20 - 1st Reconciliation, 10:00am (SJ)

Feb. 10 - CAA 20th Annual Gala, 5:00pm (Elks Club)

	December 24	, 2023	
St.	James	St. M	ary's
Envelopes	\$4,538.77	Envelope s	\$760.00
Plate TOTAL	\$1,386.00 \$5,924.7 7	Plate TOTAL	\$14.00 \$774.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$3,960.00 Snow- 2 Masses Cancelled-Only 4pm & 10am held	Last Year	\$-0- Snow - 6pm Mass Cancelled
	THANK Y	OU!	

Weekly Offerings

You're invited!!!

What: Augustinian Academy's 20th annal Gala:

'Hula in the Snow'

When: Saturday, February 10, 2024 doors open at

5pm.

Where: Elks Club, Carthage

What: Grab your flower leis and hula skirts and get ready for a fabulous evening of dancing, dining and more at our Luau themed Gala! Dine on a delicious menu with tropical flare. Live Tropical music will be provided by The Patti Stanford Band! Enjoy our silent auction and other raffles. Prizes for best dressed and lots of other surprises throughout the evening.

Special pre-sale for parishioners will start Sunday, January 7th after the 10am Mass. Ticket sales for the general public will begin January 15th. Tickets are \$35 each and will also be available for purchase at the school office (315-493-1301). Representatives from the Academy will be selling tickets after St. James Masses Jan 7 (pre-sale), Jan 13/14 (pre-sale), Jan 20/21, Jan 27/28. The last day to purchase tickets is strictly February 2nd.

CAA Bountiful Basket Winners

Lego Basket - Sophia Kozacka	Taco Night - Mariah Strife
Creativity - Murphy Coffey	Game Night - Anne Covey
Snow Day - Ruth Brady	Tailgate - Barbara Hansen
Camping - Rosey Stevens	Sunshine - Tom Wojcikowski
Gift Cards - Akissi Family	Lottery - Melissa Witner
	Lego Basket - Sophia Kozacka Creativity - Murphy Coffey Snow Day - Ruth Brady Camping - Rosey Stevens Gift Cards - Akissi Family

<u>Wednesday Adoration</u> - We are blessed to have Adoration at St James, every Wednesday from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

We are currently in need of parishioners willing to make the commitment to keep our Lord company, especially from 4:00pm - 5:00pm and from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

Our Lord will never be outdone in generosity and is waiting for you. If you can make the commitment to the 4:00pm or the 5:00pm hour, please call, or text, Kathi at 315-783-2230, or call the parish office at 315 493 3224.

Bereavement Committee - Is looking for new members to assist with helping families of the deceased, plan for their funeral. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please call the St. James Rectory 315-493-3224.

<u>Retirement Plan for Priests</u> – Thank you for your generous gift to our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish, we forward the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

Baptism Classes - To be offered by Deacon Staab, in Community Room, after 10am Masses, on 1st & 3rd Sundays. If you have a first child that needs to be Baptized, this class is for you. Please call the rectory to register, 315-493-3224.

	Weekly C	Offerings	
	December		
St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$3,870.00	Envelopes	\$1,080.00
Plate	\$554.00	Plate	\$153.00
TOTAL	\$4,424.00	TOTAL	\$1,233.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$6,171.00	Last Year	\$1,683.00
	THANK	YOU!	



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January 2024

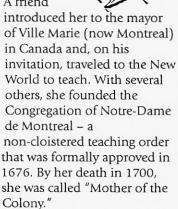
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One Minute Meditations

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Born at Troyes, France in 1620, St. Marguerite

consecrated
herself to God
and became
a missionary.
A friend



Celebrate life

January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time to recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in His eyes from the moment of conception to a natural death. Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17).

This year, don't neglect "the one thing needful"

When St. Martha complained to Jesus that her sister, Mary, was sitting at His feet instead of helping to host Him, He corrected Martha for

neglecting the "one thing .. needful" (Luke 10:42)

- intimacy with
Him. In the New
Year, resolve not to
neglect the "one
thing needful"
and remain
intimate with
Him.

chapel every day.

Build an "inner chapel."
While on mission in the world, St.
Catherine of Siena maintained an "inner chapel" in her soul to speak with God, heart to heart. Jesus urged us to do the same (Matthew 6:6). Shut out the world for a while and take refuge in your inner

Sit at His feet. Mary believed in Jesus and gave Him her best. He must be our hope, our salvation, our all. This is absolutely necessary.

Encounter Him in
others. Mother Teresa
said, "Until you can
hear Jesus in the
silence of your own
heart, you will not
be able to hear Him
saying 'I thirst' in
the hearts of the
poor." The closer we
grow to God, the
better we'll "see"
and love Him in
others.

Serve Him.

Although Mary wasn't waiting on Christ like Martha, she was ministering to him in a deeper and truer sense. No one serves Christ better than by hearing His Words and doing His will.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why was Jesus was baptized?

Although sinless Himself, Jesus allowed St. John the Baptist to baptize Him to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By this action, Jesus signaled His willingness to take away our sins by His death and bring us new life by His Resurrection. It

was also by His baptism
that Jesus instituted
Baptism as a Sacrament –
the Sacrament by which
we're sanctified and
recreated as children of
God. We are mystically
baptized into Jesus'
death, to be raised by
Him in glory.

Reclaim the Name

January is the month traditionally devoted to honoring the holy name of Jesus. What can we do to reclaim reverence for His name in a culture that considers it to be just another word?

Bow your head. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). Make a slight, reverent nod whenever you hear Jesus' name in public, in conversation, on TV or in movies.

Offer a prayer. Don't hesitate to ask others not to misuse God's or Jesus' names. If they don't

respond, offer a prayer of reparation: "I kneel before Thee and offer Thee reparation; I would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy name."

> Don't normalize blasphemy. Curate the media you watch, listen to, or sing along with. Avoid songs, shows, or movies in which Jesus's name is disrespected. We are called to strive for holiness, not worldliness. More importantly, it's a way to give Christ the reverence and love He is due.

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Mark 1:21-28, What God says happens

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and His apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered on 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.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, He gave them a sign. He further demonstrated His authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate 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.





January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, but also acknowledge Jesus as true God and true Man.

January 8 - Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began His public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

January 26 - St. Paula (404). After

her husband - a Roman senator named Toxotius – died, St. Paula gave up her wealthy lifestyle for the Gospel, devoting herself to prayer, poverty, and charitable works. She also befriended and supported St. Jerome in translating the Vulgate.

January 31 - St. John Bosco (1888). Moved by the plight of the young, abandoned boys in Rome, St. John opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for them in shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.



Q What to do **&** when prayer **A** feels flat.

"I just don't feel close to God." "Is He really listening?" In fact, God is constantly pursuing us in love, wanting to share His joy with us (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1). Yet, even the most passionate prayer life can feel flat sometimes. Try these tips to keep

prayer fresh: Cultivate gratitude.

Although God never abandons us, factors like health or mood can affect our prayer. St. Alphonsus

Liguori recommended, "Often recall the loving way in which [God] has acted toward you." Reviewing our blessings helps us appreciate God's love for us over time.

Don't wait to ask for help. God's heart is always opened to us. "Good" prayer happens when we're honest with Him. This is an exercise of faith, which He generously rewards.

Treat Him with love. God wants a relationship of love, respect, and faithfulness with each of us. If prayer feels empty, try treating God with the love, consideration, and tenderness you give and receive from those closest to you. It will make a difference!

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Pancake Breakfast

To Benefit Augustinian Academy Sunday, January 14, 2024

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

MENU

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Family Winter Festival and Jerk Pork Dinner



January 28th, Following 10:00 AM Mass until 1:00 pm Winter Festival will be held in the Academy Gym with games and activities for the whole family.

Jerk Pork Dinner

\$12.00 per meal to include Jerk Pork, Corn Bread, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans.

Meals can be picked up following 10:00 AM Mass at the Augustinian Academy Gym Doors, Mechanic Street.

Kids Meal Available: Hot Dog and Chips; \$2.00

All proceeds to benefit the Students at Augustinian
Academy.

Take home or eat at the Family Winter Festival.

Pre-sale tickets ONLY (must order by January 21): To order your meal please call one of the following:

Garry Stevens: 315-874-4277 Tom Wojcikowki: 315-778-5065 Joe Margrey: 315-493-1430

St. Mary's News - January 7, 2024

Altar & Rosary Society will not hold meetings for January, February or March. Election of new officers will be held in May. We are in need of new membership and volunteers for church cleaners. Speak with any member if you are interested.

To answer a few questions that have been presented to us: All mailings for St. Mary's are to be directed to St. James Rectory, 327 West Street, Carthage, NY 13619 or questions directed to the email carthagesec@rcdony.org. The post office box has been closed and all mail needs to be directed to St James at this time.

The costs of Hosts and Sanctuary candles in memory of loved ones are priced at \$10 each; votive candles are \$4. Requests should be directed to Mary Jane Fleming.

Mass Card requests are to be obtained at St. James rectory.

Many have asked regarding the Heberts return to our area. Check with Mary Jane Fleming on Sunday, she will give you their new address.

KofC News: Upcoming Dates:

Jan 6&7 - Pennies collections

Jan 14 - Pancake Breakfast

Jan 20 - Mens Rosary, 8:30am

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, 12 noon

Jan 28 - Family winter festival and Jerked Pork Dinner, after 10am Mass

Serving families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity! Garry Stevens, Grand Knight

Ave Maria Circle Events:

1/6/24 - Ave Maria Circle members are asked to sit together in body at the 4pm Mass. Please sit up front on the left hand side. Our Annual Epiphany Dinner will follow Mass at 5pm at the Elks Club. Dinner will be served at 5:45 and is \$20 per person. Please pay at the door and bring separate payment for annual dues.

1/14/24 - Pancake breakfast with KofC

2/6/24 - 6:30 monthly meeting, Community Room

We welcome new members always!

Heidi Marshall, President

Mark your calendar - The annual Right to Life march will be held on Sunday, January 14th. We will meet, at the old K of C hall, on the corner of Madison and Vincent St. at 1:50 and begin to walk to St James at 2:00.

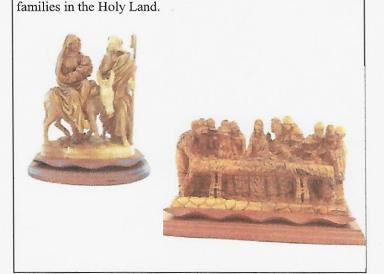
As Catholics we hold every life as precious and have a serious responsibility to protect the vulnerable, in the womb, and in all stages of life.

Though we are saddened by our need to continue to march, we remain peaceful, hopeful and joyful in the mercy of our Lord. Donuts and hot chocolate will be served in the Community Room immediately following the walk. If you are unable to walk please feel free to support us in prayer and join us for refreshments.

Do you know of someone who is sick or homebound who	0
would like to have a pastoral visit or receive the Eucharis	st
or have a bulletin mailed to them?	

Name of Sick/Homebound:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Put in collection basket or give to Father	

Bethlehem Holy Land Artwork - Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on display on the 27th and 28th of January after Masses. Holy Land Bethlehem Artworks is an organization that provides assistance to over 100 suffering families each week. Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item for your home to be cherished through generations. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy-Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago. The population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 1% just within the last ten years. Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian



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IN MEMORIAM-For the month ofJanuary2024(SJ & SM) Sanctuary Lamp

SJ - In memory of Stephen Sylver by Yvonne & family

SJ - In memory of Calvin Terry

SM - In memory of Claud Lawler by family

Mass Candles

SJ - In memory of Marsha Kline

SM - In memory of Floyd Company by Graves family

Votive Lights on our Lady's Shrine

SJ - In memory of Carl Schack by Verna, Laurie, David & Dana Votive Lights on St. Joseph's Shrine

SJ - In memory of deceased members of Sylver family by Judy Nye

Altar Breads

SJ - In memory of David Steenburgh

SJ - In memory of Carol Lee Bartell Ashcroft by Jim

SM – In memory of Lucien Thibault



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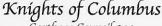
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