



St. James

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*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

327 West St., Carthage, NY 13619
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St. Mary's Rectory

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March 22, 2020



March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ALL THESE MASSES WILL BE SAID BY
 FATHER ROBINSON IN PRIVATE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:00SJ(ant.) - Gloria Barrett by her sisters

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00SM - For the People of the Parishes

10:00SJ - Bill Long by CAA Class of 1968

MONDAY, MARCH 23

5:30SJ - Marilyn Homan by Graves family

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

9:00SJ - Rev. Alfred J. Ellis, O.S.A. by a couple of his old Altar Boys

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

9:00SM - Thomas Sweredoski by Penny & Bill Tyner

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:00SJ - David Dawes by David & Lisa Kamide

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

5:30SJ - Antonio Avallone by Rob & Melissa Warnock

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00SM - Keith Hebert by Grandparents

10:00SJ - Geneveive Buckingham by family

NOTE - The Parish Mission with Fr. Muench has been cancelled

K of C News - Our St Patrick's Day dinner was a great event for our brother Knights and the Parish Youth Council; our Youth helped with serving dinner and cleaning up after dinner and earned over \$500.

Our next meeting in April will include nomination of officers for the upcoming 2020-21 Columbian year; if you are interested in serving as an officer, please come to our April 2nd meeting or, if you are unable to attend, contact me at 315-771-8144. In a current song, "Do Something", someone asks God, "Why don't You do something?"; He replies "I did; I created you!"

Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

Bulletin Info Submission For Holy Week & Easter

Weekend bulletin for Apr. 5 - info due to SJ by Mar. 27

Weekend bulletin for Apr. 12 - info due to SJ by Apr. 2

Weekly Offerings
March 15, 2020

St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$3,996.00	Envelopes	\$690.00
Plate	\$597.36	Plate	\$194.00
TOTAL	\$4,593.36	TOTAL	\$884.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$5,314.00	Last Year	\$1,147.50

THANK YOU!

Augustinian Academy School News March 22, 2020

Augustinian Academy will be closed from March 16, 2020 until April 17, 2020. The instructional staff is working daily to help maintain a continuity of learning with the students. They have made themselves available daily, via email and online sources, to our students and parents. Our building is undergoing extensive cleaning to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. While these are challenging times, we are optimistic that the decision to close for this extended time will help to slow the spread of COVID-19. We remain current on all directives for schools from the Department of Health, State Education Department, and the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Needless to say, any activities scheduled for Augustinian Academy during this closure have been cancelled. If possible, we will reschedule events.

The school office will be open daily from 9:00 – Noon if anyone has any questions or concerns.

We miss our staff, students and families, but we wish everyone to stay safe and well. We put our trust in God.

SIP & PAINT - Due to recent events Augustinian Academy is postponing the Sip N Paint originally scheduled on March 29 to **May 17, 2020 at 11:30**. If this causes a conflict for someone who has already paid, please call the office at 315-493-1301 or email Rebecca rpatejohnson@gmail.com and we will provide a refund. Thank you!

Summary St. James Pastoral Council Meeting
March 9, 2020

In Attendance: Pastor, Sister Annunciata, Joan Todd, Mary Ann Margrey, Joseph Margrey, Darren Bracy, Judy Nye, Joanne Norrgard (recording secretary) **Absent:** Pat Britton, Barbara Kohler

Spiritual Life and Worship

- RCIA; one candidate - Robert Houghton
- First Eucharist - May 3
- Confirmation - May 18
- Holy Week and Easter schedule reviewed

Social

- Winter Gala very successful - lower attendance but more sponsorships

New Business

- Parish Financials - ordinary income down by \$4,000 compared to last year at this point
- Capital Campaign follow-up collections somewhat successful
- Bequest - IRA from Gladyce Farney estate received- \$29,000
- Meals on Wheels - still looking for candidates
- Living Stones Pastoral Plan reviewed
- 200th Anniversary celebration discussed; to commence Jan. 1, 2021 for a 12 month celebration with an event each month having particular theme or focus; one possible scenario discussed: **January** - New Year's Eve Gala; **February** - Celebration of Marriage; **March** - Lenten Mission; **April** - Celebration of children; **May** - Celebrating Sisters of St. Joseph; **June** - St. James Fair; **July** - St. James Cookbook; **August** - Parish Picnic; **September** - Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop; **October** - Celebration of Harvest; **November** - Time to Give Thanks; **December** - Festival of Trees



From the Pastor:

I spoke with Father Bill Muench on Tuesday and we both agreed that it would not be prudent to have the Lenten Parish Mission and we reluctantly cancelled it. I know we were all looking forward to it but the health and well-being of everyone is our primary concern. Hopefully, someday in the future, Father Muench will be able to come to Carthage and Copenhagen to visit us and share his spiritual wisdom. People get tired of listening to me and it is always good to have a change now and then. Besides, you have heard all of my stories and jokes by now!

We are all very concerned about the spread of the coronavirus! The safety and well-being of all who worship here is a top priority of mine. Therefore, these are the measures that have been put in place:

1. No sign of peace
2. No Communion cups
3. Holy water fonts have been emptied
4. Hand sanitizer available at entrances
5. People encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand until the health crisis ends

I am grateful that a number of parishioners have indicated that they would like to serve on the St. James 200th Anniversary Planning Committee. Next year – 2021 – is a BIG year for St. James as we celebrate this important milestone. It will take many months of planning in order to get ready for this event. Unfortunately I can't seem to find a free evening before Easter to have a meeting. Therefore, the first meeting for the Planning Committee will be Tuesday, April 21 at 7pm in the Community Room. Please mark your calendar. I am happy to report that Joseph Margrey has agreed to chair the 200th Anniversary celebration. Each of the 12 months of 2021 will have their own celebration event and will be chaired by different groups or individuals.

Someone said to me this week: "Tell the people that the coronavirus is coming, and they quickly go out to buy bread and toilet paper. Tell them that Jesus is coming, and they do nothing!".....there could be some truth to this.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In this time of need and uncertainty, I invite all the faithful to seek the maternal intercession of our Blessed Lady as I share this prayer with you and encourage you to pray it daily, either individually or together as a family.

**Mary Immaculate, our Mother and our Patroness,
we ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.**

**Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our diocese, our nation and our world,
for our families and loved ones,
the protection of your Maternal mantle from this dreaded virus.**

**In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us to love one another and to be patient and kind.**

Help us to bring the peace and healing Presence of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

**We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.**

**Keep us in the embrace of your arms,
Help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus our Lord AMEN.**

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

March 17, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In light of more recent developments concerning the Coronavirus and its effect on the most vulnerable of our faith family, particularly our elderly, all public Masses in the Diocese of Ogdensburg beginning Wednesday, March 18 are suspended until further notice. We will keep you informed as to when they will resume. During this time period, all the faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to participate at Mass.

This difficult decision for me to ask people not to gather for the Holy Eucharist is made in consideration of strong recommendations from public health officials and after consultation with my vicars and some Deans. Care and concern for everyone's health (spiritual, emotional and physical), especially elderly persons, those with underlying health issues, our clergy and liturgical ministers necessitates this extraordinary measure.

Until public Masses are reinstated, priests are encouraged to offer Mass in private. As Catholics, caring for our spiritual and sacramental lives is most important. Therefore, our priests will continue to be available for sacramental emergencies while maintaining the necessary public health precautions.

At the pastor's discretion, churches may remain open for private prayer. Public devotions such as the Stations of the Cross should be suspended. However, the faithful are encouraged to make those devotions in private. If a church is open, pastors will ensure that there is a thorough daily cleaning of all surfaces and that social distancing (at least six feet) is maintained.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals raise particular concerns. These celebrations may proceed but attendance should be limited to immediate family and all public health precautions must be observed. Of course, in the case of emergency, Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick should be conferred. The individual reception of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) may continue to be offered. We are not in a situation that requires general absolution.

Although public Masses are cancelled, your parish will continue to face its financial obligations to employees and others. Please help your parish out by mailing your offering or by online contributions. Your pastor will strive to meet payroll and other essential parish bills during this time. Your continued support of your parish is urgently needed and gratefully received at this difficult time. At the pastor's discretion, parish offices may remain open with essential staff. Pastors will ensure regular thorough cleaning of the office space and appropriate social distancing for the benefit of all. For any questions, please contact your pastor.

We continue to pray for our diocesan family. We pray for healing for those already afflicted with the virus. May our Blessed Mother intercede with her Son, for those who are hurting, the vulnerable and the fearful. May our response to this crisis, be strengthened through prayer and sacrifice as our Lenten journey continues. I'm so grateful for your prayerful support.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

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