

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
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

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May 24, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Easter

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ALL THESE MASSES WILL BE SAID BY FATHER ROBINSON IN PRIVATE

SATURDAY, MAY 23

(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- Margaret A. Kohler by Ruth Brady
- Donald W. Monahan by Don & Kathy Latremore

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

- Carol Ashcroft by Joe & MaryAnn Margrey

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- Rodney Hill by Ronnie, Judy & family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- Intentions of Linda Hunter by Betty Eisel

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- Shannon Walters by Donny, Ashley, Owen & Adam

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- Stanley Campany by family

SATURDAY, MAY 30

(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- Doug Robbins by Ruth Brady
- Joseph Schreck by Kathy Smith



K of C News - As we are physically separated from our Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, it's nice to keep current with virtual Mass and weekly bulletins, with Flocknote alerts and daily readings, and with Word Among Us. We are blessed with the spiritual tools available to us. Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

Weekly Offerings May 17, 2020				
Envelopes	\$6,595.00	Envelopes	\$205.00	
Plate	\$ - 0 -	Plate	\$ - 0 -	
TOTAL	\$6,595.00	TOTAL	\$205.00	
	(Coronavirus)		(Coronavirus)	
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80	
Last Year	\$4,754.00	Last Year	\$994.50	
THANK YOU!				

7th Sunday of Easter/May 24, 2020 SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

Gospel:

"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." (Jn 17:4-5)

GOSPEL MEDITATION –

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

<u>St. James Fair Raffle Tickets</u> - are available at the St. James Rectory or in the gathering area of Church (315) 493-3224

Due to unfortunate circumstances at St. James, please obtain and pay for your candles at the Rectory during normal business hours - 9am -4pm. Also, please bring your offertory envelopes to the mail slot at 327 West Street or mail them to the Rectory.

From the Pastor:

Tomorrow is Memorial Day! Because of the lock-down, it is unfortunate that we will not be able to celebrate our outdoor Mass at the Cemetery. This has become quite a tradition at St. James and I am saddened that it will not happen this Memorial Day. Perhaps when this is all over we could schedule a cemetery Mass this summer and pray for all those buried there in that sacred space.

In case you haven't heard, the 2020 St. James Fair has been cancelled. We are very concerned about the health and safety of everyone involved and it was the best decision to make. This is a very unfortunate turn of events, not just from a financial perspective but from a parish community dimension. I am disappointed beyond words because I had 3 brand new outfits to wear in the dunking booth and now I have no place to wear them. Hopefully, I will be able to use them next year.

WELCOME: Bishop LaValley has assigned seminarian Youmarcks Jacques to St. James and St. Mary's for the summer months. Youmarcks just finished his studies at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT and will enter the Seminary in Columbus, OH in August. He is from Haiti and will make St. James his home when he is not at the Seminary. I am so happy he is part of the parish team and I plan to keep him busy during the next few months. Please give Youmarcks a warm welcome when you see him.

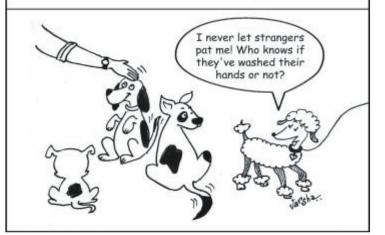
Bishop LaValley is working with local health officials and professionals to develop a plan that will allow Masses to resume in the Diocese. Our return to public worship requires planning and continued vigilance. There definitely will be challenges as we seek to provide public worship while safeguarding the health and well-being of us all. I have formed a committee to help develop a plan for the reopening of St. James and St. Mary's.

10 final Proverbs as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic:

- 21. The grass is always cleaner on your side of the fence.
- 22. There is not safety in numbers.
- 23. When the cough is away, you can come out and play.
- 24. When in Rome, die as the Romans do.
- 25. Two wrongs didn't make this thing, right?
- 26. Cough goes around, comes around.
- 27. When one doors shuts, another door....shuts.
- 28. You can have your Covid and spread it too.
- 29. The road to hell is sprayed with good infections.
- 30. Covid never strikes in the same case.

LOCKDOWN LAUGHS

by Varsha Sheth



St. Mary's News – May 24th

Peggy Murray and co-workers are grateful for your financial support & food items for the food pantry.

Thank you to all the parishioners who are continuing to support the parish with weekly offerings...the heat is still on.

Printed bulletins are available each week at the entrance to St. Mary's. You can also follow the weekly bulletin on the website and flock notes.

Social Distancing is keeping us apart. Though apart, let us pray for each other's needs and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reminder: check the parish website sj-sm.org/flock notes for the video-taped Sunday Masses with Fr. Robinson.

I hope you are able to take the time to pray with us each Sunday viewing the video-taped Sunday Mass with Fr. Robinson. While it's not like praying together in church, it's a blessing. Hopefully churches will soon be open for Mass. Planning is underway to open with safety for all.

God bless and keep healthy.

Augustinian Academy School News May 24, 2020

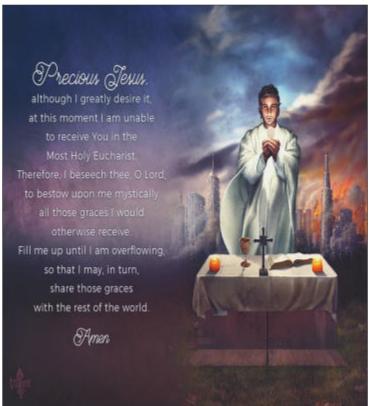
The students and staff of Augustinian Academy wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

We continue to pray for our military personnel, home and away. We are forever grateful to all who have served in the military and to their families for all they sacrifice to keep us safe and free!

Our SJVO is hosting an online Scholastic Book Fair. If you are looking for new reading material, check it out: https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/augustinianacademy

Registration for 2020-2021 is still being accepted. Registration packets may be found online at

www.c-augustinian.org, or call school at 315-493-1301! Check out our website to see what we have to offer! The school office will be closed Monday.





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