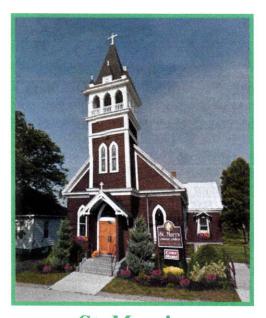


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St. Mary's NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated 1890 Present Church Dedicated 1902

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.

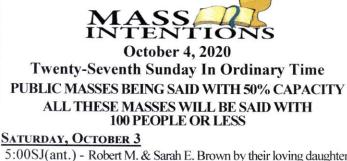
Parish Staff

| Pastor: | Rev. Donald A. Robinson |
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| 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 |

| Augustinian Academy | St. Mary's Rectory |
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October 4, 2020



5:00SJ(ant.) - Robert M. & Sarah E. Brown by their loving daughters SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 8:00SM @SJ - For the People of the Parishes 10:00SJ - Intentions of Yolanda & Frank Skvorak - 62nd Anniv. MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 5:00SJ - Rosary (NO NOVENA) 5:30SJ- Charles "Butch" Stevens & Jeffrey Johnson by His wife & daughters **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6** 12:00SJ - Rita J. Pacella & Carmel Kozstowski by Pacella Family WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 9:00SM - John & Grace Drewes by Marion Eisel 3:00-6:00pmSJ - Eucharistic Adoration **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8** 12:00SJ - Leo Archer by Larry & Carol Archer FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 9:00SJ - Communion Service Today SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 5:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 8:00SM @SJ - Shirley St. Louis by St. Mary's Altar & Rosary 10:00SJ - Naphan, Duba & Flora Abdoo by Ronnie & Judy

NOTE - Friday - Communion Service Eucharistic Adoration now on Wednesdays at SJ

Calendar of Events -

Oct. 4 - Blessing of Pets, 12noon (SJ) Oct. 4- Confirmation Class, 6-7:30pm (CR) Oct. 5 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 6pm (CR) Oct. 5 - SJ Pastoral Council Meeting, 7pm (CR) Oct. 6 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6pm (CR) Oct. 7 - Altar & Rosary Meeting, 7pm (SM) Oct. 10 - Men of Faith, 8:30-10am (CR) Oct. 11 - Confirmation Rehearsal, 6pm (SJ) Oct. 12 - Sacrament of Confirmation, 7pm (SJ)

| Weekly Offerings September 27, 2020 | | | | | |
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| Envelopes | \$5,167.00 | Envelopes | \$568.00 | | |
| Plate | \$585.00 | Plate | \$243.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$5,752.00 | TOTAL | \$811.00 | | |
| Weekly Need to Meet Budget | \$9,938.07 | Weekly Need to Meet Budget | \$1,754.80 | | |
| Last Year | \$6,397.00 | Last Year | \$1,220.50 | | |
| | THANK | YOU! | | | |

Augustinian Academy School News October 4, 2020

We are pleased to have Mollie Bender return this year as our MFLC, Military Family Life Counselor. She will be here on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons to meet with our students.

We are reporting daily schoolcovidreportat card.health.ny.gov. This site allows people to see the number of positive cases of COVID in any school in NYS, public, non-public, charter, colleges & universities.

Students will have their school pictures taken on October 7th.

There will be no school at Augustinian Academy on October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

St. Mary's News - October 4th

St. Mary's Church is open for the Wednesday, Weekday Mass at 9:00am. Please spread the "Good News". Masks and Social Distancing. Thanks to all who clean the church.

Confirmation Class - Sunday, Oct. 4th6-7:30pm at St. James Church. Masks & Social Distancing.

Sunday, Oct. 11th, 6pm Rehearsal with Sponsors in Church at 6pm. Masks & Social Distancing.

Let us continue to pray for our Confirmation Students.

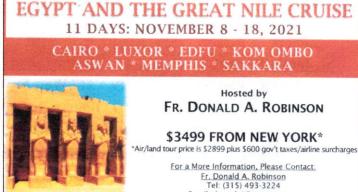
I hope you're having success selling the Fall Raffle tickets. If you didn't receive tickets or would like more, please let us know. Thanks for the support.

Wednesday, October 7th, 7pm - Altar & Rosary Meeting at St. Mary's Church. Masks & Social Distancing.

Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a "Coat Drive" for gently used coats for men, women and children. For information: Contact Debbie Green at 315 – 688- 2685.

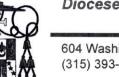
ALTAR SERVERS - We are now accepting names for new Altar Servers. Any student in grades 4 through 12 that would like to serve on the altar, please contact the Parish Office at 315-493-3224 or Joe Margrey at 315-493-1430. Please consider allowing your children to serve our parish faith community as an altar server. Thank You.

Good Samaritan Society - will meet at 6:00pm on October 5, in the Community Room. New members always welcome. Please wear a mask.



Email: donrob4@twcny.rr.com DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME !!

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October 2, 2020 The Holy Guardian Angels

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are all keenly aware of the havoc and high anxiety caused by the COVID-19 emergency. We have seen suffering and isolation on a scale that we never imagined. We have all been adversely affected by the virus and by the measures implemented to limit its spread. I am writing to you to review and to give you an update on our efforts to continue our sacred mission during the pandemic.

In March, it was necessary to dispense the obligation of Sunday Mass and to discontinue public worship. Our pastors and parish staff members found, and continue to provide, creative ways to maintain contact with parishioners and to make Mass available on television or the Internet. While these efforts to touch the lives of the faithful are of great value, they are not the same as attending Sunday Mass. No broadcast is comparable to personal participation or can replace it. If we are not careful, these broadcasts risk distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with God who has made Himself present to us in a real, not virtual, way.

It was with great joy and relief that I was able to authorize the resumption of public worship in late May. Working with local public health officials and medical professionals, we were able to safely allow in-person celebration of Mass, while implementing protocols to limit the spread of the virus and keep everyone safe. I thank all of you for your continuing cooperation in following those protocols.

Like you, I have been monitoring the data and guidance that is available, hoping for a relaxation of restrictions that will allow for increased access to the sacraments for all the faithful. Thus far, the data suggests that a widespread relaxation of protocols and a full return to normalcy are not yet possible. The most recent guidance from the Thomistic Institute and the Department of Health indicates that we must continue the safe physical distancing practices that limit the number of persons who may attend Mass, as well as hand sanitizing, disinfecting after liturgies, and the wearing of facial protection. I therefore encourage all our clergy, consecrated religious, and parishioners to continue to follow diligently the protocols set forth in my May 23, 2020 decree for Partial Opening of Churches and Public Worship coupled with the revisions I list below. Our efforts to mitigate the virus and protect ourselves are prudent. The possibility of a national and local resurgence requires that we remain vigilant.

Nonetheless, there is also much reason for hope! Data indicate that the mortality rate of the virus is much lower than was once feared, and that the most severe effects of the virus have been experienced by a low percentage of those who were infected. Accordingly, I have been prayerfully considering ways to provide greater access to the sacraments and other spiritual, educational, pastoral, and liturgical celebrations in our parishes, while still safeguarding that portion of the population which is most vulnerable. I am particularly aware of the need for greater participation in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The partial re-opening permitted by the civic authorities has already allowed many people to return to the dignity of work and resume, to some extent, their social and communal obligations. *Eucharistic celebrations are essential for our happiness, health, and, most importantly, for our sanctification.* Our faith tells us that the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day with the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life (*CCC*, #2179).

Every Catholic Christian is obliged to keep the Lord's Day holy and to attend Sunday Mass. That being said, the Church has always recognized circumstances in which the faithful may be excused from Mass attendance even without a dispensation from the Bishop. Clear examples here would be those who currently suffer from an underlying health condition; those who are at increased risk for severe illness (i.e. the elderly); and those responsible for their care. If you are uneasy about returning to Mass for reasons of public health, I encourage you to make your decision

after much prayer and study. If safe distancing in your parish is problematic, perhaps attending Mass at a different time than you usually do or attending Mass at a nearby parish might work better.

Those who do not attend Mass for the reasons stated above should continue to mark the Lord's Day by substituting another pious exercise in its place. This might include watching Mass on television or on the Internet, praying the rosary, Eucharistic adoration, private prayer at church, praying novena prayers or other devotional prayers, or reading Scripture. A person may also consider attending daily Mass, where the number of attendees is less than on Sunday.

As a diocese, we will continue to adhere diligently to physical distancing, hygiene practices, wearing facial protection, and sanitizing our worship sites. I ask for your continued vigilance, patience and cooperation. The following revisions are offered to our current protocols for the celebration of Mass:

- 1. For those whose conditions during this crisis dictate absence from Mass, the pious exercises offered earlier (or similar ones) should be practiced.
- 2. Government limitations on the size of Mass congregations (currently 50% of church building occupancy while accounting for physical distancing) and for public gatherings for other activities (currently 50 persons) will continue to be observed.
- Protocols for hand sanitizing, cleaning churches, and wearing facial protection will continue to be observed.
- 4. Parishes that do not do so already should consider preparing single-use worship aids with music, readings and prayers to facilitate participation at Mass.
- 5. I encourage all parishes to move to the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass, rather than at the end.
- 6. I encourage all parishes to the restoration of simple entrance and recessional processions, if they are not currently employed.
- 7. Ushers may use long handled baskets to take up the offertory collection, while still observing guidelines for facial protection and physical distancing, as much as possible.
- 8. All other protocols remain in effect.

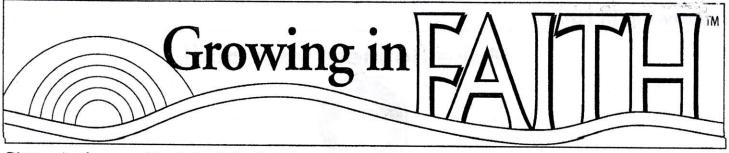
We will continue to monitor the data and guideline updates provided by the government. We will make changes to our protocols as we are able. I am so grateful to all our parishioners who are assisting their parishes in their efforts to provide a safe worship space.

Please know of my prayers for you and your families. Let us continue to pray for the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for an end to this virus and for the health and safety of one another.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Leny R. Laballey

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

October 2020

St. James-Carthage, St. Mary's-Copenhagen Rev. Donald Robinson, Pastor

Mediliations

True happiness

Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you will

get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We were made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on worldly concerns, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven



detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much he wants us to love one another.

Silence of the heart "In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in

God speaks. If you I prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all" (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity, don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

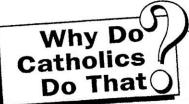
> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"

(Matthew 5:9) – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather

than humans. Instead, live with peace and pray for victims

of violence.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.



we are required to acknowledge.

What is grace?

God gives us a free gift to share in His life, a gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. Called, "grace," this gift helps us to become His adopted children. When God shares His divine life with us as sanctifying grace, we



are strengthened to act in His love. Through actual grace, God strengthens us to live in harmony with His will. Sacramental and special graces – gifts of the Holy Spirit –help us to live out our Christian vocation.

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Growing in Faith™

Make holiness your goal

All people are called to be holy, "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

Look for Jesus' presence. Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

Don't avoid suffering. Jesus experienced extreme

from cripture

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by

sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most

important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Oct.15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). St. Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers.

love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws. Even

the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves,

lepers, even his political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured

by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

(1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.

suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

Pay attention to His voice. Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

Nurture your faith. Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

Practice patience. It's the first step toward holiness.

Q How can I develop & more faith?

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for



his son cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray.

Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective" (Hebrews 4:12).



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From the Pastor:

Welcome to the month of October. October is RESPECT LIFE MONTH. Each year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launches a new cycle of the Respect Life Program – a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value and help cultivate respect for human life. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. We all know that to build a true culture of life, we must seek to change hearts and minds. We here at St. James and St. Mary's are committed to do just that!

Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. It is not too late to make a gift. If you have lost or misplaced your letter and envelope from Bishop LaValley, I have put some Bishop's Fund pledge envelopes on the table in the gathering area. Please remember that the Bishop's Fund Appeal supports many ministries that our parishes cannot provide on their own. It is important that we all try to support this important Appeal at whatever level we are able. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley. THANK YOU!

Today (October 4) is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. After much consideration, we have decided to go ahead with the annual Blessing of the Animals in the spirit of St. Francis. It will take place today at 12 noon in front of St. James Church. Social distancing and masks will be required. Pets will not have to wear masks but humans will. There will not be refreshments this year, but there will be special treats for the pets. Please come and bring your favorite pet!

A thief broke into the rectory last night. He started searching for money. I woke up and searched with him!

New Date for the Sacrament of Confirmation With Bishop Terry LaValley Monday, October 12 7pm at St James Columbus Day

> Address for Rev. James Spenard % National Shrine of St. Rita 1166 S. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19146

JOB OPENING:

Secretary/Bookkeeper for the Mission Office

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking a Secretary/Bookkeeper for the Mission Office. The full-time position provides administrative support to the Director of the Mission Office in collaboration with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith National Office. Applicants must possess strong secretarial, bookkeeping and computer skills. Must be proficient in QuickBooks, Microsoft Word and Excel. Knowledge of Microsoft Publisher is preferred. Strong interpersonal skills and good oral and written communication skills are also required. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or email to: ksnover@rcdony.org. Deadline for application is October 14, 2020.

IN MEMORIAM- For the month of OCTOBER 2020(SJ & SM)

Sanctuary Lamp

SJ - In memory of Stanley Campany by family SJ - In memory of Lucille Shettleton by Helen

SM -

Mass Candles

SJ -SM -

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Votive Lights on our Lady's Shrine SJ -In memory of Marie Baldwin by Christina McIntyre

Votive Lights on St. Joseph's Shrine

SJ - In memory of Joseph & Thomas Ablan by Yvonne & family

Altar Breads

SJ - In memory of Deceased members of the Szalach family SJ - In memory of Ronald Buckingham by Yvonne /family SM -

Preliminary Registration for St. James and St. Mary's Religious Education Program

Family Name_____

Phone No.

Names of Children And their grade level

Tear off and put in collection basket or send to Parish Office @ 327 West Street, Carthage, NY 13619



