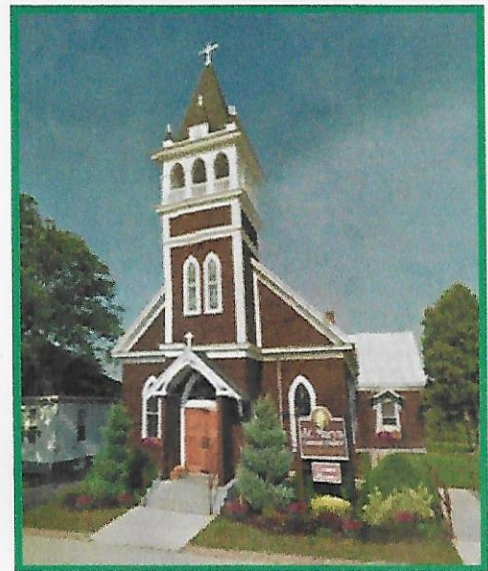


**St. James**

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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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**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**

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# MASS INTENTIONS

September 1, 2024

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:00SJ(ant.) - Carol Lee Bartell Ashcroft by Jim

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

10:00SJ - Madeline Genito Tevere by Pike family

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - LABOR DAY

**NO Mass or Communion Service Today**

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - David Jones - 1 yr. Anniversary by Mom

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00SM - Donald & Elizabeth LaBarge by their daughters

2:40-3:00SJ - *Rosary*

3:00-6:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Evelyn Peckham by Peg Shambo

10:00-11:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

### FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - SCHOOL MASS

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - David W. Jones - 1 yr. Anniversary by Joanne & Mike Sligar

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00SM - Betty Ann Woodard by Ken Gaines & family

10:00SJ - Mary Ames by Jim & Lucie Cassoni & family

### **Calendar of Events:**

Sept. 3 - Ave Maria Circle meeting - 6:30pm (CR)

Sept. 4 - CAA First Day of School

Sept. 4 - St. Mary's Altar/Rosary Mtg, 6:30pm

Sept. 5 - K of C Meal & Meeting, 6:00 & 7:00pm (CR)

Sept. 7 - Men of Faith following 7am Communion Service

Sept. 8 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 - noon (CR)

Sept. 10 - SJ Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 6:00pm (Rectory)

Sept. 12 - Stone Soup Supper, 4:30pm (pick up CR)

Sept. 18 - SJ Finance Council Meeting, 6:00pm (Rectory)

Sept. 21 - Mens Rosary, 8:30am (SJ)

Sept. 22 - St. James & St. Mary's Parish Picnic

**Lost and Found** - One earring was found in St. James Church during the week of August 11, 2024. Please call the rectory to claim it. 315-493-3224

### Weekly Offerings August 25, 2024

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$4,574.00	Envelopes	\$885.00
Plate	\$632.00	Plate	\$208.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,206.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,093.00</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	\$4,523.00	Last Year	\$1,195.00

THANK YOU!

### Augustinian Academy News

September 1, 2024

Its hard to believe the first week of school is upon us! How did that happen? But we are all looking forward to having the children back in the building and filling it with love, learning and laughter! The first day of school is Sept. 4 for K-8!

God has certainly blessed us with a productive summer. So many thanks to our maintenance crew, the new office team and all those who have helped in any way to help get our school ship-shape for the new year and ready for the return of our students!

We are pleased to offer a full day PreK 4 program this year and a new Creative Design curriculum to challenge the students through hands on experiences and play to learn about the world around them. We have several new teachers, as you saw a couple weeks ago, and Mr. Jacob Borkovec just joined our team to teach gr. 5-8 Math. We are certainly blessed to have a full staff!

We have just finished a week of staff development days and our Open House with popsicles in the park. It was so wonderful to see how excited the students are to be coming back...and how happy the teachers are to see them!

Coming up on Sept. 11 is our Back to School night from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Students and their families can come to say hello to their student's teacher and hear about their curriculum. They will move through the classes similar to what their child will do, even getting to sample cafeteria fare! Hope to see all of our parents there!

This is a big year for us--our 140th anniversary! It's hard to believe that for 140 years, students have been coming back to Augustinian Academy, walking our halls and leaving with a sound education steeped in the knowledge of the Catholic faith. We plan to have events where you can come in and tour the school. See if you can find your old classroom or browse through a yearbook and see your 50's or 80's hairstyles! We will announce these opportunities as they arise. We hope you will celebrate with us!

Lastly, we are currently looking for volunteers in the kitchen from 11:00 - 1:00. We are also looking for paid substitutes. If either of these positions sound like something you'd like to try, give the school a call and we can talk!

I'd also like to thank those who have already dropped off cereal, tomato sauce and other items for the cafeteria! It is such a great help! Thank you so much!

May God bless us all with a terrific school year--  
Sister Suanne

### High School Leadership Weekend Sept. 20 - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake:

Register before Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at: [rcdony.org/leadership](http://rcdony.org/leadership)

All students in grades 9 - 12 may join us for an action-packed weekend with fun, friends, leadership workshops and moving prayer experiences. Cost is 95.00 and includes all meals, snacks and lodging. Check in 6:30 p.m. Friday, depart 2 p.m. Sunday.

Contact Anita Soltero at [asoltero@rcdony.org](mailto:asoltero@rcdony.org) or call (315) 393-2920 with questions.

### **MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Save the date**

The annual Marriage Jubilee will be held Sunday, September 8th at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. His Excellency, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, will be presiding. To register, go to [www.rcdony.org/jubilee](http://www.rcdony.org/jubilee). For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315.393.2920 or [sttartaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:sttartaglia@rcdony.org).



# Pancake Breakfast

To Benefit Augustinian Academy

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 AM Till 12:00 PM

St. James Community Room, Carthage

## MENU

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Sausage,  
Baked Goods, Juice, and Coffee

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The time has come to recognize our faithful donors who have given so much in the past 8 years to repair and maintain our church, school and convent.

In 2016 Fr. Donald Robinson and his faithful committee members approached you, our parishioners, to help with this project. We had a goal at that time of \$850,000 to be collected in a five-year timeframe. We have surpassed our pledge/goal by bringing in over \$1,133,586 to date and are still going strong with many families still donating to our Building and Grounds fund faithfully every month.

It has been eight years since we started this journey with many of the original donors having moved on or passed away. And so, Fr. Todd and the current committee felt that we should now take the time to recognize our faithful donors in least they feel forgotten. **This will by no means end our Building and Grounds collection as we still have a lot of work that needs to be done on our parish buildings**, but we felt the need to recognize what has been generously given so far.

The proposal that has been given to do this is as follows:

Instead of creating another plaque and trying to find space for it, we will instead continue with our “Tree of Life” that was started with our Heritage Fund Campaign in the 2000’s under Fr. George Maroun. We will distinguish the difference between the “Heritage Campaign” donors and the “Inherited from the Past-Preserving for the Future” donors by using different symbols. The Heritage Campaign used leaves and rocks to distinguish their level of giving. The IPPF Campaign would use doves, apples, butterflies and leaves. The pledge goals were started at \$3,000 and extended to \$50,000 or greater. The breakdown would be;

3,000 – 4,999 Leaf (Plain)

5,000 – 9,999 Leaf (w/Star)

10,000 – 19,999 Butterfly

20,000 – 49,999 Apple

50,000 and above Dove

We will have the donor’s names engraved on the appropriate symbol representing their total donations given for the current campaign as promised. The Leaves will have +IPPF on the top to distinguish this campaign (Inherited Past Preserving Future) from the Heritage Fund Campaign. The lowest level will have the donors’ information only. The upper level will have a Star on the bottom as well. We will automatically use the individual or couple’s name/s we have on file unless we hear differently from you. If you would like to know if you have reached any of these goals (therefore having your name/s added to the tree), would instead like to have your symbol given in memory of someone specific, would like to make a final donation to bring you up to the next level or just have a question in general, please contact Joanne or Margaret in the Parish office during regular business hours at (315) 493-3224. We ask that you contact us before the 15<sup>th</sup> of September to give us time to put the list together to send into the company by the end of September. Final donations would have to be received by October 15<sup>th</sup> to be able to upgrade your symbol.

Again, thank you one and all for your continued support of our parish and for your great generosity.

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Peter Claver

Born into a farming family in Spain in 1580, St. Peter joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty and was ordained in 1615. While serving in Colombia in 1610, he was horrified by the slave trade. Rushing to meet each arriving slave ship, he brought water, medicine, food, and clothing to the enslaved people on board. He taught them about God and baptized nearly 300,000 individuals. St. Peter lived humbly and penitentially, in solidarity with those he served.



### Don't delay to seek Love

Don't wait to become perfect before seeking God's love, or you never will. The good news is, we don't have to. God already loves us — infinitely. When we accept His love and grace with open hands, it will transform our hearts.

*"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you"* (Isaiah 54:10).



## Find true peace

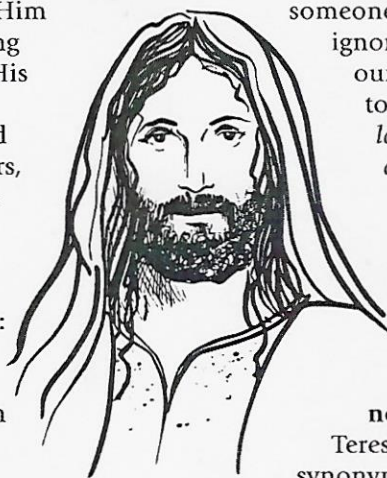
As Catholics, we understand that the key to true happiness and peace lies in proclaiming Christ as our Lord and following Him faithfully. By knowing Jesus, experiencing His love, keeping His Commandments, and serving Him in others, we will find genuine joy, fulfillment, and peace.

**Know Jesus and experience His love:** God invites each of us to enter into a deep friendship with Him (John 15:15). This friendship is characterized by mutual respect, intimacy, and cooperation. Jesus reveals His love for us through the Scriptures, the Sacraments of the Church, and especially through the Mass. In prayer, ask God to reveal His personal, everlasting love for

you. That's a prayer He is eager to answer.

**Love Him back:** Do you know someone who claims to care but ignores what you say? Jesus, our greatest Friend, asks us to listen to Him. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). By living the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-ff), we demonstrate our love for Jesus.

**Serve Him in our neighbors:** For Mother Teresa, serving the poor was synonymous with serving Jesus (Matthew 25:40). She prepared their beds and treated their wounds as if He were the next to use them. By performing ordinary tasks with love and intentionality, we can experience true and lasting happiness.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why are there Church's precepts?

Just as families have household rules guiding how each member contributes to supporting the home, the Catholic Church has issued rules, called precepts, that act as the principal obligations of every Catholic. These are: attend Mass every Sunday



and Holy Day of Obligation, receive Communion and attend Confession at least once annually, study Catholic teaching, observe the Church's marriage laws, give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, do penance, and join in the Church's mission.

## Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience. He or she may have made a similar mistake

or know of a solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see opportunities you didn't know were there.

**Decide on change.** Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

**Benefit from mistakes.** If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one. Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

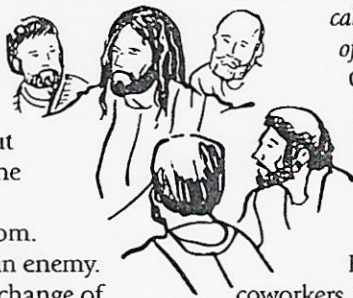


### from Scripture

#### Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The demands of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear about an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. Their initial reaction was one of jealousy. They seemed more concerned about losing the spotlight than the healing itself. Jesus put things into perspective. The man shared their goal of building up God's Kingdom. They gained an ally, not an enemy.

Discipleship requires a change of heart, lifestyle, and habits. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow Him, we cannot harbor private sins on the side. If our sins lead others into sin, our responsibility is even greater.



These are serious words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

God rewards us for the good we do for others.

Our example holds powerful influence.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy.

Embracing unfamiliar coworkers, rooting out sin, and setting a good example can be challenging, but we are not alone, nor are we without grace. Whatever God asks us to sacrifice, the reward will be infinitely greater.

### Q How can I get & better at defending A my beliefs?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your library may have one or you can buy it

from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), 800-235-8722).

Read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a helpful resource, *Catholic Answers to Catholic Questions*, by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D., is available at Our Sunday Visitor books ([www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com), 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.

Know the common misconceptions. There are many misunderstandings about the Catholic Faith. Knowing what the Church actually teaches on topics like the Eucharist, Mary, the Saints, and salvation will prepare you to clarify these points.

Don't forget to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. In fact, just let the Spirit do the talking.



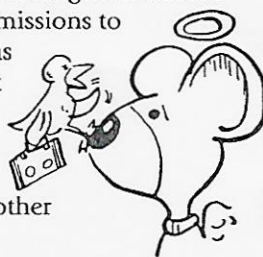
### Feasts & Celebrations

**Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great (604).** St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk at the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skills to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

**Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows.** In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away.

**Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660).** St. Vincent de Paul was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

**Sept. 29 - The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.** Three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



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### St. Mary's News - September 1, 2024

**St. Mary Altar & Rosary circle** will meet on Wednesday, Sept 4th at 6:30PM. Items of discussion will be our involvement in the fundraisers that are scheduled for the Fall. Pulled Pork take out dinner - Sept 28th and our annual Turkey Supper Raffle October. New members are also welcomed to join us. ~

**Coffee Hour** will held on Sept. 1st hosted by Carl and Rita Thesier, Brian and Kate Fenlon and Margaret Rice. Please join us after the 8 AM Mass.

**September church cleaning and linens** will be done by MJ Fleming, Janet Aubin and Barb Crane.

**Our Turkey Supper Raffle Fundraiser** is in the organization stage. Please be generous with ticket sales when you receive them. As you know this is our big fundraiser each year. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

### Ave Maria Circle News:

9/3/24 - Monthly meeting 6:30pm-Potluck in CR  
9/22/24 - Parish Picnic following the 10am Mass,  
Parish grounds

Heidi Marshall  
President

### KofC News: Upcoming dates:

Aug 31 & Sep 1 - Pennies collections  
Sep 5 - KofC meal and meeting, 6&7pm  
Sep 6 - First Friday  
Sep 7 - Men of Faith after 7am Communion service  
Sep 8 - Pancake Breakfast  
Sep 21 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am  
Sep 22 - Parish Picnic

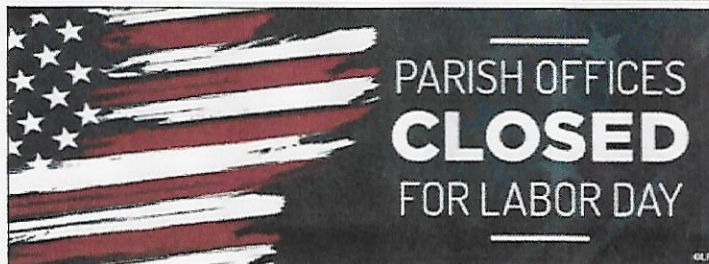
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### New Virtus Training Sessions Protecting God's Children for Adults

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
09/04/2024	6:00 PM	St. Peter's Church (Lowville)
09/09/2024	10:00 AM	St. James Minor Church (Carthage)
09/12/2024	6:00 PM	St. James Minor Church (Carthage)
09/24/2024	5:30 PM	St. James School (Gouverneur)

### Join us for the St. James & St. Mary's Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 22, after Mass!

Mark your calendars and get ready for a day of joy and Parish spirit. Feast on mouth-watering hamburgers, sizzling hot dogs, and a delightful array of scrumptious foods and desserts. Kids will have a blast with fun-filled games, and there's excitement in store for everyone! Serving starts at 12 noon in the church parking lot. Please bring a dish to pass. Don't miss out on this cherished Parish event! Sponsored by the Ave Maria Circle and the Knights of Columbus.



**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** -Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic, or were baptized Catholic and need to receive some of the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact the Rectory at (315) 493-3212.

The Period of Inquiry is now open, as the RCIA becomes the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This year's OCIA Team includes Joe Brosk, Melissa Warnock and Gary Stevens.

During this Period of Inquiry no formal commitment is needed. We will discuss your faith journey & situation, as well as what is involved in the process. The sessions will begin in mid September and conclude with the reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025

**As a part of the DPAO Annual Concert Series** - they will be hosting the area's premier Christian Rock show on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Watertown fairgrounds outdoors.

Many local churches have had an overwhelming interest in this upcoming concert. This interest has prompted them to offer a bulk purchase option to area-wide church organizations.

Ticket prices to the public in two specific pricing ranges: Reserved at \$55.00 and General Admission at \$35.00

They will bundle their ticket price with an offer of a discounted ticket price to all church organizations with the purchase of a minimum of 10 tickets in either pricing category. The package price of:

**Reserved is \$40, and a General Admission ticket is \$ 20.00.**

Casting Crowns is a legendary Contemporary Christian Music band. They have sold millions of records worldwide and are among the few American bands invited to perform in North Korea. Several of their hit songs have recently crossed over into mainstream Contemporary Rock.

If you are interested in going please call the rectory 315-493-3224 or sign up in back of church. If there is enough interest we can then get the discounted ticket price.

### ENVIROMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

#### Creation Tip: For the Birds....



Care of Creation

Of the billion pounds of pesticide used every year in the US less than 1% may get to a pest. Birds are a great way to control insects. Put bird houses, feeders and baths in your yard to cut down on pesticide use at home.

### UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Please use the sign up sheet in back of church or call the Rectory (315-493-3224) to sign up for grades 1st - 7th.

### IN MEMORIAM-For the month of...September 2024(SJ & SM) Sanctuary Lamp

**SJ** - In memory of Stanley & Norma Campany by family  
**SJ** - In memory of Carol Lee Bartell Ashcroft by Jim  
**SM** - In memory of deceased members of the Doyle family

#### Mass Candles

**SJ** - In memory of Randi Newman Brotherton  
**SM** - In memory of Mary Aubin

#### Votive Lights on our Lady's Shrine

**SJ** - In memory of Mary Graves Fisher by Ray/Mary Connolly

#### Votive Lights on St. Joseph's Shrine

**SJ** - In memory of Ronnie Latremore by Don & Kathy

#### Altar Breads

**SJ** - In memory of Mary Crabbe & Gary Rivers  
**SJ** - In memory of the Souls in Purgatory by friends  
**SM** - In memory of Al Eisel

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