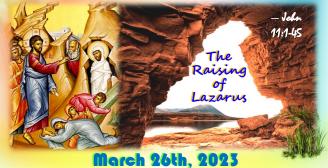


St. James Church



27 Allen Street Jamestown, NY 14701



#### **Our Lady of Victory Oratory**



6 Institute Street Frewsburg, NY 14738



Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters of Lazarus sent word to *Jesus* saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorifies through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."...

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ... When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

... When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus saw her weeping... And [he] wept.

... Jesus said, "Take away the stone." ... And [he] raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know you will always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what [Jesus] had done began to believe in him. *The Gospel of the Lord*.

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#### THE EUCHARIST

Weekend Masses Saturday Evening Vigil...4PM Sunday...8AM Weekday Masses Monday & Friday...8AM Wednesday...7PM

Mass at Our Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY Thursday...6PM

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday...3-3:30PM & Wednesday...6-6:30PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays...9AM until the 7PM Mass

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS Monday...10AM to 5PM Tuesday thru Thursday...9AM to 5PM Closed for lunch...12PM to 1PM Friday...Closed

#### RECTORY

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Sacrament of Anointing:

Please call the rectory in case of serious illness, before surgery or following an accident.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the rectory to schedule your pre-baptism class and a date for your child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least 6 months before the marriage date. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner to schedule.

## St. James Parish — Sunday, March 26th, 2023

MASS IN	TENTIONS The 2023 Mass book is open.
Saturday,	, <u>March 25th</u> —the annunciation of th lord
3-3:30pm	<b>Confessions</b> in the Chapel confessional
4:00 pm	Helena Damond †
	by John & Mary Nelson
4:00 pm	Marie LaMarca †
	by Sister, Elvera & Jim Paterniti
<u>Sunday, I</u>	<u>March 26th</u> —5th Sunday of Lent
8:oo am	Joanne DeSantis †
	by Cousins, the Racitano Family
Monday,	<u>March 27th</u>
8:00 am	James Patti †
	by Wife, Helen
<u>Tuesday, .</u>	<u>March 28th</u>
No Mass	
Wednesda	<u>ıy, March 29th</u>
9am-7pm	5
6-6:30pm	<b>Confessions</b> in the Chapel confessional
7:00 pm	Catalina M. Santos †
	by George & Bless So
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>, March 30th</u>
**Mass at Ou	ur Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY
5:00 pm	Living & Deceased Fathers †
	by the intentions of our Parishioners
<u>Fríday, I</u>	<u>March 31st</u>
8:00 am	Edda Liuzzo †
	by Erminia Iuculano
<u>Saturday</u> ,	<u>, Apríl 1st</u> –First Saturday
3-3:30pm	<b>Confessions</b> in the Chapel confessional
4:00 pm	Antonino Trusso †
	by Lenny & Lorraine Melice
4:00 pm	Charlotte Messina †
	by Charles & Grace Ann Gollnick
- 5	<u>Apríl 2nd</u> –Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 am	Helena Damond †
	by Dick & Roseanne Calla & Phil Messina

#### **A VOCATION VIEW:** Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Lazarus, come out!" Sometimes we feel dead on our feet with no purpose. Find a new purpose in life by seeking God's will. If Jesus is calling you to a church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716.847.5535 or visit <u>www.buffalovocations.org</u>.

## Memorials

A memorial donation was given to St. James Music Ministry in memory of *Charles Heggarty* by Dawn Henderson.

The Sanctuary Light ~ will burn this week

for Tony Galbato by his Wife, Ann Galbato

in memory of his anniversary.

The Wine & Hosts ~ are offered in loving

honor of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary by a Friend.



### WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH!

If you are visiting this weekend, we welcome you and thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are searching for a new spiritual home, come join us! We invite you to become part of our parish family ~ rich in faith, tradition and spirituality.

## The following is the Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule:

4/6 Holy Thursday - 7pm SSPP (Ss. Peter & Paul)
4/7 Good Friday - Seven Last Words at 12Noon SSPP Service at 3pm St. John

**4/8 Easter Vigil** - 8pm St. James **4/9 Easter Sunday** - 7am SSPP | 8am St. James | 8:30am OLSnow | 9am St. John | 10am Sacred Heart | 11am OLLoreto & 11am St. Patrick

Add'l Easter Mass ~ <u>11:30am Ss. Peter & Paul</u>

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR AREA PARISHES Effective Monday, March 6th

Monday: 8am St. James 9am Sacred Heart 12:10pm Ss. Peter & Paul

**Tuesday:** 8am St. Patrick 9am Our Lady of Loreto Wednesday: 8am St. John 7pm St. James

Thursday: 8am St. Patrick 9am Our Lady of Loreto 5pm Our Lady of Victory

Friday: 8am St James 9am Sacred Heart 12:10pm Ss. Peter & Paul



## PARISH CALENDAR UPDATES!

The Area Penance Service scheduled on Monday, March 27th has been moved to <u>St. John Church</u>, 270 Newton Avenue at 7:00pm.



## Faith Formation Calendar: Classes 9-10:45am

Sun. Mar 26: PreK—10th classes; #5 First Eucharist session.
Sun. Apr 2 & 9: No classes

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ~ RCIA

Meets after the Sam Mass

Sun. Mar 26: Class & Third Scrutiny 11am Mass Sponsors
 Sun. Apr 2: Class - The Meaning of Holy Week & Vigil Practice See Schedule for Holy Week Attendance
 Contact Deacon Mike for more information at 716.487.0125.



## Jt's Cradle Collection Month!

March is *Options Care Center's Cradle Collection* month here at St. James Church. Options Care Center is supported mainly by individual and church donations. They provide free pregnancy testing, options counseling and a Post-Abortion healing group. The cradle can be found in the vestibule of the church. *Thank you for your donations!* 



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Fridays at 5:15pm

Please join us to pray the **Stations of the Cross** during the Fridays of Lent at St. James Church. This **Friday**, **March 31** will be led by BAM - Be A Man Ministry. [Also Weds. 6pm OLL & Fri. 5:30pm S. Heart]

... Let us walk with our Lord and be of comfort to him.

## St. James Parish — Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### From the desk of Fr. Paul Cygan

"His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power. Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire."

2 Peter 1:3-4

This Scripture passage expresses that our goal is not only to be friends with God, but also to be one with Him. At first glance it may seem heretical to assume that human beings, mere creatures created by our Heavenly Father, are meant to be one with Him. And yet St. Peter mentions this goal himself within Scripture, that we are called to "share in the divine nature." What does this mean?

The Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas, the great medieval theologian and philosopher pointed to God as our source and purpose. He uses the Latin words exitus and reditus to show how we come from God and we are called to return to God. Exitus refers to God being our source and origin, and reditus refers to how our lives are meant to be oriented towards our return to God. Everything else in this world pales in comparison to this ultimate reality. Which is why St. Peter states at the end of the selected passage above that in order for us to partake of God's nature, we first need to escape from the corruption in the world and separate ourselves from evil desires. Much easier said than done to be sure.

This is precisely why the goal of sharing in God's nature is not just up to us, but up to the overabundant grace that God gives us to purify us and lift us up to God. We receive this overflowing grace by our participation in the Sacraments. Some of you will remember learning about the faith through the Baltimore Catechism. The definition of the Sacraments that is provided by this catechism is "an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace." Our reditus or return to God is brought about by the grace that we receive in the Sacraments. Now we can see the gravity of what we celebrate as Catholics. The Sacraments give us a foretaste of partaking in the divine nature of God. So, the next time you go to Mass, attend a baptism, witness a first holy Communion or go to Confession, remember the abundant grace that God is giving His people in that blessed moment. Let us return to the Lord our God!

#### **Low-Gluten Hosts**

For those who require low-gluten hosts for a medical issue, please notify the priest celebrating Mass at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. A low-gluten communion request made at the entrance when the procession for Mass is about to begin, is too late. If you are late for mass, make a Spiritual Communion, and/or receive a blessing from the priest who is celebrating Mass.

Also remember, that low-Gluten hosts must contain enough gluten for them to be constituted as 'wheat', which is essential to the sacrament. Hosts that are gluten-free are invalid matter for consecration.

Please call the rectory at 716.487.0125 with any questions, or if time permits, speak to Father after the Mass. *Thank you!* 

## Parish Life 2023

This week's linens will be cared for by Renee Sperry.	
Sun 3/26	Faith Formation Classes - See Schedule
	RCIA class meeting after mass, 3rd Scrutiny.
	Youth Group (9th-12th) meet 5-7pm Hall.
Mon 3/27	Festival Committee Meeting 6:30 Hall.
	Area Penance Service 7pm St. John Church.
Tues 3/28	No Mass on Tuesdays.
	Rosary 5:15pm Zoom. Call the rectory for codes.
	Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm Library.
	BAM—Be A Man Ministry Bible Study
	6:30pm Hall. All men 18 years & over, no cost!
Weds 3/29	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am,
	until the 7pm Mass.
	Confessions 6-6:30pm Chapel confessional.
Thurs 3/30	Mass at OLV in Frewsburg is now 5pm.
	Folk Group 6pm & Choir 7pm Church.
Fri 3/31 🔎	Divine Mercy Novena 9:30am Zoom.
	Stations of the Cross 5:15pm Church.
Sat 4/1	Confessions 3-3:30pm Chapel confessional.

#### **Festival** Committee Meeting

There will be a Festival committee meeting this Monday, 3/27 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Anyone interested in becoming an active member of this ministry is welcome

### It's COFFEE HOUR!

Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall next Sunday, April 2nd after the 8am Mass. Members of the St. James Music Ministry will be hosting our social event!

The ALTAR & ROSARY Society also meets next Sunday, April 2nd at 9:30am in the hall. Men and women are encouraged to attend the meeting & welcomed to join us!



#### 🔉 🈻 Catholic Charities - A Grateful Message!

Many Thanks to those who supported the 'personal care items drive.' Your great support and love for your fellow man is a real blessing, and a gift from God for so many!

CC: St. James' goal for Catholic Charities is \$24,719. As of March 22nd our donations total \$16,409 or 66.4%.

A special fund for college scholarships provided by the Frucella Family is available for attending college in pursuit of a 2-year associate or technical school program, Bachelors or Master's degree. Applications are available at the rectory. A letter from the priest of the applicant's participation in church or campus ministry is required. Completed applications are due to the rectory office by April 30th.

Offertory for Sunday, March 19th, 2023 Collections: \$4,187.33 + \*EFT Giving: \$2,602 + Monthly: \$276.22 + Fuel: \$64 + Easter Flowers: \$301 = Total: <u>\$7,430.55</u> | Black & Indian Missions: \$85

\*EFT Giving is Electronic Funds Transfer for anyone wishing to give once monthly from your bank to St. James. Call Deacon Mike for more information or to sign up.

Your wonderful support and generosity are gratefully appreciated! May God bless your intentions abundantly!

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