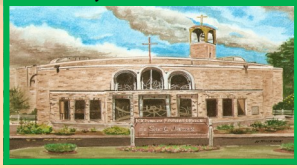


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Appearance
to the Disciples
& Thomas

—John 20:19-31

April 16th, 2023

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil...4PM

Sunday...8AM

Weekday Masses ~ As of March 5th, 2023

Monday & Friday...8AM

Wednesday...7PM

Mass at Our Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY

Thursday...5PM

RECONCILIATION in the Chapel Confessional

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday...9AM until the 7PM Mass.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10AM to 5PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9AM to 5PM, Friday...Closed

Closed for Lunch...12PM to 1PM

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New parishioners, welcome to St. James Parish!
Please register at the rectory.

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.



~ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, *Jesus* came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he has said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The Gospel of the Lord



St. James Parish — Sunday, April 16th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15th—Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- 4:00 pm **Sebastian “Busty” Iuculano** † (Birthday) †
by Mother & Family
- 4:00 pm **Matt & JoAnn Miele** †
by Sister & Sister-in-Law, Carmela Scala

Sunday, April 16th—Sunday of Divine Mercy

- 8:00 am **Connie Barbagiovanni** †
by Sister, Carmella Fugo

Monday, April 17th

- 8:00 am **Edda Liuzzo** †
by Guissippe Panzica

Tuesday, April 18th—Holocaust Remembrance Day

No Mass

Wednesday, April 19th

- 9am-7pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- 7:00 pm **Helena Damond** †
by Marion & Grace D’Angelo

Thursday, April 20th

Mass at Our Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY

- 5:00 pm **Michael Gullotti Sr.** †
by Mike & Audrey Shannon

Friday, April 21st—St. Anselm of Canterbury

- 8:00 am **Grace & Bobbie Stanton** † (Birthday)
by Daughter & Sister, Gerri McDowell

Saturday, April 22nd

- 4:00 pm **Don Guarnieri** †
by Bernie & Joe Palermo
- 4:00 pm **Samuel Muscarella** † (Anniversary)
by Wife, Carm & Children

Sunday, April 23rd—Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am **Russell & Vienna Gullo** †
by Family

PET PANTRY DONATIONS

Chautauqua County Humane Society

Please help the 6th grade Faith Formation class with their project to help CCHS by collecting needed supplies that are used to care for the many animals they take in. Items being collected Newspapers, Cleaning Supplies, Animals Needs and Office Supplies. Some ideas are bleach, paper towels, Pine Sol, window cleaner, towels, blankets, Hill’s Science Diet dog & cat food (dry & canned) and treats, cat litter, washable toys, copier paper, staples, lined index cards, tape refills, blue/green Sharpies. See www.chqhumane.org for more donation options. **The items will be collect on April 16 & 23.** Thank you for your help!

The **Sanctuary Light** will burn this week in memory of **Graciella Anderson** by John, Lucia & Francesca Guarnieri. The **Wine & Hosts** are offered in loving honor of our Risen Lord, Alleluia! by a Friend



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH!

If you are visiting this weekend, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping 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.

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

Faith Formation Calendar: Classes 9-10:45am



Sun. Apr 16: PreK-10th classes, 1st Eucharist - 6th Session
Sun. Apr 22: (Saturday) 5th Gr. Children Mass at 4pm
Sun. Apr 23: PreK-10th classes, 9th/10th Service projects due w/presentation, 1st Eucharist - Recap class & practice in Church after class (approx. 45 mins). Last day of classes.

Let Us Celebrate

There will be a retirement celebration for Deacon Mike Lennon on Friday, April 28 with 6pm Mass at St. James Church followed by a farewell dinner at 7pm in the hall. Reservations are required by Friday, April 21 by calling the rectory at 716.487.0125.

Also, on Saturday, April 29 after 4pm Mass and Sunday, April 30 after 8am Mass there will be lite refreshments in the church hall and no reservations are needed.

Please come join us to wish him well!

Altar & Rosary Society — Meeting & Festival Baking

Save the dates!

The festival baking dates will be on Saturday, **June 10th** & Saturday, **June 17th** at 9:00 am in the hall. Please come if you can help!

The next Altar & Rosary meeting will be on **June 25th** at 9:30am in the hall. Both men and women are welcome to attend and join our group, which supports our church in many great ways! Come join us at the meeting for more information.

Saturday, April 29th - Catholic Women’s Conference

“For Such a Time as This”

St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute
845 Kenmore Ave, Buffalo

7:45am - 4:00pm / Registration at 7:45am / 9am Mass
\$35 Online / \$40 Door

Register at www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org

Speakers: Christina King / Stacy Trasancos / Paula Umana
Please email catholicwomenbuffalo@gmail.com or call 716.725.9551 with any questions!

St. James Parish — Sunday of Divine Mercy

From the desk of Fr. Paul Cygan

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

A couple years ago, I was very moved by a book titled, "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" by Fr. Michael Gaitley. This provokes the question, "Well... What is the first greatest story?" Of course, the first greatest story is what we celebrated together just a couple days ago, the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. It is certainly the greatest story, because without it we wouldn't have been saved by the Savior of the world! But what is the second greatest story? Fr. Michael Gaitley suggests that the second greatest story happened within the past century where a few crucial events took place - the emergence of the Divine Mercy devotions, the life of St. John Paul II, and the immense role that Marian consecration can play in our lives. The crescendo of events that took place in the 20th century is astounding to say the least. It was a period that seemingly saw the greatest suffering humanity had ever experienced, from World War II to the rise and fall of the iron curtain. But throughout this all, God had a plan of the cultivating of devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus and consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary that was promoted by the papacy of St. John Paul II, and lifted the world in a time of incredible strife. You will have to read the book if you want to see how Father Gaitley shows what an incredible story this really is.

Of course, the focus on God's mercy is not unique to the last 100+ years. The Hebrew word, "*Hesed*" is found multiple times throughout the Old Testament. It refers to the steadfast love that God has for His people. God established covenants between Himself and His people that solidified his commitment to steadfast love throughout their generations. In other words, God's love is unwavering, unchanging and not conditional. God brings us His mercy and love for those who open their hearts to Him in repentance and love. This Scriptural theme is what we celebrate during Divine Mercy Sunday. This is not a new devotion "discovered" by St. Faustina in the early 1900's. Rather, this devotion is built upon the Scriptural foundation of God's steadfast love, a love that is seen ultimately in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross as blood and water poured forth from His side.

During the nine-day Divine Mercy Novena, each individual day focuses on a certain group of people that Jesus desires His mercy to reach. These include mercy for sinners, for souls of priests and religious, for devout and faithful souls, for those who do not believe in God, for souls of those who are separated from the Church, for meek and humble souls of children, for souls who especially glorify His mercy, for souls in purgatory, and for souls who have become lukewarm. Jesus so desires His mercy to be poured out to all of us. In fact, in St. Faustina's diary, she wrote that Jesus' longing for us to open our hearts to him is so great, and all we need to do is open our hearts just a little bit and His mercy will flood in. So, what is preventing us from giving this small 'yes' to the Lord? Invite the Lord's mercy and love into your life and you will find true peace and love that can't be found anywhere else. May God bless you and your family on this beautiful day! Have a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

Offertory for Sunday, April 9th, 2023


Collections: \$6,711.22 + Monthly: \$330 + Fuel: \$25 +
Easter Flowers: \$20.00 = Total: \$7,086.22

Holy Land: \$86

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Thank you for your generosity and for your continued support of
our parish in so many ways! May God bless you abundantly!

Parish Life 2023

This week's linens will be cared for Renee Sperry. 

- Sun 4/16** Faith Formation & 1st Eucharist classes.
Confirmation practice 12:30pm at St. John.
Youth Group 5-7pm at St. James hall.
- Tues 4/18** Rosary 5:15pm on Zoom. *Call the rectory for codes.*
BAM—Be A Man Ministry Bible Study
6:30pm at St. James hall.
Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm at St. John.
- Weds 4/19** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the
church 9am to 7pm. Enter through the
chapel doors via the rectory walkway.
Confessions heard 6-6:30pm in the chapel by
entering the front church doors.
- Thurs 4/20** Folk Group 6pm & Choir 7pm in the church.
- Fri 4/21** Divine Mercy on Zoom 9:30am. *Call for codes.*
- Sat 4/22** **L.I.T.E** - Life in the Eucharist 9-10:30am at
St. James hall.
Confessions heard 3-3:30pm in the Chapel.
5th Gr Children at the 4pm Mass.



Life in The Eucharist (L.I.T.E)

God's Love as Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and Mission in Jesus Christ! Clergy encourages all to attend. Want to learn more? Join us at St. James Parish Hall, 27 Allen St., Saturday, April 22 - May 20, 9:00am - 10:30am.

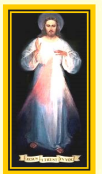
Register by calling the rectory at 716.487.0125 or go to...
<https://www.stjamesparishjamestown.com/lite-form/>

Feast of Jesus - Divine Mercy Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ!

We bless You for our lives and give You praise for Your abundant Divine mercy and Grace we receive.

We thank You for Your faithfulness even though we are not always faithful to You. Lord, in this time of the troubled world we live in now, we ask You to give us all PEACE in our mind, body and soul. We beseech You to HEAL the world and eradicate the evils and sickness that is causing stress, grief and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through this crisis of our times and make our hearts be at peace, always trusting that *WITH GOD, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE*. Let Your peace reign in our family, in our country, and the whole world. May Your Angels of Peace go ahead of us and protect us when we go out, and stay by our side when we return safely. Amen. *Jesus, I trust in You!*



A VOCATION VIEW: Divine Mercy Sunday

"Have mercy on us and on the whole world" we pray in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. God's mercy comes to us through the Sacraments, especially in Eucharist and Confession, which only priests can provide.

Is Jesus calling you? Contact Father Dave Baker at 716.847.5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

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