

# St. James Parish

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## St. James Church

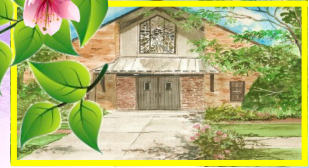


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The Advocate

— John 14:15-21

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May 14th, 2023

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Saturday Evening Vigil...4PM

Sunday...8AM

#### Weekday Masses

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.



**Jesus said to his disciples:** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord





# St. James Parish — Sunday, May 14th, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 13th—Our Lady of Fatima

**4:00 pm Edda Liuzzo †**  
by Josephine Conti & Roseann Yezzi

**4:00 pm Gary Doremus † (Birthday)**  
by Wife, Roz

Sunday, May 14th—Sixth Sunday of Easter

**8:00 am Sebastian “Busty” Iuculano † (Anniversary)**  
by Wife & Children

Monday, May 15th—St. Isidore

**8:00 am Gregory DePietro † (Anniversary)**  
by Jim & Mary Lou Scully

Tuesday, May 16th

No Mass

Wednesday, May 17th

**9am-7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**7:00 pm Nilda Tayo Shattock †**  
**Vigil Mass** by UERMMC Batch ‘81

Thursday, May 18th—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at Our Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY

**5:00 pm Josephine Rizzo Grasso † & Patricia Grasso Bova † (Anniversaries)**  
by David Kohl

Friday, May 19th

**8:00 am Angelo & Maria Giuffre †**  
by Son, Chuck

Saturday, May 20th—St. Bernardine of Siena

**4:00 pm Edda Liuzzo †**  
by Marianna Pintagro

**4:00 pm Helena Damond †**  
by Russ & Sheila Turck & Family

Sunday, May 21st—Seventh Sunday of Easter

**8:00 am Josephine Costantino †**  
by Buddy & Sandra Reale



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed  
**Charles J. Fiorella Jr. †**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Memorials** were given to St. James Parish in loving  
memory of the deceased members of the Trussalo &  
Fisher Families by Carmela & Gene Fisher and in  
loving memory of Charles J. Fiorella Jr. by Steven &  
Ruby Strickland.

The **Sanctuary Light** will burn this week  
in loving memory of Charlotte Messina  
by Charles & Grace Ann Gollnick.

The **Wine** and **Hosts** are offered in loving  
memory of Sebastian & Frances Trussalo's  
birthdays by Daughter, Carm Ann & Gene Fisher.



## 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.



*A Prayer for all Mothers  
Father in Heaven,*



Please bless all mothers with the wisdom, courage,  
patience, and above all, the love that they need to  
perform the holy work of raising children, and being  
a source of love and support for them in adulthood as  
well. Please welcome into Your Heavenly Kingdom  
those mothers who have passed, and grant them  
everlasting joy, rest and serenity. *In Jesus Name, Amen.*

## Join Us For Bible Study!

*A study on the Book of James*

This 11-session program with **Jeff Cavins** shows how  
the teaching of James speaks to those of us who feel torn  
between the competing demands of the world and our Faith.

The Book of James is a collection of Jesus' teachings  
for Christians that will help you discover wisdom that you  
can apply to your life today.

**Where:** St. James Hall, 27 Allen Street

**Date Change:** Tuesdays, **June 11th - August 29th**, 2023

*No class July 4th / 6 to 7:30pm*

**Cost:** \$35 Includes S & H of materials and access to study  
videos online

**Deadline:** Registration & payment are due to the rectory by  
**May 18**

**Facilitator:** Louise Wolanske



## A Message from Catholic Charities

**HOPE Day is this Wednesday!** Our annual Appeal's one-  
day "above and beyond" fundraising effort is Wednesday,  
May 17. Last year, donors contributed \$310, 850 in 24 hours,  
and this year, we are aiming for another successful one-day  
giving blitz. The first \$110,500 will be matched dollar for  
dollar. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages  
for details on how you can make a contribution or help spread  
the word this Wednesday, and to track our progress on **HOPE Day!**

**Appeal 2023** is ongoing through June 30th. To make a  
donation, please visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or send a text  
to **GIVEHOPE23** to 44321 today.

**CC:** St. James' goal for Catholic Charities is \$24,719.  
As of May 11th our donations total \$19,659 or 79.5%.

## A NOTICE ABOUT SCAM TEXTS

Please be aware that no staff member from our  
parish or family of parishes will ever text a  
parishioner asking for help to assist a person or  
family by requesting **gift cards** or **money**.  
**This is a scam** that continues to be prevalent in  
our midst by a predator (or predators), once  
again! Please contact the rectory office if you  
are approached, and alert the local officials.

# St. James Parish — Sixth Sunday of Easter

## From the desk of Fr. Paul Cygan

Oftentimes when people are curious about the Catholic Church or are interested in becoming Catholic a consistent hang up that some have is devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is understandable, especially if someone has grown up in the Protestant tradition where Mary's importance is limited to that she is the mother of God. Statues of Mary, devotions such as the Rosary and litanies, and Catholic beliefs in Mary's Immaculate Conception and Assumption can be a little overwhelming to the one looking in from the outside.

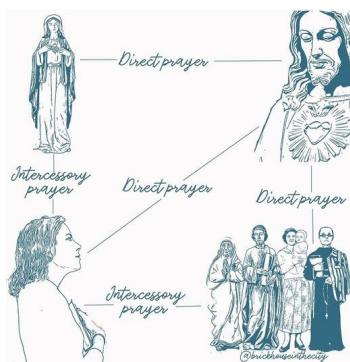
But what if I were to tell you that the very early Christians had a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary? It is true! Devotion to Mary was not a creation of the medieval ages, but rather one all the way from the 3rd century! The oldest known prayer to Mary is called the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* and the most extant manuscript containing this prayer is on Egyptian papyrus written in Greek carbon dated to be in the 3rd century. Here is the prayer:

*We fly to thy patronage,  
O holy Mother of God;  
despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.  
Amen.*

In the Gospel of Luke, Mary gave her Magnificat glorifying the Lord where she exclaims, "All generations will call me blessed. The almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His name!" (Luke 1:48) The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "the Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." (par. 971) In honoring Mary in this way, we are not offering worship which is only due to God, but rather asking Mary to be an intercessor for us to God. If we approach Mary with our prayers and needs, she brings those prayers to Jesus Himself. And how can Jesus refuse His mother?

Below you can find a picture that is helpful to visualize the difference between direct prayer and intercessory prayer. When we ask for the Blessed Mother or the saints for intercessory prayer, they bring those prayers straight to God.

So, we should never be afraid to approach Mary, our spiritual mother! We pray that she may wrap us in her mantle of love,



**Morning Star Family Holy Hour** will be held on Monday, May 15th at St. John's Church, 270 Newton Ave. It is the month of May, which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother! So we will have a May Crowning! Parents, children and everyone, are invited to attend! God bless you! *Fr. Paul*



Offertory for Sunday, May 7th, 2023

Collections: \$6,194.22 + Online E-Giving (Website): \$698  
+ Monthly: \$452 = Total: \$7,344.22

Thank you for your generosity to our parish! It is appreciated!

## A letter of thanks from Deacon Mike

I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone who made my retirement party a wonderful experience.

On Friday night, you packed the hall as we all enjoyed fellowship, great food and desserts together. Then on Saturday night many of you came and enjoyed some more cake and desserts.

On Sunday morning, we had the final retirement party. Thank you all for the love you showed me all three times. I am amazed for your generosity. So many beautiful cards of well wishes, money and gift cards.

The topper of course is the money you gave for my trip (I think, trips) to my homeland Ireland. It has not all sunk in yet.

I am so grateful to Father Darrell for making the suggestion of a trip to Ireland for me and how so many of you made the trip possible.

I am so blessed to have been assigned to Our Lady of Victory and St. James parishes. You have welcomed me with open arms from the very beginning of my assignment. I did not consider my work as a deacon, a job. I considered it a time of serving so many wonderful people. Your enthusiasm for the Lord and hard work for the community of St. James is very noticeable. As parishioners, you made my job as business manager so easy because of your generosity with your time, talents and treasure. It has been my pleasure to work with and for Father Darrell, Father Todd, Father Paul, Father Don, Father Peter; and the numerous priests who helped us out during Covid, and during the sad times upon the deaths of Father John, Father Dennis and Father Joe. May they rest in peace.

I also want to thank all of the great people whom I worked with over the years. (I'm praying I leave nobody out this time) Sue Ventura, Judy Akin, Valerie Scarpino, Patti Townsend, Jody Cusimano, Sue Laughlin, Cathy Gagliano, Lisa Snyder, Maureen Tuzzo, Rich Swanson, Patty Franco, and the late Betty Johnson.

Also, I wish to thank the numerous volunteers who made my job easier and our church so alive in so many ways. Thank you. Thank you.

I am forever grateful to all of you. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

All my love and prayers,

*Deacon Mike*

## Parish Life 2023



This week's linens will be cared for by Bessie Lovecchio.

**Sat 5/13**

Life In The Eucharist 9-10:30am St. James Hall  
Confessions heard 3-3:30pm in the Chapel

**Sun 5/14**



**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Mon 5/15**

Morning Star Holy Hour, St. John 5:45pm

**Tues 5/16**

Rosary 5pm on Zoom. *Call the rectory for codes*  
BAM, Be A Man Ministry Bible Study,  
Hall 6:30pm

**Weds 5/17**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the  
Church 9am-7pm

**Thurs 5/18**

Confessions heard 6-6:30pm in the Chapel  
Choir Practice, TBA; Core/Peer Mtg., Hall 7pm

**Fri 5/19**

Divine Mercy on Zoom 9:30am. *Call for codes*

**Sat 5/20**

**L.I.T.E - (Last in Series)** 9-10:30am St. James Hall  
Confessions heard 3-3:30pm in the Chapel

**Sun 5/21**

Coffee Hour after 8am Mass, Hall  
Youth Group, Hall 5-7pm



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