

Catholic Neighbors in Faith



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Holy Apostles

Ss. Peter & Paul

508 Cherry St.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. John

282 Newton Ave.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Our Lady of Victory Oratory

6 Institute St.
Frewsburg NY 14378

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

Our Lady of the Snows

36 E. Main St.
Panama NY 14767

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

Our Lady of Loreto

309 W. Everett St.
Falconer NY 14733

December 3, 2023 • First Sunday of Advent

Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at SSPP Church Hall at 3pm.
- BAM - Bible Study every Tuesday at St. James Church Hall at 6:30pm.
- LTMTTP - Lord Teach Me To Pray at St. James Church Hall at 6pm.
- 12/2 - Night Prayer online at the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Facebook page, every night at 9PM.
- 12/3 - **CANCELLED** - Youth Group at Sacred Heart Hall, Sunday at 5-7pm.
Everyone is encouraged to attend the Advent Retreat /Holy Hour and Parish Family Party!
- 12/3 - Advent Retreat/Holy Hour at St. James, Sunday at 2pm followed by an Inauguration of the Parish Family party. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 12/5 - Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. James, Tuesday at 6pm.
- 12/7 - OLS & SH Ladies Christmas Dinner, 6pm Maple Hurst Country Club, sign-ups in vestibule of parishes

Please Pray For:

Parish Family members who are ill:

John Adams
Rose Atkins
Gayle Boudreau
James Boudreau
Darrell Cavness
Collins Family
Erica Collins
Michelle Cracker
Grant Damon
Gail Gillig

Elizabeth LaMantia
Nancy Johnson
Sam McMaster
Nancy Michaels
Elizabeth Nguyen
My Nguyen
James Post
Louis Rieg
Marty Sargent
Andrea Schneider
Donald Segroe
Dorothy and David Seth

Robert Sprankle
Emily Sechriest
Megan and Sean
Ellen Tyler
Therese Whit
The Unborn
People of the Ukraine
Those in the Military

All those touched by
loneliness or illness.

And all parishioners in need
of our prayers.

*Call the parish office if you
would like to add a name to
our prayer list.*

Please Note: You must
have the permission of the
person you want listed
before we can add them to
this list.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2nd - *First Saturday*

JMS - 4:00 PM † **Linda Graham**
by John Damond & Family

† **Gert Melice**
by Joe & Josie Palermo,
Gary & Sally Allette

OLS - 4:00 PM † **Nina Marsh**
by Friends of the Family

Int. of Emily Sechriest (*99th Birthday*)
by OLS Altar & Rosary Society

PAT - 5:30 PM † **John Ducette** by the Estate

Sunday, December 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent

JMS - 8:00 AM † **Maria Immordino**
by Mary Harmon

JHN - 9:00 AM † **Rev. Dennis Mende** (*Birthday*)
by the Shea Family

SHR - 9:00 AM **Int. of Rev. Piotr Zaczynski**
by Liam O'Boyle

OLL - 10:00 AM † **Carol Davenport**
by the Shenefiel Family

PAT - 11:00 AM † **Father's Day Intentions**

SPP - 11:00 AM † **Denis McAuliffe** (*Birthday*)
by Family

Monday, December 4th

JMS - 8:00 AM † **Nenita Co Tan**
by SSA Class of '73

SHR - 9:00 AM † **Niklaus Grunert**
by Family

SPP - 12:10 PM † **Jean T. de la Cerda**
by the de la Cerda Family

Tuesday, December 5th

PAT - 8:00 AM † **John Ducette** by the Estate

OLL - 9:00 AM † Evelyn McDonald
by Chris, Sharon & Alexis McDonald

Wednesday, December 6th

JHN - 8:00 AM † **Fr. Dennis Mende** (*birthday*)
by Maria Lavicska

JMS - 7:00 PM **Steve Yarzkanic** (*70th Birthday*)
by the Nutt family

Thursday, December 7th

OLL - 9:00 AM † **John Brustrom**
by Phyllis Scholeno

OLV - 5:00 PM † **Fr. Dennis Mende**
by Sue Laughlin

Friday, December 8th

JMS - 8:00 AM † **L & DMO the Scully & Miller Families**

by Jim & Mary Lou Scully

SHR - 9:00 AM † **Geraldine Vierheller**
by Morning Mass group

SPP - 12:10 PM † **Margarida Youngren** (*Anniversary*)
by Kirten & Dave Youngren

OLL - 6PM † **Rev. Dennis Mende** (*Birthday*)
by Tom & Sue Flynn

Saturday, December 9th

JMS - 4:00 PM † **Joe Conti**
by Joe & sister, Josie Palermo & family

† **George D. D'Angelo**
by St. James Choir

OLS - 4:00 PM **Krystyna Muniz** (*Birthday Intentions*)
by Mom

Happy 99th Birthday Emily Sechrist
by Fran Bauer & Kathie Irwin

PAT - 5:30 PM † **Joseph Oishea**
by John & Patricia Druar

Sunday, December 10th

JMS - 8:00 AM † **Maria Immordino**
by Giovanna Colletti

JHN - 9:00 AM † **Minnie & John Colera & D M of Colera Family**
by Children & Grandchildren

SHR - 9:00 AM † **Betty Lipari**
by John & Joy Hurst, & Joanne Grey

OLL - 10:00 AM † **Alan Rogers** (*birthday*)
by the Marcum family

PAT - 11:00 AM † **John Ducette**
by the Estate

JMS—St. James
JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto
OLS—Our Lady of the Snows

OLV—Our Lady of Victory
PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul
SHR—Sacred Heart

Holy Apostles Parish
SS. Peter & Paul Church & St. John Church

508 Cherry St. • 282 Newton Ave. • Jamestown NY 14701 716-664-5703

Wine • Hosts • Sanctuary Lamps • Memorials

SSPP Church

Sanctuary Light
In Memory of James Manno
by Wife, Joan and family

St. John Church

Wine
In Memory of Tammy Yezzi and
Minnie & John Colera
by Mom, Dad, Children & Grandchildren

Hosts

In Memory of our parents, Vincent & Arasma Consiglio, Sr., brothers - Vincent Consiglio Jr. & Frank Consiglio Sr.
by Gerri Mazzurco & Sam Consiglio

Sanctuary Light

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Liturgical Dates: December 3 - 10

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

December 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

**1st Friday Devotions -
December 1, 2023**

11:15 am Benediction at Ss. Peter & Paul, followed by
12:10 pm Mass.

Bulletin Mailings for all Parishes

Due to the cost of rising prices, we are no longer able to mail bulletins each week at no cost.

Effective January 1, 2024, if you would like to have a bulletin mailed to your home weekly, you will need to send a **check made payable to your home parish** in the amount of \$50.00 to:

Catholic Neighbors in Faith
27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to keep connected to the church, ask them if this is something they would like. Or, surprise them and give it to them as a Christmas gift!

For more information, please call the Central Office to get things set up.

Sacred Heart Parish & Our Lady of the Snows Parish

380 E. Fairmount Ave. • 36 E. Main St. • Lakewood NY 14750

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Sanctuary Light

In Memory of Jim Maitland (Anniversary of death)

By wife Joanne

Happy 99th Birthday Emily Sechrist

from Fran Bauer & Kathie Irwin



Confessions During Lent there will be 2 priests available at St. James Church on Saturdays from 3 - 3:30pm for confession either in the Confessional or in the Chapel. Confessions are also heard on Wednesdays, 6-6:30 pm at St. James or by calling the central office for an appointment .

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Catholic Neighbors In Faith is the “umbrella name” for our 5 parish families, but it is only that...a name, and not an actual building. Therefore, you cannot write checks directly to CNIF. When writing checks, you must write the name of the specific parish you wish your donation to be given. *Thank you!*

Our Stewardship

Financial reports for Nov. 25/26

St. James / Our Lady of Victory -\$7027.00

Holy Apostles - \$6,584.00

Our Lady of Loreto - \$2,517.00

St. Patrick - \$1,211.80

Sacred Heart / Our Lady of the Snows



Calling All Voices!

Sacred Heart would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in taking part in the

Sacred Heart Choir for their beautiful Christmas Eve Service being celebrated at 4 pm.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30pm, and are scheduled for December 5, 12 and 19.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Grace Brustrom, at 716-499-9588, or stop in the choir loft after Mass, she would be happy to answer any questions.

Talent Inventory Survey

The TALENT INVENTORY surveys were in last weekends bulletin. If you didn't get one and would like one they are available online as well as the Central Office. This survey will help us ascertain which ministries our parish family members would like to become involved in to share their time and talent to serve one another.

Please Note

If you are interested in purchasing the Wine or Hosts for a particular month “In Memory Of...” or “In Honor Of...” that special someone, please call the Central Office at 716-487-0125. The cost for the Wine is \$40, the Hosts are \$25; and the Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for one week is \$10. A special card will be sent to the family notifying them of your donation.

St. Patrick Parish

189 Main St. • Randolph NY 14772

Wine • Hosts • Sanctuary Lights • Memorials

Wine, Hosts and Sanctuary Light for the Month of December

In Memory of the Killburn & Hoffman families

By the Riddell family

Could you give a few hours of your time to help those in need?

If the answer is yes, please consider calling the Joy Fellowship Church on 7th & Liberty Street in Jamestown. They are opening a daytime warming and welcome center for the homeless on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm, and they are looking for (4) volunteers each day.

Training hours are on December 6th & 7th from 10am to 2pm.

For more information, please call:

716-484-1542 or 716-378-2987

Thank you so much for your help!

Guardians Needed

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at St. James Church**

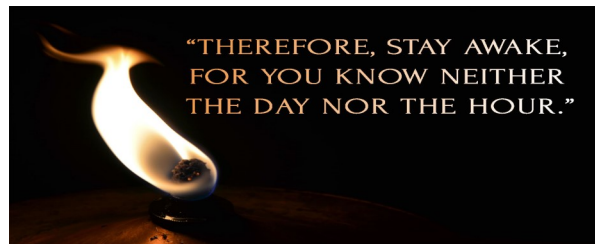
We have the holy Sacrament exposed in the chapel of St. James every Wednesday from 9:00am to 7:00pm for everyone to come and pray. We need individuals to sign up for a weekly hour to help keep the sacrament open through these hours.

Please call the Central Office if you can help at 716.487.0125.

Our Lady of Loreto Parish

309 W. Everett St. • Falconer NY 14733

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Christmas Flowers & Memorials

(2nd Collection, December 3rd)

Christmas Memorials for a loved one is \$10. Your Name will be published in the bulletin on December 24th and the names of your loved ones will be placed on the altar for their intention at the Christmas Day Mass. You can send your check to 27 Allen St. Jamestown, NY 14701, or you can drop it in the collection basket. **Deadline for Memorials is Sunday, December 10th.**

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Basket Raffle, Luncheon and Bake Sale. It was greatly appreciated. It was very successful.

We would also like to thank all who donated turkeys, breads, rolls and apple sauce to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. It was greatly appreciated.

St. James Parish Our Lady of Victory Oratory

27 Allen St. • Jamestown NY 14701 6 Institute St. • Frewsburg, NY 14738

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Sanctuary Light

In Memory of *Michael Gullotti*
by Carl & Maria Gullotti & family

Hosts

In Memory of Henry & Adeline Karg
by Ted & Susanna Kirtzhals

Memorial

In Memory of George D'Angelo
by Valerie Heggarty

CNIF Family Advent Holy Hour

Where: St. James Worship Site

When: The four Tuesdays leading up to Christmas
- Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19

Time: 6:30 pm

"This is a time to pray, reflect and prepare to
celebrate the Birth of Jesus."

Night Prayer

Beginning December 2nd at 9pm the clergy will be
starting a Night Prayer on the Catholic Neighbors in Faith
Facebook page. There are Night Prayer books on sale
at the Central Office for \$10, 27 Allen St.

The Stephanie Frucella Gift Fund

A special fund for college scholarships provided
by the Frucella Family is available again this year
for anyone who is a registered member of St.
James parish and is currently attending college in
pursuit of a 2-year associate or technical school
program or a master's degree.

The application requirements are available at
the Central Office. Applicants will need a letter
from their pastor acknowledging participation at
Mass and/or assisting other ministries.

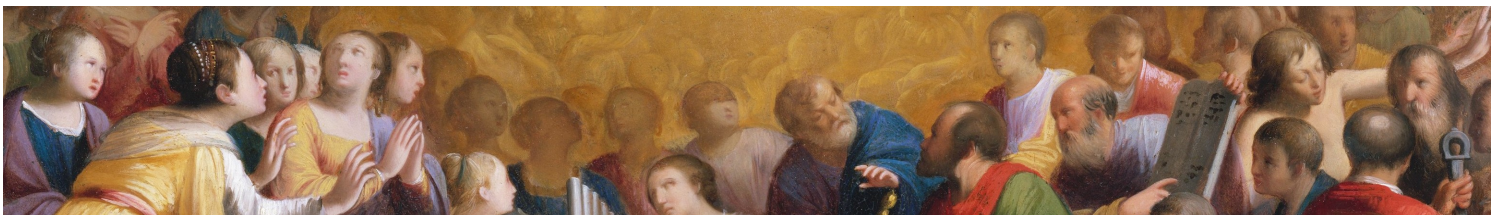
***Completed applications should be mailed to:
St. James Church, 27 Allen Street, Jamestown,
NY, 14701, starting Monday, January 1, 2024.***

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls and lap robes are universal and
embracing. They comfort and enfold, wrap and
warm, mother and hug, shelter and embrace. The gift
of a prayer shawl enables the recipient to be
surrounded by prayer and is a tangible reminder of
God's care, love, encouragement and inspiration.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to join us
on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:00
PM in the Library at Saint James. We knit or crochet
a variety of items for those in need of spiritual,
mental or physical healing. No experience required -
we are happy to share our skills.

Looking for a reward? Share your time, talent and
treasure at our next meeting on Tuesday, November
21st at 6:00 PM.



Buffalo Bills Bye Week Got You Down?

Join us for our Catholic Neighbors In Faith *Advent Retreat* *and* *Family Inauguration Party*

- **First Sunday of Advent - December 3rd - 2PM**
- St. James Church - 27 Allen St. Jamestown, NY
- Holy Hour with Adoration and Reflection on the **O Antiphons**
- Family Inauguration Party to follow
Food and Drink and even better company
Enjoy Live Music, Entertainment, Special Guests and other Surprises!

Reflections

First Sunday of Advent

Watch Out!

In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners, we too hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. And God's power was manifest in the raising of Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The Gospel reminds us to look constantly for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect people driving cars to turn off their cell phones and keep their eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" (1 Corinthians 1:7). The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

You probably think that Faith Formation is just for our kids! You are totally wrong. From day one when you came into this world and until the day you die, we should all be taking every opportunity we can get to know more about the Trinity and our Catholic faith.

I hope you are reading the articles on the saints in the bulletin. It may say “Kid’s Corner”, however, we can learn more on how to live our lives as we follow these acts of love the saint’s did for Jesus. Don’t miss the reflections on the Gospel that gives us the insight we need on how to apply the Gospel to our lives.

There will soon be more opportunities to increase your spiritual life. Be sure to come to St. James at 2 pm this Sunday for an Advent Retreat/Holy Hour. There are Bibles Studies, Advent Holy Hour services on Tuesdays of advent, Prayer gatherings, and Morning Star for families once a month. All these are extended to each one of you. Father Darrell is doing a wonderful job guiding the pillars to start new and exciting programs for all of us. Now it is up to you to take advantage of these opportunities!

Our youth have classes this Sunday, December 3 at St. John’s site and Sacred Heart site from 10am until 11:30 am following the 9 am Mass. Randolph site is 9am until 10:30am followed by Mass at 11am. Your students can not drive. What better way to bring your children closer to Jesus than to bring them with you to Mass to receive the Eucharist. Jesus will be with them all week helping and guiding them!



Hail Mary, full of grace,
Our Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among
women,
And blessed is the fruit of
your womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our
death,

Amen

The Birth of Jesus

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BYBA 2

NBOR 6 3

You will find the baby
lying in a

Luke 2:12

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:12

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Catholic Neighbors in Faith Memorial

In Loving Memory Memorial Page

This is a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered. Your loved one's name (s) will be listed each week on a page in the bulletin. A donation is requested.

A yearly donation of \$50 is asked per line. This offering goes to help support the parish community.

There are two options. 1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or 2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." Multiple names may be listed. The cost is \$50 per line.

We hope to have the Memorial page ready for print by the beginning of January 2024.

If this memorial listing is complete they will run from January 2024 - January 2025. The month prior to the end date, you will receive renewal information.

Please complete the form below. Make your check out to your parish and mail it to: 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701.



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

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen.

This is a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered throughout the entire year. Your loved ones will be listed bulletin each week.

- Please Include \$50.00 Per line
- Please Print Clearly
- Please Complete This Form and Return It to the Central Office With Your check.

Application For Catholic Neighbors in Faith Memorial

Memorial Listing

Name (s)

Contact Information

Your Name

Street

City

State

Zip



Immaculate Conception - Friday, December 8th

Mary's Sinlessness and Simplicity

It has been my mission lately to live as simply as possible. One of my mottos has become: "Make Due". In other words, if I want green beans for supper but only have broccoli on hand, I will make due with broccoli. If I have a couch with broken springs and am unable to replace it, I will make due with a few chairs. If I run out of shredded cheese, I will shred some by hand. In other words, I will try my best to use what I already have on hand instead of jumping on Amazon or jumping in my car and going to the store.

One of my models for living simply is the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Immaculate Conception we celebrate today. I can picture her in her home, baking bread, mending clothing or spending time with her family and friends. I can't imagine she desired more earthly things, and I *can* imagine her being thankful for everything she did have, no matter how small. Her pure soul proclaimed the greatness of the Lord and her simple spirit lacked for nothing.

In today's Gospel, Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel was "I am the handmaid of the Lord." She did not put on airs saying, "Why yes, I knew there was something special about me. I thought for sure God had a very important mission in mind for me." Nor did she demonstrate false humility by responding, "Who, me? No, no, no. I think there must be some mistake here. I could never be good enough for something so monumental." Rather, she recognized herself for what she truly was, for what we all are, simply servants. Simple handmaids.

The second part of her response was, "May it be done unto me according to your word." She didn't say, "Hey, could you wait a week or so while I prepare all my family and friends for this, so they don't freak out on me?" She didn't request "Ok, sure, but could you make sure I don't gain too much weight and find a comfy spot for me to give birth?" She simply allowed it to be done, in God's timing and in God's way.

On this special Solemnity, may we not only recognize Mary in her sinlessness, but in her simplicity as well. Sin complicates and multiplies confusion. It fosters negativity and division. But Mary did not suffer those side effects within her being. She desired one thing, to do the will of God. As we seek to live less sinfully and more simply, may this be our desire as well.

By Tami Urcia

Saint of the Week

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)

December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

