

Catholic Neighbors in Faith

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2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Administrative Office for CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH - (CNIF)

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Holy Apostles

Ss. Peter & Paul

508 Cherry St.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

St. John

282 Newton Ave.
Jamestown NY 14701

Our Lady of Victory Oratory

6 Institute St.
Frewsburg NY 14378

Our Lady of the Snows

36 E. Main St.
Panama NY 14767

Our Lady of Loreto

309 W. Everett St.
Falconer NY 14733

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

April 7, 2024 • Divine Mercy—Second Sunday of Easter

Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at SSPP Church Hall at 3pm. All are welcome to come.
- The Catholic Daughters meet every third Monday of the month at Sacred Heart Church Conference room at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend
- “Lord Teach Me To Pray” meets at St. James on Mondays from 6 - 7:15pm in the Hall Classroom.
- “Be A Man” Ministry meets at St. James on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Hall Classroom.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. James chapel every Wednesday - 9am until the 7pm Mass. Anyone interested in taking a scheduled hour of prayer as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament is asked to call the central office at 716.487.0125. This keeps the chapel doors open for others to visit our Lord!
- Confessions are heard at St. James Church on Wednesdays, 6 - 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm & Saturdays from 3 - 3:30pm followed by Mass at 4pm.
- Liturgy of the Hours can be viewed Fridays on Zoom at 9am. Call the central office for the ID & passcode info to join.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry meets 10am on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at St. James. All are invited.
- April 11th Noon - 6 PM Chiavetta’s Chicken Barbeque at Sacred Heart
- Coffee Hour - St. James Church on Sunday, April 14th after 8am Mass and will be hosted by the Italian Dancers.
- St. James Altar & Rosary meets Sunday, April 14th at 9:30am in the parish hall.
- Youth Group Grades 9 - 12 will meet Sunday, April 14th at St. James 5pm - 7pm. New members welcome!
- Young people in grades 8 - 12 are invited to *Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens* on **Sun., April 28th from 12-5pm** at Villa Maria College in Buffalo!

NIGHT PRAYER continues each night beginning at 9:00pm. Join the clergy on Facebook at Catholic Neighbors in Faith and pray with them and fellow parishioners.

Please Pray For . . .

Parish Family members who are ill:

John Adams
Rose Atkins
Timothy Dean
Gayle Boudreau
James Boudreau
Collins Family
Erica Collins
Michelle Cracker
Marcia de la Cerda
Grant Damon
Gail Gillig
Mark Hedstrand III
Bohdan Kanicki

Elizabeth LaMantia
Burke Lindquist
Shelly Pacheco-
Johannessen
Nancy Johnson
Sam McMaster
Nancy Michaels
Elizabeth Nguyen
My Nguyen
James Post
Louis Rieg
Marty Sargent
Andrea Schneider
Jim Scully
Donald Segrue

Dorothy and David Seth
Robert Sprankle
Emily Sechriest
Mary Helen Smith
Savannah Steves
Megan and Sean
Ellen Tyler
Therese Whit
The Unborn.
People of the Ukraine.
Those in the military.
All those touched by
loneliness or illness.
Those in purgatory.

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.

Please Remember to let us know when you would like someone taken off the Prayer list. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6 - First Saturday

JMS - 4:00PM † **Joe Vullo** (Birthday) & **Calogero Giuffre**
By Wife & Children

OLS - 4:00PM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

Sunday, April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday

JMS - 8:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

JHN - 9:00AM † **Nancy & Marian Mistretta**
By Dr. & Mrs. Darling

SHR - 9:00AM **In honor of Taya Katherine Curtis**
(9th Birthday)
By Mom & Dad

OLL -10:00AM † **James Piazza** (Wedding Anniversary)
By Wife, Rose

SPP -11:00AM † **Ted Bogdan**
By Sally Corkery

PAT -11:00AM † **Rosemary Andrews**
By Maria Smith

Monday, April 8 - Annunciation of the Lord

JMS - 8:00AM **Mass for the Parishioners**
By the Priest

SHR - 9:00AM † **Nikolaus Grunert**
By Family

SPP -12:10PM † **John Scorce** (Anniversary)
By Family

Tuesday, April 9

PAT - 8:00 AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Wednesday, April 10

JHN - 8:00 AM † **John Brustrom** (Anniversary)
By Wife, Mary Grace

JMS - 7:00 PM † **John & Jude Dewhurst**
By Russ & Deborah Rentler

Thursday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Eugene J. Malenga**
By Lorraine Malenga

OLV - 5:00 PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

Friday, April 12 - First Friday

JMS - 8:00AM **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

SHR - 9:00AM † **Jeanne Halaby**
By Morning Mass Group

SPP -12:10PM † **Helen Plowy & Anna Plowy**
By Anna Dubej-Phillips

Saturday, April 13

JMS - 4:00PM † **Jim Scully**
By Durwood & Geri Swanson

4:00PM † **Tom Lombardo**
By Toni Bellitto

OLS - 4:00PM † **Father Joseph Dowdell**
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Sunday, April 14

JMS - 8:00AM † **Busty Iuculano** (Birthday)
By Mother & Family

JHN - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

SHR - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

OLL -10:00AM † **Mary & Willis Wilder**
By Daughter, Adeline & Grandchildren

SPP -11:00AM † **Mr. & Mrs. W. Kutschke**
By the Kutschke Boys

PAT -11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

[Call the central office for your 2024 Mass Intentions.](#)

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

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Wine, Hosts, Sanctuary Lights and Memorials



Sanctuary Light

St. James Church

In Memory of Carmelo, Frances Conti and Sons, Jim & Joe

By Your Family

St. John Church

In Memory of Rosalie Consiglio (Anniversary)

By Sebastian & Gerri Mazzurco

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland (Wedding Anniversary)

By Wife, JoAnne

Our Lady of Loreto Church

For Prayers Answered

By Brandon & Christine Heitzenrater

Wine

St. James Church

In Memory of Sam Polino

By Cousin, Toni Ann Bellitto

St. John Church

In Memory of Frank Marcello (Birthday)

By Daughter, Joan

Hosts

St. James Church

In Memory of Tom Lombardo

By Toni Bellitto

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland (Wedding Anniversary)

By Wife, JoAnne

Join us for 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 at 716.487.0125 if you can help.



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of...

James "Jim" Scully Sr.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.*

*May their soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

THANK YOU ALL

We want to thank everyone who helped get our churches cleaned, decorated and ready for the celebration of Easter. They looked beautiful! Your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated!

Application For Catholic Neighbors in Faith Memorial Listing (Please Print Clearly)

Please send a check for \$50 made out to your HOME PARISH and mail it to: 27 Allen St., Jamestown NY 14701.

Name (s) _____

Your Contact Information

Your Name _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Catholic Neighbors in Faith

REMINDER...

We would like to remind everyone that the central office will be closed on Monday, April 8th, as directed by the Diocese.

Our Stewardship

Date of March 24, 2024

St. James

Offertory - \$ 5,834.22

Holy Apostles

Offertory - \$ 6,876

Sacred Heart

Offertory - \$ 3,433

St. Patrick

Offertory - \$ 1,193

Our Lady of Loreto

Offertory - \$ 2,029

Thank you for your support of our parishes and ministries!

A Gift of Intentions

If you would like to make a donation to the church "In Memory Of..." or "In Honor Of..." someone special, consider the Wine, Hosts or Sanctuary Light in their name. The monthly donation for Wine is just \$40 and the Hosts are \$25. Sanctuary Lamps cost \$10 per week. A special card may be sent to the family notifying them of your donation. This is a great way to honor someone when a Mass date is not available. If you have any questions, call the Central Office at 716.487.0125.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

2024 Italian Festival News...

Plans for the Italian Festival are under way. We will once again be looking for volunteers, donations of water and pop, gift baskets, etc. If you or anyone you know would like to help out, please contact the central office at 716.487.0125 and we will put you in contact with one of the committee members.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hi Folks,

Did you know there is a Prayer Shawl group? We meet at the St. James Parish Library on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 10am. New members are always welcome with any skill and any level! Please join us! We also stay in touch by saying three "Hail Mary's" at 8am each day, and some of us text a praying hands emoji to the group. We would like to invite everyone in our Catholic Neighbors Community to join us!

The items we make include, but are not limited to prayer shawls, prayer cloths, lap blankets, baby blankets, etc. These items are then blessed and given out to those in need of comfort and prayers. It's a reminder of our prayers going out to the community.

We are also open to having a "Round-Robin" of meetings, to meet at different locations. If anyone has any questions or is interested in joining this group, please leave a text message at (716)450-1280.

Thanks, Cathy B.



DONATIONS STILL NEEDED...

Ss. Peter & Paul Church and St. James Church are still in need of your help for two very important upgrades.

1) The Rosetta Window at the back of the church at Ss. Peter & Paul is in need of major repairs. We are asking for your help in trying to ensure that this beautiful window be restored and made structurally sound again.

2) St. James Church and Rectory are in need of foundation masonry repairs. Any donations would be tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact the rectory.

A Call For Vocation...

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." God's mercy is shown most clearly through the Sacrament of Confession, which Jesus gave to the Apostles in today's Gospel. Who will administer this Sacrament in our day to those in need of God's mercy? Could it be you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or buffalovocations.org.

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TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Young people in grades 8 - 12 are invited to *Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens* on **Sun., April 28th** from **12-5pm** at Villa Maria College in Buffalo! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker and musician ValLimar Jansen! ValLimar's unique blend of proclamation, reflection, storytelling, music, movement, insights and wisdom propels faith to new heights. The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher.

Teens have the choice of different breakout topics and service activities during the event. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/makingconnections716>.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!



Our Lady of Loreto
Holy Name Society
ANNUAL SPRING / SUMMER RAFFLE
GRAND PRIZE: Weber Portable Gas Grill
Compliments of Everyday's True Value
Drawing Date: Sunday, May 19th, 2024
TICKET DONATION: \$10.00 EACH **196**

Nice Weather = Cookouts!!

A brand-new grill sure would make those warm spring and summer gatherings a lot less stressful! Members of the Our Lady of Loreto Holy Name Society are currently selling tickets for a brand-new Weber Portable Gas Grill! The tickets are only \$10 (while they last!) The drawing date is Sunday May 19th directly after 10am Mass. You can get your ticket from any of the OLL Holy Name Society members, stopping by the central office of Catholic Neighbors in Faith, or by contacting Andy Kutchke at 716.397.4710 to help you in purchasing a ticket.

Thank you for your support!



Altar & Rosary Baking

The Altar & Rosary of St. James is inviting anyone who would like come to the St. James church hall on Saturday, April 20th to help make cookies for the Italian Festival. They will be baking and frosting cookies beginning at 9:00AM, and will continue until the last cookie is frosted and put away. Come share in the fun, comradery and overall good feeling of doing something to help our family of churches!

St. Patrick's Day dinner at St. Pat's was a huge success thanks to the wonderful food made by the Altar & Rosary ladies and all who brought a dish. A special thank you to Eileen Neal for her time and donations and to Josiah Neal for playing a great "Saint Patrick". We hope to see everyone again next year!



Bible Study – Beginning April 25th

All are invited to join a Bible study entitled "Wisdom: God's Vision for Your Life."

It is an 8-week program of biblical wisdom literature including the books of Wisdom, Sirach, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, supplemented by excerpts from The Catechism of the Catholic Church. The theme is how to apply God's revealed Wisdom to our daily lives and is guided by scholars from Ascension Press via video presentations. It will run from April 25th to June 13th on consecutive Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm in the church hall on the lower level of Saints Peter and Paul Church. The cost is \$20 for a journal which has assigned readings, discussion questions and explanatory notes. To enroll, please call the church office at 716.487.0125 by April 11th so we may order the appropriate number of books.



Catholic Charities of Buffalo bring hope to tens of thousands of people each year through food pantries, rent and utilities help, and other basic assistance, mental health, educational and vocational opportunities, phone calls to those who are homebound, domestic violence victim support, and much more. The Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is ongoing through June 30th. To make a donation, you can visit www.ccwny.org/donate or you can text HOPE4WNY to 44321. Every donation counts!

FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are still looking for a few more individuals to assist at funeral masses that may be scheduled at our churches any day Monday thru Saturday, generally at 10am. Anyone interested in becoming a Funeral Altar Server in our family of parishes is asked to contact Doris at the central office, 716.487.0125. Training will be provided. This is a great service to the church and a corporal work of mercy.

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Easter Paschal Candles

Paschal Candle at St. James Church was donated by a Friend
For Prayers to all within our Family of Parishes

Paschal Candle at St. John Church was donated
in Loving Memory of Rev. Dennis W. Mende, Paul Tran Ming Cong,
Anna Nguyen Kim Hong, Teresa Tran Kim Loan and Peter Tran Binh
Thanh Requested by The Tran Family

Paschal Candle at Ss. Peter & Paul Church was donated
in Memory of G. Craig Miller Requested by Wife, Nancy, daughters
Lynn Kutschke and Elisabeth Hall and their families



Saint of the Week

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr - April 11

Have you ever had to confront evil or injustice? Have you ever tried to reason with those who could not see reason, or share your faith with those who were not open to God? I remember a few episodes in high school where I would ask those around me not to use foul language or when I chose to disassociate with those who were known to drink, smoke or act promiscuously. But all of this pales in comparison to what Stanislaus went through. He was born near Kraków, Poland in 1030. He was ordained a priest, became known for his preaching and holy example, and was ordained bishop of Kraków in 1072. He was known for his boldness and spoke out against unjust wars, immorality and other evils. Preceding Thomas More and Thomas Becket, all three of them vigorously opposed the evils of unjust government, even to the point of standing up to the king. King Boleslaus killed Stanislaus himself, after the saintly bishop excommunicated him due to his evil ways. May we learn from the example of Saint Stanislaus to boldly proclaim the truth, no matter what the cost. —Tami Urcia



Kids Corner

Can you find all of the words in the Chaplet prayer below?

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us
and on the whole world!

M R O Q H A U E D S
L E H Z I N F I J A
Y C R W S D U P S K
P B T C U O L B C E
A Y H S Y N P O Q O
S W E W M R X N G F
S O R R O W F U L N
I R D O U Z O S T X
O L Y L N I R A Z K
N D T H E W H O L E

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Reflections

Peace Be With You

Chapter 20 of the Gospel of John emphasizes Peace and the Holy Spirit abiding within us. Christ's first word following His death is "Peace." I do not find that I am naturally a peaceful person. I tend to get easily distracted and upset by life not being "fair" or agitated when things do not go exactly as I had planned. I am flawed. Yet so much greater than this is that I am also loved. Above all else, Christ has laid down his life for me. I owe it to Him to do my best to try to find an inner peace. It is often a battle. My mind races at night, dwelling on what might go wrong. It is by listening to the word of God that I calmed down and am reminded of who I really am. Through dedicating my time to Him in prayer and good deeds, He will rejuvenate me, like the Living Water He declares to the Samaritan woman.

Again and again we must acknowledge that the Holy Spirit resides in each of us, guiding us, and that in each passing moment we can become more like Christ. Pope Benedict XVI explained, "Every person carries within himself, a project of God, a personal vocation, a personal idea of God, on what he is required to do in history to build His Church, a living temple of His presence." I have a calling, a reason for why God has created me, I was chosen for this life to share God's glory with those around me. We may not always know where we belong or how each passing moment might unfold. While I may not be at peace on my own accord, with God's grace, He will remain in me as a source of peace through the Holy Spirit. He will help me find the way.

"Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me". - Author Unknown

Truly Favored

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

What an interesting choice of words from the Angel Gabriel - "favor with God." This has to be where Mary's fullness of grace comes in, because if I was told I had favor with God and then my life went on the roller-coaster ride that Mary's did, I'm not sure I would believe the Archangel Gabriel nor share the same definition and understanding of "favor."

Here in the Annunciation, we hear these profound words spoken to Mary, along with the astounding news that God has chosen her to bear His beloved Son. Although I try to place myself in that room, hearing those words, I simply cannot fathom the depth of Mary's emotions in that very moment, that unique experience that the Blessed Virgin Mary alone has been graced to experience.

This "favor" that was found to be with Mary becomes increasingly harder to imagine as the rest of the story of Mary's life with Jesus unfolds — in what we, who are not full of grace, might see as a complete unraveling of God's favor. As a woman, I know how I would perceive this journey if I were to put myself in Mary's situation. Mary is the ultimate model of trust and faith because we have no evidence that she lost these gifts, as I would have if my expectations were seemingly twisted completely around.

These are a few of the events and situations I wouldn't expect if I had received the news I was expecting the Son of God: I would not have expected to travel to help out a slightly more pregnant cousin right after finding out I, too, was to have a baby, especially if that child was the Messiah!

I would have expected to have the baby at home with my mom and maybe some women from Nazareth to help out, not in a barn all the way in Bethlehem with only my husband's assistance.

After my son's unexpected birth in a manger, I would have expected to return back to Nazareth, again to the comfort of my home and my family and community to help me raise my new son. I would have never expected this urgent, I am sure, frightening escape from Bethlehem into Egypt.

In the end, it is irrefutable (to me, at least) that Mary has truly found favor with God. This grace may not align with our thoughts and understanding of 'favor'; but I continue, like her, to ponder all these things in my heart, praying that if the day ever arrives for me to be greeted by an angel with a great message from God, I too will answer, "May it be done to me according to your Word."

By Allison Gingras

In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul 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

Leroy & Ethel Anderson
Christopher Baczynski
Fred Baker
Beaver & Stearns Families
Cora Bonfiglio
Tichy, Horvath & Brunecz Families
Charles E. J. Cassidy
DMO the Crasti & Marino Families
John & Tillie Cusimano
Michael Danielson
Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Dowdell
DMO the Dominick & O'Hagan Families
Dr. Anthony Floccare
DMO the Floccare & DePetro Families
Stephanie A. Frucella
Alexander Gil
Angelo Giuffre & Maria Cali Families
Glenard A. Grabow
Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo
Charles "Charlie" Heggarty
Grunert & Perk Families
Hacker & Tuzzo Families
Hedrich & Peterson Families
Rev. John T. Horne
Hutchinson & Truax Families
L & DMO the Irons & Pfurtsceller Families
For the Soul of Judas Iscariot
Rev. Joseph P. Janaczek
Phyllis Johenning
Andrew B. & Eleanor H. Johnson
Karg & Kurtzhals Families
Kilburn & Hoffman Family
Rev. John L. Kuhlmann
Edda Liuzzo
Giuseppe & Giuseppina Liuzzo
Joseph X. & Mary R. Lombardo
Carol K. Lucas
Marie F. MacNamara
Frank & Josephine Marcello

Marchiando & Dominici Families
Nina Claire Marsh
Rev. Dennis W. Mende
Mary Jo Mason Montagna
Reinaldo E. & T. Silvia Muniz
Janet & Henry Napier
O'Brien, Letro & Plunkett Families
L & DMO the Pappalardo Family
Mary Ann Pappalardo
James Patti
Robert J. Perron
Plummer & McGraw Families & Sisters of
St. Joseph of Buffalo
Tom Prechtl & Katy Guye
Rau & Shepherd Families
DMO Raymond & Raimondo Families
Rieg, Barnes & Pearson Families
James R. Rusiniak
Nicholas & Miriam Rodriguez
B. Muriel Rose
Dr. Joseph & Ruth Rube
L & DMO the Scarpino & Heffern Families
Laurie L. Shay
DMO Belluz & Shay Families
Nicholas W. Shelley
Ross & Josephine Spoto
Swanson & Regan Families
The Twichell Family
Paul Tran, Minh Cong, Anna Nguyen
Kim Hong, Teressa Tran, Kim Loan,
Peter Tran Binh Thanh
Linda J. Wadsworth
Richard & Emily Weimer
Jason M. Williams
Zahler, Cuffney & Green Families
Zunner & Gumienik Family