

Welcome, wherever you are on your life's journey.

Rev. Kyle Eads & Deacon Andy Grebe, Interim Parish Team

Our St. James Parish Mission:

*Energized by the Eucharist and Scripture, we are a welcoming and affirming community that celebrates Christ Jesus in our midst. We value prayer, education, art, music, and the beauty of God's creation in our quest for spiritual growth and social justice in the world.
~Accepted at Liturgy, April 12th and 13th, 2014*

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

A Lenten Reflection:

Today's Gospel is long and important. There is a shorter Lectionary option, but reading the full narrative of the woman at the well is crucial to understanding her significance. She is an open, engaged recruiter of disciples in Christ, and she is a model for women preachers.

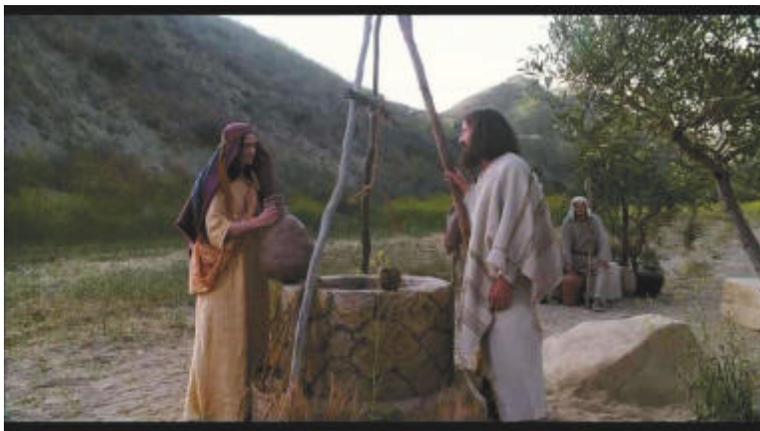
Jesus meets an unnamed Samaritan woman at a well. When Jesus requests water from her, she notes the potential impropriety of their interaction. A Jewish man speaking to a Samaritan woman would be scandalous on account of their different religious traditions and sexes. Even Jesus' disciples note the scandal when they arrive on the scene, "amazed" that Jesus would speak to a woman (Jn 4:27), pushing past the societal boundaries of his time.

Jesus reveals his purpose for requesting water. The water enables him to speak symbolically about himself as "living water" that provides eternal life (Jn 4:10, 14). This exchange serves as an invitation for the woman to believe in Jesus, and she responds with sincerity and openness.

Abruptly, Jesus instructs her to call her husband, and he asserts that she has had five husbands. Some interpreters have criticized this woman as being sexually immoral or a prostitute. Not so. There is certainly no indication of either in the text, and it is important to work against such assumptions, which serve only to diminish this woman by treating her as a source of scandal because of her relationships with men.

The text does not tell us why she has five husbands. Some assume she has been divorced multiple times, so Jesus' statement could imply that her most recent relationship is

illegitimate. However, she could be a widow who married her brothers-in-law, according to the custom called levirate marriage (Dt 25:5-10). She could be a widow who married close kinsmen (Ru 4:1-17).



Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, John 4:5-42

Whatever the reason, Jesus mentions her husbands not to criticize her but to show that he intimately knows her. Recognizing the significance of Jesus as a prophet, the woman takes the opportunity to discuss differences between Jews and Samaritans. She confidently professes belief in the coming of the

Messiah, leading Jesus to reveal his identity to her, saying "I am he, the one speaking with you" (Jn 4:26).

The woman immediately departs, going into the city saying: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" (Jn 4:29). Her assertion and question prompt people to go find out more about Jesus. Her preaching motivates her community, and many "began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me everything I have done'" (Jn 4:39). After encountering Jesus themselves, the Samaritans invite him to stay with them, and they begin to believe that he is the Messiah.

Today's Gospel reveals the power of women preachers. Jesus' invitation to this woman is countercultural and sparks a transformative ministry to the Samaritans. The woman is an example of Christian witness and discipleship, and church leaders should heed the wisdom of the Gospel and the Lectionary which puts this passage at the center of our Lenten journey. *By Jamie L. Waters, "A Biblical Model for Women Preachers," reprinted from America Magazine, March 2, 2020*

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Celebration of the Eucharist:

To ensure safe worship together, we are welcoming up to 80 worshippers to 9AM Sunday Mass by last name, alphabetical order. You may also worship with us online at stjameschatham.org. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended, and we will continue to offer online masses for the tri-parish community for the foreseeable future. Please check our website or Facebook page for more info and to register for Mass online.

March 2021 Mass Schedule:

- Sunday, Mar. 7** — Cycle 4 worshippers' last names Q– Z
- Sunday, Mar. 14** — Cycle 1 worshippers' last names A-D
- Sunday, Mar. 21** — Cycle 2 worshippers' last names E-K
- Sunday, Mar. 28** — Cycle 3 worshippers' last names L-P

Please call our parish office at (518) 392-4991 or send an e-mail to sjofficeassistant@gmail.com if you would like to reserve a seat at an upcoming Mass for yourself, family member, and/or guest. **We will also do our best to accommodate you and your family if you would like to attend Mass off cycle. Kindly let us know in advance by email or phone.** Please arrive early, and be aware that wearing a mask is required. Church doors will open Sundays at 8:30AM.

CONFESSIONS

Please call the office at 392-4991 or email our office at sjofficeassistant@gmail.com if you would like to schedule a confession.

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FAITH FORMATION

ST. JAMES FAITH FORMATION

We welcome families to continue enrolling in Faith Formation this winter as we launch new learning programs that are easily accessible online and through workbooks for home study.

Preschool through Grade 5: Sundays 10-11am online and home workbooks.

Grades 6-9 and Confirmation: Monday night by Zoom and home study modules.

Administrator: Angelique Hebert

Cell Phone: (518) 653-6542

Home Phone: (518) 758-1319

Email: saintjamesfaithformation@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION WINTER 2021 SCHEDULE:

Kindergarten through Grade 5: Home study materials available.

Grades 6 through 9: Monday nights, hybrid program

- 3/8 Module 9—Home Lesson
- 3/15 Module 9 Review—Zoom Session
- 3/22 Module 10—Home Lesson
- 3/29 Module 10 Review—Zoom Session

Confirmation - Grade 10: Monday nights 6:30 - 8pm

- 3/8 Zoom Class 6:30—8pm
- 3/15 Zoom Class 6:30—8pm
- 3/22 Zoom Class 6:30—8pm
- 3/29 Zoom Class 6:30—8pm

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH?

Are you interested in making St. James your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community? Fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or email us at sjofficeassistant@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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I'm interested in the following ministries/activities:

PARISH OUTREACH

For more information about OutReach, please contact Denise Barry, St. James OutReach coordinator, at (518) 929-4369

#1. The **annual Bedding Project**, which is held every winter in collaboration with the other northern Columbia. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this winter's extraordinary collection of comforters, blankets, towels, etc. Through your generosity contributions from St. James have been delivered to social work clients, migrant families, W.I.C., and other recipients. Please note that bedding is accepted year-round by OutReach with special appeals in January and February. Please call the OutReach number to arrange delivery of any additional donated items. Thank you!

#2. On-line donations may be made during our annual **Easter Food Drive** which extends from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, April 4th, to benefit the Chatham and Ghent food pantries. For online giving visit <https://www.osvhub.com/st-james-chatham/funds/food-pantries>. Traditional methods of donating by check or cash are certainly welcome as well.

#3. **"Family Friends"**- This week a family who we helped at Christmas has made special specific requests to fulfill current needs. The father needs shirts size 2X, pants size 36-30, and boots or shoes size 11. His seventeen year-old daughter needs a serviceable laptop computer. Does anyone have these items to give away? Please call the OutReach number if you can help.

#4. **When contributing to the Chatham and Ghent food pantries in March, please bear in mind the following suggestions:** jello and pudding, dry cereal, cake mixes and frosting, and fresh and canned fruits and vegetables. Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and paper products are always in need.

#5. **"Human Interest" story from Catholic Charities of Columbia Greene:** As a thank-you to the community for all its support Catholic Charities would like to share an example of how your generosity is helping others. Recently we were able to help a single mom with paying overdue rent which allowed her to have stable housing and therefore the return of her two children to the home. She worked in the service industry with her hours drastically cut due to COVID. She now has full-time employment elsewhere and will be able to meet monthly expenses.

#6. **Furniture Exchange: Bedroom dressers (and diapers, any size) are needed by social work clients and migrant families respectively.** If you can help, please call the OutReach number at (518) 929-4369. Box springs for a queen size bed are available to anyone for the asking. If interested let us know. All transactions are confidential and at no cost.

#7. **The Chatham Public Library** offers programs monthly for children and adults. Also, candidates are being interviewed for the position of director of the library. Check with the staff at (518) 392-3666 for information pertaining to the March calendar of events at the library on Woodbridge Avenue.

FRIDAY LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for Lenten prayer and reflection **every Friday at 10AM** in the Gathering Space at St. James Church. Workbooks are available for purchase in our parish office to aid in our group prayer. Please plan on wearing a mask and join us! All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us to pray the Rosary together **every Wednesday at 4PM** in the Gathering Space at St. James Church. All are welcome!

ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS ST. MARY'S CHURCH—HUDSON

1. **All are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.** Fr. Guiseppe Siniscalchi, C.F.R., will be our special guest, speaking on *"St. Joseph, Our Guide"*. The morning program includes Eucharistic Adoration, Reflections, Confession and Benediction. This program will help us prepare for Holy Week and the Triduum in a very special way! There is no charge, but pre-registration is required. To register, call Pat at **518 -947-0621** or Cheryl at **518-755-5781**.

2. **Immediately after Easter, the OLV Chapel will be expanding its hours to include Wednesdays.** Adoration will then proceed uninterrupted from Sunday afternoons through Wednesday night. Regular weeknight hours will continue as scheduled. We invite all to consider adding Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to your spiritual life. Our Lord longs to speak to your heart; all you have to do is listen...! For information on becoming a trained Adorer, call Rebecca at **518-799-5535**.

MARCH 13: SPECIAL REFLECTIVE WORSHIP SPONSORED BY THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

David McCallum, S.J., Executive Director for Discerning Leadership Program, will host a 90-minute reflective webinar **"The Heart of Leadership: Love, Courage, and Vulnerability"** on **March 13, 10 am ET**. Sponsored by LeMoyne College and the Program for Discerning Leadership, all proceeds will benefit the Albany and Syracuse, NY regions of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. (IVC) For more information and registration go to: <https://ivcusa.org/heart-of-leadership/>

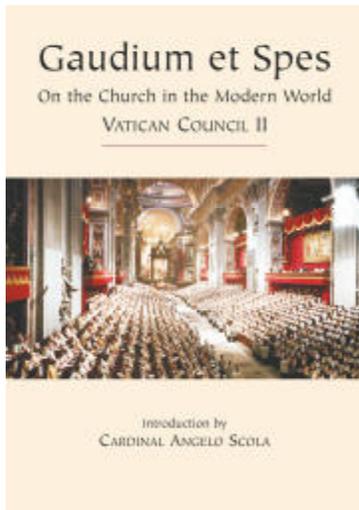
SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN!

The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners of St. James to contribute to an Easter gift to support seminarian Daniel Vallejo. You may do so by making your check payable to the Knights of Columbus #3466 and dropping it in the collection basket or sending it to PO Box 302, Ghent, NY 12075. Thank you!

PLANTING SEEDS FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT

Edited by Nick Biggs in conjunction with the Center for Faith Enrichment

“There is nowhere God is not.” ~Joe Mondel



The Second Vatican Council issued a report, PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD, GAUDIUM ET SPES, 1965, in which, among other things, it set forth the council's views on the dignity of man and the community of mankind. Together with next week's offering it shows a dynamic Church willing to reach out to others in the common interest of all mankind.

“Now, for the first time in human history all people are

convinced that the benefits of culture ought to be and actually can be extended to everyone.

“Still, beneath all these demands lies a deeper and more widespread longing: persons and societies thirst for a full and free life worthy of man; one in which they can subject to their own welfare all that the modern world can offer them so abundantly. In addition, nations try harder every day to bring about a kind of universal community. [9]

“According to the almost unanimous opinion of believers and unbelievers alike, all things on earth should be related to man as their center and crown.

“For Sacred Scripture teaches that man was created “to the image of God,” is capable of knowing and loving his Creator, and was appointed by Him as master of all earthly creatures that he might subdue them and use them to God's glory. [12]

“Now, man is not wrong when he regards himself as superior to bodily concerns, and as more than a speck of nature or a nameless constituent of the city of man. For by his interior qualities he outstrips the whole sum of mere things. He plunges into the depths of reality whenever he enters into his own heart; God, Who probes the heart, awaits him there; there he discerns his proper destiny beneath the eyes of God. Thus, when he recognizes in himself a spiritual and immortal soul, he is not being mocked by a fantasy born only of physical or social influences, but is rather laying hold of the proper truth of the matter. [12]

“In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always summoning him to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience when necessary speaks to his heart: do this, shun that. For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged. Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths... [16]

“Only in freedom can man direct himself toward goodness... Hence man's dignity demands that he act according to a knowing and free choice that is personally motivated and prompted from within, not under blind internal impulse nor by mere external pressure. Man achieves such dignity when, emancipating himself from all captivity to

passion, he pursues his goal in a spontaneous choice of what is good, and procures for himself through effective and skillful action, apt help to that end... [17]

“God, Who has fatherly concern for everyone, has willed that all men should constitute one family and treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood... For this reason, love for God and neighbor is the first and greatest commandment. Sacred Scripture, however, teaches us that the love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbor... To men growing daily more dependent on one another, and to a world becoming more unified every day, this truth proves to be of paramount importance. [24]

“Every day human interdependence grows more tightly drawn and spreads by degrees over the whole world. As a result the common good, that is, the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment, today takes on an increasingly universal complexion and consequently involves rights and duties with respect to the whole human race. Every social group must take account of the needs and legitimate aspirations of other groups, and even of the general welfare of the entire human family.

“At the same time, however, there is a growing awareness of the exalted dignity proper to the human person, since he stands above all things, and his rights and duties are universal and inviolable. Therefore, there must be made available to all men everything necessary for leading a life truly human, such as food, clothing, and shelter; the right to choose a state of life freely and to found a family, the right to education, to employment, to a good reputation, to respect, to appropriate information, to activity in accord with the upright norm of one's own conscience, to protection of privacy and rightful freedom even in matters religious. Hence, the social order and its development must invariably work to the benefit of the human person if the disposition of affairs is to be subordinate to the personal realm and not contrariwise... It must be founded on truth, built on justice and animated by love; in freedom it should grow every day toward a more humane balance... [26]

“Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in social, political and even religious matters. In fact, the more deeply we come to understand their ways of thinking through such courtesy and love, the more easily will we be able to enter into dialogue with them.

“...It grows increasingly true that the obligations of justice and love are fulfilled only if each person, contributing to the common good, according to his own abilities and the needs of others, also promotes and assists the public and private institutions dedicated to bettering the conditions of human life.

“Let everyone consider it his sacred obligation to esteem and observe social necessities as belonging to the primary duties of modern man. For the more unified the world becomes, the more plainly do the offices of men extend beyond particular groups and spread by degrees to the whole world. [30]

“Hence, the norm of human activity is this: that in accord with the divine plan and will, it harmonize with the genuine good of the human race, and that it allow men as individuals and as members of society to pursue their total vocation and fulfill it.' [34]

ST. JAMES PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these individuals in your prayers:

Margaret Angello, Tom Barber, Lorene Bowes, John Brady,
Bill & Tara Coleman, Ellen Coleman, Herb Coyne, Dr. Valerie Curry,
Lyle Daniels, Debbie DuBois, Heather, Patricia Kearns, Barbara Laspada,
Richard Leggitt, Courtney Powell, Gerry Rehagen, Anthony Roberts,
Marge Robinson, Deacon Paul Roemer, Sr., Mickey Schoeff,
Joseph Sikoskie, Kyle Stickle, Corinne Summers, Cosimo Tessitore,
Betsey Whitbeck, Ed Wilhelm, Lauren Wrigley, Jack and Emma Yurish

Also, please pray for the recently deceased and the consolation of their families:

Fr. Bob DeLeon, Donna Himmel, Thomas Ribadeneyra, Michele Rigney

And please keep these first responders in your prayers:

Courtney Baksa, Katherine A. Behrens, Kristy Buchan,
Tracy Crandall, Sarah Every, Laurajean Kaninenberg Jones, Shannon
Kennedy, Julia Kilcer, Liane Koenig, Minerva Lord,
Jessica McCoy, Maija Moore, Celia Muoser, Bill Murphy,
Samson Shakarian, Amy Boehme Silver, Laura Sundstrom,
Joe Testa, Anita Wilhelm, Carl Winkler, and Karen Zwycewicz

Please contact our parish office at (518) 392-4991 or by e-mail at sjofficeassistant@gmail.com if names need to be added or deleted.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday, Mar. 7:** **John Dunne** by Peg Wilhelm
Domenica & Antonio Gitto by Stephen Gitto (birthday remembrance)
Ernest Jessie by Marie & Phil Orlando
Ralph Porter by Peggy Wilhelm
- Sunday, Mar. 14:** **John Dunne** by the Gitto family
Tod Houghtlin by Carol & Jack Corrigan
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

ONLINE GIVING

St. James offers the convenient option for **online giving**. This feature enables you to easily make donations, payments, and pledges to our parish — which is especially important now during this time of physical distancing. To access the St. James online-giving platform or to receive more information, please click the following link:

www.stjameschatham.org/online-giving

For those worshippers who are attending our in-person liturgies and wish to bring their offertory contribution, collection baskets will be available as you exit.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Please email Beth Lenahan at sjofficeassistant@gmail.com if you need a statement of your 2020 offerings for tax preparation. Thank you for your generosity!

A TRI-PARISH INVITATION TO FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Catholic Community of Northern Columbia County will be hosting Friday Stations of the Cross in each of our four churches beginning March 5. **Fr. Kyle Eads will also be available an hour before each service, and afterwards for private confession.** Please consider joining us on this special Lenten journey in prayer! All are welcome, no reservations needed.

Friday Stations of the Cross Schedule:

March 5, 3 PM	St. James Church, Chatham
March 12, 7 PM	St. John the Baptist Church, Valatie
March 19, 6:30 PM	Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls (Spanish)
March 26, 3 PM	Church of St. Joseph, Stottville (English)

HOLY WEEK 2021

We are blessed to celebrate Holy Week together again! This year the Catholic Community of Northern Columbia County will be hosting a special service in each of our four churches. **Please be sure to make your reservations early as space is limited to preserve social distancing.** Please book online at stjameschatham.org or call our office (518) 392-4991 to reserve your seat. All services will also be available online on our website and Facebook page:

Holy Week 2021 Mass Schedule:

Holy Thursday Mass	April 1 at 6 PM
St. James Church, Chatham	
Good Friday Mass	April 2 at 3 PM
Church of St. Joseph, Stottville	
Easter Vigil Mass	April 3 at 8 PM
St. John the Baptist Church, Valatie	
Easter Sunday Mass	April 4 at 9 & 10:30
9 AM: St. James Church, Chatham	
10:30 AM: Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls (English)	

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