

St. James R.C. Church
February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses

Monday — Saturday: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Youth)*

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Family), 11:30am (Choir)

*live streamed for viewing on our website and FB pages

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8:00am, 12 Noon

Special Needs Mass:

Second Saturday of the month at 12:30pm (Sept-May)

Nocturnal Adoration:

First Friday of the Month, 7:30-8:30pm

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Wednesday 12-1pm

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 — 4:45 pm or by appointment

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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"Be doers of the word and not hearers only"

2024 Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of the Three Village area, formed as the Body of Christ through the waters of Baptism, are a pilgrim community journeying toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist and formed by the Gospel.

We strive to respond to Jesus' invitation: to be faithful and fruitful disciples; to be a Good Samaritan to (our) neighbor and enemy; stewards of and for God's creation and living witnesses of Faith, Hope and Charity ... so that in Jesus' name, we may be a welcoming community, respectful of life in all its diversities.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

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|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Saturday, February 10 | 8am | Ida Bozzo |
| | 5pm | People of the Parish, Living & Deceased |
| | 5pm | Mae Avella |
| | 5pm | Marilyn Piazza |
| | 5pm | Ignacio Pintado |
| Sunday, February 11 | 8am | People of the Parish, Living & Deceased |
| | 9:30am | Thomas Minter |
| | 11:30am | Louis Caliguri |
| | 11:30am | Lino Bordi |
| | 11:30am | Bruce Mitchell |
| | 11:30am | George "Hap" Georges |
| Monday, February 12 | 8am | Souls In Purgatory |
| Tuesday, February 13 | 8am | Shirley Pelley |
| Wednesday, Feb. 14 | 8am | Frank & Raymond Mazza |
| | 7:30pm | Edward, Jr. & Marilyn Reilly |
| Thursday, February 15 | 8am | Joseph Anthony Gasparich |
| Friday, February 16 | 8am | Donald Hagen |
| Saturday, February 17 | 8am | Rosalina Cruz-Laiz |
| | 5pm | People of the Parish, Living & Deceased |
| | 5pm | Robert Gallagher |
| | 5pm | Mary Ann Cooper |
| | 5pm | Louis Re |
| Sunday, February 18 | 8am | Michael Maddalena |
| | 9:30am | People of the Parish, Living & Deceased |
| | 11:30am | Charles Fulton |
| | 11:30am | Fr. Frank Pizzarelli (L) |
| | 11:30am | Judith Emerson (L) |
| | 11:30am | Joanne Aiello |

COLLECTION UPDATE

2/4/24 \$14,037 = Church \$11,464
+ Faith Direct \$2,573
2/5/23 \$10,876
2/6/22 \$7,961
Thank you for giving of your time, talent and treasure.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection on Ash Wednesday is in support of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in crisis and need.

As we begin this Lenten Season with a deeper focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are encouraged to support those who are suffering and experiencing a poverty in the form of a lack of food, a lack of suitable clothing, or a lack of stable housing. Your contributions will directly improve the quality of life for these individuals and provide hope for a sustainable future.

Please be generous in supporting our hurting brothers and sisters in Christ.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 2/14

****No Adoration on Ash Wednesday****

8am Mass & Distribution of Ashes
Noon Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
5pm Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
7:30pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays in Lent: February 16 & 23, March 1,8,15,22
2:30 –3:15 pm

All are invited to Tara Inn in Port Jeff today 2/11 from 12 to 5pm to support the fundraiser for Fr. Jim Mannion's parish. \$20 ticket gets 2 drinks and there will be raffles. All proceeds will support St. Mark's. Thank you for your generosity!



"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for all members of the parish family, especially:

Maria (Midge) Brown, Roberta Brown, Keith Buro, Glenn Buro, Nicole Devlin, Arleen Garguilo, Louis Giordano, Harry Haney, Sr., Richard Hughes, Theresa Hughes, Allen Krotz Sr., Carolyn and Robert Loretz, John Papora, Toni Prosseda, Mary Roeske, James Rojas, Rob Remhild, Adelaide Marie Wardrope, Austin Wasileski

May they and their families, have health, strength and peace in you, O Lord. Amen.

The names on our "Pray for Our Sick" list will be cleared every 3 months. You may call our rectory office to add a new name or resubmit a name of your loved one.



Pray for Our Military Personnel

Please remember in prayer all of the men and women from our parish and country who serve so selflessly in our Armed Forces.

Keep them, their families, friends and loved ones in prayer as they serve our country at home and on foreign soil.

U.S. Army Dr. Matthew Cardinale

U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Erika Holownia

U.S. Army Major Gregory C. Holownia

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Cl. Peter M. Jusseaume

U.S. Army Capt. Daniel Roberts

U.S. Army Major Eric D. Waxman IV

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2024 LENTEN BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

On the weekend of February 17th & 18th, St. James Parish will be kicking off our Lenten 2024 Baby Bottle Project to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide... free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items. They also provide male advocates to speak with fathers.

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle, which will be located at all doors of the church and fill it with your donation (**Please make checks payable to *The Life Center of L.I.***).

Most importantly, we are asking you to **Pray** the prayer attached to each bottle, and if you are able to, couple those prayers by **Fasting** so that they become all the more powerful, and **Give Alms** by donating.



PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON MARCH 16TH AND 17TH.

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"JUST DO IT"

LENTEN CHALLENGE



FIND GREAT TIPS ON HOW TO CARE

FOR OUR COMMON HOME

STARTING NEXT WEEK.

And through your wonderful generosity,

we have been able to purchase a

STATE-OF-THE-ART WATER BOTTLE FILLER STATION

for the Parish Center Gym.

Please encourage your family and friends to bring

a reusable water bottle for all parish and CYO activities.

We are so grateful to you for helping reduce plastic consumption at St James!

With sincere gratitude, Laudato Si' Ministry



Mother Teresa Council
*"Love is a fruit always in season,
 within reach of every hand."*
 ~Mother Teresa~
www.kofc.org



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If you are a Catholic gentleman 18 years of age or older and (1) accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, (2) aspire to live in accord with the Precepts of the Catholic Church, and (3) are recognized as in good standing within the Church ... *you are qualified* to join the Knights of Columbus. As a member, you will be part of an international organization that is known for its charitable work, its many member benefits such as its renowned (voluntary) insurance program and, as recognized by the Holy Father, is strongly united with the Church.

Knights follow the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism as they serve the church and the community. Local councils are organized to conduct programs to promote faith, strengthen families, interface with and support local communities, and support protection of innocent human life.



It is now easier than ever to become a Knight. You may join online at www.kofc.org Once you become an online member of the organization, you may decide, at any time, to join a Council of your choice. We stand ready to welcome you into Mother Teresa Council (#12006) when you are ready. Consider joining online now. Your assistance in helping others will be most welcome.

Tickets for Joining our Monthly Raffle Program are Still Available

If you are 18 years or older, you may purchase a ticket for the *Family & Friends Raffle*. Tickets are being sold after weekend Masses and at the parish office. Each ticket is eligible for all drawings, the first drawing to be held in March and running monthly through December, and that ticket may keep winning, regardless of whether or not it has previously won.

Last year we awarded \$21,500 in prize money to 130 winners. It is truly the best raffle in town.

Tickets are only \$30 each (4 for \$100). Good luck!



Take twenty minutes out of your day to pray the rosary and you will see the difference it makes in your life.



***Greetings from the St. James
 Rosary Altar Society
 Celebrating Mary, Our Blessed Mother***

February 11: Our Lady Of Lourdes

The first of the eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the humble Bernadette took place at Lourdes, France on February 11, 1858, On March 25, when Bernadette asked the Beautiful Lady her name, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Our Lady instructed Bernadette to dig in the ground nearby, from which came a spring with healing properties, active to this day. The devotion of the people all over the world to Our Lady of Lourdes, together with the countless miracles that have been wrought through her intercessions, is one that is central to the Catholic faith.

The ladies of our parish are cordially invited to attend The Rosary Altar Society meetings. By joining you will have the opportunity to meet new friends, longtime friends and enjoy our special hospitality.

The Rosary Altar Society is a Ministry that gives praise and honor to our Blessed Virgin Mary. Meetings are held on the **first Tuesday of each month (except for January, July and August)** at 12 noon in the Parish Center. Before each meeting there is the recitation of the Rosary. The agenda for each meeting includes a guest speaker who presents a spiritual topic about our faith life and/or educational health related topic.

The Society offers a number of social opportunities throughout the year such as a Welcoming Tea, Communion Breakfast, Christmas Luncheon, a spiritual retreat and the Crowning of our Blessed Mother. New members are welcome to join at any time during the year. To become a member, please

Contact: Patricia Raptoulis at (631) 473-3561

"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived; loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all we do." ~St. John Vianney

Please mark your calendars...the next **Parish Blood Drive** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Thursday, March 14th** from 1:45 PM until 7:45 PM in the Parish Center. Currently there is no formal BLOOD EMERGENCY in effect. However, that may change by the time our drive opens. We need NEW volunteers to donate., bring a friend who has never had this wonderful experience of giving.

Please contact The New York Blood Center to make your appointment: **Call 1-800-933-2566 or www.nycbc.org** Mother Teresa Council KoC Knights will be making additional contact reminding you of the drive. It only takes an hour out of your day to give someone in need a gift of life saving blood donation. If you should need any additional information, please contact John Dahl (631) 474-1937 Jedahl44@gmail.com



LENT

THE BASICS

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is an annual preparation for Easter observance – calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

According to the Church's Canon Law, **all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Friday's of Lent.** Fasting is a bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urges are: 1) prayer, 2) fasting and 3) almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

WHY PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMS?

The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus original guidance about how to be His disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt ch 5-7). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as His disciples.

SHOULD I SET LENTEN GOALS?

Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolution before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it half-heartedly.

EXPLANATION OF FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER

FASTING: Express our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

ALMSGIVING: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

PRAYER Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and ALL the Fridays in Lent.

Fasting as explained by the US Bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not to eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

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Any questions, please email [Carla Hamborsky csavicki@optonline.net](mailto:CarlaHamborsky@optonline.net)
You can also learn more at one of the Masses on February 24th or 25th.

St. James Faith Formation

The last of our Level 2 families received their First Reconciliation this week. What an incredible celebration of love and forgiveness for our children.



Family Ideas for Ash Wednesday

Worship: Many young families come after school to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Why not go in a little late and get your ashes before school/work? Ashes are the visible sign that we are entering into the season of Lent.

Serve: On Ash Wednesday, we remember that we are part of the human family, making it a great day to serve others. If possible, take an hour to help a neighbor, or during lunch, sit with the student or co-worker who usually sits alone.

Give: During Lent we are called to give alms; this year Faith Formation is participating with the Parish with the Baby Bottle campaign.

Continue giving outside of the parish as well. Leave your server an above-and-beyond tip. Put money in the instrument case of a street musician. Purchase a paper from the homeless woman on the corner. Find ways to bless others with that which God entrusts you.

Abstain/fast: "Giving something up for Lent" is a common practice for many Christians. Don't limit yourself to food or habits. Abstain from gossip or complaining for Ash Wednesday. What about defensive attitudes,

fear, or anxiety? When these attitudes begin to take hold of your day, pause for prayer.

Pray your day: Pray for the drivers of the vehicles and fellow mass transit passengers with whom you share your commute. Pray as you pass the hospital, police station, and government offices. Pray for the trash collector and mail carrier. Offer prayers throughout the day thanking God for your coworkers.

Be still: Others find meaning in stillness. Light a candle and pause before the presence of God. Take a yoga class. Enjoy a cup of coffee on your deck. Listen for the voice of God.

Clean something: Ash Wednesday is a good day to get a jump on your spring cleaning. Spend an hour with the junk drawer, that cabinet at work, or organizing the files on your computer. 40 bags in 40 days. As you remove things you no longer need and reorder those you do, be mindful of the ways God "cleans" us.

Forgive and seek forgiveness: As we pray for God's grace, we should also seek forgiveness from those we have wronged. Ash Wednesday is a great time to go to those you have hurt.

Adapted from 10 Ideas for a more meaningful Ash Wednesday by Joe Iovino

Upcoming Important Dates:

Monday, February 12th 5:30PM
Level 4 Parent/Child Reconciliation Fair
-Parish Center Hall

Monday, February 12th 7:00PM
Level 8 Workshop - Parish Center Hall

Monday February 18 – 23
NO CLASSES

Monday, February 26th 5:30PM
Level 1 Parent/Child workshop
Parish Center Hall

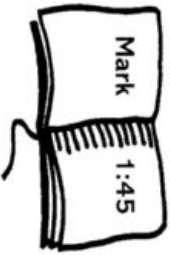
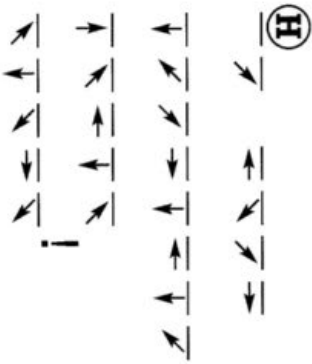
Monday, February 26th 7:00PM
Level 4 – 8 Stations of the Cross - Church

What did
the cured man
do next?



Follow the arrows to find out!

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Footprints

MARK 1:40-45

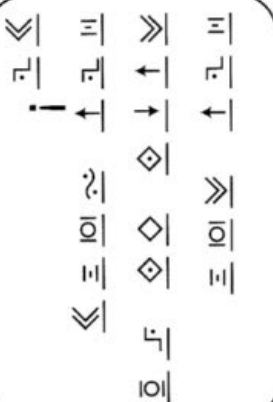
Jesus cures
a leper!

A leper came
to Jesus to ask for his
help. What did the
leper say?



Use the symbols to find Mark 1:40

O = ⊥ A = |O| M = ◇ N = ≡ T = ≫ F = □ W = ~
C = ∨ U = ↓ Y = || I = J E = ◇ R = ↑





What did Jesus say to him?

Use the code to find the letters in the squares and write them in the spaces

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- 1A 2A 3B 1A 1B 4A 5A 2B
- 6A 7B 6A 8A 8A
- 7A 1B 4A 5B
- 8B 1A 1B



Mark 1:41



What two things did the cured man have to do?

Choose the odd word from each set and write it on the numbered line



1
CLOUD
RAIN
SHOW

2
APPLE
HIMSELF
PEAR

3
TO
BOY
GIRL

4
THE
DAY
NIGHT

5
CHAIR
TABLE
PRIEST

6
ROAST
MEAT
FRY

7
BLUE
GREEN
AN

8
OFFERING
DOG
CAT

1. _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

2. _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____

Mark 1:44

The Image of The Divine Mercy



Most of you have seen the above Divine Mercy image in other Churches and soon we will be blessed with an image here in our Church.

This devotional image is recognized worldwide and has been venerated dating back to over 90 years ago when in 1931 our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina in a vision. He said to her:

“Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature:

Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish...I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image...”

The image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist, and we can be assured that it is a vehicle of God’s grace if it is revered with trust in His mercy.

For those of you would like to learn more, there are pamphlets available at the doors of the Church.

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