

# Catholic Neighbors In Faith

## The Bread of Life Discourse

*"I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven."*

John 6:51



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27 Allen St.  
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6 Institute St.  
Frewsburg NY 14378

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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

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

August 18, 2024 • Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- **Coffee Hour at St. James** this Sunday, August 18 after the 8am Mass in the hall.
- **St. James Altar & Rosary Society** meet this Sunday August 18 at 9:30am in the hall.
- **Youth Group** meets next Sunday, August 25 at St. James hall, 5-7pm.
- **Catholic Daughters** meet this Monday, August 19 in the Sacred Heart conference room at 5:30pm.  
New members welcome!
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will meet at St. James library on Monday, August 25 at 4pm. New members are welcome.
- **Our Lady of Loreto's Holy Name Society's** August meeting is a steak fry for members and spouses to be held at the OLL Church Hall on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is at St. James chapel every Wednesday (unless noted) from 9am until the 7pm Mass. All are welcome to come and pray throughout the day! We are in need of help with one weekly hour of prayer - especially 3, 4 & 5pm - as a "Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament" to help keep the chapel doors open for others. If you feel called to this ministry, please call the central office at 716.487.0125.
- **Confessions** are heard at St. James Church on Wednesdays (unless noted), 6 - 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm; as well as Saturdays from 3 - 3:30pm followed by Mass at 4pm.
- **Knights of Columbus & Assembly** meet the 2nd Thursday of every month. For more information, contact [tfranco@stny.rr.com](mailto:tfranco@stny.rr.com) or [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).
- **Liturgy of the Hours** is prayed every Friday on Zoom at 9am. Call the central office for the ID & passcode to join in.
- **First Friday Benediction** is prayed Ss. Peter & Paul Church **every 1st Friday** of the month at 11:15am, followed by the 12:10pm Mass.

## Please Pray For . . .

### **Parish Family members who are ill:**

Gayle Boudreau  
James Boudreau  
Collins Family  
Erica Collins  
Carol Coulter  
Michelle Cracker  
Grant Damon  
Emma Eldridge  
David Flavin  
Gail Gillig  
Barb Graham  
Dolores Hacker

Albert J. Hay  
Mark Hedstrand III  
Bohdan Kanicki  
Elizabeth LaMantia  
Shelly Pacheco-  
Johannessen  
Nancy Johnson  
Sam McMaster  
Ellen Munella  
Elizabeth Nguyen  
My Nguyen  
Grace Peterson  
James Post  
Louis Rieg

Marty Sargent  
Andrea Schneider  
Donald Segrue  
Dorothy and David Seth  
Robert Sprankle  
Emily Sechriest  
Mary Helen Smith  
Megan and Sean  
Jim Wirges  
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 let us know when someone can be taken off the Prayer List. Thank you.**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, August 17 - BVM

JMS - 4:00PM † **DMO the Donisi Family**  
By the Estate of Maria Immordino

4:00PM - In honor of **Edwin Lingson**  
By Edwin Lingson

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

PAT - 5:30PM † **John C. Hoffman**  
By Children

## Sunday, August 18 - 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

JMS - 8:00AM † **Antonia Panzica** (Birthday)  
By Josephine Conti

JHN - 9:00AM † **Sally DePetro**  
By Theresa Mazzurco

SHR - 9:00AM † **Daniel McIntyre**  
By Barbara Wendel

OLL - 10:00AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
By the Parishioners

SPP - 11:00AM † **Sonny Colera**  
By the Gullo Family

PAT - 11:00AM † **Kristiana Weaver** (Anniversary)  
By the Weaver Family

## Monday, August 19 - St. John Eudes

JMS - 8:00AM - **Pro Populo: For the Parishioners**  
By the Priests

SHR - 9:00AM † **Beatrice Vitanza**  
By Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Society

SPP - 12:10PM † **Richard Widen** (Birthday)  
By Bruce Widen

## Tuesday, August 20 - St. Bernard

PAT - 8:00AM † **Marcia Zunner**  
By St. Patrick Altar & Rosary Society

OLL - 9:00AM † **Peter Louis Coggiola**  
By Children & Families

## Wednesday, August 21 - St. Monica

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

JMS - 7:00PM - In honor of **Fran Bishop** (90th Birthday)  
By Sue Laughlin

## Thursday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OLL - 9:00AM † **Allene Barans**  
By Bob & Ellie Johenning

OLV - 5:00PM † **Charlie Heggarty** (Birthday)  
By Wife, Valerie & Family

## Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

JMS - 8:00AM † **Living & DMO the Scully & Miller Families**  
By Mary Lou Scully

SHR - 9:00AM - In honor of **Durwood & Geri Swanson**  
(60th Wedding Anniversary)  
By Morning Mass Group

SPP - 12:10PM † **Jerome Hendrickson** (Anniversary)  
By Family

## Saturday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

JMS - 4:00PM † **Antonino & Rosina Trusso**  
By Daughter, Erminia & Family

4:00PM † **Henry & Adeline Karg**  
By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

OLS - 4:00PM - In honor of **Bob & Liz Sprankle**  
(54th Wedding Anniversary)  
By the Sprankles

PAT - 5:30PM † **Michele Arrance**  
By Sisters

## Sunday, August 25 - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

JMS - 8:00AM † **Mary Lou Messina** (Birthday)  
By Sister, Carmela & Gene Fisher

JHN - 9:00AM † **Michael Farnella**  
By Josie Farnella

SHR - 9:00AM † **Nick Rodriguez**  
By the Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary

OLL - 10:00AM † **Eugene Wilder**  
By the Celtics Club

SPP - 11:00AM † **Walter Donovan**  
By Son, Matthew Donovan

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

Call the Central office today at 716.487.0125  
to schedule 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



## Sanctuary Lamps

### **St. James Church**

**In Memory of Charles Heggarty** (Birthday)  
By Wife, Valerie & Family

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Church**

**In Memory of Barbara Swartz** (Birthday)

### **St. John Church**

**In Memory of June Pumford**  
By the Tran Family

### **Sacred Heart Church**

**In Memory of June Pumford**  
By the Tran Family

## Wine for the month of August

### **St. John Church**

**In Memory of Sally DePetro**  
By Buddy & Sandra Reale

### **Sacred Heart Church**

**In Memory of Rev. Joseph Dowdell** (Birthday)  
By "My Friend, My Friend"

### **St. Patrick Church**

**In Memory of Don & Clarice Beaver**  
By the Family

## Hosts for the month of August

### **St. James Church**

**In Memory of Henry & Adeline Karg  
& Son, George Karg Sr.**  
By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

### **Sacred Heart Church**

**In Memory of Rev. Joseph Dowdell** (Birthday)  
By "My Friend, My Friend"

### **St. Patrick Church**

**In Memory of Scott Beaver**  
By the Family

### **From the desk of Fr. Paul:**

As you know, our Catholic Neighbors In Faith Family of Parishes is in the difficult process of downsizing the number of churches and properties.

Thank you to all who participated in any of our six listening sessions regarding potential church closures. All those who attended brought forth very valid questions, concerns, ideas and solutions.

I want to share an important update with you. All the counterproposals from individual churches have been submitted to the diocese including one counterproposal created by the leadership team made up of priests, trustees and parishioners. This counterproposal accepts most of the diocesan recommendations but respectfully requests that Saints Peter and Paul close while St. John remains open.

This decision was not made lightly. Saints Peter and Paul Church is a beacon of tradition and beauty. Yet, we must also consider practical matters. Infrastructure challenges, space for our religious education and concerns for the accessibility for handicap and elderly led us to this difficult conclusion.

Please remember, the diocese may choose to uphold their original recommendation. Our leadership team has an upcoming meeting with the diocese this month. Afterwards, the diocese will make their final decision which will be public on September 1st. Whatever lies ahead, let us lean on our faith. Our Lord—the way, the truth and the light—will guide us.

God bless you,  
**Fr. Paul Cygan**

### **Our Stewardship for August 4th, 2024**

**St. James:** Offertory \$6,115.94, Maint. \$227,  
Retired Priests \$362.50

**Holy Apostles:** Offertory \$4,040, Retired Priests \$638

**Sacred Heart:** Offertory \$2,868, Retired Priests \$425

**Our Lady of Loreto:** Offertory \$1,585, Maint. \$251,  
Retired Priests \$280

**St. Patrick:** Offertory \$1,491, Priests Medical \$140.00

*Thank you for your support of our parishes and ministries!*

# REFLECTIONS

## THE WORD IN OUR LIVES ~ **Wise Fools**

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning “wise fools.” The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to “forsake foolishness.” St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God’s will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30 minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don’t do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes—they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good “food” because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God’s wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else’s faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won’t be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

By Tom Schmidt

## INSPIRATION DAILY ~ **A Radical “Unless”**

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” There is no other way to look at it. Jesus says, “unless”. This is not negotiable. It is not open to interpretation. If we want his life within us, if we want to spend eternity with him, we must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood. And like many of the Jews of Jesus’s time, we may also say, “What? How? This is too far!”

Jesus meant what he said. When we partake in communion, we take into our body and soul, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. That is a pretty big deal and we need to spend the time and energy to wrestle with that. The flesh of the Son of Man is a reference to the suffering of Jesus, suffering which is the price for integrity. When we follow Jesus, when we do as he says and approach the altar to eat his flesh, to drink his blood, it shouldn’t be a passive reception. We need to embrace wholeheartedly what it means to become one with Jesus. We need to ask to see with his eyes, hear with his ears, speak with his tongue and, most of all, to love with his heart.

We embrace his way of suffering. As we say yes to Jesus, when we declare “Amen” to the person who offers us the Body of Christ, we are not simply saying thank you. We have to engage our will. We have to acknowledge that God is God and we are not. It is an act of humility as we give Jesus access to the core of our being - we want him to be active, to mold it, sculpt it, change it - change us from the inside out.

I heard a bishop suggest once that each and every Christian should spend time with John 6. A quick read through will take under 10 minutes. But we should not do this quickly. We need to engage with this passage of Scripture. We need to mull it over in our minds, to engage willingly and truly hear what Jesus has to say.

Lord Jesus, open my mind and heart. Help me to believe what you say, even the hard parts. When I meet you in the Eucharist, radically change me from the inside out, so that I truly have your life within me. Amen.

By Sheryl O’Connor

# REFLECTIONS

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we observe another Marian celebration, the **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Its original date was May 31, when it was instituted by Pius XII in 1954, but it was eventually moved to August 22 so that its close relationship with the Assumption might be made clear. Mary's queenship is multi-dimensional: she reigns gloriously in heaven as queen and mother; she is the queen who intercedes; she is the sign of the Church in its future glory.

Of course, the traditions surrounding the Blessed Mother's queenship extend much further back than the establishment of this feast. In the eighth century St. John Damascene could write, "When she became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature." According to Jewish tradition, the mother of the king was accorded a seat of honor at the right of the king. With Jesus' royal heritage as a descendant and member of the house of David, Mary quite naturally takes her proper place as the queen mother. Pius XII simply recalled these traditions and gave us a day to remind us of how we can direct our prayers to Mary, our Queen.

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

*Betty Munella, Nick Rodriguez & Sandra Stanz*

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

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

Amen



**LIFE TRANSITIONS:  
STAYING CALM DURING CHAOS**

**OUR LADY OF PEACE** Parish  
274 Broad St., Salamanca, NY

**Presents**

*Carol Mullins*

**Quiet Whispers Ministry**

**Saturday, September 21, 2024  
9AM to Noon**

\$5.00 Register Free (Collected at door)  
Breakfast included: Lunch not included  
To Register: Call Brandy at 716.945.4966

### **Coming soon! Men's Faith Sharing**

We are excited to launch a new men's group for all adult men in the CNIF family of parishes. We will meet Saturday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00am starting Saturday, Sept. 7th in the St. James Church Hall.

We will be following the well-known, national Catholic program, *'That Man Is You.'* We will then discuss in small groups to help each of us become better men, husbands and fathers.

**COFFEE HOUR** at St. James Church will be next  
**Sunday, August 18th after the 8am Mass.**



Please join us in the downstairs hall for fellowship, fresh donuts and great coffee! Members of the Festival Committee are providing refreshments this month.

### **Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James Church**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the chapel of St. James every Wednesday from 9am until the 7pm Mass for everyone who wishes to come pray and adore Our Lord. If you feel called to be a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament for one weekly hour to help keep the sacrament open for others, please call the central office at 716.487.0125. Help is especially needed 3, 4 & 5 pm. "It will be the best hour you spend all week!"



# CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH



## *Navigating Divorce and Faith: Debunking Myths*

Join us for an

## **Informative Session on Annulments**

### **What you will learn:**

- ***What is an Annulment?*** Understand the process and its significance.
- ***Steps to Apply:*** Learn how to initiate an annulment and what the diocese looks for.
- ***After submission:*** Discover what to expect once you've mailed in your annulment paperwork.
- ***Helpful Book:*** Get a copy of our informative book (only \$5;scholarships available).

**Presenters:** Barbara Wyse, Veronica Cavan (Trained by Diocese)  
Fr. Peter Santandreu (Canon Law Lawyer)

**Register by September 9th at:**

**Catholic Neighbors In Faith Office: 1-716-487-0125**

<b>Where:</b>	St James RC Church 27 Allen St, Jamestown NY 14701
<b>When:</b>	Saturday, September 14, 2024
<b>Time:</b>	9:00am—11am





# ERIE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

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Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ.

### *Who We Are* **About Us**

The **Erie Cursillo** (kur-SEE-yo) **Movement** (ECM) began in 1963. It is a Spanish term for a “short course in Christianity”. Everyone is welcome to spend 55 hours of “Special Time” devoted to learning more about living a Christian Life. At this time, all Cursillo weekends take place in Erie. Generally, Cursillo weekends alternate all men’s or women’s Candidates and Team members.

**Next Men’s weekend is scheduled for October 18th - October 20th.**

**See brochures in vestibule of all worship sites.**

**TWO WEEK DVD SESSION ON GRIEF** on Thursday, September 12 at 6 pm and Thursday, September 26 at 6 pm at St. John Vianney Gathering Room (located to the right of the Church doors), 2950 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park. The two sessions will be 45 minutes each, followed by discussion and fellowship. Snacks will be served after the presentation. To register, call the parish office at 716.674.9133.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Join our team! Catholic Charities** will once again be participating in the 2024 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention **Out of the Darkness Walk**. The walk will be held Saturday, September 21 at Canalside Buffalo. Registration begins at 8:30 am, with the program beginning at 10 am and walk to follow. Those interested in joining our team and walking with us can register via our website at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

Please join us as we support AFSP’s mission and show solidarity for those who have been affected by suicide.





## Prayer in Honor of the Queenship of Mary

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou are our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! *Amen*

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."  
And her daughter was healed at once. Mt 15:28

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# 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  
John W. & Mary Fran Patterson Campion  
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 & Pfurtscheller 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  
Mareri, O'Kelly, Murphy Families

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  
DMO the Nicastro & Gullo Families  
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  
Jim Scully  
DMO Belluz & Shay Families  
Nicholas W. Shelley  
Ross & Josephine Spoto  
Swanson & Regan Families  
The Twichell Family  
Paul Tran, Minh Cong, Anna Nguyen  
Kim Hong, Teresa Tran, Kim Loan,  
Peter Tran Binh Thanh  
Linda J. Wadsworth  
Richard & Emily Weimer  
Jason M. Williams  
Zahler, Cuffney & Green Families  
Zunner & Gumienik Family