# Catholic Neighbors In Faith

# HOPE Be vigilant at all times... Lk 21:36



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#### **Holy Apostles**

Ss. Peter & Paul

508 Cherry St. Jamestown NY 14701

St. John

282 Newton Ave. Jamestown NY 14701

#### St. James

27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701

**Our Lady of Victory Oratory** 

6 Institute St. Frewsburg NY 14378

#### Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave. Lakewood NY 14750

#### Our Lady of the Snows

36 E. Main St. Panama NY 14767

#### St. Patrick

189 Main St. Randolph NY 14772

#### **Our Lady of Loreto**

309 W. Everett St. Falconer NY 14733

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

December 1, 2024 • First Sunday of Advent

#### Catholic Neighbors In Faith Parish Happenings

Saturday, November 30

Confessions - 3 - 3:30pm St. James

Sunday, December 1

**Faith Formation:** 

**Holy Apostles Choir** - SPP rehearsal 10:15am for 11am Mass

**OLL** "Living Nativity" after 10am Mass. Coffee & donuts to follow in the School Hall.

Monday, December 2

JMS & SPP St. Vincent DePaul Societies will meet at JMS Hall - 4pm

Tuesday, December 3

JMS Music Ministry rehearsals, Church 6pm

Holy Apostles Handbell Choir - SPP practice 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, December 4

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - JMS Chapel 9am–7pm

Confessions - JMS 6-6:30pm

Thursday, December 5

JMS Music Ministry rehearsals, Church 6pm

Advent Penance Service - Monday, December 16, 6pm, St. James Church.

Friday, December 6

**Liturgy of the Hours -** Christian Prayer **on** Zoom 9am Call the central office for ID & passcode to join

Saturday, December 7

Confessions - 3 - 3:30pm St. James

Sunday, December 8

**Faith Formation:** PreK - 5th grades class; 6 -10th grades **Youth Group** at St. John, 5pm -7pm for all 9-12 graders **Holy Apostles Choir**-SPP rehearsal 10:15am for 11am Mass

# The Star Christmas Tree at Sacred Heart & Our Lady of the Snows

All stars represent a needy Child of God. The stars tell you if it is a boy or girl and also information on what they would wear and need for Christmas. You don't need to buy



everything listed on the star. These are only suggestions. Please wrap and return all gifts to the Sacred Heart parish center before **Monday**, **December 16th**.

Please fill in your name and telephone number next to the number of the stars that you take.

Please ATTACH the stars to the outside of the wrapped gift. The gifts need to be returned to the Sacred Heart Parish Center by **DECEMBER 16TH** so the gifts can be delivered. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God Bless You!

#### Please pray for our Parish Family members who are ill, and intentions ...

Gayle Boudreau
James Boudreau
Kathy Bump
Alice Coan
Collins Family
Erica Collins
Carol Coulter
Michelle Cracker
Grant Damon
Kathy Danielson
Emma Eldridge
David Flavin
Marla Frame
Sandy Galati
Gail Gillig

Mary Giambrone
Dolores Hacker
Albert J. Hay
Mark Hedstrand III
Mercedes Holliday
Bohdan Kanicki
Elizabeth LaMantia
Joseph Moynihan
Dana Neal
Shelly PachecoJohannessen
Patrick Pringle
Nancy Johnson
Sam McMaster
Elizabeth Nguyen

My Nguyen **Grace Peterson** James Post **Louis Rieg** Marty Sargent Andrea Schneider **Donald Segrue** Dorothy and David Seth Baby Haven Shipherd & **Family** 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

our prayer list.

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

would like to add a name to

Please let us know when someone can be taken off the Prayer List. Thank you

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle Thursday, December 5 JMS - 4:00PM † Betty Munella OLL - 9:00AM † L & D Mothers By John & Julia Trussalo By Parishioners 4:00PM † Bessie Guiffreda OLV - 5:00PM † Joan Jusko By Karen & Joseph Moynihan By Dave & Annamarie Miller OLS - 4:00PM In Honor of Emily Sechriest's 100th Friday, December 6 - St. Nicholas Birthday - Born on Dec. 5 By OLS Altar & Rosary Society JMS - 8:00AM † Betty Munella PAT - 5:30PM † Valentine Smith (Birthday) By Josie Constantino By the Andrews Family SHR - 9:00AM † Peter C. Buckley By daughter, JoAnn Silk Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent JMS - 8:00AM †Mary D'Angelo SPP - 12:10PM † Tiffany Hall By Altar & Rosary By Pat O'Hara JHN - 9:00AM † Michael Farnella Saturday, December 7 - St. Ambrose By Josie Farnella JMS - 4:00PM † Betty Munella SHR - 9:00AM † Nick Rodriguez, Jr. By John Damond & family By John & Colleen Zaczkiewicz 4:00PM † James Schnars OLL -10:00AM † L & D Fathers By the Shea Family By Parishioners SPP -11:00AM † † L. James Taylor OLS - 4:00PM † L & D Fathers By wife, Gale & family By Parishioners PAT -11:00AM † Pro-Populo: For the Parishioners PAT - 5:30PM † Mikki Arrance By Parishioners By Hoffman Sisters Monday, December 2 -**Sunday, December 8 -** Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception** JMS - 8:00AM † Michael LaMancuso (Birthday) JMS - 8:00AM † Michael & Mary Welch By JoAnne, John & Michael By Keith & Linda Miller SHR - 9:00AM † Joan Heubusch By Radka Family JHN - 9:00AM † Pearl Farnella SPP -12:10PM † L & D Mothers By Josie Farnella **By Parishioners** SHR - 9:00AM † Michael Landy By Teacher's Lunch Group Tuesday, December 3 - St Francis Xavier PAT - 8:00AM † Hinman & Beaver Families OLL -10:00AM † Mary C. Caprino (Anniversary) By Your Family By Carl J. Caprino OLL - 9:00AM † **Pro-Populo - For the Parishioners** SPP -11:00AM † Elizabeth Collins (Birthday) By Parishioners By Ann Thorpe Wednesday, December 4 - St. John Damascene PAT -11:00AM † Barb Graham JHN - 8:00AM † L & D Mothers By the CNIF Family By Parishioners JMS - 7:00PM † **Kevin Caffoe** (Anniversary)

JMS—St. James JHN—St. John

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

By Mother, Shirley, Todd & Family

OLV—Our Lady of Victory PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul SHR—Sacred Heart

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#### Sanctuary Lamps

St. James Church

In Memory of Mary D'Angelo

By Cindy Johnson, Mary Ellen Carlo & Ann Burk

Ss Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Cynthia Gallagher

By Libby Gallagher Franke

St. John Church

In Memory of Paul Tran Ming Cong

By the Tran Family

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland

By wife, Joanne

#### Wine for the month of November

St. James Church

In Memory of Ellen Munella

By Paul & Sandra Spitale

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Patricia McKeta-Carlson

By Family

St. John Church

In Memory of Mary Ferrara

By Josie Marcello's Daughters, Diane & Joan

St. Patrick Church

In Memory of the Beaver & Stearns Families

By Family

### **Hosts for the month of November**

St. James Church

In Memory of Mary D'Angelo

By Cindy Johnson, Mary Ellen Carlo & Ann Burk

St. John Church

In Memory of Lucille Genco

By Paul & Sandra Spitale

#### Our Stewardship for November 10, 2024

**St. James:** Offertory \$5,411.22, Parish Imp. \$187, Christmas Flowers \$155, Fuel \$369, World Mission \$55

Holy Apostles: Offertory \$4,478, Repair & Maint. \$697,

Fuel \$50, Christmas Flowers \$130, Insurance \$5

Sacred Heart: Offertory \$2,328

Our Lady of Loreto: Offertory \$2283, Monthly \$134,

Community Cupboard \$445

St. Patrick: Offertory \$9,291, Randolph Community

Cupboard \$445

Thank you for your support of our parishes & ministries!

Memorial donations were presented to:

Holy Apostles Parish - St. John Church

In Memory of Joseph Lisciandro

By Alan & Susan Wallace



#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

is exposed every Wednesday in the St. James chapel from 9am until the 7pm Mass. Come visit Our Lord! One hour Guardians are needed throughout the day, so please call the central office if you feel called to this ministry, 716.487.0125.

#### **2025 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK**

We will be opening up the 2025 Mass Intentions Book on Monday, December 2. Please remember that with the closures and mergers happening this upcoming year, Masses may be subject to change.

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#### St. James Parish Scholarship Opportunity

#### The Stephanie Frucella Gift Fund

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

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

Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to: St. James Parish, 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701.

Forms must be submitted by December 15, 2024.

#### **Memorial Page Listings**

We will once again be offering the opportunity to have your loved ones remembered. We had a great response last year and are hoping for the same this year.

Your loved one's name (s) will be listed each week on a page in the bulletin. A donation is requested. A yearly donation of \$50 is asked per line. This offering goes to help support the parish community.

There are two options. 1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or 2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." 3) Multiple names may be listed; "Tom Smith and Mary Jones." The cost is \$50 per line.

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Christmas is coming soon and St. James Parish is participating in the 2024 collection of new unwrapped children's toys for our local \*TOYS FOR TOTS\* toy-drive this *Christmas!* 

#### **HOPE IS KEY...**

There are so many issues facing families today, and the gift of a shiny new toy at Christmas can be just one small way to provide hope. Many children will have a merry Christmas and something to open under the tree due to this year's campaign.

It is heartwarming to know that the community supports those in need during the holiday season.

#### All donations stay in Chautauqua County!

For the past 23 years in Chautauqua County,

Toys For Tots has coordinated the US Marine Corps
Reserve Toys for Tots program and provided toys
to thousands of less fortunate children in our
community. Last year, through the generous
donations received and the many volunteer efforts,
we were able to provide toys to over 5,148 children in
1,850 families.

**ABOUT TOYS:** Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic looking weapons or gifts with food.

Please place your unwrapped donated children's toys in the box provided in the church vestibule.

Please have all gift donations to the church by Noon, December 20th.

**Thanks and Merry Christmas!** 

Every toy makes a child smile!





Chautauqua County Overnight Code Blue Warming Center

917 Washington Street Jamestown NY 14701

Ph.: 716-550-6657

code.blue@recoveryoptionsny.org
Open on Code Blue designated nights

Hours: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

#### **St. James Altar & Rosary** upcoming events scheduled:

Recovery

Made Easy

**Options** 

 Saturday, Dec. 7th at 9am the Altar Rosary will be cleaning the church in preparation of the upcoming holidays. We invite everyone to come and help!

# **St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary** offers the following items for announcement:

- The St. Patrick parish drive has ended, but you may still make your donation by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked as such. Thank you.
- Our Lady of Snows Altar & Rosary will be hosting their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 12 at the Maplehurst Country Club, 1508 Big Tree Rd, Lakewood NY 14750. Cash bar, cocktails will begin at 6pm with dinner to follow at 6:30pm. There is an optional gift exchange, for those who are interested, \$15 limit. Reservations no later than 12/8/24. Please clip the slip below with your meal choice. You can mail it to the central office 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701 or you can put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket during Mass. If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth at 716-763-5335.

Altar & Rosary Chrístmas Party Reservatíons Thursday, December 12th Reservations Due by December 8, 2024				
	Seafood Stuffed Haddock (\$28.25) ncludes gratuity)	Prime Rib (\$34.25) (Queen cut)		

#### REFLECTIONS

#### First Sunday of Advent

#### Strengthen Your Hearts

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) In fact, he tells the Thessalonians who are pleasing God, to do even more. (4:1) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect: "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me." (2 Cor 12:7-9) But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. A tennis player will practice her serve to get more aces. A hockey player will keep skating during the summer to get faster. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. The keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. So what about good Christians? That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts." And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But like the athlete who can read about the rules or strategies of the sport, we get a stronger prayer life by actually praying. If our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. And how can we be "blameless in holiness... at the coming of Our Lord?" Not by bragging about our goodness, but confessing what we have done wrong. Only God's forgiveness can make us blameless. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength...to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36) Tom Schmidt

#### Jesus is Near

Think for just a moment about a time where you highly anticipated something. For me, one of those moments was seeing the new Star Wars movie that came out after the first six. I remember watching all the movies as a kid with my dad and I was super excited to go see the next installment. We all have moments that we anticipate and we stop what we are doing in life and set some time aside to prepare.

Here we are on the First Sunday of Advent, where we anticipate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first reading makes it clear that this was a major event. Think about the context for a second. For years and years the Jewish people had been promised a messiah. They had been waiting for the promises that were made to Israel and Judah to come to fruition. Finally, the time had come. Unlike a movie premier or an important event, this event will impact everything. The Church, in her wisdom, sets apart this holy season for us to anticipate the Messiah. For us to set aside what we are doing, the worries we have, the business of life, and really enter into this mystery.

No matter how much we enter into it though, at the end of the day, we all know that Jesus has already come. He has already been born and has become our Savior. This is why the Church also presents us with the Gospel today. You might find it weird that the Gospel at the start of Advent speaks of the end times. There is a reason for everything the Church does. Advent is not just a time for us to reflect on the birth of Christ, but also to anticipate the other important moment in history where Christ will come again. The question is, are we ready? Do we put just as much time and planning into making sure our relationship with God is where it should be as we put into going to that movie premier?

This is what the Advent season allows us to do. It allows us to pause our busy lives and meditate on the beauty of God becoming flesh, while at the same time anticipating His second coming as King of the Universe. During this season let's pray for the grace to always be ready and that we might fully be able to participate in everything the Church has to offer us during this time. Ultimately, if we are in a state of Grace, the second coming is not a scary event but simply the next chapter in our walk with Christ. Let's embrace both of these mysteries throughout this next month and allow God to enter into our hearts and change us so that when He does come again he recognizes us as his good and faithful servants.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless! **Tommy Shultz** 

# **Kids Corner**



#### Waiting in Joyful Hope

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Class
Parish Family Advent Gathering
Sunday, December 8th

St. James Church Hall 10:15am -11:45am
Please join us as we prepare for the birth
of our Savior, Jesus Christ
Class will begin with a short video:
'The Shepherd'
Reading of the Gospel of Luke 2: 1-16
Discussion,
Refreshments
Advent Themed Scavenger Hunt



The "Living Nativity" will be presented at Our Lady of Loreto on December 1st after the 10 am Mass. Coffee & donuts will follow in the school hall.



#### **Attention Parents!**

All Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to Our Lady of Loreto on Saturday, December 14 from 6 - 8 pm to watch the movie, "Star". The 6th - 8th graders are asked to help with the younger students that evening. This will give parents a little break to do any last minute shopping they may need to finish up, it's a win, win! Virtus trained adults will be there to chaperone.

#### **Students and Families**

The Annual Christmas pageant December 15th at 2:00pm, at St. John Church.

If you are interested in being in this pageant, please fill out a registration form provided by your teacher. There are no lines to learn, and costumes will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Rehearsals are from 11:30am to 12:30pm on December 1st & 8th . Dress rehearsal will be December 15 at 11:30am.

We hope you will join us as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

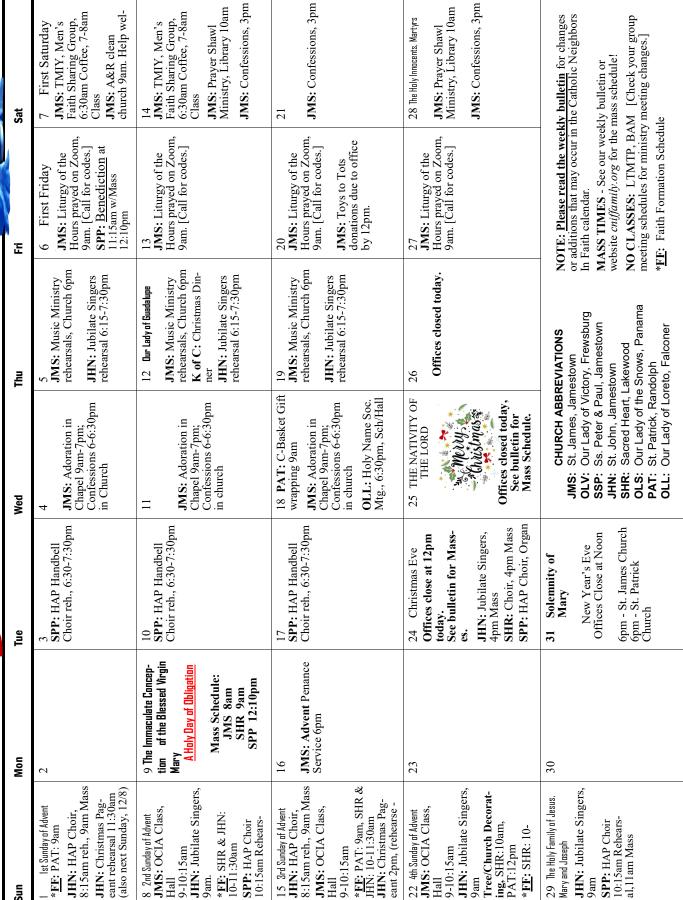


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# In Loving Memory Memorial Page

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, Teressa Tran, Kim Loan,

**Peter Tran Binh Thanh** 

Linda J. Wadsworth

**Richard & Emily Weimer** 

Jason M. Williams

**Zahler, Cuffney & Green Families** 

Zunner & Gumienik Family

Robert "Bob" McDowell