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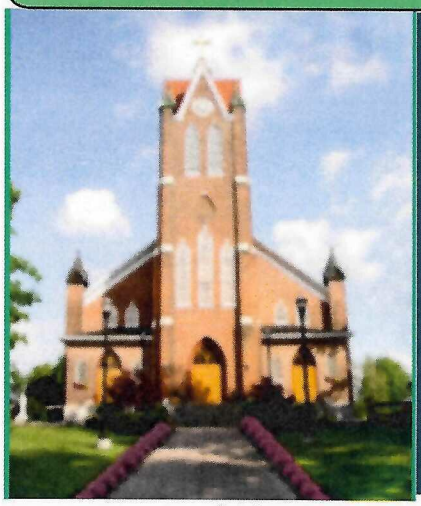
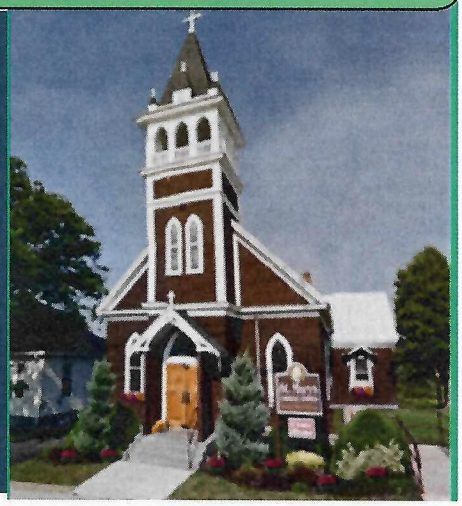
OCTOBER 25, 2026 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give Him everything — and let your life be love.



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First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821
Present Church Dedicated, 1866

St. Mary's
NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen
Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated, 1890
Present Church Dedicated, 1902

We are two diverse communities of faith who are united in bringing the Gospel into the daily lives of all who worship with us. We stand together with all people, especially the poor and the alienated, as a sign of God's universal love for all people. We extend a warm welcome to all and hope that you will find the parishes of St. James and St. Mary's places where faith can be nourished.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Jaya Kumar Francis, MSC
Pastoral Associates: Deacon Garry H. Stevens
Deacon Richard J. Staab
Music Director/Organist: Michael Perfetto Jr.
Augustinian Academy: Sister Suanne Johnson, Principal

Trustees: SJ - John Jones
Jennifer Richards
SM - Janet Aubin
Joseph Lawler

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00pm(ant.) St. James
Sunday: 8:00am St. Mary's
10:00am St. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 2:30pm - 3:30pm St. James
Or by appointment
Sunday: 7:30am St. Mary's

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Rectory
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Rectory anytime

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Mass Intentions

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 24
4:00SJ(ant.) - Robert Thomas by Bodle family
Sunday, October 25
8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James
10:00SJ - Greg Westberg by Westberg family
Monday, October 26
9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena
9:30SJ - Communion Service
Tuesday, October 27
9:00SJ - Rosary
9:30SJ - Terry Roche by Peg Shambo
Wednesday, October 28
9:00SM - Nancy Jones by family
2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary
3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, October 29
9:00SJ - Rosary
9:30SJ - Intentions of Mary & Steve Szalach by Good Samaritan Society
Friday, October 30
9:00SJ - Rosary
9:30SJ - Clifford Gates by Greg & Margaret Woods
Saturday, October 31
4:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's
Sunday, November 1 - All Saints
8:00SM - Mary & Virginia O'Rourke by Rice family
10:00SJ - Tammy Miller & Deceased family members by Deacon & Peg Staab

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Oct. 27 - Parent Reconciliation Meeting, 6:30pm (CR)
Oct. 31 - Knights Trunk or Treat, 11:00am-1:00pm (Parking Lot)
Nov. 2 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 4:00pm (CR)
Nov. 3 - Ave Maria Circle Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm (CR)
Nov. 4 - St. Mary's Altar/Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm
Nov. 7&8, 14&15, 21&22- Advent Wreath Sales, before/after Mass

Bishop's Fund - Totals Remaining

St. James Parish Goal - $21,129.30
$22,033.00 - Has been pledged
- $ 903.70 - Goal has been reached

St. Mary's Parish Goal $3,972.10
$2,472.00 - Has been pledged
$1,500.10 - Amount remaining

ST. JAMES ALTAR LINEN CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER
OCT. 25 - SHEREE

KofC Trunk or Treat

The Knights of Columbus Council 291 will be holding the 2nd annual Trunk or Treat event on October 31, 11 to 1 in the church parking lot. Put on your costume early and come out and see some cool cars and trucks, trick or treat, and play some games. Fun for the whole family. Hot dogs and chips will be sold. Have a cool car you want to show, call Tom at 315-778-5065

Devotions, Explained! - The Guardian Angel Prayer

The Guardian Angel Prayer, Explained!
The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide."

The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration.

Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336). ©LPi

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Weekly Offerings
October 18, 2026

St. James			St. Mary's
Envelopes	$3,063.25	Envelopes	$620.00
Plate	$ 2,748.00	Plate	$497.40
Total	**$5,811.25**	**Total**	**$1,117.40**
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	$1,754.80
Last Year	$6,336.00	Last Year	$2,376.00

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Tickets for the Fall Raffle: All sold tickets and collected funds must be **returned prior to the 8:00 Mass next week. Sunday, November 1st.**

Rosary before Mass: Please join the Altar and Rosary Society as we pray the Rosary before Mass in October. Rosary leader for Oct. 25 is Debbie.

October Church Cleaner: Debbie Green
October Linens: Mary Jane Fleming

The next Altar and Rosary meeting is November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Hour and Raffle Drawing: Next week on November 1st we will do the drawings for our Fall Raffle during the coffee hour.

KofC News: Upcoming date:

Oct 31 - Trunk or Treat, 11am-1pm

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for grades 8-12 is now underway; applications are available in the vestibule and rectory and submission deadline is Oct 30th.

Serving families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity
Ray Bodle, Grand Knight

Ave Maria Circle upcoming events:

11/3 - Monthly meeting
11/7 & 11/8 - Advent Wreath Sales before & after Mass
11/8 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC
11/14 & 11/15 - Advent Wreath Sales before & after Mass
11/21 - Bountiful Basket Dinner - Aves bake pies
11/21 & 11/22 - Advent Wreath Sales before & after Mass
11/26 - Aves make desserts for Free Thanksgiving Dinner (Elks/Lions Club)
12/1 - Monthly meeting

Thank you to all those who baked for and came to support our fall bake sale at the craft fair.

Heidi Marshall, President
Ave Maria Circle

St. James is soliciting donations to cover the cost of the following item:
Refurbishing of Chalice & Paton from Fr. Jaya's travel kit

If anyone would like to donate toward any of these items, please call the Rectory 315-493-3224

World Mission Sunday - Continuing the Mission - The Mission is Far from Over! In his last words before ascending to heaven, Jesus told us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19), and for 2,000 years the Church has been at work in this task. Last week, we celebrated World Mission Sunday. We must never forget that 5.5 of the 8.1 billion people alive are not Christian, even now two millennia after Pentecost. The World Mission Sunday collection helps the Church to reach out to these brothers and sisters of ours who have yet to hear the message of Christ. Prior to 1908, the United States was considered missionary territory. The Church in America grew thanks to the support of World Mission Sunday, which built many of the first churches on American soil. Now, many years later, it's our turn to pay that generosity forward, as we care for the needs of our brothers and sisters across the globe. We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. To find out more about how to do so, please visit www.pontificalmissions.org

200 Club Winners - Congratulations to Cathy Ripley, the winner of week 6 of the 200 Club! Keep your fingers crossed that you or someone you know is the next winner! Good luck!

St. Paul's Church in Black River will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on November 8th, with Bishop LaValley celebrating Mass with the parishioners at 11:30am.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?
Answer

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember … this feast was Catholic first!

St. Peter of Alcantara

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain, in 1499 to a noble family. After studying at the University of Salamanca, he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Stricter Observance in 1515, was ordained in 1524, and became Guardian of St. Mary of the Angels in 1525.

A devoted preacher to the poor, St. Peter also spent long periods in solitude, prayer, and meditation. From 1553 to early 1555, he lived in seclusion, then made a barefoot pilgrimage to Rome, where Pope Julius III permitted him to establish friaries.

He was known for moments of ecstasy during prayer, when he was wholly absorbed in the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit.

Near death, St. Peter knelt in prayer and refused water, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died in prayer on October 18, 1562, and canonized by Pope Clement IX in 1669.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 6:30pm, there will be a meeting in the St. James Community Room for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask that at least one parent be present. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Sligar, 315-778-9554.
Joanne Sligar

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