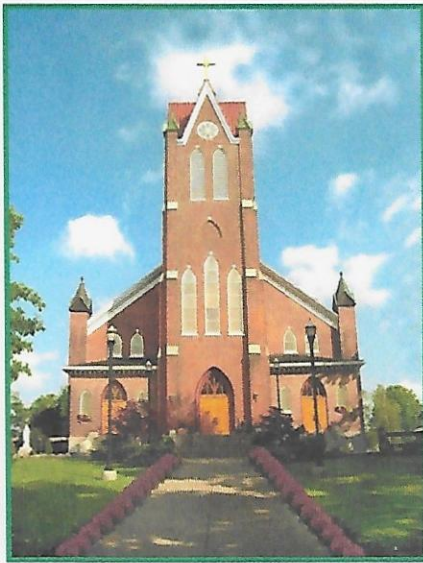
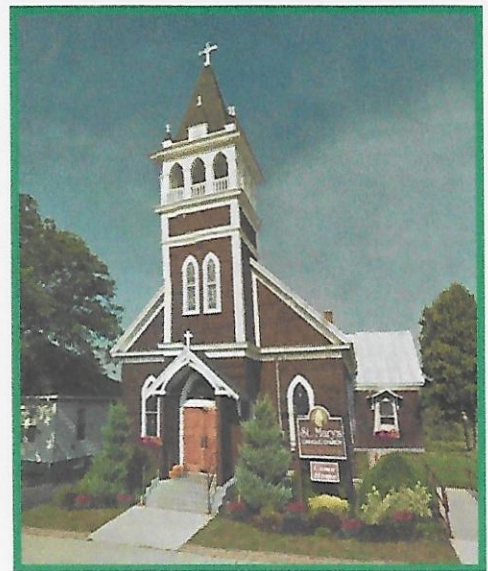




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First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821
Present Church Dedicated 1866***



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NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen

***Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated 1890
Present Church Dedicated 1902***

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jaya Kumar Francis, MSC

Pastoral Associates: Deacon Garry H. Stevens

Deacon Richard J. Staab

Augustinian Academy: Sister Suanne Johnson, Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 pm St. James (ant.)

**Saturday: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm St. James
Or by appointment**

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's

Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's

10:00 am St. James

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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September 20, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00SM - Cindy Lyndaker by St. Mary's Altar & Rosary

10:00SJ - Ed Brown by Connie & family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00SJ - *Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena*

9:30SJ - *Communion Service*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Intentions of Norman & Yvonne Johnson

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00SM - Thomas Sweredoski by Penny & Bill Tyner

2:40-3:00SJ - *Rosary*

3:00-6:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Janice Fobert by Joe & Mary Ann,
Arnold & Joanne, & Patti

FRIDAY, - SEPTEMBER 25 - SCHOOL MASS

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Gina Lawton by Joe & Mary Ann Margrey

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:00SJ(ant.) - Kathleen Turner by Annie Rigabar & Rose Ball

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00SM - Annette Newman by Thompson family

10:00SJ - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

Calendar of Events:

Sep. 22 - CCD Classes begin, K-8, 3:00pm (CAA)
Sep. 24 - Worship/Liturgy Meeting, 3:00pm(CR)(**New Date**)
Oct. 3 - VEM Crop Walk, 9:45am (Church of Nazarene)
Oct. 5 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 4:00pm (CR)
Oct. 6 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6:30pm (CR)
Oct. 7 - SM Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm

Baptism Classes - If you have a first child that needs to be Baptized, this class is for you. Please call the rectory to register, 315-493-3224.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS

Weekly Offerings September 6, 2026

St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$5,673.00	Envelopes	\$1,530.00
Plate	\$935.00	Plate	\$168.50
TOTAL	\$6,608.00	TOTAL	\$1,698.50
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.00	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$9,415.15	Last Year	\$2,117.00

THANK YOU!

Faith Formation for students in public schools K-8 will begin on September 22nd at 3:00pm at Augustinian Academy School. Carthage CSD has agreed to bus students over to the Academy for these classes. Second grade is a Sacramental year as students will be making their First Communion. Confirmation will be next year for 7/8th graders but they need to be enrolled this year to complete the full program.

How to Register:

- Through the front office at Augustinian Academy or pick up a registration form in the back of the church and drop off at the Academy office.

If you have any questions, please call the school: 315-493-1301 and ask for Sister Suanne.

Augustinian Academy/St. James. 200 Club - Drawings for the 200 Club begin September 13th! Ticket sales will continue after Masses for the month of September. There will be twenty weekly drawings of \$25 until the complimentary dinner for all ticket holders on January 23rd. Tickets will also be on sale at the St. James Rectory, Augustinian Academy office, and by calling Mary Ann Margrey at 315-493-1430!

CROP WALK 2026

We need You! It's once again time to join me at the Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, October 3 at 9:45am with your sneakers on. Crop Walk serves Church World Services and our local VEM Food Pantry. We are so blessed that we have 2 Food Pantries. But remember, patrons can only shop once a month. We need you to donate as you always do, so generously, but I need walkers. We need the visibility.

I have envelopes and you can walk just a few blocks, half a mile or a mile. No steps are too little. Please call me or just join me on October 3.

Thank you for all you do for the community. God Bless.
Joanne Sligar - 315-778-9554

Diocesan Blue Mass: Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the annual **Blue Mass** on **Sunday, September 27, at 2:30 p.m.** at St. Paul's Church, 210 LeRay Street, Black River, NY 13612

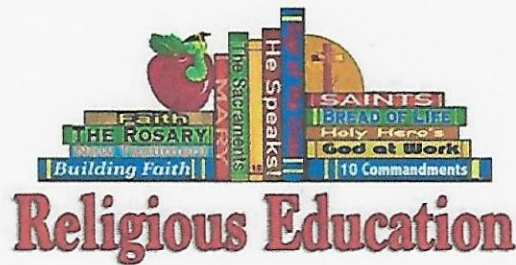
The Blue Mass is the Church's way to offer thanksgiving to God for the dedication and sacrifices made by the men and women of Fire, EMS, Corrections, Law Enforcement and Communications. First Responders, their families and all the faithful are invited to attend this Sunday celebration. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. Questions can be addressed to Father Chris Carrara, Blue Mass Committee Chair at info@rcdony.org or by phone at 315-393-2920.

St. James Altar Linen Cleaning - Schedule for September Sept. 27 - Joanne

Weekly Offerings September 13, 2026

St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$4,908.00	Envelopes	\$1,030.00
Plate	\$834.00	Plate	\$1,337.50
TOTAL	\$5,742.00	TOTAL	\$2,367.50
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$5,022.00	Last Year	\$1,144.50

THANK YOU!



Religion Classes to Start Soon!

Released time religion classes will be starting on **September 22 at 3:00pm.** This is for students from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Registration is required.

- Complete the form on the back, or pick up a form in the back of the church.
- There is a \$20.00 fee due at the time of registration.
- Please also have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

Busing will be provided from Carthage public school over to Augustinian Academy for the elementary students. Middle School will need to provide their own transportation.

- **IMPT: Please send a note to Carthage school requesting this bus transportation**

All students need to be parentally picked up:

- 4:00pm at the side door of the school off the church parking lot.

These classes include

- 2nd grade First Communion prep
- 6-8th grade Confirmation prep.
- All other grades will be studying our faith, the Church, prayers and preparation for the sacramental years.



**ST. JAMES PARISH
GRADES 1-6
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

CHILD'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) _____

CHILD'S **CURRENT** GRADE _____ SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFF) _____ HOME # _____

DATE AND CITY/STATE OF BIRTH _____

DATE AND CHURCH/CITY/STATE OF BAPTISM _____

DATE AND CHURCH/CITY/STATE OF 1ST COMM. _____

PARISH ATTENDING _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE/PLACE OF BAPTISM _____

OCCUPATION _____ WORK # _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE/PLACE OF BAPTISM _____

OCCUPATION _____ WORK # _____

MOM CELL# _____ DAD CELL # _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: NAME, PHONE#, RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD:

WHAT SACRAMENTS DOES YOUR CHILD NEED? _____

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS OR ACADEMIC NEEDS? _____

**YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE IF THEY WILL BE
MAKING THEIR 1ST COMMUNION THIS YEAR.**

COST: _\$20_ PER CHILD TO COVER MATERIALS. CLASSES START September _22_, 2026.

RELIGIOUS ED IS EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30.

REGISTRATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 5TH-14TH. BUSSING IS PROVIDED.

ST. JAMES PARISH
GRADES 7 & 8
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Students confirmed next year should enroll in Year 1 Confirmation prep this year. Classes at Augustinian Academy on Tuesday @3:30pm starting Sept. 22nd, 2026

CHILD'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) _____

CHILD'S **CURRENT** GRADE _____ SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFF) _____ HOME # _____

DATE AND CITY/STATE OF BIRTH _____

DATE AND CHURCH/CITY/STATE OF BAPTISM _____

DATE AND CHURCH/CITY/STATE OF 1ST COMM. _____

PARISH ATTENDING _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE/PLACE OF BAPTISM _____

OCCUPATION _____ WORK # _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE/PLACE OF BAPTISM _____

OCCUPATION _____ WORK # _____

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MAKING THEIR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR.**

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RELIGIOUS ED IS HELD EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30.
REGISTRATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 5TH-14TH. BUSSING IS PROVIDED.

St. Mary's News - September 20, 2026

Tickets for the Fall Raffle are now available. To request additional tickets or to return sold tickets and payments, please contact Mary Jane Fleming before or after 8:00 Mass or at PO Box 103, Copenhagen 13626; 315-688-4464. Tickets may also be returned to Marcia Mundy, PO Box 303, Copenhagen 13626. All sold tickets and collected funds must be returned prior to the 8:00 Mass on Sunday, November 1st. The drawing will take place at the coffee hour after this Mass.

Tickets are also available at St. James Rectory.

Monthly Memorials: Parishioners are invited to reserve a memorial to honor loved ones, living or deceased. For a donation of \$10.00, you can designate one of the following as your memorial for a month: the Sanctuary Lamp, Mass Candles, or Altar Breads. Intentions are printed in the bulletin monthly. See Debbie Green for payment and scheduling.

September Church Cleaner: Barb Crane

September Linens: Ruth Brady

The next Altar and Rosary meeting is Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm. Remember to bring your donation for the Gift Tree we are sponsoring for the Fall Raffle.

Coffee Hour. The next Coffee hour is October 4th sponsored by the Green and Sullivan families.

Ave Maria Circle - Upcoming Events:

10/6 - Monthly meeting, 6:30pm,

10/11 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC

10/24 - Bake sale at craft fair

Please contact Joan Todd to sign up for the bake sale on 10/24 at the craft fair.

Heidi Marshall, President
Ave Maria Circle

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.

We are encouraging all of our former parishioners and friends to attend and be a part of our celebration. In order to have an accurate count for the caterer, please call or text Esther Reape at 315-783-4438 prior to October 8. The luncheon will be held immediately after Mass in the Parish Center.

OCIA - Is It Time?

If you have thought about becoming Catholic, but didn't know where to start, perhaps it is time you investigate the OCIA. Contact the rectory at 315-493-3212 or email Joe Brosk at nnybrosk@gmail.com

St. James Family Choir - Now that our Choir has started back up, new members are most welcome. No requirements necessary, just a desire to sing! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm. Choir alternates singing at the 4:00pm(ant.) Saturday and 10:00am Sunday Masses. If interested, call Mike Perfetto, Choir Director, 315-447-5222.

Parish Update

Please return to the Rectory or drop in collection basket.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

☐ New registration

☐ Check for incorrect address or phone number

☐ Send offertory envelopes

☐ Moving away from parish

Thank you for helping us keep our records updated!

Bishop's Fund Appeal - This weekend (September 19th & 20th) parishes throughout the Diocese will have "Commitment Weekend" for the 2026 Bishop's Fund Appeal. In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley, asking you to join him in supporting the 2026 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Our goal is to have 6,800 or more families in our Diocese participating in the Bishop's Fund Appeal. You are invited to bring your gift Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Any gifts received after our Diocese reaches its goal will be used to assist families facing emergencies such as house fires and flooding, loss of employment and high medical costs.

Devotions, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer

The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy." ©LPi

Sound System Update - We wanted to share a brief update regarding our ongoing sound system improvements. Mike Deline, our sound engineer from Big Apple Music, is currently preparing a detailed quote to enhance and strengthen our sanctuary's audio experience. His expertise has already been a blessing to us, and we're grateful for his careful attention to our needs.

We expect to hear back from him sometime next week. Once we have more information, we'll share it. Thank you for your patience and for the grace you show as we work toward creating a clearer, more welcoming worship environment for all.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUPS:

Coming Soon!

Description:

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is pleased to announce the launch of Men's Discernment Groups beginning this September. These gatherings are an opportunity for men who are feeling called to explore the possibility of priesthood, deepen their prayer life, and walk with others who are discerning God's will.

Groups will meet monthly in three regional locations:

- Plattsburgh – led by Father Doug Schirmer

- Canton – led by Father Scott Belina

- Watertown – led by Father Carter Pierce

Whether you are actively discerning a vocation to the priesthood or simply seeking clarity in your spiritual life, you are warmly invited to participate.

More information, including meeting dates and registration details, will follow soon.

Contact for More Information: Deacon Garry Stevens

Email: gstevens@rcdony.org and or

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