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Sacrament of Confession: Before weekend Masses and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact priest 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick: Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	July 18	5:00 PM	(SJ)	Barbara Condon by the Smith Family
Sun.	July 19	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Debbie Shepherdson by Densie and Bud Christ
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Barbara Condon by Carol Puchyr
Mon.	July 20			No Mass Scheduled
Tue.	July 21	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Michael Opperman by the Smith Family
Wed.	July 22	8:30 AM	(SA)	Ray Flood by Christine Lancaster
Thu.	July 23	8:30 AM	(SA)	The People of Venezuela by Christine Lancaster
Fri.	July 24	8:30 AM	(SJ)	The People of Saint James and Saint Ann Parishes
Sat.	July 25	5:00 PM	(SJ)	John and Nicolina Rojek by David and Barbara Shephardson
Sun.	July 26	8:00 AM	(SJ)	James and Regina Shepardson by David and Barbara Shepardson
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Evelyn and Arthur Brown by Jeanne Kane

Collections Last Week:
Saint James: \$2,602
Saint Ann: \$1,190

Please send to the office email any information and announcements that you feel are important and helpful so that it all can be included in the weekly parish bulletin. Thank you!
JVT

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One food item I have always enjoyed in my life is the pickle. I have always loved pickles and saw them complimenting a hamburger, a sandwich, or even a dish at dinner time. I’ve especially enjoyed the many varieties of them, including ones that have a sweet taste, or even at times the ones that contain some spice! Many different pickle makers have made them interesting, including the national brands, ones made locally, and, yes, the ones that are homemade!

I guess it took me years to realize that one of items added to the pickle juice is the mustard seed. I was so used to mustard being the condiment spread on hot dogs and sandwiches that I overlooked its place in the recipes for pickles. When you think about it, the mustard really adds some special taste. This Sunday’s Gospel involving parables, especially the one about the mustard seed, focuses on how such a small seed can produce a large bush. We might add that from such a small seed comes a great big flavor, especially found in our pickles of choice!

The various parables of the Gospel this Sunday are illustrations that help us to enter more deeply into the life of the kingdom we share with our Lord and one another as the people of its life and under the dominion of God. We long for such images because they enable us to have those insights and appreciation that break open for us the meaning of Jesus’ most central teaching and subject of his preaching.

Parables help us to open ourselves to the illustrations that we offer to one another as people of faith. The stories of our journeys of faith depict for us how we can and do live the Gospel in our lives with its many aspects and insertion into our time in this world. We when discover a beautiful witness of faith, we come before a teaching that speaks volumes and illumines us on how to be disciples of Jesus Christ. All of the ways we live our faith are prominent illustrations of faith, leading us closer to the Lord. We know within those stories at times are the struggles we face, but ones we overcome with God’s love and mercy. Let’s never fail to find the amazing pictures in each other that teach us what it is to share our life with God and with all!

Yours in Christ our Lord,
Fr. Jim Teti

Food Pantry Donations

Donations are being accepted for the local food pantry. Please bring dry goods (pasta, rice, mashed potato mix, grains, etc.) to Saint James Church and they will be collected. The Altar Rosary Society of Saint James is most grateful for your contributions!

Quilt Raffle

The annual quilt raffle in support of the Summer Heat Golf Tournament is here. Tickets for the quilt are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 and will be available after Masses at Saint James, Saint Ann’s, and at Charlie John’s over the coming weekends. The winner will be drawn on July 25th at the golf tournament. All proceeds will aid those in need with heating bills during the coming winter.

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org