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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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	Sept. 27	5:00 PM	(SJ)	Jim and Jean Shepardson by David and Barbara Shepardson
Sun.	Sept. 28	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Peter Sengenberger by John Sengenberger
		10:00 AM	(SA)	John Higgins by Regina A. Scarola
Mon.	Sept. 29			No Mass Scheduled
Tue.	Sept. 30	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Dorothy Naple by Marie Naple and Family
Wed.	Oct. 01	8:30 AM	(SA)	LeAndrea Conine by John Conine
Thu.	Oct. 02	8:30AM	(SA)	The People of Saint James and Saint Ann parishes
Fri.	Oct. 03	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Jackie Catania by Pat and Vinnie Sorbello
Sat.	Oct. 04	5:00 PM	(SJ)	Jim and Jean Shepardson by David and Barbara Shepardson
Sun.	Oct. 05	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Murray Nickerson by Barbara Tracy
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Connie E. Browne by Joseph and Regina Scarola

Collections last week:	St. Ann	\$1,753
	St. James	\$2,014

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,

Earlier this year, a sink hole had developed on one of the roads in the upper part of the North Country and within our diocese, rending travel on a portion of it impossible until it was repaired. During that time, I was speaking with a priest north of it. I had told him it would be nice to meet up for a visit, but I quoted this Sunday’s Gospel from Saint Luke and reminded him that between us a great chasm has been established, preventing me from going to his side or for him to come to my side! How the scriptures speak so particularly to us at times of the elements we bear, and even humorously in certain instances! Fortunately, that chasm was only temporary and after several weeks, it was fixed and the portion of the road reopened.

The story of this Gospel is situated in the hereafter, but I think the image of a chasm is one that is relevant in our world here and now. Doesn’t it seem at times that there are many chasms between people? Think of the nations of the world and their conflicts, our own nation and her people, perhaps in local communities, organizations, families, and with friends...even within the Church. People in many instances seems to be at opposites sides of a chasm for various reasons, with it also appearing as if to pass from one side to another is just not feasible. The questions we need to ask is whether any chasm is permanent or can it be filled in and eliminated. When we are talking about the people of the world, in many groupings, we need to see that it is something that can be filled in and eliminated, just like the one on the road that was temporary. This is always possible when we believe in God’s love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and the strength through faith that the Lord has given us to share these most sacred gifts. Let us always believe that no chasm is irresolvable. If we as people have created the chasms of our lives and world through failure and omission, then we can take them away with love, mutual respect, and togetherness. May the efforts we make help us to discover this great hope!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jim Teti

Sunday Recitation of the Rosary at Saint Ann’s Church

Please remember that parishioners recite the Rosary together each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM prior to the celebration of Mass. All are most welcome to share this time of prayer together. For those arriving at church after the Rosary has begun, please keep this in mind so that all can help maintain a respectful atmosphere of prayer for the duration of this special devotion.

Bishop’s Fund Appeal

We continue to welcome responses to the appeal for 2025. If you have brought an envelope to church this Sunday, you may place it in the collection baskets. You may also send it in directly to the diocese if you prefer. Let us all work together to reach our parish goal with participation again this year. Funds received through the appeal support important diocesan ministries and programs such as religious education, Catholic schools, youth ministry, the training and support of priests and deacons, and charity for our families in need. Thank you for supporting the appeal through your pledge and for your prayers on behalf of the ministry in the Church of Ogdensburg!

Father Jim’s Installation as Pastor

Fr. Jim will be formally installed as the pastor of Saint James and Saint Ann’s parishes at the 8 AM Mass on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, at Saint James Church. We will welcome Bishop LaValley on that day to preside at the liturgical celebration. Please mark your calendars...thank you!

Saint James Parish Pasta Dinner

Saturday, October 4th, 5 PM-8PM at the Adirondack Veterans Center, 2569 Route 8, Lake Pleasant...tickets at the door...50/50...Italian Theme Buffet, including salad, beverage, coffee, and dessert...Take Out too!