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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun. May 05 8:00 am (SJ) John Hilton by Judy & Rick Hilton
10:00 am (SA) Ellen Magistro by Nancy Brylewski
Mon. May 06 No Scheduled Mass
Tue. May 07 8:30 am (SJ) Frank Crowe by Pete Savarie
Wed. May 08 8:30 am (SA) Fr. Sony (41st Anniversary) by Deb Walters
Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thu. May 09 8:30 am (SA) Diane Prawd by Salvatore Magistro
4:00 pm (SJ) Jerry & Paul Nurt by Mike & Alice Romanych
Fri. May 10 8:30 am (SJ) The people of St. James/St. Ann Churches
Sat. May 11 5:00 pm (SJ) Joseph Fitzgerald by The Smith Family
Sun. May 12 8:00 am (SJ) Mona O'Rourke by Barbara Tracy
10:00 am (SA) Morgan Rae Baker by Mary Ellen & Steve Stofelano

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 748.00
St. James \$ 1175.00

Thank you very much for your generosity in response to God's blessing to you and to your beloved family.

First Communion and Confirmation

We are happy to share the good news with the people of St. James Major/St. Ann Churches that Sara Lauria and William Germain will receive First Communion on Sunday, June 9th, 2024, at 8:00 am, St. James Major Church, Lake Pleasant. On the same day, Vinny Lauria, Robert Wilson, Amilda Germain, and Michele Robets will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Terry Lavalley.

Please note the change: Mass at St. Ann's Church will be at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 9th, 2024.

Parish Council Meets

St. Ann's Church: Sunday, May 5, after 10:00 am Mass
St. James Major Church: Sunday, May 5, at 6:00 am

Agenda: Parish representation for the Ordination of Douglas Schirmer and an invitation to have his Mass with us. Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday June 9th, Planning Committee for the 100th anniversary of St. James Major Church, Summer Heat Golf tournament on Saturday July 20, 2024. Maintenance of the Church and its property. Change of day for council meeting for St. James Major Church. All the members of the council are invited to participate in the meeting.

St. James Altar Rosary Society

For over 50 years, the Altar Rosary Society has served the people of St. James Major Church, and support from the Parish has been great...but now it's time to ask for new members! Please consider joining this group as we plan for our Parish's 100th year celebration. There will be a general meeting at St. James Major Church on the 8th of May 2024 at 4 pm. Please join us!

- Mary Kiewicz

Ordination to the order of the priesthood

Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg, will Ordain to the Order of Priesthood Deacon Carter Gabriel Pierce and Deacon Douglas Alexander Schirmer. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 11:00 am. A Reception will immediately follow the Liturgy downstairs in the Brzana Hall. The Ordination Mass may be viewed at www.rcdony.org/ordination. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.

Pentecost Prayer Gathering

"Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love and we shall renew the face of the earth."
We celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday May 19, 2024. It is the feast of the Holy Spirit and we, the church, exist by the power of the Holy Spirit and it is a day to celebrate with special prayer and reflection. Therefore, we will have a special prayer service on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, at 4:00 pm. A dinner will immediately follow the prayer gathering in the St. Ann's Parish House. Please, sign-up if you are planning to attend. Thank you.

The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus went back to the source, the Alpha, and the Omega. This is the meaning of his Ascension. It is not a journey into outer space, but a journey home. His Ascension does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere.

We live in the hope that the words of Jesus will come true for us: 'Where I am, you too shall be.' Meanwhile we have a task to do: to preach the Gospel and to be his witness in the world.

Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples; give us the courage to witness to you in the world, and so the Gospel will be preached, and people will find their way into your kingdom.

