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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun. Apr 21 8:00 am (SJ) Frank Fabiano by Mike & Alice Romanych
10:00 am (SA) Betty Higgins by Well's Senior Citizens
Mon. Apr 22 No Scheduled Mass
Tues. Apr 23 8:30 am (SJ) Michael & Frances Romanych by Mike & Alice Romanych
Wed. Apr 24 8:30 am (SJ) Jayne Vaughan by The Kestler Family
Thu. Apr 25 8:30 am (SA) Ryan Family by Lee & Carolyn Horton
Fri. Apr 26 8:30 am (SJ) Robin Weiss Sczerzenie by Frank Sczerzenie
Sat. Apr 27 10:00 am (SA) Baptism of Frederick Theodore Palmer
Sun. Apr 28 8:00 am (SJ) Francis & Genevieve Seifts by John & Nancy Seifts
10:00 am (SA) Betty Higgins by St. Ann's Altar Rosary Society

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 798.00
St. James \$ 866.00

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

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.

Mass Schedule in May

In St. Ann's Church, Wells, 8:30 am Mass Wednesday resumes on May 1, 2024. So also, in St. James Major Church, Lake Pleasant, 5:00 pm Mass Saturday resumes on May 4, 2024. Parishioners are kindly requested to pay attention to this reminder.

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.

Promise to Protect.... Pledge to Heal

Did you know...according to the National Children's Alliance, the youngest children are the most vulnerable to abuse. Children in the first year of their life are 15% of all victims. One in 40 infants under 1 year old are victimized by abuse every year. Child abuse can be fatal. It is estimated that 1,750 children in the United States die each year from abuse and neglect. To learn more about the role you can play in protecting children, please contact the Safe Environment Office at (315) 393- 2920.

Rachel's Vineyard After-Abortion Healing Retreat: May 24-26 Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake!

If you or a friend are suffering after abortion loss, you are not alone. Find hope and healing at the spring Rachel's Vineyard Retreat May 24-26 at the Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake. Register online: www.rcdony.org/pro-life or contact The Respect Life Office for more information: cminer@rcdony.org or rachelsvineyard.org for a list of locations.

Just 3 in 10 U.S. adults regularly attend religious services!

Gallup results released March 25 show that just 3 in 10 U.S. adults attend religious services regularly. 21% every week and 9% almost every week. A reported 11% attend religious services about a month, while 25% seldom and 31% never attend. The most observant adherents are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with two-thirds saying they attend church weekly or almost weekly. Forty-four percent of Protestant and nondenominational Christians attend services regularly, followed by 38% of Muslims and 33% of Catholics. Twenty years ago, "an average of 42% of U.S. adults attended religious services every week or nearly every week." Said Gallup, noting that "among religious groups, Catholics show one of the larger drops in attendance (over the past two decades), from 45% to 33%.

