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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun. Feb. 25 8:00 am (SJ) Paul Beaudoin by Judy & Rick Hilton
10:00 am (SA) Souls of Purgatory Janet & Sal Palmieri
Mon. Feb. 26 5:00 pm (SA) Healing Prayer Service
Tues. Feb. 27 8:30 am (SJ) Julie Scialla by John & Annemarie Joyce
Wed. Feb. 28 8:30 am (SJ) Jeffrey Cornelia by Judy & Rick Hilton
Thu. Feb. 29 8:30 am (SA) Mary Ellen & Ray Benedict by The Family
Fri. Mar. 01 8:30 am (SJ) The people of St. James/St. Ann Parishes
Sat. Mar. 02 No Scheduled Mass
Sun. Mar. 03 7:30 am (SJ) Adoration & Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 am (SJ) Richard Hesdorfer by Jill & Dave Knapp
10:00 am (SA) Dennis Parker by Elfriede Parker

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 1864.00
St. James \$ 996.00

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

Join Shadow on the Water Healing Prayer Service

The Holy Spirit has more for you! The Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father and the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, lives in YOU! The Holy Spirit fills us with the life of the Holy Trinity and empowers us to be disciples of Jesus- to live and love as He did and to bring about His Kingdom in power! You are loved, you are chosen, and you are called by name.

Join Shadow on the Water Ministries **on Monday, February 26th from 5-7 PM at St. Ann's Church, Wells.** It will be a night of transformational prayer and praise! Come receive the "more" that God has for you. Prayer service led by Mike Nolan and team.

North country Catholic subscription campaign Message from Bishop LaValley

"I invite those who do not currently subscribe to consider how important it is today to be an informed Catholic Christian and allow our diocesan newspaper to be a vehicle to help you and your families grow in faith. The newspaper shares stories of how our North Country neighbors – individuals, parishes, schools, and organizations – are trying to follow the Lord's call and share His love. Reading those stories, we find similarities with our own lives. We find ideas to improve our faith and spirituality, and we find inspiration in seeing what the Lord is doing in the world around us. It helps connect us, despite how far apart we may be geographically."

Take up the cross and follow me.

Purple small crosses are available at the church entrance. You are invited to take a cross. The cross will be worn throughout Lent to signify you are willing to carry your own cross and you may wish to add the intentions of a family member, friend, or someone most in need of help during this time. Special thanks to the people who volunteered their time to make the crosses from Ballston Lake, NY. We received them through the kindness of Dorothy Maher (Summer Parishioner) of St. James Major Church, Lake Pleasant.

Stations of the Cross before our Sunday Mass.

We encourage our Parishioners to come 30 minutes early to participate in the Stations of the Cross.

Lent: Reflections of Bishop Barron on the Eucharist

Our Catholic Church is in the midst of a 3-year Eucharistic Revival that aims to inspire, educate and unite, in a world where not many people know Jesus intimately. Therefore, Saint James' Lenten program will host Bishop Barron's 4-week presentation on the Eucharist. Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist. Too many believers do not understand the mystery of the Eucharist, which Vatican II said is the "source and summit of the Christian life". This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as a sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary of communion with God, and the real presence of Christ.

The program will be presented on Wednesday, March 6, 13, and 20, and April 3 at 5:00 pm. (The Seder meal will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 27.) The four presentations will follow a simple shared Lenten meal of soup and bread. Please plan to join fellow parishioners and friends to enjoy a social time and together develop a deeper understanding of and love for the Eucharist. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

- Jean and Richard Doell

This is the Good News of today's readings.

It reminds us that faith is a lot like life. Faith has its mountains and its valleys. When we are standing on a mountain, it is easy to believe and to love God. But when we are standing in a valley, it is hard to believe and to love. But if remain faithful during these trials, God will reward us with the life that he has promised to those who love him. "Happy is the person who remains faithful under trials, because when he succeeds in passing such a test, he will receive as his reward the life which God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12

Faith is following the rhythms of happiness and sadness, ecstasy and agony, light, and darkness. God tests our faith. When it happens, our hearts are pained, and our minds are confused. But if we trust in God, God will not let us down. In the end, God will bless us beyond our wildest dreams.

