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Trustees: St. James Major – Richard Doell & John Seifts
St. Ann – Renata Royal & Frank Piazza
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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun. Jan. 14 8:00 am (SJ) Fran Gramlich by Kathy Gramlich
10:00 am (SA) Mary Ellen & Ray Benedict by The Family
Mon. Jan. 15 No Scheduled Mass
Tues. Jan. 16 8:30 am (SJ) G. James & Regina Shepardson by David & Barbara Shepardson
Wed. Jan. 17 8:30 am (SJ) Mr. & Mrs. Leo Pulcher by Betty Pulcher
Thu. Jan. 18 8:30 am (SA) Ellen Magistro by Gator Trace Ladies Golf Association
Fri. Jan. 19 8:30 am (SJ) The people of St. James/St. Ann Parishes
Sat. Jan. 20 No Scheduled Mass
Sun. Jan. 21 8:00 am (SJ) Doris Sengenberger by John Sengenberger
10:00 am (SA) Mary Ellen & Ray Benedict by The Family

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 242.00
St. James \$ 590.00

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

Office of the Chancellor

The Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Ogdensburg, has reminded Fr. Sony that Richard Doell, St. James Major Church, and Renata Royal, St. Ann's Church, has served three consecutive terms as trustees and should be replaced. The office also reminded Fr. Sony that per New York State Law, a Lay Trustee's term is one year and an "individual trustee should serve only three successive terms."

Fr. Sony has nominated for the approval of the bishop and vicar general Vincent Sorbello, St. James Major Church, and George Heilsberg, St. Ann's Church, for the replacement of the above-mentioned trustees.

A Prayer of Martin Luther King Jr.

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children – Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow – will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

2024 March for Life.

The third Friday of January is less than a week away, and with it will bring the annual March for Life. The event, which has been held once a year since 1974, will be the second one to be held since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June 2022. The theme of this year's march was unveiled in November 2023 and is titled "With Every Woman, For Every Child," which is meant to draw attention to how the anti-abortion movement needs to deliver aid to both mothers and their children.

We are in need of Mass intentions.

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. This second intention, commonly called "the intention of the Mass," are special intention offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving in and through the Eucharist. Since the graces of the Mass are infinite, many intentions can be offered up at a single Mass. While a priest may only accept only one intention per offering at a single Mass, he may have many other intentions not attached to an offering. In addition, the faithful may bring their own intentions to the Mass, which they each carry privately and place upon the altar spiritually in prayer.

The suggested donation for Mass intentions in our diocese is \$10. This signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself. If you would like to donate, please pick up Mass Intention Offering Envelopes from the Church and fill it up and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Church. Thank you.

Heating Assistance

Our *Summer Heat Golf Tournament Fund* is available to assist families in need of heating assistance – gas, oil, wood etc. No electric bills. So far, we have helped 10 families. In case, you come across somebody in need of help, please contact the Rectory 518 548 6275 or email: sjcsac@rcdony.org. Thank you.

Reflection on the Gospel John 1:35-42

Today's Gospel invites us to take a long, hard look at our reluctance to share our faith with others. If we believe the Gospel is good news, and if we believe Jesus is the greatest treasure the human heart can possess, why are we so reluctant to share our faith with our own children, with our own friends, and with those people we know are searching for something to believe in?

This is the all-important question today's Gospel sets before each one of us. No one can answer the question for us. We must answer it for ourselves, each in his or her own way. People are interested in our faith. And sharing our faith is important, critically important.

