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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 LENT

Sun. Mar. 10 8:00 am (SJ) Dick Spinks by Spencer & Rosemary Tracy
10:00 am (SA) Joe & Mary Wilson by Pam Broils
Mon. Mar. 11 No Scheduled Mass
Tues. Mar. 12 8:30 am (SJ) Bill Wilt by Pete Savarie
Wed. Mar. 13 8:30 am (SJ) The Vaughan Family by The Kestler Family
Thu. Mar. 14 8:30 am (SA) Ellen Magistro by Gator Trace Ladies Golf Association
Fri. Mar. 15 8:30 am (SJ) John Nurt by Mike & Alice Romanych
Sat. Mar. 16 No Scheduled Mass
Sun. Mar. 17 8:00 am (SJ) Bill Tracy by Barbara Tracy
10:00 am (SA) Mr. Mrs. Daniel Lane by Edna Rew

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 645.00 Easter Flowers \$ 222.00
St. James \$ 1245.00 Easter Flowers \$ 285.00

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

Pray for our faithful departed.

Joseph Fitzgerald: Joe (husband of Mena, King of Frosties) passed away peacefully after receiving the sacraments. He was suffering from some serious health issues. We the people of St. James/St. Ann Churches express our deep condolence to Mena and family. May he rest in peace.

Elizabeth (Betty) Higgins: Betty passed away recently after a fall in January. She and her husband John were so much dedicated and faithful members to St. Ann's Church, Wells. Let us keep her family in our humble prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

Helen Marie Buyce: Helen's (age 104) house was just in front of St. Ann's Church. She was a very loving lady. Though she belonged to the Methodist Church, she loved the Catholics. Helen always watched over our Church and called Fr. Sony in case a light remains on, or some suspicious people wander around the Church. Let us keep her and her family in our humble prayers. May she share eternal life with God.

CHRISM MASS MARCH 21ST

All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join Bishop LaValley in the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for the use in all the churches of our Diocese. This ritual symbolizes that we are one family in Christ. The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York. The Chrism Mass may be viewed at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>. The Chrism Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.

Holy Week Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday- St. James Major: March 28, 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Feet Washing and ½ hour Adoration.

Good Friday – St. Ann's Church: March 29, 3:00 pm, The Passion Narration, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil - St. James Major: March 30, 7:00 pm, Blessing of New Fire, Easter proclamation, and Renewal of Baptismal promises.

All the faithful of St. Ann/ St. James Major are cordially invited to participate the celebrations of the Holy Week Triduum and receive the grace to proclaim the Risen Lord. Music leaders, leaders of Lectors and Altar Servers may please make sure their availability on these important days of our faith journey.

Easter Sunday Mass- St. James Major: 8:00 am.

St. Ann: 10:00 am

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

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel contains the famous verse that some call "the Bible within the Bible". "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16. This verse sums up the entire biblical message. It also affirms the two major biblical truths. First, God took the initiative to save us. Second, God's initiative was motivated by love. Are we totally convinced of God's fatherly love for us? "God loves each one of us as if there was just one of us to love." – St. Augustine.

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