

St. Ann and St. James Major Parishes

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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.

The Baptism of the Lord

Sat.	Jan. 10			No Mass Scheduled
Sun.	Jan. 11	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Carl Pignone by Richard and Jean Doell
		10:00 AM	(SA)	LeAndrea "Andy" Conine by Mary Ellen and Steve Stofelano, Jr.
Mon.	Jan. 12			No Mass Scheduled
Tue.	Jan. 13	8:30 AM	(SJ)	The People of Saint James and Saint Ann Parishes
Wed.	Jan. 14	8:30 AM	(SJ)	The People of Saint James and Saint Ann Parishes
Thu.	Jan. 15	8:30 AM	(SA)	The People of Saint James and Saint Ann Parishes
Fri.	Jan. 16	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Communion Service
Sat.	Jan. 17			No Mass Scheduled
Sun.	Jan. 18	8:00 AM	(SJ)	The People of Saint James and Saint Ann Parishes
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Cecelia Weiss by Janet and Sal Palmieri

Collections last week: St. Ann \$978
St. James \$3,181

Please send to the office email any information and announcements that you feel are important and helpful so that it all can be included in the weekly parish bulletin. Thank you!
JVT

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I think in many ways it's tough to say farewell to Christmas until the very end of this year when we come to the celebration once again! We prepare abundantly to celebrate the Lord's birth. We decorate our churches so meticulously and with precision. It's sad to remove the adornments once we come, as we do today, to the final day of the liturgical season that acknowledges our savior's birth, recalling his baptism in the Jordan River by Saint John. I bet we all will feel a bit of emptiness when we enter our churches next time and find the decorations gone! But we do go through this every year.

The Baptism of the Lord is an event of Jesus' profound identity. He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is also so intricately connected with his public ministry. It marks a moment in the Gospels when we are about to discover the three years of ministry that were so central to Jesus' life. Many stories encompass that life, and the Sundays of the year allow us to focus on them and let them be our ongoing discovery of the Lord and also their profound meaning for us as we live the gift of faith, with Jesus' teaching leading us in our journeys in this world. At the center of our faith is a divine person, and each year opens his biography through the Gospels where we encounter him so intimately.

As we reflect upon our own baptism, we are reminded of what has configured us to all three persons of the Blessed Trinity. We are also united to the event of the Lord's Paschal Mystery. The beginning of our faith lead us as well into ministry. To live out our baptism is to discover constantly the work we can share in Christ with brothers and sisters in him, united in the Church. Baptism has given us grace and a commission to participate in Jesus' work and mission. Parents are especially aware of this as they have their children baptized. They become conscious of the work of teaching them in the ways of faith as their children grow older and learn. It's a special ministry in which we all share, to be teachers of the ways of faith to one another, just as Jesus was the teacher for his first followers.

Ministry is a profound reality that endures and invites us all in as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is teaching, it is prayer and worship. It is service to others, especially those in most need, and it is forming the communion in Christ that we have been invited to do so with the grace granted to us, especially in the sacraments. As we venture into Ordinary Time and rediscover Jesus' ministry, may it guide us in all we do as his people. Let us give thanks for the ministry we have to share, and in which we can deepen and grow every year. Another great opportunity is before us here in 2026. Let us welcome it together with joy and hope. The world needs Christ so much, and we all do. God's blessing to us remains the constant gift we can offer one another.

With you in the oneness of our shared baptism,
Fr. Jim Teti

January Meeting of the Saint James Altar Rosary Society

The monthly meeting of the saint James Altar Rosary Society will take place on Wednesday, January 14th at 4 PM in the church. All are welcome to attend!

As we conclude the liturgical season of Christmas with the Baptism of the Lord, thanks to all parishioners for your joyful and attentive celebration of our Lord's birth during these last few weeks. It is a season in which we are always touched by the decorations that adorn our churches. We are grateful for the efforts made by so many to make our houses of worship fitting places to recall the Jesus' birth among us! May the blessings and joys remain in our memories as we return to Ordinary Time and continue the new liturgical year before us, recalling the mysteries in Christ's life and his public ministry as shared with us in the Gospels.