

St. James the Apostle and Our Lady of the Lake/Mount Carmel is a Roman Catholic Parish with the Eucharist as the center of its life. Our mission, as disciples of Jesus Christ, is to build up the Kingdom of God by leading, nourishing and serving the community in Word and Sacrament.

From the Desk of Fr. Szymon Kurpios

February 19, 2017

Today, the word of God teaches us that the original source mandate, means that to sanctity is through God. "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5,48). He inspires us and we are drawn to Him. The way is set out for us by the new law, that of Love. Love is the solid driver of our convictions, expressed so clearly in the Fifth Chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

Pope Benedict XIV tells us, "it is only through service to others that opens my eyes as to what God does for me and to how much He loves me". Jesus gives us a law whereby justice is infinite, whereby evil is not defeated by causing more hurt, but by expelling it entirely from our lives, thereby reducing its hold on us.

In order to triumph, Jesus tells us, one must have a strong hold of our own interior lives and be clear by which law we live, that of unconditional love, free and magnanimous. Love led Him to the Cross, as love triumphs over hate. This is the way to victory, without violence, with humility and abundant love as God is love translated into action. If our actions are driven by this same love that will not abandon us, Our Father will recognize us as his children. This is the perfect act, one of superabundant love that places us in the current of the kingdom, whose most loyal expression is the sublime manifestation of overflowing love that God has drenched our hearts with through the Holy Spirit.



Readings for Today, the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Israelites cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses as they were dying of thirst in the desert. When Moses appealed to the Lord, He directed Moses to strike a rock and water gushed forth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus indicates to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well that whoever drinks from the water will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir". She believes Jesus is the messiah and proclaims this news to all the townspeople.

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Ash Wednesday - March 1, 2017

Masses at Saint James Church: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Liturgy of the Word with Ashes: 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM

Our Lady of the Lake/Mt. Carmel Church

Liturgy of the Word with Ashes - 4:00 PM

Mass in Polish with Ashes - 7:30 PM

Ashes will only be distributed at the times listed. Small packets of Blessed Ashes with Prayers will be available at the exits of the church after all Masses for services for the homebound.



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

8:00AM ERNEST BIERBAUM
5:00PM WILLIAM BUTLER AND NORA CARROLL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

8:00AM PEOPLE OF ST. JAMES & OLL/MT. CARMEL
10:00AM SILVESTRO PALUMBO
12:00PM MARY L. WALSH & JAMES M. WALSH
5:00PM TRINO VASQUEZ

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

7:30AM JACK GREENE
9:00AM ALBIN KARPINSKI
7:30PM ROBERT ZOLLNER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

7:30AM JAMES J. O'NEILL
9:00AM CARMINE MAZZOLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017, THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

7:30AM WILLIAM DILLON
9:00AM JOHN L. SULLIVAN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017, SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP

7:30AM KEVIN CONSIDINE
9:00AM ROBERT KURTZ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

7:30 AM DOROTHY HICKSON
9:00AM RONNIE COTTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

8:00AM KELLY KEHER
5:00PM KEVIN SHANNON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

8:00AM ANDREW AND FRANCES PASINI
10:00AM ALICE EMMELUTH
12:00PM PETER MARSHALL
5:00PM MADELINE PORPIGLIA

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE / MOUNT CARMEL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

4:00PM KATHLEEN DiSANZA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

9:00AM KEVIN BLACKMAN
11:00AM ANNE WOLFE
12:30PM (L) ROZALIA & TADEUSZ GAWOR & JOLANTA
(MASS IN POLISH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

4:00PM GRACE AND AL LIETO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

9:00AM WILMA BAKER
11:00AM JANET KREVAH
12:30PM MAREK RAOLUNSKI
(MASS IN POLISH)

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN

TIME TO BE BORN: BAPTISMS FOR THE WEEK: COLIN JAMES FROST, LILLIAN THERESA SIMMONS

TIME TO HEAL: THOSE WHO ARE ILL: TERRY SIEGEL, MARIE BASCIANO, TERESA KOBYLINSKA, STACY BRIGANTE, WILLIAM MCGREEVY JR., JOHN MCGREEVY, KRISTEN KOMINOS, ANTOINETTE BONO, JOHN SPAGNOLI, CHARLES CLARKSON, BILL DIETERICH, SAMANTHA BASCIANO, MARY BRADY, VINCE VILLANI, WILLIAM BIOLSI, GERARD BIOLSI, CLAUDE BOER, MARGARET CUNNINGHAM, PATRICIA UPTON, MICHAEL DIGNAM, THOMAS SARTORIS, TAYLOR DESALVO, SARAH FAIRBAIRN, PRISCILLA ELIZONDO, MICHAEL SMITH, ZOFIA KOPACZ, MARK STAFFORD, SUSI SPROLE, BILL CALDERONE, PAUL JEURGENS, MARIE STINGONE, CARMINE STINGONE, CAMILLE SAVIOLA, MARYANN STAFFORD, RICK SCAMPOLI, ANNIE MCMORROW, PATRICIA FITZPATRICK, DYMUNA KENNEDY, JOHN KENNEDY, TERENCE & MARY KEENAN, JAMES STEVENS, MARGARET CHILDRESS, JACK MARK, STEVE MARATTO, AUDRA RIBISI, DAN CROWLEY, TINA BORG, AL CAMONICO, MICHAEL YOUNGMAN, NANCY DUGAN, MARK LAMPERSBERGER, MIKE SCHMIDT, WILLIE DALBON, MARY GABRIEL, GLORIA FACENDO, JENNIFER JOHNSON, DENNIS CARABALLO, MARIANA POPOV, CAROL ST. AUBURN, CRISSY HAJKOWASKI, PATRICIA VERSEA

A TIME TO DIE: THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: MARGARET MCPHELM, VITTORIA SCIPIONI, ANN MONASTER, SUSAN MULLER

A TIME TO LOVE: MARRIAGES FOR THE WEEK: MEGAN MAXWELL AND PAUL CATANZARIPA

TIME FOR WAR: A TIME FOR PEACE: PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY CORY JAMES ESPEJO & JASON TERWILLIGER AND TIMOTHY FAY IN AFGHANISTAN.

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

5:00PM MSGR. MARCHITELLI

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

8:00AM MSGR. MARCHITELLI

10:00AM FR. KURPIOS

12:00PM FR. ADOLPHUS

5:00PM FR. ADOLPHUS

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE / MOUNT CARMEL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

4:00PM FR. ADOLPHUS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

9:00AM MSGR. MARTIN

11:00AM MSGR. MARCHITELLI

12:30PM FR. KURPIOS (MASS IN POLISH)

SAVE THE DATE

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS
ON MARCH 3RD IN THE CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 10,466.00
GOLD ENVELOPES	\$ 884.00

TOTAL	\$ 11,350.00

Due to last Sunday's snow storm, our collection is down by about \$5,000. Please bring in your 2/12 envelope next week to help us make up the loss. Thank you

2017 CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN AS OF 2/3/17

PLEGGED	\$ 8,200
PAID	\$ 5,760
AVERAGE GIFT	\$ 227
NUMBER OF GIFTS:	36

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES AND OUR LADY OF THE LAKE / MOUNT CARMEL

Thank you for joining in our Eucharistic celebration. We are glad that you are here with us today, especially if you are a visitor, and sincerely hope that you will find nourishment for your faith and life here. If you have recently moved into our Parish, please introduce yourself to the priests, deacons and parish staff. You are cordially invited to register at our Parish Office at St. James. Our parish currently has 4,500 registered families.

MONDAY NIGHT NOVENA MASS

Each Monday evening we gather as a community at 7:10pm to pray the Rosary together and then celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Following the Mass we pray the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal which affords us an opportunity to pray for our particular intentions and intercessions. All are invited.

COAT of ARMS" Backdrop

Are you looking for a unique gift for someone who has everything? Renovata Studios has fabricated a backdrop that adorns the statue of our Lady in Our Lady of the Lake/Mt. Carmel Church. Donations can be made in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. The cost is:

\$150 for 3 Line Name Plate
\$300 for 5 Line Name Plate

Ask for Donna in the Parish Office on Monday Afternoon, Tuesday or Wednesday

BONANZA 2017



**Our Bonanza Winners this week are
Brian & Linda Berke, and
Edward & Barbara Minogue**

Winning tickets will be re-entered for subsequent drawings.

Two tickets will be drawn each week for \$200 prizes until November.

**Additionally, there will be
three \$2,000 prizes drawn:**

- St. James Feast in July
- Parish Dinner Dance in March
- Thanksgiving Eve in November

Feel free to buy the tickets for yourself or your family members; to partner with family and friends; or to sell tickets to your neighbors.

**Extra tickets are available in the
Parish Office and School Office!**

Please fill out the bottom portion of the ticket(s), place it with your \$50 per ticket into the envelope provided and return it in the collection at Mass, by mail, or drop it off at the School or Parish Office.

St. James Youth Ministry is

Calling all Students in Grades 8 to 12

**You are never too young to change the world,
you are never too young to serve the Lord!**

All students in Grades 8 – 12 are welcome to join our youth ministry. This program will inspire youth to live their faith to the fullest as they learn to become leaders within their community. Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5:00pm Mass. If you have questions contact our Youth Minister, Kristina Iltcheva, at 917-400-2186 or email her at Kristina.iltchev@outlook.com.

**Offerings for the Week of
February 19th to 25th**

THE **BREAD AND WINE** OFFERED IN
**ST. JAMES CHURCH THIS WEEK IS
IN MEMORY OF JOHN FALCONE**
DONATED BY: THE FALCONE FAMILY

THE **SANCTUARY CANDLE** BURNING IN
**ST. JAMES CHURCH THIS WEEK IS
IN MEMORY OF JOHN FALCONE**
DONATED BY: THE FALCONE FAMILY

THE **BREAD AND WINE** OFFERED IN
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE/MT. CARMEL
IS IN **MEMORY OF FRANK BACKER**
HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN HEAVEN
DONATED BY: LORRAINE BACKER AND FAMILY

THE **SACTUARY CANDLE**
BURNING IN **THE CHAPEL OF LIFE THIS WEEK**
IS IN **MEMORY OF ANNE WOLFE**
DONATED BY: BETSY LAMPERSBERGER

ST. JAMES PRAYER GROUP

The St. James Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Life. Join us for praise and worship through song, a quiet time of scripture reading, sharing and intercessory prayer. We pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, our clergy, our parish, our own intentions and for those who have asked us to pray. The Prayer Group is open to all parishioners. Please join us for a peaceful evening away from the busyness of the day to be with Our Lord.

MEN OF ST. JAMES

The "Men of St. James" come together for prayer and discussion the 2nd and 4th Saturday's at 7:00AM in the Carriage House. It is a place to re-ignite the fire that may have grown dim or just to meet other men who are also trying to be faithful Catholic men.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

The Church is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life and to promote the culture of life. Life in abundance must be the heart of the new evangelization. Join the Respect Life Group every first Monday of each month at 7:30 for Mass and Novena. The meeting will follow in the Carriage House. Fr. Adolphus will facilitate the meetings.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S TERRACE AND COLUMBARIUM

199 Purchased - 253 Niches Still Available

We have celebrated Mass at the Altar of our Terrace and Columbarium many times. There are 90 niches engraved and interred. The price of a niche is \$2,500, which gives you the right to inter the cremains of two people. If you have been thinking of purchasing a niche, and would like to schedule an appointment, please call Donna McCarthy at 845-225-2079 Ext. 105, on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

For those of you not familiar with a Columbarium, it is a Latin word that describes a collection of niches to house urns containing cremated human remains. Usually inscribed with the person's name and dates of birth and death, columbaria are constructed to serve as permanent resting places for our loved ones in a 'churchyard' or landscaped terrace. We pray that the Lord who has blessed this project, become a final resting place for many of our loved ones.

St. James Children Choir 2017 Schedule

Director: Mrs. Mary Peters
Marypmusic@comcast.net

Sunday March 19th, 2017 (Scout Mass)
Practice at 9:15am in Church
Mass at 10:00am in St. James the Apostle Church
Coffee and Cake in Doherty Hall Following Mass

Sunday April 16th, 2017 (Easter Sunday)
Practice at 9:15am in Church
Mass at 10:00am in St. James the Apostle Church

Sunday May 14th, 2017
(Mother's Day and May Crowning)
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH
Practice 10:15am in OLL Church
Mass at 11:00am in Our Lady of the Lake Church
2nd Graders are invited to come in their
First Communion Outfits

Children interested in being a reader as part of the liturgy should contact: Maura Crawford
mcrawford@stjamescarmel.org

Cursillo Movement

Was part of your New Year's resolution to incorporate a bit more spirituality in your life? Perhaps the Cursillo Movement can help you fulfill that need. For over 60 years the Movement has been enabling Catholics to bring about changes in themselves and the world around them. Our weekend programs are:

Men's Weekend #213: March 23-26, 2017

Woman's Weekend #215: April 20-23, 2017

Both weekends begin on Thursday evening at 7PM and end on Sunday afternoon. They are given at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls. For additional information or to register, please call Don McDonnell at 845-225-8680 or John DeJulio at 914-522-4733.

You are also invited to our Cursillo meetings on every third Friday at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church, lower level meeting room.

REC Weekend- Your Prayers are Needed

Fr. Adolphus Muoghalu, Deacon Art Weiner and Vincent Ricotta are leading a team of parish men on a retreat for inmates at Downstate Correctional Facility. They will be assisted by Al Dumont and Chris McCarthy. The retreat called "Residents Encounter Christ" is scheduled for March 31, April 1st and April 2nd. WITH THE INTERCESSION OF YOUR PRAYERS the teams' preparation will produce spirit-filled meditations that encourage the inmates to set aside the old ways and put on the new trusting way of Jesus Christ.

St. James Altar Rosary Society

All women of St. James & Our Lady of the Lake are invited to learn more about the Altar Rosary's role in our parish. Please join us at our meeting on Thursday, March 9th. We will meet at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Life for Recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. We begin our meeting at 7:30pm in Doherty Hall. Come and hear about our future events. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, please contact Barbara Howard, at [914-980-7122](tel:914-980-7122).

Tax Statements

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to request a tax statement for 2016. We will need your Envelope Number.

Please Note that the Mass Book for 2018 is open.

Letter from Confirmation Candidates to Msgr. Marchitelli

Each Confirmation Candidate was asked to write a personal letter indicating their desire to be confirmed. Please pray for these young people as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

My name is Kobey Hart. I am 13 years old and live in Brewster with my older brother Cameron and my younger sister Angelina. My mom was born in Brooklyn and my dad in Manhattan. I have a dog named Buddy. I play many sports but my favorite is basketball which I have been playing for nine years. My favorite hobby is snowboarding. I am a good student in school and I am on the high honor roll. One of my accomplishments is getting in the Junior National Honor Society.

Being a Catholic has always been important to me. Every time I have to make a decision, if it's good or bad, I know that God will be there for me and lead me to what is right. I've always wanted to see God but I learned that he is right in front of us, in the trees, the animals, my friends and my family and in all that is good. This makes me want to have a closer relationship with God and do whatever it takes to keep that relationship strong. My mom is a good Catholic. She volunteers at the church, is an EM and Lector. I am an Altar Server.

As I prepare for Confirmation, I know that I can honestly promise that I will participate in Mass regularly. I feel that I am ready to receive this sacrament because I know and understand that Confirmation is when the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to bind us more closely to the church. We are made stronger in our faith. I attend Mass and CCD regularly, all of which has prepared me for this special blessing. I am ready to say yes to God and Jesus by receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Being confirmed is another step to getting closer to God and doing what I need to do to live out my faith.

But even after all of this I still have questions? I know that when you go to heaven you will be with everyone who has died before you. God opens the gates, but will you see him? How was God created? Will there be stuff to do in heaven? How big is heaven? Where is heaven? Is heaven all around us but we don't see it?

I am very excited to get confirmed and get closer to God. I think being confirmed is very important to my faith and I believe I am ready to take that on. I know that God will guide me through it.

**Reasons to Register in the Parish
of St. James- OLL/Mt. Carmel**

1. Enables you to obtain sponsor certificates, release letters, or any other documentation needed.
2. Enables you or any of your family to become eligible for any of the Seven Sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick).
3. Enables you to have your children registered in our Religious Education Program.
4. Gives you a sense of belonging to the Parish Family.
5. Helps to support the Church. There are several ways to support our parish. You may sign up to use the **Envelope System** for your weekly contributions or **ParishPay** which is an on-line giving system.

To register please come to the Parish Office Monday – Sunday from 9am to 6pm. Call 845-225-2079 Ext. 102 if you have questions.

**Sons of Italy - Spaghetti and Meat Ball Dinner
VFW Hall - Gleneida Avenue, Carmel**

Come and Celebrate St. Joseph Day at the Sons of Italy's spaghetti and meat ball dinner on March 19, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, music and friendship. Donation is \$15 and the proceeds will go to the Sons of Italy's charities. For more information, contact Janice at 845-519-0516. Sponsored by the Fr. Licata Lodge.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Mario Antoci Memorial, Mohegan Sun Bus Ride
Saturday, March 4, 2017**

6-Hour Casino Trip

Bus Leaves Council, Fair Street in Carmel at 8AM

**Coffee & Donuts at 7:00 A.M. - Adult Beverages
on the Bus – or bring a beverage and snacks**

**Cost Is \$40.00, Includes \$15.00 Lunch Voucher
and \$10.00 Casino Match Play**

Plus a Raffle for 2 Yankee Home Opener Tickets

Payment holds your seat, money due February 15.

Don't Miss Out

For Information and Reservations

Call Bobby Palazzo, (845) 216-1997

**From the Parish Nurse
February is American Heart Month**



**The Heart
Important Numbers**

There are some important numbers you should know in order to evaluate, improve or maintain your heart health:

Total Cholesterol-under 200mg/dl

LDL “bad” cholesterol-less than 100mg/dl-optimal

100-129-near optimal

130-159-borderline high

160-189-high

190-very high

HDL “good” cholesterol-60mg/dl or above

Triglycerides-less than 150

Blood Pressure-Systolic (top number) less than 120/
Diastolic (bottom number) less than 80

Fasting Glucose - (blood sugar)-less than 100

BMI - (body mass index) less than 25

Waist -less than 35

Exercise - at least 30 minutes /day most (5) days of the week

If you have any questions or suggestions for topics that you would like to see covered, leave your name and number at the parish office for Susan to contact you, or you may e-mail her at saa38@aol.com. Place "Parish Nurse" in subject area. Information Compiled by: Susan Anello, MS RN http://www.goredforwomen.org/know_your_numbers.aspx

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ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Offering Children the Best in Catholic Education Since 1954

***Registrations Now Being Accepted for 2017 – 2018
Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade***

**(OUR PREK HALF-DAY PROGRAM OFFERS THE OPTION OF A MORNING SESSION
FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS IN ADDITION TO OUR FULL DAY PROGRAM)**

***We Instill Faith, Values, knowledge, Self Discipline and
Good Habits during the Formative Years. We are:***

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- SMARTBoard Technology in all Classes
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- Early Morning and Afternoon School Care

For registration information please call the school at 845-225-9365

Save the Date for our Parish Lenten Mission

Living our Catholic Faith in today's world!

Sunday through Tuesday

March 12, 13, 14 from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

***also Monday and Tuesday after the 9:00 AM Mass,
for those unable to attend in the evening***

Led by Mr. Al Barbarino

~ International Singer and Catholic Evangelizer ~

***Al is a Lay Franciscan of the St. Padre Pio Shelter
with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal***



St. James the Apostle Annual Dinner Dance March 24th, 2017 6³⁰ – 11³⁰ pm

\$75 - per person
Unlimited wine & Open bar
Valet Parking



*St. James the Apostle
Annual Dinner Dance
Friday, March 24, 2017*

*6:30 - 11:30 pm
\$75/person*



*Villa Barone Hilltop Manor
466 Rt. 6 ~ PO Box 636
Mahopac, NY 10541
845 628-6600*

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Cocktail Hour 6³⁰ – 7³⁰pm

Dinner 7³⁰ – 11³⁰pm

***** 4 Course Meal *****

***** Open Bar *****

**For Tickets and Information
contact the parish office at
845-225-2079**

**Make checks payable to
St. James the Apostle**