

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 Msgr. Martin

December 11, 2016

**Be All That You Can Be! Be a Christian!
Words that can help us be all that we can! Some good advice for Advent!**

- The deeds you do today may be the only sermon some people will hear today...St. Francis of Assisi
- If I did not believe in God, I should still want my doctor, my lawyer and my baker to do so...G.K. Chesterton
- True holiness consists in doing God's will with a smile...Mother Teresa
- If you believe what you like in the Gospel and reject what you do not like, it is not the Gospel you believe by yourself...St. Augustine of Hippo
- A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty...Sir Winston Churchill
- A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows...St. Francis of Assisi
- Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He is going to be up all night anyway. Anon
- The world is full of givers and takers; the takers may eat better but the giver sleep better. Anon
- Once, in the lobby of the Midland Hotel in Manchester when I happened to be in some public disfavor, a man came up to me, grasped my hand and observed: "Never forget that only dead fish swim with the stream" ... Malcolm Muggeridge
- The family that prays together stays together... Motto of Family Rosary Crusade
- The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home... St. Augustine of Hippo
- We can do no great things, only small things with great love...Mother Teresa
- All that we do without offering it to God is wasted...St. John Vianney

Readings for this Week, Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6A, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Readings for next Week, Fourth Sunday of Advent



**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**





ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

8:00AM LEO KADIA AND JAN TROJNAR
5:00PM GRIECO AND TREGLIA FAMILIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016, 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM WINIFRED AND GEORGE BIOLSI
10:00AM SILVESTRO PALUMBO
12:00PM ELEZBETH PUCHECO
5:00PM MICHAEL KNOLKER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:30AM ORDINATION CLASS OF 1976
9:00AM ESTERANZA AND ANTONIO BUSTAMANTE
7:30PM MATTHEW GENOVESE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016, SAINT LUCY

7:30AM AMY SCOLARO
9:00AM DAVID SULLIVAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

7:30AM MARGARET JUBAK
9:00AM WILHELM RUEHL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

7:30AM JAMES YODICE
9:00AM BARBARA CROCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

7:30 AM MARTIN MURPHY
9:00AM ROBERT CIAMEI

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

8:00AM MARY BROSAN
5:00PM KELLEHER AND TRABULSY FAMILIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016, 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM FRANK LAFRANCA, JR.
10:00AM GIOVANNI AND ANGELA DELICARPINI
12:00PM MICHAEL AND MARY METLICKE
5:00PM NONNA FORCONE

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE/ MOUNT CARMEL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

4:00PM MARIE COVAIS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

9:00AM TOMMY FLYNN
11:00AM MICHAEL NAUGHTON
12:30PM PEOPLE OF ST. JAMES/OLL MT. CARMEL
(MASS IN POLISH)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

4:00PM GLORIA BARBARO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

9:00AM MARILYN ANDERES
11:00AM ANGELO, HELEN, FRED SENNO
12:30PM PEOPLE OF ST. JAMES & OLL/MT. CARMEL
(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:

TIME TO HEAL: THOSE WHO ARE ILL: TERRY SIEGEL, KYLE ULICH, 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, GEORGE BIOLSI, 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, 4 YR. OLD TRISTAN DETLEFS, BABY ELLA MCGEE, ALINE COSGROVE

A TIME TO DIE: THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: PAUL ALLEN, NICHOLAS BOFFOLINO, CATHERINE YURKON, OLIVIA MARINELLI, MARY DIGIACOMO, SUSAN FEENEY

A TIME TO LOVE: MARRIAGES FOR THE WEEK:

TIME FOR WAR: A TIME FOR PEACE: PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY CORY JAMES ESPEJO

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

5:00PM MSGR. MARTIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

8:00AM MSGR. MARTIN
10:00AM FR. KURPIOS
12:00PM MSGR. MARCHITELLI
5:00PM FR. ADOLPHUS

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE / MOUNT CARMEL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

4:00PM FR. KURPIOS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

9:00AM FR. ADOLPHUS
11:00AM MSGR. MARTIN
12:30PM FR. KURPIOS (MASS IN POLISH)

UNANNOUNCED MASSES

DECEASED

**AMERIGO D'IPPOLITO, ANN FAMA,
DIANNNE HYLAND, CARMINE VARONE**

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 4, 2016

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 15,134.00
GOLD ENVELOPES	\$ 1,449.00

TOTAL	\$ 16,583.00

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 Christmas Gift for someone who has everything?

Renovata Studios has fabricated a stunning 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** or
\$300 for 5 Line Name Plate

See Maureen in the Parish office on Monday afternoon, Tuesday or Wednesday

BONANZA 2017

You should have received a letter from our Pastor with two Bonanza Tickets enclosed. Starting January 9, 2017, drawings for cash prizes will be held each week through Thanksgiving.

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

**Additionally, there will be three drawings
for \$2,000 prizes.**

**Winning tickets will be re-entered for
subsequent drawings.**

Feel free to sell the tickets, or partner with family and friends. Extra tickets will be 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 PRAYER GROUP

The St. James Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Life. Join us for an evening of praise and worship through song, a quiet time of scripture reading and 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 to make what the Pope is calling for a reality here at St. James Church. It is also 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. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday's at 7:00AM in the Carriage House. Come. "Open the door." They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..." (Acts 14:27)

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY

The Separated and Divorced Ministry of St. James and Our Lady of the Lake/Mount Carmel is a support group for those who have experienced loss or rejection through separation or divorce. Our meetings are open to all men and women of the community. We meet in the Carriage House on the 1ST and 3RD Fridays of each month from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. Please call Peter at 845-270-9996.

RESPECT LIFE MEETINGS

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 meeting.

2016/2017 Schedule

Director: Mrs. Mary Peters
Marypmusic@comcast.net

Saturday December 24th, 2016 **(CHRISTMAS EVE)**

Practice at **3:00pm** in Doherty Hall
4:00pm - sharing of some Holiday Treats
before proceeding up to Church
4:30pm Christmas Carols before Mass
5:00pm Mass in St. James the Apostle Church

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 Immediately
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
mcrawfird@stjamescarmel.org

ST. SEBASTIAN'S TERRACE AND COLUMBARIUM

197 Purchased - 255 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 Mrs. Maureen Larkin at 845-225-2079 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 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!**

Ms. Kristina Iltcheva is our new Youth Minister and we are looking for students in Grades 8 – 12 to join our ministry. This program will inspire youth to live their faith to the fullest as they learn to become leaders within their community.

Application forms are in the Parish Office. Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5:00pm Mass. Our next meeting will be December 18th.

To contact Kristina, call 917-400-2186 or email her
at Kristina.iltchev@outlook.com



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 Kyle Burdick and I am preparing to be confirmed. I come from a family of seven. I have four older brothers who have already been confirmed. My parents, Kelly and Dan are very supported of all of us and always take us to church and religious events. I attend St. James the Apostle School and have been there since Kindergarten. I am a straight A Student and enjoy Math and Social Studies. I plan on attending Kennedy Catholic High School.

I attend Mass every Sunday with my parents and enjoy participating in the Mass, by singing, reading along and praying. Being Catholic is very important to me and I think going to Mass is essential to being a good Catholic. I am an Altar Server and always serve at the Masses for Communions, Confirmations and other events. Sometimes I am at church the entire day serving. I enjoy being there because I know I am in God's house.

We should spread the word of our faith that we are taught from the Sacred Scriptures. By participating in church we learn and live by the good words preached by Jesus Christ. One person who has inspired me is my Aunt Theresa. She goes to Mass every morning at 7:30am. She is a person that is devoted to our faith and she is a good example for me to follow as I become an adult in our church.

I do have questions about a couple of things that have always confused me. Does Hell actually exist? When was the first Bible written and who has possession of it? When was the most recent Bible written?

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is important to me because that means I am now an adult in our church. It is also important because I believe it will bring me closer to God. I feel ready because I have worked hard the last eight years of my life to get to this point and by going to St. James School to receive the best possible religious education. I want to receive Confirmation for my own spiritual benefit and also so that I can be a role model for other young people that will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the future.

From the Parish Nurse

Sleep is important!

If someone asked me how much sleep a person needs, I would be inclined to answer "8 hours". This however, might be an incorrect response. According to the National Sleep Foundation, the amount of sleep an individual needs for optimal performance, also known as *basal sleep need*, varies from person to person, as does *sleep debt*, the accumulated sleep that is lost due to poor sleep habits, sickness, awakenings due to environmental factors and other causes.

Short sleep duration is linked to:

Increased

- Risk of motor vehicle accidents
- Body mass index (obesity due to increased appetite caused by sleep deprivation)
- Risk of diabetes and heart problems
- Risk of psychiatric conditions including depression and substance abuse.

Decreased

- Ability to pay attention, react to signals or remember new information

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 BSN RN.

Ladies Auxiliary 6318 Knights of Columbus Hall Holiday Cash Bingo Tuesday, December 13, 2016

You have a chance to win a \$750 Jackpot. Cost of admission is \$50.00. Doors will open at 5:45 pm and calling will begin at 7:00 pm. For payments & details email Ladieskofc@gmail.com



**Spiritual Enrichment opportunities offered by the
Legionary of Christ Priests and Regnum Christi**

- Three To Get Married - 1/20-22/2017
 - Pathway To A Blessed Marriage - 1/27-29/2017
 - Women's Morning of Reflection - 2/17/2017
 - Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola for Women - 6/23-25/2017
- Private Room and Bathroom at the
St Lawrence Retreat Center Beacon, NY

**For all reservations please call (914) 244 3685 or
go to regnumchristinyctnj.org**

Encourage Support Group

Encourage is a Catholic Support Community that supports families of those experiencing same-sex attractions. For further information, email encouragency@hotmail.com or call the Family Life/Respect Life Office at 646-794-3186. To learn more about Courage and Encourage visit www.courage.org.

Drug Crisis Support Group

Drug Crisis in Our Backyard is pleased to offer the Spotlight on Recovery support group, an interactive forum for family support and education. We have guided recurring meetings where parents and families can get information and support in dealing with problems with drug abuse and addiction in their homes. To see our schedule please visit www.drugcrisisinourbackyard.com/spotlight-on-recovery.

Pro-Life Caroling Event

40 Days for Life/Danbury invites you for an hour of Christmas caroling as part of the Pro-Life Action League's **"Peace in the Womb" Event**. "Peace in the Womb" brings the Christmas message of peace and joy to the darkness of the abortion clinic. Let us remind abortion-minded moms that the salvation of the world came through an unplanned pregnancy. Join us on Saturday, December 17, 2016, 10:00 AM, in the public "right-of-way" outside Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street, Danbury, CT. Contact: Peg Rozzi at [845-279-4073](tel:845-279-4073) or mis_peg@outlook.com

KID'S KORNER **GOSPEL TODAY** **JOY** Get ready, rejoice, the time is near.

Matthew 11:2-11
Jesus told the people John the Baptist had been sent ahead of Him to prepare for His coming. Jesus continued preaching the Good News and helping the poor, sick and dying. By His lessons we are taught to help others by our good words and actions.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DIRECTIONS

- [1] Color tree green and write your good deeds on the ornaments and color.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1 and 2** to complete.

Different angles of completed tree.

All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

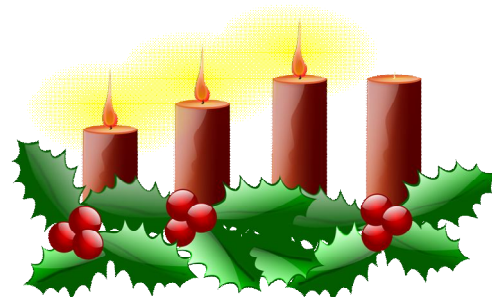
There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.)

Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.

Weeks 1 & 2 together.

Week 3





THE TREASURE HOUSE
CHORALE AND
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
JOSEPH J. NIGRO, CONDUCTOR,
INVITES YOU TO THEIR

27TH
CONCERT
FOR
ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS

***“A Merry English
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*Magnificent works of prolific English composers
Handel, Stanford, Parry, Gardner, Tallis.
Also a gala Festival of Carols*

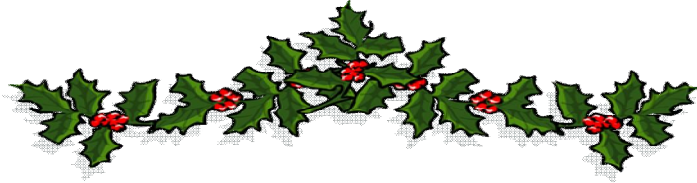
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2016 AT 7:30 PM
In Saint James Church

Donation of \$10.00 per person is suggested

For Information Call 845-225-2079

WWW.TREASUREHOUSEMUSIC.ORG

Events and Christmas Masses 2016



CONFESSIONS

St. James Church: Saturday – December 17th - 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake/ Mt. Carmel: Saturday – December 17th - 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - DECEMBERER 19, 2016

Confessions in St. James Church

Continuous from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday, December 24TH

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5:00 p.m. – Children's Mass

7:30 p.m. – Family Mass

9:30 p.m. – Mass in Polish - Pasterka

12:00 - Midnight Mass

(Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE/MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

4:00 p.m. – Family Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

(Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday, December 25th

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE/MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. - Mass in Polish