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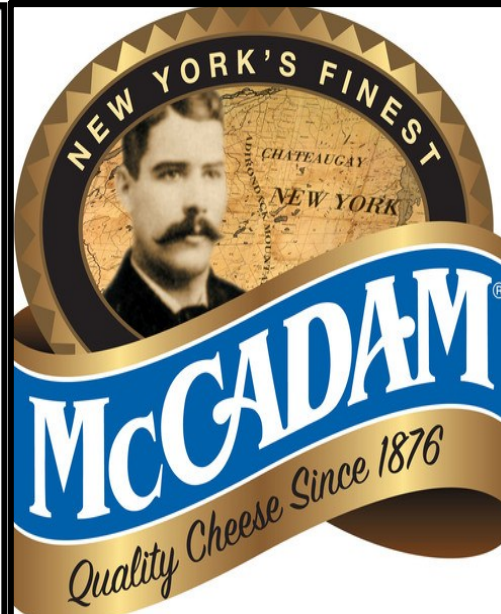


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The Catholic Community of the Oswegatchie Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time - September 27, 2026

Pastor: Fr. James Seymour jseymour@rcdony.org **Deacon:** Henry Leader **Deacon:** Phil Giardino

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6 Trout Lake Road, Edwards, NY 13635

St. James Thrift Store 315-775-7470

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 2pm

Parish Office

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1046 Oswegatchie Trail Rd
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THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS Matthew 21:28-32

Mission Statement and Vision

*We, the parishioners of St. James Parish,
in order, to love both God and neighbor and become
the "living stones" and saints,
God Is calling us to be, strive to:
Educate the seeker with the truths of our Catholic faith,
Worship the beauty of Jesus Christ,
our hope Reach out to the stranger
and welcome them in charity.*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26th
St. James (4:00pm) - Special Intentions for Albert Desormeaux by his family
Sacred Heart (5:30pm) - Deacon Peter Lawless by his wife and children
Sunday, Sept, 27th - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
St. Hubert (9:00am) - For the people of our parishes
St. James (11:00am) - Margarite Hall by the Easton Family
Monday, September 28th
St. Hubert’s (8:30am) - Holy Communion Service
St. James (5:00pm) - Healing for Paul Williams
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 -7:30pm
Tuesday, September 29th
St. Hubert’s (8:30 am) - Holy Communion Service
St. James (12:00pm) - JoAnn LaRue by Terry & Jim Moses
Wednesday, September 30th
St. Hubert’s (8:30 am) - For the repose of the sole of Lorraine Giardino by Patricia Monto
St. James - (12:00 pm) - No Mass
Thursday, October 1st
St. Hubert (8:30 am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (12:00pm) - Art “Skip” Kiggins by Joe Laurenza
Friday, October 2nd
St. Hubert’s (8:30am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (9:30am) - Marian Evans by her daughters
1 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, October 3rd
St. James (4:00pm) - Mecuria Centofanti by Centofanti & Hall Families
Sacred Heart (5:30pm) - In loving memory of Mom & Dad Pultro
Sunday, October 4th - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
St. Hubert (9:00am) - For the people of our parishes
St. James (11:00am) - Vera Young by Lori Wade

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation is completed on an individual basis. Please contact the Pastor to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament.
MARRIAGE: If you are seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, contact with the pastor must be made no less than six months in advance. No dates or arrangements should be made until meeting with the pastor.
CONFESSION: Consult the front of the bulletin for regularly scheduled times or call for an appointment.
ANOINTING of the Sick Contact the parish office in advance of surgery or as soon as possible when serious illness has set in.
COMMUNION FOR SHUT –INS – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.
NEW PARISHIONERS – Forms are at the Church entrances to register or register through the parish office.

Pastor’s Desk

“Filling the “Gaps”

Regional pastors met with our Bishop and Diocesan Representatives this past week to discuss how parishes were doing in regard to religious formation. Bishop asked the question: “Where are the gaps?” Seems there are a lot of “gaps” between the time sacraments are celebrated. Young couples, for example, may receive pre-marriage preparation but not much follow-up after marriage. We also see gaps with parents preparing for baptism. There may be a meeting or two beforehand but not much afterwards, perhaps until First Communion. Then there is a gap until Confirmation when many times it is treated as a “graduation” from formation and we don’t see the newly confirmed at Mass again. Faith formation is a lifelong process from birth to old age but we seem to have compartmentalized it in such a way that our relationship with Christ remains someone superficial. To strengthen that relationship and move it from the head to the heart we need to “fill the gaps”. There will be a presentation in Norfolk on Saturday, October 17, from 9:15 am until 2:45pm to help us do just that. I would like to get a team together to attend. Are you up for it?

Father Jay

One Church One Mission

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the Church. It is our hope to have 80 families or more participating in the Bishop’s Fund Appeal. Please remember - every gift makes a difference – every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop’s Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. Online giving is also available at www.rcdonv.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our Diocese.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Are you looking for a meaningful way to participate in the Mass? Our parish is inviting new altar servers to join this vital ministry! Serving at the altar is a wonderful opportunity to draw closer to God, learn more about our faith, and actively serve our parish community. There will be a short training session for ALL current and new servers on Sunday, October 4th after the 11am Mass.



STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of September 19th & 20th
St. James - \$ 2,139.40
Sacred Heart -\$ 1,049.00 (2 weeks)
St. Hubert’s - \$ 1,389.00

“UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES”

SCHOOL:

Sept. 30th - Open House & Covered dish at 6pm
Oct. 5th - Fr. Jay will bless the animals of staff and students at 2:45pm
Oct. 9th - Half day for students
Oct. 12th - No School—Columbus Day
Oct.23rd - Halloween skate night
Oct. 30th - Annual “All Saints Parade”

PARISH:

Oct. 3rd - Annual indoor sale 8am - 2pm in the gym
Oct.31st - ALPHA Retreat

Coming Fall 2026 - Season 6 of “The Chosen” premier of episode 1

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: In Support of Augustinian Academy (Carthage) Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Augustinian Academy Sunday, October 11, 8 a.m. until 12 noon St. James Community Room, Carthage MENU: Scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, baked goods, juice, and coffee.

PRICE \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors; \$5 for children under 10; \$30 for a family of four or more Contact for More Information: 315-493-3224 or carthagesec@rcdonv.org SPONSORED BY: Carthage K of C Father John Cosmic #291 Ave Maria Circle

CONTACT GOVERNOR HOCHUL TODAY!

Special interest groups have been engaging in a campaign of misinformation about the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit in an effort to convince Governor Hochul to change her mind about opting in. To be clear: The new program does not take one penny from public school funding and, in fact, both public and religious school students will be major beneficiaries of the program. Governor Hochul has indicated she plans to opt in to help New York families, and she needs to hear from you today telling her that you support her decision. Go to bit.ly/Thank-Gov-Hochul or use the QR code to send your message.



LIFECCHAIN SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 4: Stand and Pray Across the USA and Canada. Join in the annual peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness to the sanctity of life. Rain or shine. Signs will be provided

LOCATION: Gouverneur - St. James Church line up along Main Street, 12pm. Contact Brandy, prinnny-grl@aol.com.

Each year Lifechains form nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful, pro-life witness to the sanctity of life. Stand and pray locally at these locations: Watertown (Oct. 3), Massena, Gouverneur, Potsdam, Saranac Lake and Plattsburgh. Signs provided. Open to all faiths. www.lifechain.org. Contact for More Information: Colleen Miner Phone Number: 518-524-0774

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST: An Integrated Approach to Lifelong Parish Faith Formation All parish leaders, catechists, ministry volunteers and all who care about faith formation are invited to attend the fall LEAD Event: Journey with Christ to learn how parishes can nurture faith across every stage of life while building stronger family and ministry connections among the wider parish community. Oct 17, 2026, 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Church of the Visitation, Norfolk. Bring a bagged lunch. No fee. Speaker: Dr. Steven Serafin of Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries. Register at: www.rcdonv.org/journey More details about LEAD are available on diocesan website Faith Formation Page Contact for More Information: Anita Soltero Email: asoltero@rcdonv.org Phone Number: 518-310-3669

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Call to Celebrate! This year's Season of Creation (Sept. 1-Oct.4) theme is: Living Water, inspired by Ezekiel 47:9.12. It describes a prophetic vision in which water flows from beneath the Temple’s threshold, becoming a deep river that brings life, heals the Dead Sea, and nourishes trees whose fruit and leaves provide food and healing. We are called to celebrate our interconnectedness with all creation and to respond faithfully to today's ecological challenges. How will you celebrate this Season personally, with family, community this week?

SUNDAY READINGS

September 27th
Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21: 28-32
Hymnal #928



October 4th
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21: 33-43
Hymnal #931

CHURCH CLEANERS

Sept. 28 - Oct. 11 - Mike & Mary Morrissiev

Oct. 12 - Oct. 25 - Laurie Weekes & Lori Wade