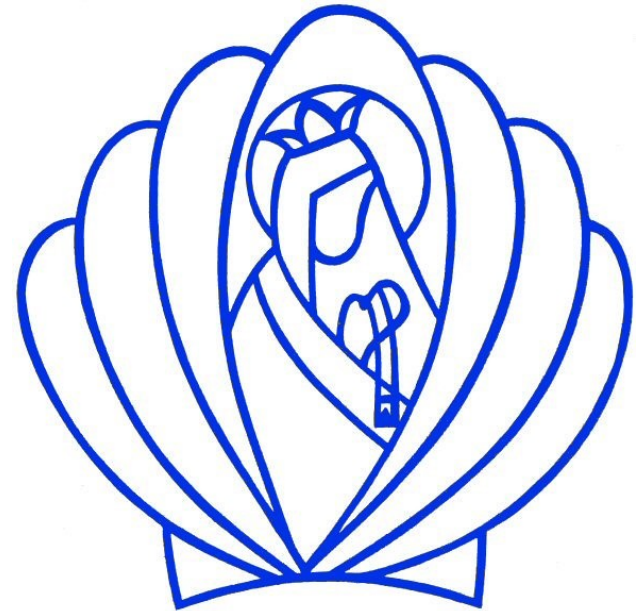




Parish of St. James the Apostle



Apostolate Directory

St. James Church
14 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

Our Lady of the Lake Church
Noonan Drive
Lake Carmel, NY 10512

Our Lady of the Lake / Mount Carmel

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our parish family! And on behalf of the clergy, religious, lay leaders and people of our parish family, I bid you Christ's peace!

Saint James the Apostle & Our Lady of the Lake / Mt. Carmel Parish is a dynamic faith community that has actively sought to be a genuine home to all who gather for worship in Carmel, since the first Mass offered in the mid 1880's.

Please feel free to peruse these pages. As you will see, there are many opportunities for spiritual growth and pastoral service in our parish family and neighboring community. Your participation is important to us and can only make us better and more effective at being Christ in the world.

Consider joining us for Sunday Worship. For more than two thousand years, the Sunday Eucharist has been at the very heart of the life of the Christian. There is no substitute for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Everything we are and everything we do flows into and out of this act of Divine Worship.

In addition, Catholics know that they must continually nourish their spiritual lives apart from the Sunday gathering. Daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, devotions, bible study, ongoing Christian education / formation and an active life of charity are the building blocks of what it means to be a Christian. You will find all these activities in our parish, and we encourage your participation.

If you have questions or suggestions about the parish, you may visit our website at <https://stjamesapostle.org>. Please feel free to stop by the Parish Office or to speak to one of our priests, deacons, or lay leaders after Sunday Mass.

Invoking the Blessing of Almighty God upon you and your loved ones, I remain...

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Robert A. Quarato
Pastor

St. James the Apostle School

Offering Children the Best in Catholic Education since 1954

The minute anyone walks through our doors there is no doubt that you have entered a Catholic School. There is an unmistakable sense that time has slowed down and the rapid pace at which we find ourselves in today's world, has somehow not fully affected us, allowing for our children to stay children for a bit longer.

Our faculty and staff have a unique skill set that reaches beyond the academic norm found in other schools. It is our ability to share our Catholic values that helps our children to grow into compassionate, responsible, grace-filled young men and women. All of this occurs in conjunction with an academic program that focuses on excellence and serves and meets every student, allowing them to excel in all that they do.

In addition to classes that align with New York State Curriculum Guidelines and New York Archdiocesan Essential Learnings, we teach Religion as an academic subject and offer opportunities for prayer, liturgical participation and community service. In addition to our academic curriculum, students in grades PreK – 5th grade engage weekly in special classes in Art, Music, Physical Education and Foreign Language (Spanish). We offer services in remediation and enrichment, as well as online special education services through the Carmel Central School District.

Our PreK program offers options of a full day or half day experience for 3 and 4 year olds, with the option of a 3 day or 5 day program.

All students enjoy centrally air-conditioned classrooms, as well as weekly experiences in our state-of-the-art STREAM Lab and Library. Gourmet quality hot lunch available daily.

St. James the Apostle School is more than a place where academics live and where children have the opportunity to excel. We are a school family and it is our mission to not only nourish our students' minds, but to feed their hearts and souls, and to create in them a spirit of service and love of neighbor. A Catholic education is a gift like none other, and we are proud to be able to offer this unique experience to all children.

For further information or to arrange a tour, please contact our school office at (845) 225-9365. Tuition scholarships are available.

Mrs. Maura Crawford
Proud Principal

SAINT JAMES PARISH STAFF

CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Robert Quarato, Pastor

Rev. Szymon Kurpios, Parochial Vicar

Rev. John Tran, Parochial Vicar

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Mr. Arthur Weiner

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Mrs. Joanne Mascia

Evangelization Apostolates

ADULT FAITH FORMATION comprises bible studies, group studies, mission retreats and evangelization programs. *Fr. Robert Quarato 845-225-2079x106*

O.C.I.A. (Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those in the community with a desire to convert to the Catholic faith, or to prepare baptized adult Catholics who seek to receive the sacraments of initiation of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Deacon Art Weiner 845-803-3699

O.C.I.T. (Christian Initiation of Teens) is for teenagers in the community who desire to convert to the Catholic faith or to prepare baptized Catholic teens to complete their reception of the sacraments of Initiation.

Mrs. Karen Mahon 845-225-1835

Men's Group: (Men of St. James and OLL) meets twice a month to support and strengthen our witness to the Gospel in our lives and our community.

Mr. John DeJulio 914-522-4733

Parenting Group is a support and education group for parents of young children. We are in need of a Coordinator

Polish School and Polish Heritage Community

Fr. Szymon Kurpios 845-225-2079x115

Mrs. Joanna Pilarska 914-433-7146

St. James Prayer Group meets each week for a time of prayer, praise and worship, reflection on scripture and faith sharing.

Mrs. Laura Dietz 845-225-2531

St. James School: *Mrs. Maura Crawford, Principal 845-225-9365*

St. James the Apostle School is a New York State accredited Catholic elementary school, Grades Pre-K through 5th, whose mission is to strive for academic excellence while integrating Catholic beliefs into the spiritual, educational, moral and social development of its students.

Religious Education: *Mrs. Kathleen Ife, DRE 845-225-6504*

The Religious Education program, for the youth of our parish, teaches our Catholic faith and prepares the students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Worship Apostolates

Altar Servers are an apostolate for young men and women of our parish who assist the clergy at the Lord's Table in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Robert Quarato 845-225-2079x106
Mr. Pat Stellacci 914-960-5508

Devotions (Divine Mercy) *Mr. Vincent Ricotta* 845-225-5140

Extraordinary Ministers *Fr. John Tran* 845-225-2079x111

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist at Mass in the distribution of the Eucharist to the faithful, and also administer the Eucharist to the hospitalized and homebound in the absence of an ordained minister.

Hospital Apostolate: *Fr. Tran* 845-225-2079 x111
Mrs. Vivian Deehan 845-225-5941

Nursing Home Apostolate: *Fr. Szymon Kurpios* 845- 225-2079x115
Carol Auer Weiner 845-225-1780
Deacon Arthur Weiner 845- 803-3699

Homebound : *Fr. Tran* 845-225-2079 x111
Mrs. Vivian Deehan 845-225-5941

Arms Acres: *Fr. John Tran* 845-225-2079x111
Mrs. Cathy Furness 914-299-3928
Mr. Vincent Ricotta 845-225-5140

Greeters and Welcome Committee are men and women of hospitality who provide a welcoming and approachable presence to those in need of assistance or direction when gathering for worship. We are in need of a coordinator

Lectors proclaim the Sacred Scripture readings at Mass, with the exception of the Gospel, and announce the intentions of the prayer of the faithful.

Fr. John Tran 845-225-2079x111

Liturgy Planning Committee works with the clergy in planning regular and special liturgies. *Fr. Robert Quarato* 845-225-2979x106

Music Ministers lead the faithful in worship through sacred music.

Adult Choir: *Mrs. Jane Pratt* 845-225-5310

Children's Choir: *Mrs. Maura Crawford* 845-225-9365

The St. James Children's Choir is open to all students in grades K-5.

Ushers serve to assist in seating the congregation, taking up the offerings and presentation of the offertory gifts, and distribution of the parish bulletin after Mass.

Mr. Joe Babnick 845-225-2079

Service Apostolates

Altar/Rosary Society is a group of women devoted to prayer and service. Their principal function is to care for the altars and sanctuaries of our churches.

Mrs. Marisa Lamb 914-924-7795

Bereavement Apostolate *Mrs. Maria Mastrogiovanni* 845-661-7587

Catholic Widows and Widowers *Ms. Christina Byrne* 845-837-9564

CREDO Young Adult Group provides 18-30 year-olds a forum for social and spiritual growth.

Fr. Szymon Kurpios 845-225-2079x115

Cursillo is an international lay movement aimed at teaching men and women how to become more effective Christian leaders in parishes, work situations, and other environments.

Mr. Don McDonnell 845-260-8260

C.Y.O. Catholic Youth Organization basketball program.

Ms. Jaime McGlassen 845-494-8733

Garden Committee: *St. James: Mr. George Knoechel* 845-225-3919
OLL/ Mt. Carmel: Mrs. Margaret Appell 914-755-2971

Gift Shop located in the Carriage House is open on Sundays

Mrs. Theresa Cunningham 845-278-8033

Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization which provides support to the parish as well as to the needy in our community.

Mr. Tim McDonald 845-225-6318

Pastoral Council *Fr. Robert Quarato* 845-225-2079

Respect Life Committee seeks to affirm the sanctity of human life through prayer, education, support of local crisis pregnancy services, promotion of post-abortion reconciliation and healing, and support of pro-life legislation.

Mrs. Cory Griffin 845-878-4997

St James Elders is a spiritual and social outreach for the seniors of our parish where they gather to share prayer, fellowship, recreational and educational activities.

Mrs. Laura Dietz 845-225-2531

Separated and Divorced Apostolate is a God-centered support group for men and women who are experiencing a loss due to separation or divorce.

Ms. Helen Piltman 845-279-5051

St. James Teen Group provides the high school aged youth of our parish opportunities to gather for social activities, as well as service to our community.

Fr. Szymon Kurpios 845-225-2079x115