



## Mission Statement

*St. James the Apostle & 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.*



# December 14, 2025

## Third Sunday of Advent

**St. James the Apostle Church**  
14 Gleneida Avenue  
Carmel, NY 10512

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, Noon

**Monday - Friday:** 7:30am, 9:00am  
In the Chapel of Life

**Saturday:** 8:00am, in the Chapel

**Recitation of The Rosary:**

Weekdays 8:30am, in the Chapel

**First Friday Adoration:**

Noon – 9:00pm, in the Chapel

**Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after the 9:00am Mass,  
Chapel

### Confession in St. James

**Saturday:** 4:00pm - 5:00pm

*(Or by calling the Parish Office for an Appointment)*

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Quarato, Pastor, Ext. 106

Rev. Robert Carolan, Vicar, Ext. 115

Rev. John Tran, Vicar, Ext. 111

Deacon Scott Bierbaum

Deacon Arthur Weiner

Deacon Anthony Gruerio, Retired

Deacon John Scott, Retired

Trustees: Joseph Bulzacchelli and  
Amelia Marr

### St. James Parish Office

845-225-2079

Fax 845-225-5566

Parish Website: *Marisa Lamb*

[www.stjamesapostle.org](http://www.stjamesapostle.org)

### Parish Staff

*Patricia DeNota, Secretary, Ext. 102*

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*Noreen Greco, Bookkeeper, Ext 104*

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### Parish Office Hours

**Monday:** 11:30am to 5:00pm

**Tues., Wed., Thurs.:** 9:00am to 5:00pm

**Friday:** 9:00am to 4:30pm

Closed for Lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm

**Saturday:** 4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:30am to 1:30pm

### Chapel Hours

**Monday - Friday:** 6:30am to 9:00pm

**Saturday:** 7:00am to 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 7:00am to 2:00pm

### Sick Calls And Emergencies

*For those in danger of death or a true serious emergency, please call our Emergency Number, 845-494-6313*

### St. Sebastian's Columbarium

at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

For information or to book an appointment, please call Fr. Quarato, 845-225-2079, Ext. 106.

### Religious Education Office

845-225-6504

Kathleen Ife, Director

Michele Verga, Assistant

Monica Marsich, Assistant

Religious Ed. Website

[www.religiouused.stjamesapostle.org](http://www.religiouused.stjamesapostle.org)

### Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed.: Noon to 3:00pm

Thursday by appointment Only

Closed on Friday

### St. James School

845-225-9365

Maura Crawford, Principal

Joanne Mascia,

Administrative Assistant

School Website

[www.stjamescarmel.org](http://www.stjamescarmel.org)

### Gift Shop Hours

Sundays, 8:30am to 1:30pm

For info call the Parish Office.



**Our Lady Of The Lake**  
**Mt. Carmel Church**

1 Doherty Drive, Lake Carmel, NY  
(Fair Street to Noonan Drive) 10512

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 11:00am

### Confession in OLL/Mt. Carmel

**Saturday:** 3:00-3:45pm

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

### **AND OUR LADY OF THE LAKE/MT. CARMEL**

Thank you for joining in our Eucharistic celebration. If you are a visitor, we welcome you and are glad that you are with us today. We hope that you will find nourishment for your faith and life here. If you have recently moved into our Parish, please come to the Parish Office at St. James to register.

## Christmas Flower Memorial

Parishioners are invited to make donations for our church greens, plants and flowers that will honor our Lord, Mary and the Saints and decorate our churches during the Christmas season and into Ordinary Time after Epiphany.

Envelopes are included in your mailing packet. Extra ones are at the church doors. Please include the names of deceased loved ones (feel free to add other names on the back). Drop the envelopes in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. These envelopes will be placed by the Tabernacle, close to the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning Christmas Day.

## Christmas Mass Remembrance

Envelopes are available in your packets and at the doors of churches. Please include the names (feel free to add additional names on the back) of loved ones living or deceased. Drop the envelopes in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

These envelopes will be placed on the Altars of Sacrifice on Christmas Eve and remain there for the Octave of Christmas. All the Parish Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (in both the churches) will be offered for those enrolled (with the exception of Midnight Mass which is traditionally Pro Populo, i.e. offered for all parishioners). What a wonderful Christmas gift, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

## **THE CHOSEN + CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** **Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> + Doherty Hall + 7-9 pm** **The Messengers + The Shepherd**

Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the Gospels, *The Chosen* puts us into the biblical account in a way never experienced before.

In this session, the Christmas story will be told from the perspective of those led to the Christ Child. Join Fr. Quarato in this life changing Biblical Study. Bring your bibles.



## **SPES AETERNUM** **(Hope Eternal)**

The Jubilee Year 2025, with its theme “Pilgrims of Hope”, is reflected in the new quilt that decorates our creche at St. James the Apostle Church this year.

The design is inspired by the decorative Italian mosaic patterns that are called Cosmati. This style was used in the 12th and 13th century to decorate the floors, walls and altars of many Basilicas and churches in Rome, throughout Italy and far beyond. The colored marble pieces were collected and repurposed from the ruins of the once vast empire. The intricate geometric designs were often surrounding a circular slice of marble that was cut from the columns of those ruins. Rome, the “eternal city”, was rebuilt after the dark ages and is still the center of the Roman Catholic Church - a beacon of hope for the future.

Dear parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity to this year’s appeal. Your support reflects your deep commitment to the mission of Christ here at St James the Apostle & Our Lady of the Lake / Mt. Carmel Parish and throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

To date we have raised pledges of \$87,145.00 towards our goal of \$103,800.00 from 226 gifts. This is 84% of our goal.

In times when many are in need – spiritually, emotionally, and materially – your gift helps our Church remain a source of hope. Through your generosity, we support seminarians preparing for the priesthood, care for our retired clergy (like Msgr. Martin), provide Catholic education to our youth, sustain our financially vulnerable parishes, and fund the charitable ministries that reach the most vulnerable in our communities.

Though your contribution to the Cardinal’s Appeal goes far beyond our parish boundaries, its impact is felt here in Carmel every day. As your pastor, I am especially grateful for your witness of faith and charity. Please know that you remain in my prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Quarato

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS



### ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025, ST. LUCY, MARTYR**

8:00AM CONNIE KLINKE  
5:00PM SHEILA HOURIHAN

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY**

8:00AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00AM PHILIP TROMBINO  
12:00PM (LIVING) VINCENT DO

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

7:30AM MARGARET JUBAK  
9:00AM JOE GRECO

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025**

7:30AM ANA COSTA ALVES  
9:00AM LISA MARIE TORCHIANO

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025**

7:30AM MELISSA MANFREDI  
9:00AM HILDA HERNANDEZ

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**

7:30AM BRYAN F. CHAMBERLAIN  
9:00AM WENDY ZEILNER

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025**

7:30AM ALFRED D. CASELLA  
9:00AM JOSEPHINE & FRANK CAMPAGNA

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**

8:00AM SALLY PISTONE  
5:00PM JIMMY BRENNAN

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00AM STEVEN CAMAJ  
12:00PM JAMES HUGHES

### OUR LADY OF THE LAKE/MT. CARMEL

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025**

4:00PM EILEEN PARSONS

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY**

9:00AM KATIE AND THOMAS DINNENY  
11:00AM LIAM AHERN

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**

4:00PM MARY E. FAY

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00AM JAQUELINE LYNCH  
11:00AM BRENDAN AND JAMES MAGUIRE

## TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN

### A TIME TO BE BORN: THOSE BAPTIZED:

#### TIME TO HEAL: THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

ROSE BIERBAUM, CHARLANE GRUETTO, MIKE ANDROSKO, JESUS TORRES, JIM OAKES, IRENE PLADL, JAMES EUGENE PLOCHACKI, ELINOR CARIDDO, MARIA RAYPETERA, LOUIS PROSOS, MICHAEL FRAAD, MARY FRANCIS MCCARTHY, ANGELO NARCISE, APRIL GRIFFIN, JEAN MARIE HOLMES, ALAN O'BRADY, ELSA GORASALO, ANNA GALDARELLA, HILTON PEREZ, DAN KEARON, GEORGE CIANICIO, JULIA MALDONADO, LOUISE BONISACE, ALLEN O'GRADY, KELLY ANDERSON, MICHAEL AND JUDY COSEDA, KEITH DRONZEK, ADRIENNE BAKER, ROSALIA GASPERINI, THALES MAGNOLI, DEANA SNYDER, DANNY BENDAHAN, EVELYN BITZ, DOROTHY HALL, CATHERINE KORTLANG, LATRICE HAMMOND, FRANK MONACO, JENNIFER DORRIS, RAYMOND MASCIA, PATRICIA CAHILL, TONY ALBANO, SHARON HOLZEPPL, CAROLINE GERMANO, MICHAEL RANDAZZO, ADELIN MURRISH, KRYSKY ROSE McDONNELL, JANE PRATT, SANTANA STRON, LOGAN DOYLE, BRIEN GALVIN, ELEANOR MAGILL, JUDI AND BOB ASARD, JENNIFER ALONGI, MARK ALONGI, LORRAINE BYRNES, ROBERT JOHN CAROLAN, GRAYSON DANIELSKI, BERNIE TATTON, JIM BLANN, JOHN PEDULLA, DIANA MULLER SCALFANI, MARY AND BRIAN RAMOUTAR, ELENOR O'NEILL, NELIDA MUNOZ, KEVIN DOLAN, MICHELLE STAFFORD, THERESA SMITH, TOM O'MARA, DAAD JABBOUR, LAUREN RICE-CRISP, DOREEN STEFFENSEN, LORAIN TAVINO, NANCY & RALPH SANTIAGO, DIANE SPARISCI, FRANK BULZACCHELLI, JAMES MCCARTHY, MICHAEL MCCARTHY, MSGR. JOSEPH MARTIN, CHERYL ANDERSON, OTTO ROMANINO, ANTHONY MAFFIA, BRENDAN JOYCE, WALTER KLINKE, ANTHONY CASTALDO, LIAM GLEASON, MIKE WIEDE.

#### TIME TO DIE: THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

JOSEPH NICOLETTI, TERESA PERRY, ANNA RECINE, OTTO ROMANINO, THOMAS SIEGEL, FORTUNATA LOPRESTI

#### TIME FOR WAR AND A TIME FOR PEACE:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL ESPECIALLY THOSE IN HARM'S WAY. WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND UKRAINE.

### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

**+ DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> +**

### **CONFESSIONS AT SAINT JAMES**

**FROM 2PM - 9PM**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION 2PM - 9PM**

Confession will be offered in **all Parishes** throughout the entire Archdiocese of New York and Diocese of Brooklyn in preparation for Christmas. See individual parishes for schedules.

*It's a great thing to hear about God's merciful love. It's even better to experience it – personally. No matter how long it may have been since your last confession – weeks, years or even decades – there is no time like the start of Christmas to know the mercy of God in the Sacrament Of Penance. Seize this moment of grace. Bring a friend.*

## **Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program**

Please return the Gift Card, with the name of the Seminarian on the envelope, to the Parish Office by Monday, December 15th.

## **2025 'Angel Tree'**

### **Emmanuel House International**

We ask that all Gift Cards are received in the Parish Office by **Monday, December 15th**. The volunteers at Emmanuel House will distribute the cards to the families so that they can purchase gifts for their children in time for Christmas.

You can also send a monetary donation by making a check payable to Emmanuel House International with the note "*Angel Tree Donation*" on the memo line. Please mail check to Emmanuel House International, P.O. Box 478, Carmel, NY 10512-0478.

## **Advent and Christmas Gifts**



Our Gift Shop has Advent Calendars, Advent Wreaths and Candles, and a variety of Christmas Ornaments. Come and take a look at the many Gift Ideas. The Gift Shop is

located in the Carriage House and is open on Sundays from 8:30am to 1:30pm.

## **DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WHILE SAVING TAX DOLLARS?**

### **HERE'S HOW:**

If you are 70 1/2 years of age or older, you can have your financial institution send tax-free qualified charitable distributions directly to your church or a charity of your choice from eligible IRAs, up to \$100,000 per year. If you are at least 73 years old, this distribution also counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution ("RMD").

For example, Joe is 73 years old, has an RMD of \$10,000 and wishes to donate \$4,000 to St. James. Joe's financial institution will send the donated funds (\$4,000) directly to the church and will report that his total RMD was \$10,000, with only \$6,000 to be included in his gross income.

The process is easy to reduce taxable income while donating to your parish. Simply contact your financial institution/manager to send the amount you wish to donate directly to the church or charity. There is no limit on the number of distributions they can send.

**To take advantage of this for 2025, it must be done before year end.**

(Please note that you need to speak to your financial and tax advisors, since the parish does not give specific tax advice.)

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2025**



## **Special Christmas Eve Family Mass**

### **3:30pm- St. James the Apostle Church**

Children's procession

Blessing of the Manger

Children's Homily

**5:30pm, Christmas Eve Mass**

**12:00 Midnight Mass**

## **Christmas Day Masses at St. James the Apostle Church**

8:00am, 10:00am, 12Noon

## **Christmas Masses at Our Lady of the Lake Church**

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm

Christmas Day: 9:00am, 11:00am

## **MEMORIALS FOR DECEMBER 15TH - 21ST**

### **THE BREAD AND WINE OFFERED**

IN THE CHAPEL IS

**IN MEMORY OF JAKE AARON NICOL**

DONATED BY CATHY NICOL

### **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING**

IN THE CHAPEL IS

**IN MEMORY OF JAKE AARON NICOL**

DONATED BY CATHY NICOL

## **OUR PARISH'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Christmas collection not only helps us get through the costly winter season, but also gives us a much-needed boost into the new year. Envelopes are available in your packets and at the doors of the church. Your generosity is much appreciated!

*Helping to keep St. James strong and active!*

## The Spirit of Advent

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed slaves and brought deliverance! It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant He sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of a King who will rule with truth and justice and righteousness over His people and in His creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One, a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

Part of the expectation also anticipates a judgment on sin and a calling of the world to accountability before God. We long for God to come and set the world right! Yet, as the prophet Amos warned, the expectation of a coming judgment at the "Day of the Lord" may not be the day of light that we might want, because the penetrating light of God's judgment on sin will shine just as brightly on God's people.

The time of judgment is at hand. That is why we are reminded of the cry of the Baptist: "Repent, Make straight the way for the Lord!" Because of this important truth the Season of Advent also has been a time of fasting and penitence for sins similar to the Season of Lent however with a different emphasis. Advent has come to be celebrated more in terms of expectation or anticipation. Yet, the anticipation of the Coming of the Messiah throughout the Old Testament and Judaism was not just in connection with remembrance of sins. It was also in the context of oppression and injustice, the longing for redemption, not just from personal guilt and sin but also from the systemic evil of the world expressed in evil empires and tyrants. It is in that sense that all creation groans for its redemption as we witness the evil that so dominates our world (Rom 8:18-25).

Of course, there is the problem of longing for vindication from an evil world when we are contributors to that evil. This is the power of the images of Amos when he warns about longing for the "Day of the Lord" that will really be a day of darkness (Amos 5:18-20). Still, even with Amos' warning the time of Advent is one of expectation and anticipation, a longing for God's actions to restore all things and vindicate the righteous. This is why during Advent we as Christians also anticipate the Second Coming as a twin theme of the season. So, while we focus on penitence during Advent, the spirit of that expectation from the Old Testament is captured with a joyous sense of expectancy. Rather than a time of Lenten mourning and sorrowful fasting, Advent is celebrated as a time of glad purification and joyful longing as we await the coming of the King.

So, we celebrate with gladness the great promise in the Advent, yet knowing that there is also a somber tone as the theme of judgment is added to the theme of promise. This is reflected in some of the Scripture readings for Advent, in which there is a strong prophetic tone of accountability and judgment on sin. But this is also faithful to the role of the Coming King who comes to rule, save, and judge the world.

Because of the dual themes, Advent is a time of preparation that is marked by prayer and personal sacrifice. While Lent is characterized by fasting and a spirit of penitence, Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers of submission, prayers for deliverance, prayers from those walking in darkness who are awaiting a and anticipating a great light (Is 9)!

The spirit of Advent is expressed well in the parable of the bridesmaids who are anxiously awaiting the coming of the Bridegroom (Matt 25:1-13). There is profound joy at the Bridegroom's expected coming. And yet a warning of the need for preparation echoes through the parable. But even then, the prayer of Advent is still: Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel!

### 6 Steps for a Good Confession

- 1) Examine your conscience to ascertain which sins have you have committed since your last good confession.
- 2) Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
- 3) Confess your sins to the priest. Say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been \_\_\_\_\_ since my last confession. I am a single/married man/woman (with children). These are my sins..."
- 4) Make certain you confess all your mortal sins and the number of times you committed each one.
- 5) After your confession, do the penance the priest gives to you.
- 6) Pray daily for the strength to avoid the occasion of sin, especially for those sins you were just absolved from.

#### Act of Contrition

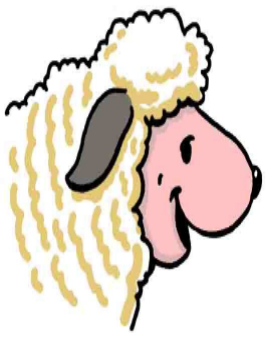
O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

**Before Bed Each Night Pray:** Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+ December 14, 2025 • Matthew 11:2-11



Jesus said that John the Baptist was more than a prophet. Jesus said that some words from scripture were written to describe John.

## John the Baptist and Jesus

John the Baptist was in prison.  
He sent his friends to ask Jesus a question.

Use the graph to find the words.



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