



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

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-- **Fr. Jerzy Rebacz** --  
**Deacon Art Schaller**

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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September 21st, 2025

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**St. Mary of Mount Carmel Restoration scheduled  
to begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. All Sunday and weekday  
Masses will now be held at St. James**

Beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>, other than the St. James Cemetery Mass next Sunday,  
all Masses, funerals, and baptisms will take place at St. James during the restoration.  
For the safety of our parishioners St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church will be closed and  
will not be accessible during the restoration.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am MASS AT ST. JAMES CEMETERY**



**Weekday Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, September 23rd, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Otis & Adeline Toftum Family, Living & Deceased  
Wednesday, September 24th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Myron Meshak  
Thursday, September 25th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Don Dombrowski  
Friday, September 26th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Hazel & Don Shulfer

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 27th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ  
..... Bronis & Kinga Konkol Family, Living & Deceased  
Sunday, September 28th,  
10:00 AM @ **ST. JAMES CEMETERY**  
..... Richard Labandz

**KNOW YOUR SAINT**

**Carlo Acutis (1991 – 2006)**

- \* Born in 1991, was an ordinary teenager with an extraordinary love for the Eucharist.
  - \* He called the Eucharist his “highway to heaven” & went to daily Mass whenever he could.
  - \* He used his computer skills to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world.
  - \* Known for his kindness, joy & generosity toward the poor.
  - \* He died of leukemia at just 15 years old in 2006, offering his sufferings for the Church and the Pope.
  - \* Beatified in 2020 & canonized on Sept. 7, 2025.
  - \* Miracles that lead to his canonization were: healing of a boy with severe pancreatic malformation, and the healing of a woman from a severe head injury & brain hemorrhage.
- Carlo is a model of how ordinary life, lived with extraordinary love, leads us closer to Christ.*

**ADORATION:**

**St. James:** First Thursday of the month after morning Mass.

**St. James:** First Friday of the month after morning Mass; First Thursday of the month 4:30-5:30 PM

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

After weekday Masses. Saturday at 3:30 PM at James.

Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass at St. James.

# ST. JAMES CEMETERY OUTDOOR MASS:



## WE WELCOME:

Parishioners from St. James and St. Mary to join us for an Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.

*Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.*

## PLEASE MAKE NOTE AND TELL OTHERS:

there will **NOT** be an 8:30 or 10:30 Mass on that Sunday, but **ONLY** the 10:00 am Mass at the cemetery. *The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday at St. James will take place as usual.*

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** and prayer service will follow the outdoor Mass to pray for deceased members of both St. James and St. Mary. We will be honoring and praying for loved ones as well as our ancestors who came together in faith and hard work to form and to build the parishes of St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

**PARKING:** will be in the Greenwood Cemetery and part of the St. James Cemetery. There will also be parking available across the street by the old Subway and King Cone as well as by Stepping Stone Salon. **Another option** is to make plans with family and friends to meet at St. James parking lot and car pool to the cemetery.

## HANDICAPPED PARKING AVAILABLE:

please watch for signs. Parking attendants will be there to assist.

**SEATING:** Chairs will be provided, but please feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets for you and your family to sit on.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** EMHC are needed to help with Communion. Please sign up on Sign-up Genius. Ushers are needed to help with the parking and set up as well as for Offertory Collection. Please let Judi Marquard or Barb Groholski know if you can help.

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** Please pray for good weather on September 28<sup>th</sup>. ***If it rains the Mass will be moved to St. James.***

**A PORTA TOILET** will be available if needed.



Stewardship  
*a way of living*

## St James

Week Ending September 14, 2025

Received \$2,473

Budget \$3,462  
(\$989)

	Month of Aug 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Aug 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Aug 2024
Received	\$16,563	\$31,187	\$25,825
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	
	<u>\$1,563</u>	<u>\$1,187</u>	

## St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending September 14, 2025

Received \$2,526

Budget \$3,923  
(\$1,397)

	Month of Aug 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Aug 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Aug 2024
Received	\$12,265	\$26,934	\$27,164
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>	
	<u>(\$4,735)</u>	<u>(\$7,066)</u>	



# Support Scrip Gift Cards

## SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip gift cards are on sale today. Our next sale will be at the 10:30 Mass at St James on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

***Thanks to everyone who  
supports our Gift Card Program!***

## ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

# Catechetical Sunday is September 21

Grade 1: Viki Kaderova

Grade 2: Ashley Held

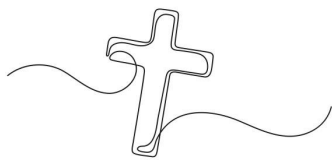
Grade 3: Matt & Amanda Uhr

Grade 5: Kristin Steffen

Grade 7: Laura Gould

Grade 9: Jodi Glodowski

Grade 11: Cindi Borski



Grade 4: Kayla Pacocha

Grade 6: Julie Humphrey

Grade 8: Cameron Griggs

Grade 10: Spencer Cohen

**Thank you** to all of our Catechists for the 2025-2026 school year. Please keep them and our students close in prayer. Come Holy Spirit, touch their hearts and enflame them with your love!

## Parish News...

### **SJ/SMMC SOCIAL CONCERNS:**

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is holding their annual Banquet of Life on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sentry World. We have reserved a table for ten people to represent our two Parishes. There is no cost to those attending. Couples are welcome! Doors open at 5:30 with dinner/program beginning at 6:30. Please call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 if you have questions or would like to attend. (email: [zielinskifarm@gmail.com](mailto:zielinskifarm@gmail.com))

### **WORD AMONG US:**

Renewal or New subscriptions -- Payments of **\$21.84** are due by October 1st to guarantee no lapse in your subscription. Please submit your payment as soon as possible to the church office. You can put your payment in an envelope marked Word Among Us and include your contact information. Checks should be made payable to your parish.

## Taste of Our Heritage



Tickets for this event, being held on **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** 5 pm-8pm in the St. James Gathering Space

are being sold after each mass leading up to the event.  
\$15 for adults, \$5 for ages 12- 5 yrs, under 5 yr free.

**Sample savory & sweet ethnic dishes  
from 10+ stands**

*Including: schnitzel, curry wurst, pierogi,  
chop suey, paczki, cabbage rolls & more.*

## “DID YOU KNOW”

### from the Sacred Worship Committee

The three part dialogue recited as the opening to the Eucharistic Prayer: “The Lord be with you...And with your spirit” is used three times in the mass. We say this prayer in the Introductory Rites, just before reading the Gospel, and as the opening to the most sacred part of the mass, the Eucharistic Prayer. This greeting was used numerous times in the Old Testament as Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, King David, Jeremiah and the Blessed Virgin Mary were each called to important missions.

The priest then says, “Lift up your hearts”, just as in the book of Lamentations: “Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven” (Lam 3:41). We are being summoned to give our fullest attention, to set aside all of our concerns and focus our hearts on what is about to happen. St. Paul instructs us in Colossians 3:2 : “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth”. And so we reply, “We lift them up to the Lord”.

Next the priest prays: “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...”. The Psalms show us that the people were asked to “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good...” (Ps 136: 1-3, Ps 107:8,15, 21, 31). The Jewish tradition teaches us that we receive many blessings, and the best we can offer is our thanks. From St. Paul we are taught to be “abounding in thanksgiving, giving thanks to God in all we do” and “in all circumstances” especially in worship. (Col 2:7, 3:17, 1 Thess 5:18, Phil 4:6, 1 Cor 14:16-29, Eph 5:19-20, Col 3:16). Surely, our response, “It is right and just” is well founded and the proper response for the introduction of the mysteries of the Eucharistic. This three part prayer is traced back to St. Hippolytus around 215 A.D. I invite you to focus on the roots and meaning of this prayer the next time you profess this 18 century old dialogue that is soundly based upon our Sacred Scripture.

## FAITH STEP:

**When it looks like God is blessing somebody in a way that he's not blessing you, relax and trust God. Believe that he knows what's best for you, and trust him when life seems unfair. God has a good reason for why you don't have what you want. He knows you better than you know yourself, so you can practice praying, “God, I'm going to trust that you have a unique plan for my life and that you know better than me what I need right now.”**

*Friend, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? (Matthew 20:13-15)*



### **MARRIAGE:**

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the office at the time of engagement, at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

If a couple wishes to be married as a registered parish member, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of our parish at least 3 months prior to requesting the Sacrament of Marriage.

Weddings are not celebrated during Lent.

### **BAPTISM:**

Parents may request the baptism of their infant at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. Family should be members of our parish, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of our parish. To request baptism, please call the parish office at 715-824-3455.

### **ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**

If you or a loved one is in need of the Anointing Sacrament especially before a hospital stay or procedure - please contact the office.

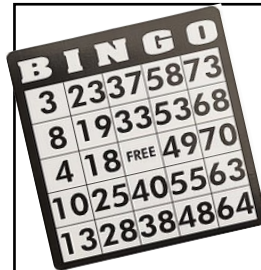
### **UNITED PRAYERS TO HEAVEN**

#### **PRAYER CHAIN:**

Notice to all Parishioners. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayers, please let us know. We will keep your name & prayer request confidential. Names are included only if you so desire.

#### **CONTACTS FOR PRAYER CHAIN:**

Laurie ..... [plhintz5@gmail.com](mailto:plhintz5@gmail.com)  
Darlene..... 715-592-4443  
Barb ..... 715-824-3649



*Come join us for our*

## **BBQ & Bingo**

*This is a family activity for children & adults.*

**Sundays: Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**

immediately following the 10:30am Mass  
in the St. James Gathering Space

**There will be a free light lunch followed by FREE BINGO.** We will have a 50/50 raffle as well as baskets being raffled, with the event concluding at 1:00 pm  
Hope to see you there!

*—The SMMC Bingo Committee*

***All Are Welcome!***

## **Parish Staff**

### **Office:**

Tina Maves PH: 715-824-3455  
[catholiccentral54406@gmail.com](mailto:catholiccentral54406@gmail.com)

***Send your Ambo announcements into the office via email by Noon Tuesday***

### **Parish Life Administrator:**

Ann Hemmy  
[sjsmparishlife@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmparishlife@gmail.com)

### **DRE:**

Michelle Shulfer  
[sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com)

### **Bookkeeper:**

Sandy Trzebiatowski  
[sjsmbkkpr@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmbkkpr@gmail.com)

### **Bulletin:**

[bulletininfo06@gmail.com](mailto:bulletininfo06@gmail.com)

Please send your request via email by **midnight Sunday**. Please refrain to a maximum of 100 words and in a word document.

## **Church Councils**

### **Pastoral Council**

Cindi Borski SM  
Justen Pacocha SM  
Barb Gutschow SM  
Judy Zinda SM  
Michael Juris SJ  
Michelle Shulfer SJ  
Christine Thompson SJ

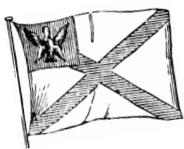
### **Finance Council**

Mark Doll SM  
Gilbert Patoka SM  
Sharon Stratton SJ  
Sandy Trzebiatowski SJ  
Pat Kwiatkowski SJ

### **Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs**

**Family Life:** Laura Gould  
**Sacred Worship:** Judi Marquard &  
Barb Groholski

**Social Concerns:** Pat Zielinski and  
Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat



*Join us on our*

## **Fall Bus Trip to the Polish District in Chicago**

**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

This is a one day trip filled with Polish culture, food and fun. Father Jerzy Rebacz & Helen Damask will be escorting the group. Transportation, 2 meals, (one meal is an authentic Polish buffet) prizes and guaranteed fun are included in the cost. The cost is \$140.00 per person with a pick-up in Schofield and Plover. Good for all ages. Minimal walking.

**To book or for more details please call Helen Damask at 715-574-2654.**

**Booking deadline is Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

***Book early – seats go quickly!***