



**ST JAMES  
ST MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES**

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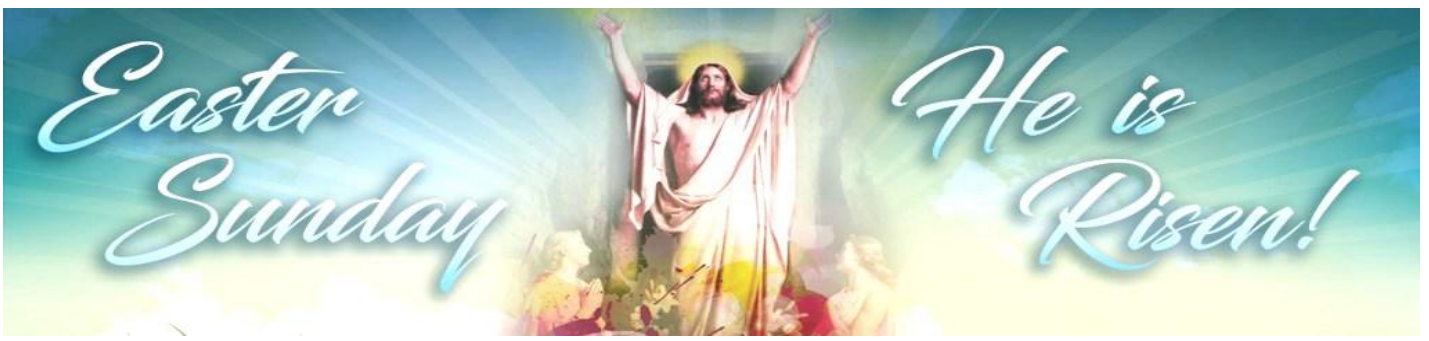
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:30AM—1:00PM

Parish Website: [sjsmmc.com](http://sjsmmc.com)

**Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller**



**April 5, 2026**



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, April 7th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Harry & Irene Hintz

**Wednesday, April 8th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Theresa Kitowski

**Thursday, April 9th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Bert & Helen Trzebiatowski

**Friday, April 10th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Bob Zorowski

**Saturday, April 11th** 4:00PM @ SJ  
+Joe Modrzewski

**Sunday, April 12th**  
8:30 AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes  
10:30AM @ SJ +Frank & Verona Stuczynski;  
Living & Deceased Family Members

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

Fill our hearts with Easter gratitude,  
that we may never tire of praising You.  
Help us to leave behind the darkness of sin  
and walk in the light of Your truth.  
Risen Savior, as we celebrate the miracle of Easter  
we ask for a deep renewal of our hearts.  
You have conquered the grave and brought life to  
the world, raise us up with You!  
Free us from the burdens of the past,  
and awaken in us a new joy and zeal  
for living the Gospel.  
Let Your peace reign in our hearts and homes,  
and may the hope of the Resurrection  
guide all our days.  
With grateful hearts, we praise You now and forever.  
May this Easter season be a time of  
renewal, peace and deep joy.  
In Jesus name.  
Amen.



**Exposition and Benediction Schedule**

The First Thursday and the First Friday of every month following the morning Mass at St. James.

**Confession Schedule**

After weekday Masses\* and Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. James.

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

\*Kindly leave a note in the sacristy if you need Father to hear your confession after Mass-no names needed.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord with renewed faith in Christ—the "conqueror of death, hell, and Satan."

We live through these days in a spirit of faith and hope, amidst mounting problems and difficulties, and also in the face of uncertainty regarding the future of both the world and our own Homeland. We stand in solidarity with those who suffer from the destructive effects of war, as well as with the victims of all forms of injustice and wrongdoing throughout the world. We must "abound in hope" so that we may—in a **credible** and **convincing** manner—bear witness to the faith and love that we carry in our hearts.

Hope is **indispensable** if our faith is to be joyful, our love full of enthusiasm, and if each of us is to be capable of offering—even if only—a smile, a gesture of friendship, a brotherly glance, a willingness to listen, or selfless service; knowing that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these acts can become fruitful seeds of hope for those who receive them.

On the occasion of celebrating Easter—a time of life renewed and of hope—I wish to offer you my heartfelt wishes for God's peace, strength, health, and every prosperity. May Christ, who fills us with joy and strengthens us with His blessing, sustain you in all your good deeds. May He aid you in your daily struggles and difficulties.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your **unwavering care** for our parishes. I thank you for your prayers—so deeply needed, especially when so many of our brothers and sisters must face life's hardships and adversities, often in solitude. Prayer is a magnificent source of support.

I also thank you for your gifts of the heart—the offerings through which our parish communities, St. Mary's and St. James's, accomplish so much good. Your contributions stand as a testament to Christian love and human solidarity.

May the Good Lord bless you abundantly, strengthen your hope, and sustain you with His grace.

For this I pray, and this I wish you with all my heart.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Jerzy



*"It is only the Risen Jesus who can give the true and lasting peace that sustains and fills us". ~Pope Leo XIV*

## St James

Week Ending March 29, 2026



Received \$3,766  
Budget \$3,462  
\$304

	Month of Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2024
Received	\$13,099	\$122,067	\$104,530
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u> (\$1,901)	<u>\$120,000</u> \$2,067	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (4/01/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$26,995 (98%)  
# Families who have Contributed: 52

## St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending March 29, 2026

Received \$3,921  
Budget \$3,923  
(\$2)

	Month of Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2024
Received	\$14,500	\$133,391	\$138,630
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u> (\$2,500)	<u>\$136,000</u> (\$2,609)	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (4/01/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$25,720 (74%)  
# Families who have Contributed: 64

## Scrip Gift Cards

### **SMMC Scrip Update**

Our next sale will be next Sunday, April 12th (10:30am Mass), and the weekend of April 18th/19th. You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

### **St. James Scrip Update**

Our next sale will be next weekend, April 11th and 12th (8:30am Mass) and then again on April 26th (8:30am Mass). Contact Hydye Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

Money earned from our scrip sales is used to reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish.

Thank you for your support!

**We want to thank everyone** for your generosity, friendship and prayers throughout the year. During this Holy season we offer you our prayers for a blessed Easter Season.

In the Love and Service of Christ,  
Deacon Art and Kathy

*Thank you!*  
♥

*Thank you*  
FROM THE BOTTOM  
OF OUR HEARTS

A Special **Thank You** to all who helped during Holy Week.

There are so many people to thank for giving of their time and talent and to those who volunteered to

participate in different ways, that helped to make Holy Week a truly wonderful and Holy Week.

THANK YOU to Father Jerzy, Deacon Art, Musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), Servers, Ushers, Greeters, those who helped decorate the church, those participating in the Palm Sunday Procession, the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, the carrying of the Cross on Good Friday, and all those who helped with the behind the scenes prep work for each day.

Holy Week, especially the Triduum, is the most holy and solemn time in the Liturgical Church year. The three days of the Triduum are a period of time that traces the final days of Jesus' life, His passion and death and His resurrection, through which comes our Salvation.

Today as you give Glory to God and celebrate the Risen Christon this glorious Easter day, say a prayer of thanksgiving for those who helped to make this week truly special.

May you all have a Blessed Easter Season!

~Sacred Worship Committee



**The Great Adventure Bible Study.** On Monday, April 6th, Jeff Cavins will be guiding us through Session 10 of the Book of Matthew, Chapter 9, giving us insight into "New Wine, New Wineskins". Jeff Cavins will help us to understand what the meaning of New Wine, New Wineskins really is. We will learn about more miracles and how Jesus wants to heal and even more so, to forgive sins. Physical sickness is bad, but it doesn't even compare to the illness of sin! Mortal sin kills the life of the Trinity in the soul. Join us for this informative lesson. We will meet on April 6th at St. James at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

**A Friendly Reminder.** If you were given a pyx for Holy Communion and are no longer using it, please return it to the parish for others to use.



**First Holy Communion** will take place on Sunday, April 19th during the 10:30AM Mass. Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.



## Faith Step

*"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."*

Matthew 28:6

Easter is not just the celebration of an event long ago, it is the living promise that new life is always possible with Christ.

The empty tomb tells us that sin, suffering, and even death do not have the final word.

In our own lives, we often carry burdens, fear, doubt, grief, or past mistakes. Easter reminds us that Jesus enters even these places and transforms them. Just as the stone was rolled away, so too can the "stones" in our hearts be moved.

The Resurrection invites us to live as people of hope, trusting that God is always at work, bringing light out of darkness and life out of death.

This week, choose one area of your life where you need renewal, whether it's a relationship, a habit, or your prayer life. Invite the Risen Christ into that place each day with a simple prayer:

***"Jesus, bring Your new life here."***

**The Divine Mercy Novena** began on Good Friday. Pamphlets with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and intentions for each day of the novena are at the entryways of church. Check out the bulletin board with information on the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration that will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia on April 12th.

## IMPORTANT

**St Mary Church.** It has been brought to our attention, that individuals have been entering St. Mary Church.

We certainly understand and can appreciate everyone's curiosity and excitement as the project is nearing completion. However, even though the large scaffolding has been taken down, it is still a construction area with smaller scaffolding and other equipment. We ask that you do not attempt to enter the church. This is not only unsafe for you, but also the workers as they need to be attentive to the work they are doing and not be distracted by unauthorized individuals in the church.

Also, per our insurance carrier— Catholic Mutual Insurance— no unauthorized personnel are to enter a church construction area.

We have, throughout the restoration process, provided updates on the project with pictures in the bulletin and on the website. Again, we can truly appreciate your excitement, but please do not enter the church.

Thank you for your patience throughout this project and for your cooperation.

## The Paschal Candle



The Paschal Candle is a powerful symbol of the Resurrection and the ultimate victory of Christ over sin and death.

The lighting of the Paschal Candle occurs during the Easter Vigil, the most significant liturgy of the Church year. The ceremony begins in darkness, symbolizing the world before Christ's resurrection. A new fire is blessed outside the church, from which the candle is lit. The priest or deacon carries the candle into the darkened church, proclaiming "The Light of Christ" three times, and the faithful respond, "Thanks be to God." This symbolism echoes Christ's victory and proclaims the Good News of salvation.

Parishioners light their own candles from its flame, spreading light throughout the space. This act recalls the resurrection breaking the darkness of sin and death. The candle is then placed in a prominent stand, where it remains for the Easter season. The ritual emphasizes Christ's victory and presence among the faithful.

The new Paschal candle towers over the Easter assembly, a majestic symbol of the joy and glory radiated by the Risen Lord. Special note: Because St. Mary's church is closed at this time, Paschal Candles for both churches were blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil. St. James Paschal Candle was the prominent Candle used during the Easter Vigil while St. Mary's candle was placed on the side.

The Paschal Candle will be lit at every Mass during the Easter Season and at every Baptism and Funeral during the year. The Paschal Candle plays a central role during the Sacrament of Baptism. The newly baptized are presented with a small candle lit from the Paschal Candle, signifying their participation in the resurrection of Christ and their incorporation into the Church. The Paschal Candle is also present during Funeral Masses, reminding mourners of the hope of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life in Christ.

When you see the light of this sacred candle during liturgical celebrations, let its flame ignite your faith and fill your heart with hope.

Christ  
is  
Risen!  
Alleluia

## Area Events

**Spaghetti Night.** Saturday, April 11th. St Ladislaus Parish. 4:45pm-6:30pm. Cost: Adults \$12; 5-12 years \$7; 4 and under: Free. All proceeds help our Youth Group with future activities and fundraising.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.** Sunday, April 12th. Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia. 8:00am Mass; 9:00am-3:30pm Adoration with Holy Hours; 12:00pm-3:00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation; 2:00pm Presentation by the Very Reverend Samuel Martin; 3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour/Chaplet. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. 4:00pm Mass.

### Knights of Columbus—Portesi Pizza Night

Wednesday April 15th, all you care to eat Pizza and Cheese fries only \$10.00, kids 5-11 \$7.00 and 4 and under free. Includes coffee, milk, water and sales tax. Serving 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Lounge will be open. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St, just across the Clark St bridge. Pizza night open to the public. Profits from pizza night go to our local Charity Fund. This is a great time to take the family out for an affordable meal and help our Charities Fund. Mark your calendar

## Parish Staff

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## Church Councils

### Pastoral Council

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Christine Thompson (SJ)

### Finance Council

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### Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

**Family Life**....Laura Gould

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