

St. James Church

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1st Holy Communion 2026

Anna Rose Altieri

Owen Andrews

Sophia Atkins

Anna Cowen

Julia Joy Dennis

Grayson Dixon

Thomas Donnelly

Liam Duffy

Wren Fiske

Aine Fleming

Ensley Gabel

Flora Kowalczyk

Hudson Martin

Eli Nellis

Declan Price

Fallon Price

Remington Revette

Peri Rudenis

Luke Schwartz

Julia Way

Michael Werbela

Olivia Zieno



Congratulations



Week of May 3 ~ 10, 2026

Sun., May 3 ~ 9:00am Mass

For the Intentions of our First Communion Candidates

Thurs., May 7 ~ 6:45am Mass

People of the Parish

Thurs., May 7 ~ 11:00am Mass

J. Kemper Matt req by Wally & Gayonne McDonald

Sat., May 9 ~ 5:30pm Mass

Janet Cowherd req by Sue Ryan

Sun., May 10 ~ 9:00am Mass

Rob Hagerty req by Janet Munro

Prayer Request

For the sick: Will Wester, Eli Carrier, Martha Schaefer, Richard McLaughlin, Judy Johnson.

For the deceased: Mary Anne Macaulay wife of Bill, sister of Bill, Ed, Patricia and John Dougherty; members of our parish and community.

For Parishioners in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and who are homebound.

For those who serve in our military at home and abroad.



PARISH COFFEE

Thank you to our hosts last weekend, Emmanuel Esparza and his family. Our hosts this Sunday for our 1st Communion reception are Lou Ann Turner and her committee. Our hosts next Sunday are the Knights of Columbus.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 9/10, 2026

Saturday, May 9 ~ 5:30pm Mass

Altar Servers: Not Filled

Ushers: B. Eberst, T. Kalsuga,

S. Wojciechowski, D. Budnar

Lectors: T. Kalsuga, R. Blouin

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Eberst,

A. Lopez, M. Budnar

AV: A. Blouin

Sunday, May 10 ~ 9:00am Mass

Altar Servers: J&M Denkenberger

Ushers: M. Woltman, M. James,

P. McMurtrie, M. Decker

Lectors: M. Basla, M. Clancy

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Mastropaolo

L. Manns, K. Fox

AV: M. Valonis

Weekly Calendar

May 4 - 10, 2026

Monday, May 4

Funeral MA Macaulay-Ch

Tuesday, May 5

10:00a Bible Study-CH

4:00p Choir-Ch

Wednesday, May 6

6:30p Rosary & Adoration-Ch

6:30p Young Life Rosary-Lib

Thursday, May 7

6:45a Daily Mass-Ch

11:00a Daily Mass-Ch

6:30p Safe Environment Session-CH

Friday, May 8

8:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet &

Rosary-Chapel

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 9

2:00p Confessions-Chapel

5:30p Mass-Ch

Sunday, May 10

9:00am Mass-Ch

9:00a Lit. of Word for Children-CH

10:00a Parish Coffee-CH

Hygiene Collection Continues



Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Mustard Seed Hygiene Collection will continue through May until May 31. Most hygiene products are not covered under social services programs and can be hard for those in need to purchase them. Items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, toilet paper, and other hygiene products will be collected for distribution at the Mustard Seed in Georgetown. Collection bins will be at the entrances until Sunday, May 31.

Safe Environment Initial

Training will be held here at St. James on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30pm. Any liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, music ministers, ushers) or anyone wishing to volunteer is required to be trained. Please go to syracusediocese.org and click on the Ministries tab and go to Safe Environment. Scroll down to Initial Training and follow the prompts. There are only 10 seats left. Registration is required, walk-ins are not permitted.



On Wednesday, May 13th 13 of our 10th graders will be Confirmed at Immaculate Conception in Fayetteville. These 13 candidates have completed their classes and requirements to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these kids and their families in your prayers as they enter fully into the Church.

St. James Teen Gourmet

On Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st our Teen Gourmet crew, led by Kathy Williams, put together another wonderful dinner with delivery for 56 shut-in and homebound persons. The meal consisted of creamy chicken and spinach casserole, Pastabilities bread, garden salad and lemon cake. Thank you to Kathy and the Teen Gourmet!



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence: the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.