

The Parish of Saint James

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday and Tuesday: 9:00am to 8:00pm

Wednesday through Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Closed between 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 12 Noon

Meetings with staff members should be by appointment.

Visit us on the web: www.stjamesrcchurch.org

Parish Mission Statement

Saint James is a parish community, whose members are called through Baptism, to be intentional disciples. We are strengthened by the Eucharist and committed to serve God under the guidance of His Holy Spirit. As people devoted to Jesus' teachings, we value on-going faith formation, Christian outreach and the growth and development of our parish.

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST: MASSES:

DAILY MASS:

Monday through Saturday: 8:00 AM

Monday through Friday: 12:10 PM during Lent

All Civic Holidays: 9:00 AM only

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM or by
appointment with one of our priests.

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

8:00 AM Anthony & Rosemarie Pepe
 10:00 AM James Buhse - 15th Anniversary Remembrance
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Vincent Sabino
 Steven Roe
 Dylan Nuccio
 Mildred T. Bonora
 Marcella Coleman O'Keefe

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

8:00 AM Doris & Clarence Orgass
 12:10 PM Renee Verspohl - Living

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

8:00 AM Fiorentina & Angelo Mancuso
 12:10 PM Irene Poggio - Living

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

8:00 AM Guitamo Crivello
 12:10 PM Fr. Peter Rocek

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

8:00 AM Matthew Conti - 1st Anniversary Remembrance
 12:10 PM Parishioners of St. James

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

8:00 AM Patricia Brodman
 12:10 PM Anne Darcy - Living

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

8:00 AM Mary & Mac McDonald
 4:00 PM Marilyn J. Tutino

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph Bonomo, Sr.
 10:00 AM Peter & Eleanor Reidy
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Geraldine & Benjamin Clark &
 Catherine Kleiger
 Rich & Maureen Outsen
 Ben & Taylor Mauro
 Louise Panetta
 Christopher Battaglia



MASS CELEBRANT

3/2 ~ 4:00pm ~ Msgr. Michael
 3/3 ~ 8:00am ~ Msgr. Michael
 10:00am ~ Fr. John
 12:00pm ~ Fr. Benjamin

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions
 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Celebrants subject to change



Omar Albayaty, Marianne Amblo, Francine Argila, John Baglione, Stephanie Baio, Deanna Baisley, Pat Beirne, James Bianco, Christine Buerkle, Jennifer Callahan, Mary Calabrese, Carl Capobianco, Greg Capobianco, Philip Capobianco, James Castellane, JoAnn Chirco, Dianne Cicciari, Lori Cicciari, Carly Colvell, Leslie Crandall, Dale Daly, Douglas Deacon, James Donaldson, Lawrence Deck, Baby James Derleth, James DeVita, Sandra Denise Diaz, Matteo DiMartino, Jessica Emerick, Joan Lugokencky, Grace Dowdell, Margaret Dowdell, Rick Ellis, Rosaria Esposito, Connie Fisher, Thomas Fazio, Marianne Flaherty, Caitlin Francis, Thomas Francis, Joseph Gagliardo, Andrew Gallo, Paul Giacalone, Rosemary Giacalone, Luke Gruener, Bill Gruener, William J. Gruener, Michael Hance, Luke Horvath, Martin Jappen, John Kmiotek, Gina Krafinski, Sean Lehosky, Tia Mabanta, Timothy Maietta, Dakota Maken, Mary Sue Maluda, Tara Matthews, Dianne Maxwell, Kathleen McCormack, Megan McCormack, Erlinda Medina, Janice Mehaffy, Grace Mendonez, Michael Mendonez, Steven Miller, Marianne Mirkow, Thomas Mirkow, Bianca Montenegro, Grace Nadolny, Barbara Notarstefano, Melissa Notarstefano, Vincent Notarstefano, Janet Oliveri, Sister Barbara Ozelski, Marie Pereira-Callahan, Diane Pheffer, Irene Poggio, Joseph Poggio, Cathy Prykuta, Dana Rodriguez, Richard Rogers, Kimberly Romano, Dr. Teddy Rosales, Francesca Russo, Alexa Salvage, Caileen Sheehan, Cynthia Simson, Dennis Sisto, Maria Sisto, Karen Stafford, Rosemary Styne, William Styne, Julia Tobin, Sally Ann Waskewich, Isabella Rose Weiss, Jessica Weiss



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

In the past I have shared with you a ***Litany Examination of Conscience***. In an effort to assist you in preparing to go to Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, before Easter I invite you to pray this Litany. Please note that the use of “we” in each litany verse does not assume that you are committing that particular sin. They are the temptations and sins that represent what we might be guilty of as members of the one community of faith.

1. *We confess our lack of faith, our lack of trust and confidence in God and misusing his name.*
2. *We confess failing to pray because we had other things to do that seemed more important; failing to take time to reflect upon and evaluate our lives.*
1. *We confess neglecting Mass on Sundays and Holy Days with no good reason; not being attentive at Mass; coming late to Mass or leaving early; distracting others from participating reverently in the celebration of Mass.*
2. *We confess our failure to pray and to do penance as the Lord has commanded during this Holy Season of Lent.*
1. *We confess refusing to see God and love him in the persons around us; saying or doing things that hurt others, gossiping, making rash judgements or making comments about others.*
2. *We confess giving bad example by word and action; being unjustly angry or impatient with those with whom we live, fighting with our family members.*
1. *We confess the times we were unjust toward our neighbor; the times we were dishonest or lied; taking what does not belong to us; not respecting the property of others.*
2. *We confess being indifferent to the need of others, not going out of our way to help others because we might get hurt; refusing to help those who really need us.*
1. *We confess our lack of respect toward those in authority; failing to respect our parents and those who lead us.*
2. *We confess mistrusting people of different races or backgrounds from ours; betraying trust that is placed in us at home, at work or at school.*
1. *We confess dodging responsibility that we have; failing to live up to our capabilities, accepting complacency, making little effort to improve our lives and the lives of others.*
2. *We confess being sluggish and lazy; not using our many gifts to bring happiness into the lives of others.*
1. *We confess not forgiving our neighbor as God has forgiven us, or sometimes forgiving our neighbor but with strings attached.*
2. *We confess not showing enough love to the members of our family.*
1. *We confess overeating and overdrinking; being overly concerned about our physical needs and pleasures; spending too much time concerned about what we wear or what we own.*
2. *We confess loving others selfishly and possessively; using others for our own satisfaction and benefit cheapening human love in actions, words and jokes.*

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

1. We confess wasting oil, coal, gas, electricity and other natural resources.
2. We confess not praying enough for our leaders in church and in our government; not working as we should for world peace.
1. We confess not sharing our material possessions with the less fortunate in our nation and in the world.
2. We confess not working for human rights and the freedom for all people; especially, for those suffering under oppression. (Author Unknown)

Recall, that back on Ash Wednesday we received the double command, **"Repent and Believe!"** These identify the proper disposition we should all have throughout the Sacred Season of Lent. I invite you to please pray this Litany Examination of Conscience with that purpose in mind. Using this examination, and others like it, will help us to enter into the Liturgies of Holy Week, when we will recall the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus and our participation in Jesus' life-saving work through the renewal of our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday.

Fr. John

St. James Family Ministry invites everyone to a Free Hospitality Breakfast

Where: Delaney Hall
When: Sunday 3/3/2024
Following the 10:00 AM Mass

We will be serving
Bagels, Cookies, Muffins and Cake
as well as
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Juice





What's Happening in Faith Formation??

Faith Formation Classes for the Week of February 26, 2024

Tue. Feb. 27, 2024—4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Feb. 28, 2024—4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Feb. 28, 2024, - 7:00-8:15pm

Thu. Feb. 29, 2024— 4:15-5:30pm

How are you Preparing
for Easter this Lent?

You could:

- Go to Reconciliation
- Read a Gospel chapter
each day
- Share your lunch with
someone who doesn't
have lunch
- Pray every night before
going to bed
- be extra kind to your
Family



2nd Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we hear about the transfiguration of Jesus. Peter, James, and John are given the rare opportunity to see Jesus in all of his Divine nature. What would we have done if we were present at this event would we have been able to keep it to ourselves as Jesus asked these 3 men to do?

LEVEL 7 AND 8 REMINDER
ALL Journal/packet Assignments are
due on the last day of class.

NO EXCEPTIONS

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**Pray for our level 2 students who will be receiving
the Sacrament of First Penance/Reconciliation/
Confession tomorrow, February 26, 2024
May they come to know the forgiveness and
love of God.**

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**Mrs. Ellingham is preparing for the Silhouette
Stations of the Cross to be prayed on
Good Friday evening.**

**She is asking any level 7 or 8th students who
wants to be a part of this to give her your name
and contact information.**

**BOYS we need you to be guards and to most
importantly to portray the role of Jesus**

**You can sign up in the Faith
Formation Office.**



Sacramental Life

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

This Sacrament for those suffering serious illness or surgery is available by contacting one of the parish priests at the Parish Office (731-3710) during office hours. In case of serious danger or sudden accident, please call any time. One may also ask for this Sacrament before or after Mass.

BAPTISMS:

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered every other Sunday at 2:00 PM in the church. Please call the Parish Office (731-3710) for registration and scheduling information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA):

St. James Parish welcomes any non-Catholic who seeks to enter the Catholic Church or baptized Catholics of any age who have not yet received the other Sacraments. Please call the Parish Center (731-3710).

MARRIAGES:

Those wishing to be married at St. James should call the Parish Office (731-3710) to arrange an appointment with one of the parish clergy. Please allow 6 months at least for the necessary preparations. Please do not enter into any other wedding commitments prior to having your wedding date and time confirmed by the Parish.

PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL:

If a family member is in the hospital, please inform the Parish Office to have them placed on the sick list for prayers.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We warmly welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center Office.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary for Life - Mondays 2 PM in the Chapel.

Rosary - Monday through Saturday following the 8 AM Mass in the Church.

Our Lady of the Rosary Italian Prayer Group - Fridays at 11 AM in the Chapel (except during July and August - resumes Sept. 1st)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
(Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

Gospel Meditation

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "**Abraham!**" "**Here I am,**" he replied. Then God said, "**Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.**" Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

Father John Muir

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.



2024 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Wednesdays evenings
7:30 PM in Church

Feb. 28: The Renunciation of Sin:

Topic: *Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?*

Reflection given by Deacon Tom Lemne

March 6: The Profession of Faith: Part One

Topic: *Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died-and was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?*

Reflection given by Deacon Kevin McCormack

March 13: The Profession of Faith: Part Two

Topic: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?*

Reflection given by Father Greg Rannazzisi

March 20: Readiness to Renew Our Baptismal Promises

I have prepared for the renewal of my Baptismal Promises by keeping the disciplines of lent.

The direction of my life is that of a growing sense of discipleship. I realize that as a member of the Body of Christ and His Church that I am called to remove everything that is not yet Christ in me. This is a lifetime "goal" taken in steps by many of us.

Reflection given by Deacon Chris



THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES ANNOUNCES..... SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE 2024

Our daily Bonanza drawing gives you **365 chances to win** – and you can win more than once! When you win, your ticket goes right back into the drum.

There is also a monthly drawing of \$100 to be pulled the last day of every month. In addition, there is a special Quarterly drawing of \$250 to be pulled on the 15th of June, September, December and March. An extra Bonus of \$1,000 will be drawn on Easter Sunday, (March 31st), the Feast of St. James (July 25th), and Christmas (December 25th).

To enter the Super Bonanza raffle, fill out the registration card(s) and return them to the Parish Center or into the collection basket at Mass with a \$30.00 donation for each card. Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Center during normal business hours.

Thank you for all the ways you support the good work of our parish.



Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry.

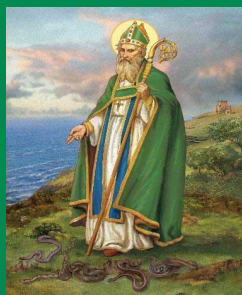
Our current needs are mayonnaise, powdered milk, juice, jelly, sugar, salad dressing, oatmeal, canned hams, laundry detergent, napkins, tissues, toilet paper, and cleaning products.

Marriage Banns

Week Two

Michelle Sarino &
Anthony DiBenedetto

Saint Patrick's / St. Joseph's Party
Saturday March 16th at 7pm
\$50 per person
St. James Parish Center - Delaney Hall



Hot buffet,
beer, wine,
soda,
Italian
desserts, and
Pot of Gold
Raffle!!

Come enjoy fun, food, & fraternity with your fellow parishioners and the Delaney Knights of Columbus! Reservations are required! Tickets will be sold before and after all Masses on March 2nd and 3rd and March 9th and 10th. Tickets can also be purchased at the Parish Center office during regular business hours. Please make checks payable to 5983 Corp.

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St. James RC Church

Msgr. William A.
Delaney Council
5983 Knights of Columbus



St. Patrick's
"Pot of Gold
Raffle"



\$10.00 per ticket / 3 for \$25.00

Drawing to be held on March 16, 2024.
(you do not need to be present to win)

Tickets will be sold in the narthex following all Masses on March 2nd and 3rd and March 9th and 10th. Tickets are also available in the parish center office. Please make checks payable to **5983 Corp.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa, will be having a Bereavement Group starting April 10th at 11:30 a.m. The group will meet in the school building for 8 consecutive weeks. If you are interested in joining, please call Leslie Gretschel at 516-541-1260.

Please join us in the Church every Friday during Lent at 3pm or at 7pm for Stations of the Cross as we relive Jesus' last hours.



Friday evenings will include a 1-2 minute reflection on one of the Stations. For more info contact Deacon Chris at Deaconchrisdaniello@gmail.com

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

February 11, 2024

**Maintenance
& Repairs**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	8,711.00	962.00	4:00pm	383
Online Giving	2,230.34	0.00	8:00am	208
Mail in Envelopes	<u>873.00</u>	<u>189.00</u>	10:00am	386
Total	11,814.34	1,151.00	12:00pm	<u>283</u>
		Total		1,260

"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Total

1,260



If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.stjamesrcchurch.org and click on the WeShare link or call the parish office at 516-731-3710.

February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent:

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.



Pray for Our Deceased

Sarah Breslawski

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
March 3rd	Monday, February 26th
March 10th	Monday, March 4th
March 17th	Monday, March 11th
March 24th	Friday, March 15th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



February 2024

Sunday, 2/18—Robert Frey

Monday, 2/19—M/M Michael Clarke

Tue., 2/20—M/M John Fitzwilliam

Wed., 2/21—M/M Robert O'Donnell

Thurs., 2/22—M/M Craig Plackis

Friday, 2/23—Susan Pasquali

Saturday, 2/24—Joseph Bong

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, February 25th

10:00am OCIA Meeting - Room 106

5:00pm Chili Cook Off - Delaney Hall

Monday, February 26th

8:30am Rosary - Church

2:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary - Chapel

1:30pm Lenten Journey Walking with Jesus - Room 112

Tuesday, February 27th

8:30am Rosary - Church

1:30pm Scripture Sharing - Room 112

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

6:30pm Alpha Meeting - Delaney Hall

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

Wednesday, February 28th

8:30am Rosary - Church

1:45pm Blood Drive - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Faith Formation classes

7:30pm Lenten Mission - Church

Thursday, February 29th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

Friday, March 1st

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary Group - Chapel

3:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 2nd

7:30am Men's Prayer Group - Room 104

8:30am Rosary - Church



FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Please pray for: Lt. Col. Joseph Agres, USMC; Marine; Battalion Chaplain, Capt. Fr. Lito D. Amande, Army; Kyle Beck, Ashlea Beck US Navy; Operations Specialist, Ryan Blazo, Army; Navy Airman, Lt. Commander Raymond Beno, Navy; Sgt. Joseph R. Booth, Army; Spc. Matthew Burrafato, Cpl. Dominic Castiello, Marines; 1st Lt. Ian Connors, Army; 2nd Lt. Jacob Connors, Army; Col. Brian Coyne, Sean Dolan 1st Lieutenant, USMC, Marines; Sgt. Steven Fiscante, Army; Pfc. Steven Gianatiempo, Army; M.P. Brian Gruebel, Air Force; Sgt. 1st Class James T. Harris, Army; Sgt. James Howard, Army; Specialist Dillon Incendio, Army; LtJG. Connor Krebs, USMC; Cpl. Joseph Leoce, Jr. Marines; Lance Cpl. Luis R. Maltezos, USMC; Lance Cpl. Matthew Maniet, USMC; Lance Cpl. Richard Marandino, Marines; 1st Lt. Ric F. Masi, Army; 2nd Lt. Kevin McMahan, Army; Lt. Eric McMullan, Army; Captain Scott Michalowski, Air Force; USMC; Pfc. Kyle Nigro, Marines; Pvt. Patricia O'Connor, Army; Pfc. Jason O'Shaughnessy, Army; Capt. Theresa Rodzevik, Army; Rocky C. Rossi, Navy; Scott Santoro, Marines; LCpl. Anthony P. Saracino Jr., Marines; Luis R. Maltezos Sepulveda, Marines; Sgt. Michael Stinnett, Army Infantry; L Cpl. Thomas Tarnagorski Jr, Marines; Lt. James Van Wie, Army; Paul Vermillion, Marine Corps., Col. Kevin Walsh, Air Force; Chief Christopher Zyrski, Navy.