

The Parish of Saint James

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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.

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24



SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:00 AM Kathleen Orgass
 10:00 AM Anne, Russel & William Harris -
 Anniversary Remembrance
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Delphine Julian
 Agnes & Patrick Daly
 Deceased Members of the Romanelli Family
 Louis Yurasits
 Zoila Andrade Tagle & Tony Bonetta

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

8:00 AM Rosemary Hanratty Mastracci
 12:10 PM Anthony Sassone & Summer Sassone-Levy

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

8:00 AM Maria & Guglielmo Recce
 12:10 PM Suzanne Engrassia

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

8:00 AM Gloria Guerrero
 12:10 PM Msgr. Frank Gaeta

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

8:00 AM Josephine Brady
 12:10 PM Fr. Aaron

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

8:00 AM Jill Murphy
 12:10 PM Anne Darcy - Living

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

8:00 AM Marie Lyons
 4:00 PM Antonio & Clelia DeVellis

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:00 AM Anthony Secondino
 10:00 AM Marianne Anderson -
 Birthday Remembrance
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Deceased Members of the Stipsits Family
 and Willie Blaskovits
 Louise Panetta
 Edward & Mary McKee
 Jim Farley
 Nicola DiLuzio - Birthday Remembrance



MASS CELEBRANT

3/23 ~ 4:00pm ~ Fr. John

3/24 ~ 8:00am ~ Msgr. Michael

10:00am ~ Fr. Benjamin

12:00pm ~ Fr. John

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Celebrants subject to change



Prayer
REQUESTS

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 Ciccari, Lori Ciccari, Carly Colvell, Ed Connelly, 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, William Kapcoe, 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 Pfeffer, 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:

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Buona Festa San Giuseppe!

OUR PROGRESS IN LENT: So, how is your Lent going? We are now halfway through this Sacred Season. Last week I wrote about the challenge I face in making time in my personal daily schedule for meditation. It's easier to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and my daily rosary but taking time just to sit before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, quietly listening without speaking, is a challenge. Yes, *"Speak Lord for your servant is listening"* is a critical part of my daily prayers.

Well, I am making some progress. I have been able to begin this significant way of praying by giving at least 15 minutes to quiet prayer each day. Well, most days. Again, it is more important that we make progress rather than having a 100% success in what we are trying to accomplish.

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH DIETRICH BONHOEFFER?: He was a Lutheran theologian who was martyred for his Christian faith during the Third Reich under Adolf Hitler. He was a man of tremendous faith and dedication. I'd recommend that you "google" his name to learn more. Read, *"The Cost of Discipleship"* written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

I recently came across a quote by Bonhoeffer that I shared on the St. James Parishioner's page on FaceBook that I'd like to quote here as well. The challenge that Bonhoeffer offers to us Christians today is simply stated as, *"Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God."*

That's an incredible challenge! I wonder how many of us believe that our lives have had that impact on non-believers. I would add non-practicing Catholics as well. How does the manner in which we "live" our lives as a Christian have such an effect on those of non-believers and non-practicing Catholics? Many of you have shared with me your discouragement that your adult children or grandchildren do not practice their faith. Is it that we are often clear with the "rules" but the living out of our lives as Christians is not that obvious? We all need to think about this, and Lent is an appropriate time to consider this question. Again, don't be too harsh on yourself but don't dismiss this either.

THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS: Fr. Mariusz introduced the lovely Polish Tradition of the Blessing of Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday. Last year it was very well attended by a number of families.

The tradition of blessing the food consumed on Easter -- often Easter breakfast -- is a Polish/Slavic custom that dates back to Medieval times. The Christian community asked God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast (Lent) from which they abstained for 40 days.

Everyone is invited to bring their Easter Food Baskets on Holy Saturday, March 30th, after Morning Prayer (9:00 AM) to have your Easter Food Baskets blessed.

Fr. John



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

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

Gospel Meditation

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

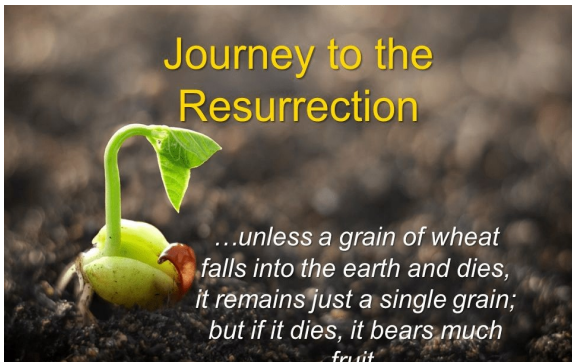
This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

Father John Muir

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.



What's Happening in Faith Formation??



Faith Formation Classes for the Week of March 18, 2024

Tue. Mar. 19, 2024—4:15-5:30pm
Wed. Mar. 20, 2024—4:15-5:30pm
Wed. Mar. 20, 2024, - 7:00-8:15pm
Thu. Mar. 21, 2024— 4:15-5:30pm

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF CLASSES

Keep an eye out for your Re-Registration Forms they are coming in the Mail. If you do not receive one by the end of April please call the office.

**LEVEL 7 AND 8
REMINDER
ALL journal work
is due
THIS WEEK!**

5th Sunday of Lent

We are all on the journey to resurrection—eternal life with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! We must remain faithful disciples to Jesus.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our level 7 and 8 students raised \$1,684 on Super Bowl Weekend.

\$842 went to our own Parish Outreach to help families in our community and \$842 went to St. Ignatius Human Services. We received the following letter of thanks from St. Ignatius:

St. Ignatius Human Service Center
20 East Cherry Street
Hicksville, NY 11801
Phone 516-935-8846 Fax 516-681-3708

February 27, 2024

Rev. John Derasmo
St. James RC Church
80 Hicksville Road Seaford, NY 11783

Dear Rev. John Derasmo,

On behalf of Fr. Shibi Pappan, the clients that we help and the volunteers, thank you so much for your generous Super Bowl caring donation of \$842 to St. Ignatius Human Services.

Here at St Ignatius Human Services, we are open three days a week to help families from different backgrounds that are struggling to buy food, clothes, or to pay medical/utility bills. It is only through the generosity of people like you that we are able to continue our mission to help the less fortunate.

Your donation is a blessing from God and please know that it will go directly to help these families especially this time of the year. We remember all those who worked hard to support this, in our prayers.

God bless you.
Fr. Jacob Varughese
Associate pastor & Director of Human Services.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES – 2024

Confessions

Saturday before Palm Sunday, March 23, 2024

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Monday of Holy Week, March 25, 2024

“Diocesan Day of Penance” – With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Msgr. Michael & Fr. Benjamin

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Fr. Benjamin & Fr. John

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Fr. John & Msgr. Michael

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Msgr. Michael & Fr. Benjamin

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Fr. John & Fr. Benjamin

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024 - 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

NO CONFESSIONS at 3:00 PM

NO 4:00 PM MASS

The Church will be closed at Noon reopening at 7:00 PM
for the 8:00 PM Easter Vigil.

Palm Sunday Masses

Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 PM – Fr. John - Dcn. Chris

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00 AM – Msgr. Michael - Dcn. Rick

10:00 AM – Fr. Benjamin - Dcn. John

12:00 PM – Fr. John – Dcn. Chris



THE SACRED TRIDUUM OF HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Tenebrae - Into the Darkness: 7:30 PM - Dcn. Chris (see next page)

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM – Dcn. Chris

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 PM

Celebrant: Msgr. Michael

Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM – Dcn. Rick

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with Adoration of the

Cross and Holy Communion: 3:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Benjamin

Silhouette Stations of the Cross: 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM – Dcn. John

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets: 9:20 AM – Fr. John

Confessions: 11:00 AM – 12 Noon

Msgr. Michael & Fr. Benjamin

(NO Confessions at 3:00 PM and NO 4 PM Mass)

Solemn Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection: 8:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. John

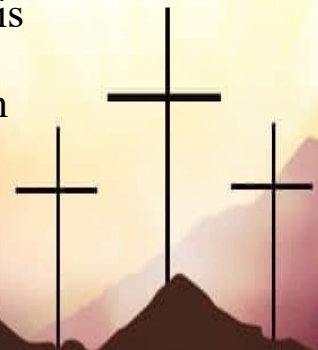
Dcn. Rick, Dcn. Chris & Dcn. John

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:00 AM – Msgr. Michael – Dcn. Chris

10:00 AM – Fr. John – Dcn. Rick

12:00 PM – Fr. Benjamin – Dcn. John



We Welcome into the St.
James Community:

Charlotte Michele Ellison
Chase Allen Jablonski

Congratulations to the parents of
the newly baptized!



WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!



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

*Our current needs are hams, canned
fruit, Jello, pudding, sugar-coated
cereal, cookies, chips, crackers,
pancake mix, pancake syrup, ketchup,
cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and tissues.*



March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

If you or someone you know needs help, please remind them the St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to help. We offer assistance in many forms; financial, spiritual, or help with navigating the intricacies of our society, please email us at:
saintjamessaintvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8690. Thank you.



**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**



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.

Join us

Wednesday, March 27th

at 7:30pm in the Church

Tenebrae

A Service of Shadows

Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows. As we come to the end of Lent, we begin a journey into darkness to a place of deep shadows.

Today we accompany Jesus in his last hours. We witness the cruelties and the suffering he endures.

We listen to the words of condemnation and ridicule. In all this he is innocent. He is the faithful servant of God, doing his Father's work; bringing the gospel of love, peace and hope.

And so, in this liturgy, we are invited to walk solemnly and attentively with Jesus.

Better to know.

Better to understand.

Better to be his friend, his disciple, his witness.

Thomas Berry Place (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) will be hosting a **Dinner with Passion** on Tuesday, March 26th from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. This evening's topic will be *Walking In Their Shoes: Immigration*. There will be a presentation by a speaker on the topic as well as from someone who is the topic. The cost is \$35 per person (or \$25 for High School students) and includes Wine & Cheese (if of age) as well as Dinner. Reservations are required so please call **929-357-6700 x205** to reserve a spot.

Take Catholic Theology Courses This Summer at St. Joseph's Seminary!

Dates: May 29 through July 19

Courses are:

- Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious
 - Offered in person or online - Zoom in from any location to join a class
 - Reasonably priced - Affordable tuition rates!
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To learn more about our schedule of classes for summer, go to www.dunwoodie.edu or email:

sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu



Join Troop 689

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT US
AND THE FUN THINGS WE DO AS A TROOP.
PLEASE JOIN US!

**APR. 5TH
7:30 PM**

LOCATION:
ST. JAMES CHURCH - SCHOOL
80 HICKSVILLE RD
SEAFORD, NY 11783

CONTACT INFO: SCOUTMASTER689@YAHOO.COM

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2024 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

**Wednesdays evenings
7:30 PM in Church**

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**



2024 Antioch Retreat

The Antioch Community of Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Invites you

*to join us for two days of stories, music, reflection, prayer,
scripture, Sunday Mass, delicious food and good company!*

When: Saturday, April 20th 8:30 am --- 9:00 pm
Sunday, April 21st 8:30 am --- 3:00 pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes, School
855 Carmans Rd, Massapequa Park

PLEASE SHARE THIS FLYER WITH A FRIEND!!

Yes, I would like to attend the Antioch Retreat. I have enclosed a \$50.00 check made payable to "William D'Alessio" to cover the cost of meals and materials. Please RSVP before April 12, 2024. (Please don't let the cost be an issue as scholarships are available.)

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED – Thank you

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Their Phone: _____

Their Email: _____

Have you attended our retreat in the past? (circle one) No Yes How long ago? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Any Food Allergy or Restriction? _____

Please mail form with your check to: Mary Beth Colbourn 3585 Waverly Ave, Seaford, NY 11783

Questions: Contact Mary Beth Colbourn at (516)522-4018/email Mbdave@aol.com or Patty

Buchenberger at (516) 521-2008/e-mail Pattymb222@gmail.com

WELCOMING MINISTRY

Bake Sale

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 &
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024**

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2024

**CATHOLIC
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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



"As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic."

Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports vocations in our diocese.

Ordained in 2023, Fr. Steven McClernon spoke to us about what his goals are as a priest in our Diocese and how your support has helped him to accomplish this!

"This year's CMA theme, Revitalizing our Faith -- Renewed by the Eucharist, relates to my vocation as it was fostered through Eucharistic Adoration. I see the People of God revitalized and renewed in their faith when I celebrate Mass. I see how people really love receiving the Eucharist. During Covid when we were separated from receiving the Eucharist, it was a difficult time for many. Now seeing the people back to church, and receiving the Eucharist, I am renewed in my faith and I know God's people are revitalized by the true presence of God in the Eucharist."



The CMA has been greatly influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>

or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

DECREE
DESIGNATING A SOLEMN FEAST FOR THE IMPARTING OF THE PONTIFICAL
BLESSING WITH A PLENARY INDULGENCE

Whereas the diocesan bishop possesses the right to bestow the papal blessing with a plenary indulgence, using the prescribed formulary, three times a year on solemn feasts that he will designate (cf. Decree *Diversis ex locis* of the S. Apostolic Penitentiary, 12-14-1985, AAS 78 [1986] 293-294);

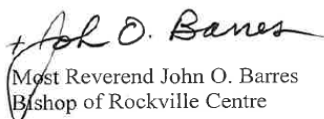
In accordance with canons 992-997 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree that the pontifical blessing with a plenary indulgence attached will be imparted at the celebration of the Chrism Mass at Saint Agnes Cathedral on March 26, 2024.

The following conditions must be fulfilled in order to obtain the plenary indulgence:

- 1) Detachment from all sin, even venial.
- 2) Confession of sins in the Sacrament of Penance.
- 3) Reception of Holy Communion.
- 4) Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Having fulfilled these conditions, the faithful who attend this Mass and receive this blessing will benefit from the indulgence along with those who participate through radio, television, or livestreaming.

Given at Rockville Centre, New York
On this 11th day of March, 2024


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Sunday, April 28, 2024 *Hats are required for admission*
1 pm - 4 pm
\$30.00 per person



*The Msgr. Delaney Columbiettes
are hosting a High Tea Party Fundraiser*



Fanciest hat wins a prize



RSVP by April 21, 2024
Reservations and seating requests
Mary-Ann Cabri @ 516-366-9133
Delaney Council - 110 Merritts Road
Farmingdale, New York 11735
English Sandwiches, Salads, Desserts,
Mimosas and Assorted Teas
Raffles & 50/50





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relationship

This is a Non-Residential
No sleeping
accommodations are
provided, but meals are
served

April 5-7

St. Catharine Roman
Catholic Church
905 South Maple Ave.
Glen Rock, New Jersey
07452

Questions?
Peter & Sheila Oprysko
201-310-9560



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RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope ...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
April 26-28, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception
Seminary, Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

March 3, 2024

**Easter
Flowers**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	10,205.00	2,123.00	4:00pm	362
Online Giving	3,966.65	52.83	8:00am	268
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,255.45</u>	<u>328.00</u>	10:00am	405
Total	15,427.10	2,503.83	12:00pm	<u>250</u>
		Total		1,285

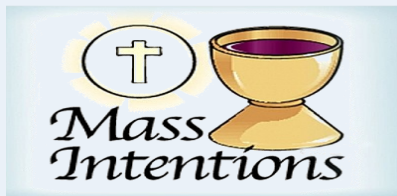
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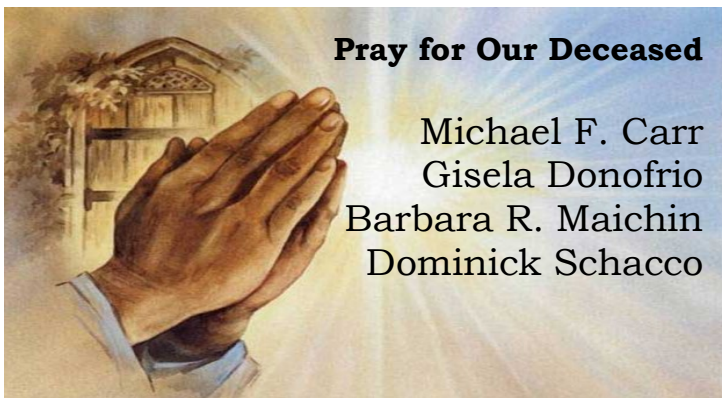
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If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.stjamesrcchurch.org and click on the WeShare link or call the parish office at 516-731-3710.



The Mass intention book is open and there are Masses available through December 31, 2024.



Pray for Our Deceased

Michael F. Carr
Gisela Donofrio
Barbara R. Maichin
Dominick Schacco

**FROM THE EDITOR
BULLETIN DEADLINES**

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
March 31st	Tuesday, March 19th
April 7th	Monday, April 1st
April 14th	Monday, April 8th
April 21st	Monday, April 15th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



March 2024

Sunday, 3/10—Patricia Winter

Monday, 3/11—Jennifer Tuschong

Tue., 3/12—Theresa Scarola

Wed., 3/13—M/M John Cazalet

Thurs., 3/14—Lucille Bombace

Friday, 3/15—Patricia Kirk

Saturday, 3/16—Laura-Jean Russo

\$250 Quarterly Bonus

Seraphina Gagliardi

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, March 17th

10:00am OCIA Meeting - Room 106

Monday, March 18th

8:30am Rosary - Church

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

2:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary - Chapel

Tuesday, March 19th

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, March 20th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Faith Formation classes

7:30pm Lenten Mission - Church

Thursday, March 21st

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

Friday, March 22nd

8:30am Rosary - Church

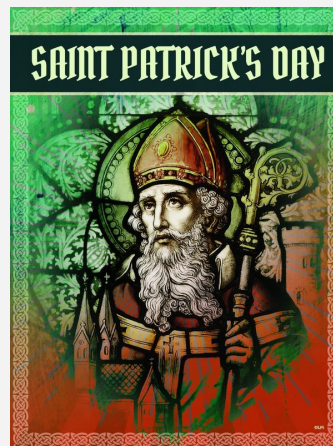
11:00am Italian Rosary Group - Chapel

3:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church

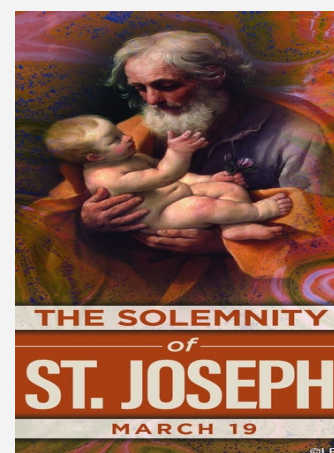
Saturday, March 23rd

8:30am Rosary - Church



March 17th

March 19th



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; 1st 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.