

The Parish of Saint James

80 Hicksville Road Seaford, New York 11783



The Clergy:

Rev. John Derasmo, Pastor

fatherjohn@stjamesrcchurch.org

Msgr. Michael Barimah-Apau, Associate Pastor

Fr. Benjamin Ogbunuko, Associate Pastor

Fr. Melchizedek Okpala, Associate Pastor

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516-916-0959 to reach the priest on duty

Deacon Rick Brunner

Deacon Chris Daniello

Deacon John Horn

Director of Faith Formation

Dr. Lucy Creed, Ed.D. - 516-796-2979

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Director of Music Ministry

Jillian Vicinanza - 516-731-3710

Facility Manager

Thomas Galvin - 516-731-3710

PARISH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Phone: 516-731-3710/Fax: 516-731-4828

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
(except September)

All Civic Holidays: 9:00 AM only

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

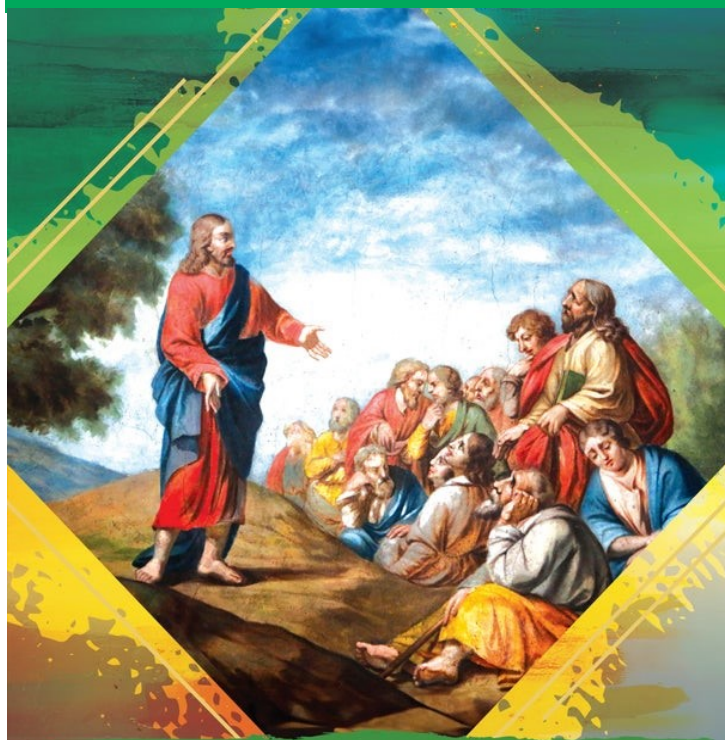
10:00 AM

12:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

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

August 4, 2024
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave
the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true
bread from heaven." - Jn 6:32



SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

8:00 AM Frances Jacoby
 10:00 AM Raymond Calouri
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Delphine Julian
 Julia & Felix Bravo
 Gladys McCullagh
 John & Helen McCullagh
 Elizabeth St. Pierre

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

8:00 AM David Carrington
 12:10 PM William McCabe

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 - Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM Mary Raggio
 12:10 PM Anne Pustorino

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

8:00 AM Virginia T. Kelly
 12:10 PM Michael Orlando

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

8:00 AM Paul Zbikowski
 12:10 AM Gail McGuirk

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

8:00 AM William Kelly
 12:10 PM Gerald Cardella

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

8:00 AM Thomas Doughty
 4:00 PM Bill Sohmer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

8:00 AM Anthony & Rosemarie Pepe
 10:00 AM Anthony Secondino - Birthday Remembrance
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Domenica Belpanno & Roberta Belpanno
 Regina S. Mullany - Living - 99th Birthday
 George Kalstek
 Millie Wagner
 Living & Deceased Members of the
 Reis Family



MASS CELEBRANT

8/10 ~ 4:00pm ~ Fr. Benjamin

8/11 ~ 8:00am ~ Fr. Melchizedek

10:00am ~ Msgr. Michael

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, Rebecca Johnston, William Kapcoe, John Kmiotek, Gina Krafinski, Sean Lehosky, Tia Mabanta, Timothy Maietta, Dakota Maken, Mary Sue Maluda, Tara Matthews, 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, Janet Oliveri, Sister Barbara Ozelski, Marie Pereira-Callahan, Diane Pheffer, Irene Poggio, Joseph Poggio, Cathy Prykuta, Dana Rodriguez, Richard Rogers, Kimberly Romano, Francesca Russo, Alexa Salvage, Caileen Sheehan, Cynthia Simson, Dennis Sisto, Maria Sisto, Tony Sparaco, Karen Stafford, Rosemary Styne, William Styne, Ron Tedeschi, Julia Tobin, Sally Ann Waskewich, Isabella Rose Weiss, Jessica Weiss

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

WELCOME FR. MELCHIZEDEK:

I am delighted to announce that Fr. Melchizedek arrived from Nigeria and will be with us throughout the months of August and September. This summer now marks several years that he has come to St. James to act as a summer priest. It IS always gratifying to me when people ask about him and whether or not he would be coming this summer.

So, during the next two months Fr. Melchizedek will be celebrating Mass, funerals, lead wake services, hear confessions, and make himself available to those who would like the opportunity to speak with him one on one.

Welcome, Fr. Melchizedek! We are so happy that you are with us again this summer.

UNANNOUNCED VISIT BY FR. MARIUSZ:

Last week, while several of us were gathered in the parish office the doorbell rang and our receptionist let the person enter, not realizing who he was. As he entered the main office, and we saw that it was Fr. Mariusz, we were so delighted to see him and Frodo, his pet dog (my nephew). We were not aware that he was going to visit us. You can imagine how happy we were to see him.

Members of his family were visiting from Poland. He took them into the city that night so that they could see our BIG CITY all lit up and the crowds that can be seen everywhere. The following day Fr. Mariusz took them to visit Niagara Falls, a very popular tourist attraction. I have wondered how many New Yorkers have visited Niagara Falls. I think that I may have been in college the first time I went to visit the Falls.

They stayed with him at his rectory in Chest Springs, PA for a few days and then Fr. Mariusz and his relatives flew back to Poland this past Thursday, August 1st.

He asked that I extend his warmest greetings and best wishes to all of you. He has so many happy memories about the time he served here as our parish priest.

THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR ME:

I enjoyed two weeks of stay vacation during July. I had the opportunity to visit with family and friends. The final two weeks of my summer vacation falls during the last two weeks of August. I am busy making plans to with my older brother and sister-in-law, Don and Eileen, my younger brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Melissa, and my sister and my brother-in-law, Jean and John Sefcik.

I am also hoping to spend several days in the Poconos. I really haven't been there since I sold my place there just before the start of the pandemic.

Whatever you enjoy doing during the summer months I pray that you will have the opportunity to do so. God bless you all!



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

August 4, 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

Gospel Meditation:

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

Father John Muir

Live the Liturgy:

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal.



What's Happening in Faith Formation??

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you..."

—John 6:53

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR

Registration is ongoing, you can register your child online by going to

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-3172?tab=home>

Or you can come into the faith formation office Monday through Thursday from 10am—4:30pm.

Fees as of August 1: 1 child: \$250, 2 children: \$275, 3 or More Children: \$300

Students in level 2: (First Reconciliation/Communion) an additional \$50

Students in level 8: (Confirmation) an additional \$100

If you have not registered your child please do so quickly there is limited space on all days.

Classes are held: Tuesday—4:15-5:30pm

Wednesday—4:15-5:30pm or 7:00-8:15pm

Thursday—4:15-5:30pm (taught by Juniors and Seniors from Kellenberg High School)

We are still looking for Faith Filled members of our Community to step up and answer the call to spread the Good News and become Catechists/Mentors to the students in our Faith Formation Process. As the great sage Hillel once said, "...if not you then who?" Won't you please consider sharing your faith with the young people of our parish family?

*if not me,
who? if
not now,
when?*

Tuesday 4:15: Level 5 teacher needed

Wednesday 4:15: Level 5 teacher needed

Wednesday 7:00pm: level 2 & 3 (?)

Thursday: 4:15pm: Level 2 teacher needed

BOOK PICK-UP: Emails will be sent the week of August 5th to announce when you can pick-up textbooks, class assignments, schedules and other materials for the fall. We will post the dates in the bulletin, facebook page, and on the My Parish App as well. Please keep a look out for this announcement.

Faith Formation Classes will begin the week of September 23, 2024.

Please Pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be receiving the sacrament on Wednesday, September 18 or Thursday September 19, 2024.



1ST ANNUAL KEEGAN FAMILY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING AUGUST 22, 2024

Carrying on Leo Keegan's legacy of gathering for good and giving back to others, join us for a memorable day of golf, food, sips, dips, fundraising and fun!

WHEN & WHERE:

Thursday, August 22, 2024
10:00 am Registration & Breakfast
12:00 pm Shotgun Start, Scramble Format,
Cart, Beverages & Lunch
5:00 pm Dinner & Open Bar

Bethpage State Park Green Course

COST:

Golf, Lunch, Dinner: \$275 per player
Dinner Only: \$135 Adults
\$95 Children

Prizes, Raffles,
Gift Baskets & More

Sponsorships
Available



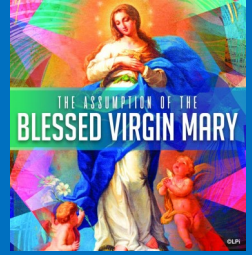
Founded in 2024 in tribute of Leo Keegan's lifelong commitment to serving others and giving back to community, The Keegan Family Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization focused on raising money for the benefit of local youth sports programs.

For details and information on sponsorship opportunities, and to reserve your spot, visit:
[Keegan Family Memorial Golf Outing 2024](#)

For More Information, Contact John Keegan at:
jjkeegan2000@yahoo.com or 516-435-8547



Thursday,
August 15th
is the
Assumption
of the
Blessed



Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm (Vigil Mass) on Wednesday, August 14th and at 8am, 12:10pm, and 7:30pm on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

We
Congratulate
the following
parishioners for
making the
Honor Roll at
Chaminade High
School for the 2023-2024
school year:



Thomas D. Cassidy
James C. Downes
Sebastian R. Franzke
Henry N. Peterson
Gino S. Schiano
Marco Vasili



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All volunteers and employees at St. James are required to participate in a **VIRTUS** training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the **VIRTUS** classes by visiting: www.virtusonline.org.

UPCOMING CLASSES: Thursday, August 8 at 10am in room 112

If you need help registering for the class or filling out paperwork, WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!
Please contact the Faith Formation Office—516-796-2979 or email
Dr. Creed at: lcreed@stjamesfaith.org or lcreed@stjamesrcchurch.org.

**All Seniors, 62 and over, are invited
to a FREE Senior Appreciation Barbecue
in Delaney Hall**

Hosted by Family Ministry

on Saturday, August 24th, 2024

from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

THE MENU

Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs,

Sausage & Peppers, Salads

Roasted Potatoes,

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water

Ice Cream, Cake, Tea and Coffee

Come, have a great BBQ lunch & make some new friends!

Raffles, Lotto Board and 50/50

Seating is LIMITED to the first 100 responders

A RESERVATION is REQUIRED.

Reply Deadline is Monday, August, 19th 2024

Reserve a seat by calling

Linda at 516 731-5688

Leave a message, calls will be returned ASAP





July 28 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of

God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, and assistance with utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!** 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: saintjamesaintvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8690. Thank you.



*We welcome into the
St. James
Community*



*Joseph Steven Bonomo
Anni Jaymes Levine
Brayden Ryan Schuldiner*

*Congratulations to the parents of
the newly baptized!*



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

***Our current needs
are coffee, peanut butter, jelly,
sugar coated cereal, canned
fruit, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, mayonnaise,
white rice, salad dressing, oil, sugar, boxed
milk, juices, drinks, black beans, kidney beans,
vinegar, cookies, crackers, snacks, laundry
detergent, cleaning
supplies, tissue and paper towels.
Thank you.***



**KELLENBERG
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**We Congratulate the following parishioners
for making the Honor Roll at Kellenberg High
School for the 2023-2024 school year:**

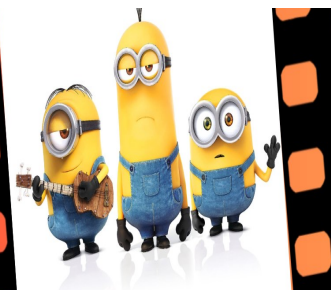
**Ava Birne
Isabella Kawas
Toni Mirabella
Grace-Anne Muller
Olivia Nocerito
Devin Nystrom
Thomas O'Sullivan
Christopher Parisi
Griffin Sharkey
James Vanella**

**ST. JAMES WELCOMING
MINISTRY PRESENTS**

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

AUGUST 23, 2024

**PARISH PARKING LOT
@ 8:00 PM
80 HICKSVILLE RD
SEAFORD, NY 11756
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS!**



MINIONS



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St. James Church Pilgrimage to St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in NYC Saturday, November 16th



St. Frances Cabrini

“God has done it all: I have only been
a spectator of God’s work.”

— St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

In 1889, Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus had to beg for alms to support the growing number of orphans in their care. Their willingness to sacrifice everything to bring people to know, love, and serve Jesus continues to inspire us today.



The Shrine

\$ 55.00 Per Person covers the costs of the following:

The Francis Cabrini Shrine & Museum with an introduction about her life and spirituality by a Tour Manager with Q & A.

Celebration of Mass by Father John Derasmo for peaceful prayer.

Various exhibits and a blessing with a first-class relic of the saint.

Private lunch of Penne Pasta with Chicken, Salad, and a soda/water.

Time to explore the sacred grounds and visit the religious gift shop.

Stop at The Met Cloisters Museum

School Bus Transportation (Max 42)

All tips and taxes (Except for the Bus Driver & the Tour Manager at the Shrine)

Depart St. James Church at 9:00am and return approximately 5:00pm.

Please RSVP by October 21st—\$55 payment required at time of registration

Name: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Payment: check _____ (payable to St. James) cash _____

St. James Basketball 2024-2025



Girls 3rd-8th:

League Play: 10 Games
October - January

Playoffs: 5th-8th
January/February

\$225 Discounted Registration Fee by July 17
\$260 Registration Fee by August 17

Uniform Cost: TBD -- Approximately \$45
[Uniforms can be reused from previous season]

Boys 3rd-8th:

League Play: 10 Games
November - February

Playoffs: 5th-8th
February/March

ALL REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 17th

Scan to Register

Scan to Pay



INSTAGRAM: @STJAMESSEAFORDCYO
EMAIL: STJAMESSEAFORDCYO@GMAIL.COM



HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 at 7:30 PM

at the Church of Curé of Ars
2323 MERRICK AVENUE, MERRICK NY



reflection by Father Walter Kedjerski
DIRECTOR OF SEMINARIANS

*"The Priesthood is the love
of the heart of Jesus.
When you see a priest
think of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

ST. JOHN VIANNEY
PATRON OF PARISH PRIESTS

DRVCVOCATIONS.COM



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
September 13-15, 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.

Contact: Kathleen Seyfried

St. Michael Academy
Alumnae Association
Phone 516-437-6958
kathyseyfried@juno.com

St. Michael Academy (NYC) - REUNION 2024
ALL ALUMNAE INVITED

New York NY, July 17, 2024: This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Michael School which became St. Michael Academy. The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at 12 Noon on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Class of 1974 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1999. ALL SMA Alumnae from all years are welcome to attend this special celebration.

For further information and reservations please consult the website at:

https://www.saintmichaelacademy.com/index.php/Events/eview/annual_reunion or

by email at: smaaany@gmail.com or call: 516-437-6958. The cost is \$80 for the luncheon before August 31, 2024, \$90 thereafter. Cash bar

St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association

THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES R.C. CHURCH SEAFORD N.Y. ANNOUNCES

Fundraising
GARAGE
SALE
DELANEY HALL

OCT 20TH 8:30 AM-2PM

Donations Accepted

Household items, garden tools, kitchen, Holiday décor, jewelry, books, toys, sporting goods, costumes, antiques, vintage items, etc. All items should be clean and in good working condition.

Donation Drop Off Dates

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 and Thursday, October 17, 2024 3:30pm to 5:30pm

At Parish Center Front office entrance

Friday, October 18th - 3:30pm to 7:00pm

Saturday, October 19th - 9:00am to 4:00pm

At parish center elevator door



Unable to accept any of the following items

Furniture, clothing, TVs, computers, large exercise equipment, large appliances

Clothing can be donated to SVDP and put in the green bin in the rectory parking lot.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT

St. Vincent DePaul - Outreach - Welcoming Ministry

which will assist families in our parish

Inquires call 516.735.8690 #2



2024

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards
of God's varied grace"*

1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

***The Catholic Ministries Appeal is
Stewardship in action!***

To donate, you can also visit [**https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/**](https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/)
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

July 21, 2024

**Catholic
Education**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	7,157.00	577.00	4:00pm	336
Online Giving	1,600.56	9.51	8:00am	194
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,972.00</u>	<u>267.00</u>	10:00am	240
Total	10,729.56	853.51	12:00pm	<u>245</u>
		Total		1,015

"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Total

1,015



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.

Question: If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

Q & A

Answer: We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith! We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

Pray for Our Deceased

Kenneth B. Campbell
James Keating
Gail McGuirk
Rose Ann Strong
Richard Francis Yackel

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
August 11th	Monday, August 5th
August 18th	Monday, August 12th
August 25th	Monday, August 19th
September 1st	Monday, August 26th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



July/August 2024

Sunday, 7/28—Catherine Sewell

Monday, 7/29—M/M Vincenzo Viggiano

Tue., 7/30—Diane Long

Wed., 7/31—Karin Grasso

Thurs., 8/1—Arlene Chirco

Friday, 8/2—James San Filippo

Saturday, 8/3—M/M Kevin Reilly

\$100 Month End Bonus Winner

Joan Coyne

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, August 4th

No scheduled events

Monday, August 5th

8:30am Rosary - Church

2:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary -
Chapel

Tuesday, August 6th

8:30am Rosary - Church

1:30pm Scripture Sharing - Room 112

Wednesday, August 7th

8:30am Rosary - Church

7:00pm Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible -
Delaney Hall

Thursday, August 8th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:00am VIRTUS class - Room 112

Friday, August 9th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Saturday, August 10th

8:30am Rosary - Church

6:00pm Knights of Columbus 300 Club Dinner -
Delaney Hall



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; Capt. Amy Connors, Army; Lt. Ian Connors, Army; Capt. Jacob Connors, Army; Lt. Ryan 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. E-3 Joseph Keller, Navy; 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 McMahon, 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.