

The Parish of Saint James

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The Clergy:

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PARISH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

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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

All Civic Holidays: 9:00 AM only

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

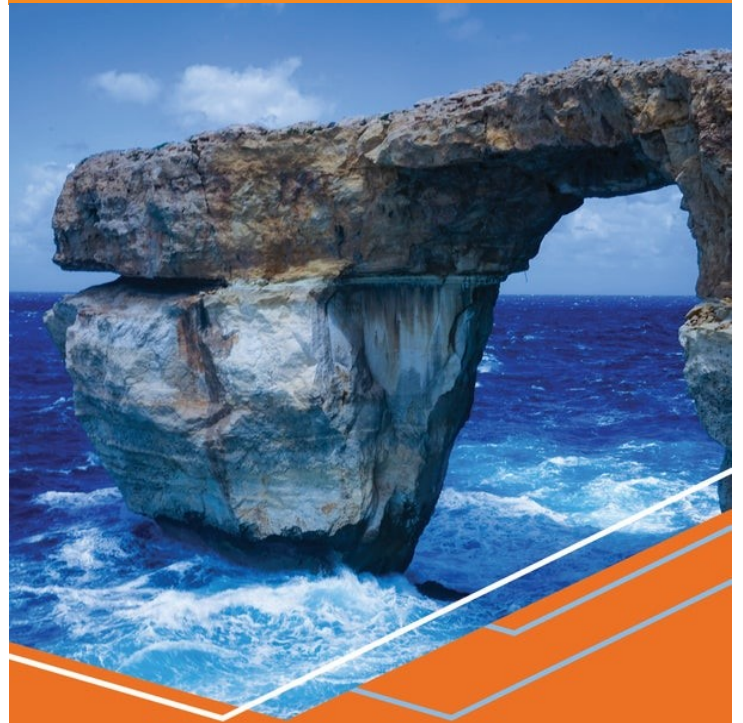
10:00 AM

12:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

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

September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 AM Santina & Salvatore Gangi
 10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
 Brussell Family
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Carol Pendergast - 20th Anniversary
 Remembrance
 Gladys McCullagh
 Tony Cassio
 Elaine Tenaglia
 Kenneth Campbell

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

8:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph Calandrillo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

8:00 AM Tony Cassio - 1st Anniversary
 Remembrance

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

8:00 AM Marilyn J. Tutino

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

8:00 AM Edward & Mary McKee - 60th Wedding
 Anniversary Remembrance

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

8:00 AM Faye Stallone
 Peter Vanatta - 2nd Anniversary
 Remembrance
 4:00 PM Marie Galdorese

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph Costantino &
 Secondino/Costantino Grandparents
 10:00 AM Bill Sohmer
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Louis Yurasits
 John Russo
 Karen Kenney LoCasto
 Arlene & Joe Chirco - 70th Wedding
 Anniversary
 Christopher Gibbons



MASS CELEBRANT

9/14 ~ 4:00pm ~ Msgr. Michael
 9/15 ~ 8:00am ~ Msgr. Michael
 10:00am ~ Fr. John
 12:00pm ~ Fr. Melchizedek

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 Cicciari, Lori Cicciari, 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, Arline Stafford, Rosemary Styne, William Styne, Ron Tedeschi, Julia Tobin, Sally Ann Waskewich, Isabella Rose Weiss, Jessica Weiss



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

I hope that you had the chance to do something fun or just relaxing during the summer months. I took the opportunity to catch up with some family members and friends during my “*staycation*”.

Returning to my own rooms, my own bed and bathroom facilities are grand. There is nothing that makes me happier. Unless, of course, I happen to win some sort of lottery or mega money prize. This hasn’t happened yet. Of course, that would mean that I would have to purchase a ticket to enter either of the above.

GETTING OFF OF LONG ISLAND: Twice I drove up to the Fishkill area to meet up with my cousin, Sal, to have lunch and then again to meet up with my favorite sister Jean and my favorite brother-in-law, John. My brother-in-law usually reminds me that I am his only brother-in-law. My response is always the same, “John, that doesn’t change anything.”

Jean and John love Disney and travel to Florida two or three times a year to visit. I know this but decided to act like that was news to me. John told me that they were going there in the next few weeks. My reaction to that was to say, “You like going to Disney?” Of course I was told, “Yes, we go there two or three times a year on vacation.”

You see, before meeting up with Jean and John I purchased this lovely print of the Disney Castle featuring many of the Disney characters. I was sure that my sister would like this print. As we were going to our separate cars I told them that I had something special for them.

I was right! They both loved the picture. It was worth everything to see their smiles of appreciation.

WELL, I’M BACK! I am delighted to be back as I sincerely think of all of you here at St. James as my family. I have met so many wonderful people over the fourteen years that I have served here as pastor. My hope is that I’ll be able to continue to serve here as the pastor until June 2028, when I will have reached my 75th Birthday. I know. I don’t look 71.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS: We will have a “Welcome Back to Church Weekend” on September 14th & 15th. Then, on September 29th at 12pm we will have our annual Blue Mass, celebrating and honoring all Police Officers, Firefighters and other First Responders. Please consult this bulletin for further information.

F. 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

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.
(Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

Gospel Meditation

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— *Father John Muir*

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.



What's Happening in Faith Formation??

FAITH FORMATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE HALL MONITORS ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, OR THURSDAYS FROM 4:15-5:30PM AND FROM 7:00-8:15PM ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 516-796-2979
If you would be able to be a substitute teacher please call the office and let us know.



We ask that you keep the Students who are receiving Confirmation on September 18th and 19th in your prayers

Confirmation Activities: Celebration of Reconciliation—
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6pm In the Church

Rehearsal for **September 18th Confirmation: Thursday, Sept. 12th**
September 19th: Monday, September 16th

REHEARSAL BEGINS AT 7PM SPONSOR AND STUDENT MUST ATTEND

Faith Formation Registration—If you have not registered your child for Faith Formation you must do so immediately SPACE IS LIMITED.

**All families who have registered can pick up their materials on the following days and times:
Monday, September 9 through Thursday, September 12 from 10am-5pm**

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LUNCH FROM 12:30—1:30PM
Pick up is in the FAITH FORMATION OFFICE



We are looking for
members to join our
new

St. James Prayer Shawl Ministry

All crocheters, knitters and weavers are welcome! We will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning in October. If interested please reach out to Linda at mrsg2002@verizon.net or 516-731-5688.

“Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles...”

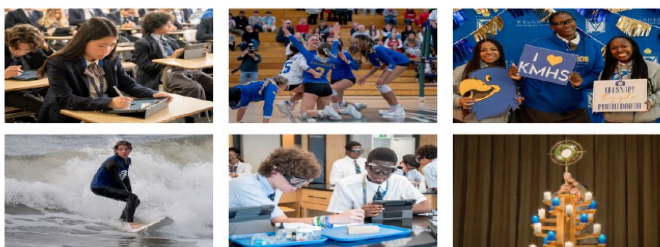
Written in 1998 by
Janet Severi Bristow

KELLENBERG
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 6-12
CONTINUOUS
SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Spreading Our Wings Rooted in Faith
KMHHS

OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 5, 2024
9 AM - 1 PM



KELLENBERG.ORG

Marriage & Banns

Week Three

Zachary Cachia & Alyssa Coughlin

Michael Grasso & Nicole Esposito



St. Pius X Residence for
Retired Priests

Caring for those who cared for us

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith. The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X will take place next weekend. Please be generous!

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

Fundraising

**GARAGE
SALE**

DELANEY HALL

OCT 20TH 8:30 AM-2PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Now is the time to declutter for a cause, save your stuff
and donate the week of Oct. 13th.

Incredible Bargains & Treasures

DONATIONS ACCEPTED - household items - kitchen - garden tools - holiday decor -
jewelry - books - children's toys - sports equipment - tools
NOT ACCEPTED - furniture - clothing - broken items

ALL PROCEEDS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT

St. Vincent DePaul - Outreach - Welcoming Ministry
which will assist families in our parish
Inquires call 516.735.8690 #2



ST. JAMES PARISH BLUE MASS

**A MASS TO HONOR POLICE OFFICERS,
FIREFIGHTERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 12:00 PM

**WE EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISH
FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND FIRST
RESPONDERS, ACTIVE AND RETIRED AND THEIR
FAMILIES TO JOIN US THAT DAY.**

**FOLLOWING THE MASS, WE WILL PROCEED
TO THE "BLUE FOUNTAIN" FOR A BRIEF
PRAYER SERVICE AND REFRESHMENTS.**

16TH ANNUAL
FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK



EVERY step makes
a *DIFFERENCE!*
2024

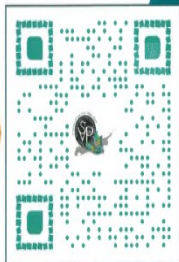
**Saturday
September 21, 2024**

**Heckscher State Park
East Islip, NY**

Come and join us for a day filled
with family fun, fresh air, and
refreshments while helping our
neighbors in need.

REGISTER AT:

SCAN



OR GO TO:

svdpli.org/walk



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

1:30 pm

**Saturday, October 5, 2024
by the Shrine of the Blessed Mother**

All are invited to bring your pets of any type to be
blessed at our annual Blessing of the Animals event.

We bless all animals, photos, ashes, people, and even
stuffed animals standing in as representatives.

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
AT 1:30PM**

St. James Parish
80 Hicksville Road | Seaford, NY | (516) 731-3710

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are coffee, sugar, juices, drinks, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, oil, vinegar, ketchup, bread crumbs, mayonnaise, jelly, Jell-O, Knorr's side dishes, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, Rica-a-Roni, spaghetti, salad dressing, SPAM, tuna fish, Dinty Moore canned stew, tomato sauce, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, tissues and paper towels. Thank you.



September 8 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?** 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.



**LAST
CHANCE
TO
REGISTER!**

Saint James ALPHA



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TO
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Our Alpha program will be on the following
TUESDAYS from 6:30pm to 8:30PM

September 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19, 26

and Saturday, October 26 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Scan this QR code to sign up for ALPHA!

Or go to this website DEACONCHRIS.ORG/ALPHA

For more information email ME@Deaconchris.org



**BLESSING OF
BACKPACKS -
SUNDAY,**

SEPTEMBER 15:

As the new school year begins, we would like to have a special blessing of backpacks. We wish all students, teachers and school personnel best wishes as they start a new academic year!

The blessing will take place at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, September 15th.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

August 25, 2024

**Visiting
Clergy**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	9,804.00	1,127.00	4:00pm	337
Online Giving	2,012.69	0.00	8:00am	217
Mail in Envelopes	510.00	30.00	10:00am	251
Total	12,326.69	1,157.00	12:00pm	243
		Total		1,048

"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Total

1,048

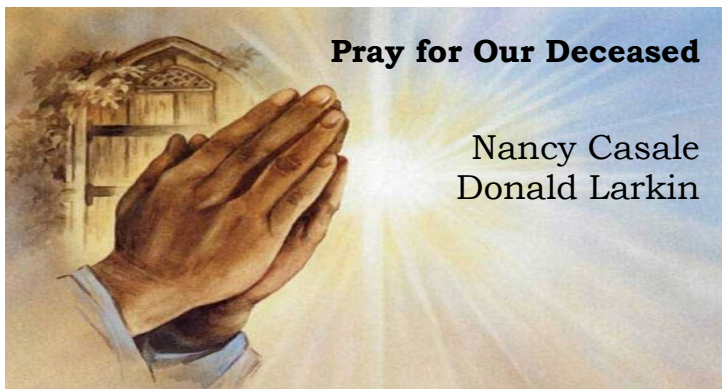


If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.stjamesrcchurch.org and click on the WeShare link or call the parish office at 516-731-3710.

Question: What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Q & A

Answer: Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated. The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.



FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
September 15th	Monday, September 9th
September 22nd	Monday, September 16th
September 29th	Monday, September 23rd
October 6th	Monday, September 30th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



September 2024

Sunday, 9/1—Eileen Cassar

Monday, 9/2—Deborah Murphy

Tue., 9/3—Kerry Grubb

Wed., 9/4—Tricia Gonzalez

Thurs., 9/5—M/M Richard Tucci

Friday, 9/6—Ann Lagravinese

Saturday, 9/7—M/M Robert Tutino

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, September 8th

No scheduled events

Monday, September 9th

8:30am Rosary - Church

6:00pm Reconciliation for Confirmation
students - Church

7:00pm Garage sale Meeting - Room 208

Tuesday, September 10th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Wednesday, September 11th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Thursday, September 12th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal - Church

Friday, September 13th

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, September 14th

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; 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.