

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

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

Holy Days: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

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

December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you
with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 AM Anthony Secondino
 10:00 AM Jose Ruiz
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Michael Vitale - Anniversary Remembrance
 Fiorentina & Angelo Mancuso
 Gaspar & Anthony DeSimone
 Ronald Schoeps
 Ronald B. Sooklall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

8:00 AM Margaret Moran
 12:10 PM Rudy Arabia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

8:00 AM Richard J. Zeiss
 12:10 PM Fr. Aaron Vellaramparampil -
 Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

8:00 AM Valerie & Rich Moricco
 12:10 PM Janet Kane

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

8:00 AM Linda Zeiss - Living
 12:10 PM Giovanni Farruggio

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

8:00 AM Pat Christy
 12:10 PM Mary McDonald

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

8:00 AM Mary & James O'Neil
 Tresa Joseph
 4:00 PM Anthony M. Quercia, Jr. - 8th Anniversary
 Remembrance

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:00 AM Denise Melnick - 1st Anniversary
 Remembrance
 10:00 AM Savannah Grace
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Michael E. Antonucci
 Louis Yurasits
 Jozef Rejman
 Edouard Garib
 Maria Angela Rotondo



MASS CELEBRANT

12/21 ~ 4:00pm ~ Fr. John
 12/22 ~ 8:00am ~ Fr. John
 10:00am ~ Msgr. Michael
 12:00pm ~ Fr. Benjamin

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, Joseph 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, Jim Perkowski, Diane Pheffer, Irene Poggio, Joseph Poggio, Cathy Prykuta, Dana Rodriguez, Richard Rogers, Kimberly Romano, Francesca Russo, Alexa Salvage, Iliana Saviano, Anthony Schiozzi, Caileen Sheehan, Cynthia Simson, Dennis Sisto, Maria Sisto, Joan Smith, Tony Sparaco, Arline Stafford, William Styne, Ron Tedeschi, Julia Tobin, Sally Ann Waskewich,



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While Advent is not considered a “penitential season” like Lent, we are challenged with the call to change our lives as a response to our belief in Jesus as we await his return in glory.

As a result of the preaching of John the Baptist found in this weekend’s Gospel, the crowd, tax collectors and even soldiers ask John the Baptist, “What are we to do?” John’s preaching was clear, *“Prepare the way of the Lord!”*

We are confronted with the same challenge. It is not enough to say that we believe, we need to show clear indications that we believe. As Matthew Warner wrote in his book, “Messy and Foolish,” “It’s one thing to profess. . . a belief, it’s another to let it transform your life.” Because you and I believe in Jesus and his teachings, we take them to heart, allowing them to transform our lives.

I’d like to share with you a quote from Thomas Merton in which he defines part of the reason for Advent: *“the Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ.”* What is it specifically in your life and mine, which “ . . . is not yet Christ?” Can you name it? Are you willing to let it go for your spiritual growth and for the good of others?

This coming Monday, December 16th, we will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession. It is so important to prepare for the celebration of this sacrament through the proper examination of our conscience beforehand.

The celebrants for the Confession:

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Fr. John & Fr. Benjamin

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Msgr. Michael & Fr. John

NOTE WELL: You might want to consider making an appointment to see one of our priests for confession if you need time to have a conversation about what is bringing you to go to Confession.

THE GIVING TREE:

I am also grateful to all those who took a tag or more from our “Giving Tree.” The gift cards you donate to our church at this time truly provide help to families so that they can have a wonderful Christmas. They want me to express their gratitude to you. I want to express my sincere gratitude to you as well since your generosity makes a real difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

First Reading:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

Gospel Meditation

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

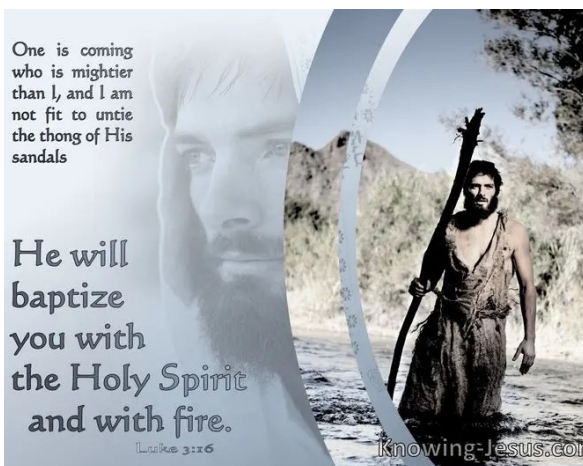
This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "**with the Holy Spirit and fire**" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

Father John Muir

Living the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.



What's Happening In Faith Formation??

This 3rd week of Advent we concentrate on JOY...How can you as a family share joy this week with friends and neighbors?

Tell you class what you did to spread joy!

Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Dec. 16—Dec. 19, 2024

Tue. Dec., 17 – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Dec., 18 – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Dec., 18 - 7:00-8:15pm

Thu. Dec., 19 - NO CLASSES

Fun Facts about ADVENT

Week 3 facts:

Today is GAUDETE SUNDAY:

The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the Psalm antiphon,

"Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

There are 2 meanings for the Advent Season:

WE celebrate the coming of the 2nd person of the Holy Trinity as Human
&

We celebrate the second coming when the Lord will return again.

What is the earliest date Advent can begin? What is the Latest date Advent can begin?



A reminder that the last day of class before Christmas Vacation is:

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 for both
4:15 & 7pm classes

THERE ARE **NO CLASSES ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH** AS OUR KELLENBERG STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING THEIR FINAL EXAMS! Let's keep them in our prayers that they do well on their exams!

Answer to last question:

The feast that ends the Liturgical Year is the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING!

How many got the right answer?

St. James Celebrates Christmas 2024

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, December 14, 21, 2024

3:00 – 3:45 PM

Monday, December 16, 2024

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Fr. John & Fr. Benjamin

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Msgr. Michael & Fr. John

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM - Fr. John

6:00 PM - Fr. Benjamin

MID-NIGHT MASS - Msgr. Michael

Caroling begins at 11:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:00 AM - Fr. John

10:00 AM - Fr. Benjamin

12:00 PM - Msgr. Michael

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 28, 2024

4:00 PM - Msgr. Michael

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 AM - Fr. Benjamin

10:00 AM - Msgr. Michael

12:00 PM - Fr. John



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
VIGIL MASS (WORLD DAY OF PEACE)

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

4:00 PM Vigil - Fr. John

11:30 PM - Holy Hour before the
New Year - Deacon Chris

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00 AM - Msgr. Michael

11:30 AM - Fr. Benjamin

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:00pm Vigil - Fr. John

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 AM - Msgr. Michael

10:00 AM - Fr. John

12:00 PM - Fr. Benjamin

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:00pm Vigil - Fr. Benjamin

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 AM - Fr. Benjamin

10:00 AM - Fr. John

12:00 PM - Msgr. Michael



Advent Holy Hour—Wednesday, December 18

7:30PM - Church - Dcn. Chris

“Advent has a twofold character, as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.” (#39 General Norms for the Liturgical Year)



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**WE ARE PLANNING TO INTRODUCE
YOUTH MINISTRY HERE AT ST. JAMES
AND WE NEED ADULTS TO HELP**

If interested, please email Nick Amster at
stjamesseafordym@gmail.com

Informational Meeting for Volunteer CORE Team
will be on Monday, 12/30/24 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center



**KELLENBERG
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

We Congratulate the
following parishioners
for being inducted into the
National Honor Society at
**Kellenberg Memorial
High School:**

**Ava Birne
Isabella Kawas
Olivia Nocerito
Thomas O'Sullivan
Christopher Parisi
Alexandra Pilock
Griffin Sharkey**



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

***Our current needs are ham
(regular and canned), oil,
mayonnaise, coffee,
boxed milk, juice, snacks, cookies,
crackers, chips, sugar, laundry
detergent, dishwashing liquid,
napkins, toilet paper, tissues,
paper towels and baby wipes.***

Thank you very much.

December 15-Third Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says,
"Whoever has two cloaks should share
with the person who has none. And
whoever has food should do likewise..."

**Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please
share your abundance by giving a gift to the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who
do not have clothes and food can share in the
blessings of Christmas.** 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:

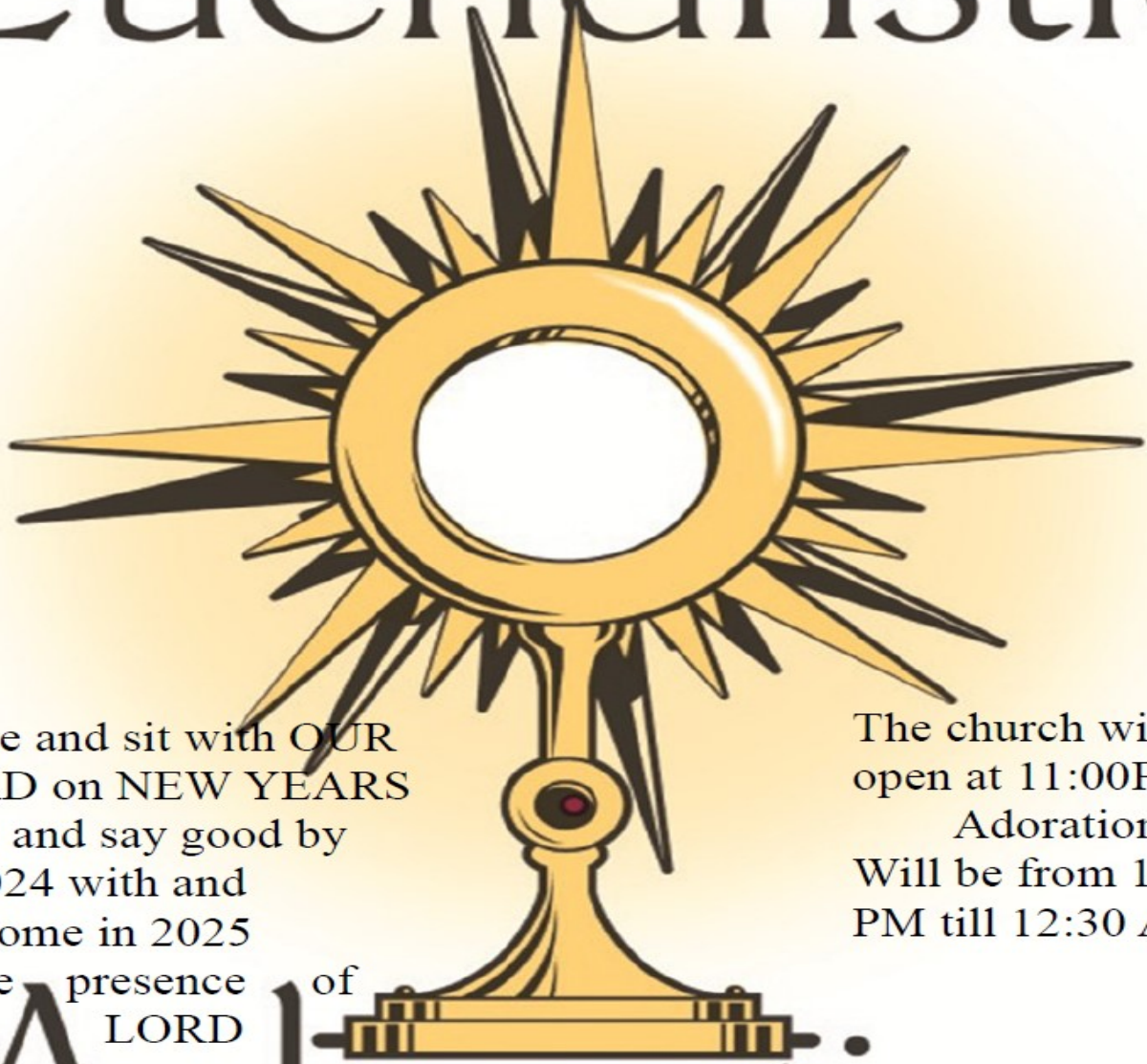
Saintjames saintvincentdepaul@gmail.com

or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.



Come join us December 31st at 11:30 PM to welcome in the
NEW YEAR and spend time with our LORD,

Eucharistic



Come and sit with OUR
LORD on NEW YEARS
EVE and say good by
to 2024 with and
welcome in 2025
in the presence of
the LORD

The church will
open at 11:00PM
Adoration
Will be from 11:30
PM till 12:30 AM

Adoration

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Welcoming Ministry invites you to join us on
New Year's Eve for a Pre-Eucharistic Adoration
gathering on December 31st from 8:30pm to
11:00pm in Delaney Hall. Bring appetizers to
share as we spend time with friends.

Marriage Banns

Week Three

Rebecca Bencosme & Marc Xu



We Congratulate the following parishioners for making the Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year at St. Dominic High School:

Grace Connors - Principal's List
Karly Munro - First Honors List



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

We welcome into the
St. James Community:

**Nina Marie Caccavale
Luian Paolo Castro
Gavin Elias Genna
Amelia Faye Hegel**

Congratulations to the
parents of the newly baptized!



Giving
TREE

**It's that time of
year when we rely
on the generosity
of parishioners to
help those in need.**

**The Giving Tree is in the Narthex.
Please take a tag and purchase a
gift card that is marked on the tag
and return to the Book Nook
Gift shop, the collection basket
or the parish center office.**

**We give thanks for the
abundant generosity of
St. James parishioners.**



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*****OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE***
PATRONESS OF THE
PREBORN MEMORIAL MASS**

**FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON TO HONOR THEIR SOULS
ABORTED, LIVING AND PREBORN!!
ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**7:30 P.M. AT
ST. JAMES R/C CHURCH IN THE CHAPEL
80 HICKSVILLE ROAD
SEAFORD N.Y. 11783**

**PARKING IS ADJACENT TO THE
CHAPEL AND SCHOOL FACILITY**

**WE WILL HONOR THE MEMORY OF ALL ABORTED
AND PRE-BORN BABIES FOR THE MONTH OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE'**

**INFORMATION NEEDED CALL:
KEITH WILSON, CHAIRMAN – 516-633-1435**

**MASS TO REPLACE THE
DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING.**



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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney Council
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Thank you

We have just completed our latest Alpha program, which included over 80 adults and Faith formation students. Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others over a free meal, hear a short talk on our Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective! Alpha is a 11 week course that creates a space where people come and discuss life's big questions. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Besides our Alpha team, **We would like to thank the following local businesses, for their support of our Alpha program. We encourage everyone to stop in and say thank you and to patronize these local business that help support our Catholic community.** Thank You.

Deacon Chris and Dawn



Pasta Time, 4278 Hicksville Rd, Bethpage
516 735-1608 Ask for either Sean or Greg

Villa Deli

337 Wantagh Ave, Levittown, NY 11756
516 731-3600 Ask for Angel



Chick-Fil-A 3859 Hempstead Tpke, Levittown
ask for the manager Annaleigh

Cino's Hot Bagels

1495 Hicksville Rd, North Massapequa, NY



The Book Nook Gift Shop

The Book Nook Gift Shop has Christmas items and gifts for sale including nativity sets, angels and ornaments. The Gift Shop is located in the narthex (lobby) of the church and is open
Saturdays from 3pm until 5:15pm and
Sundays from 8:30am until 1:30pm.
Please stop by before or after Mass.

Mercy Hospital

Glen Cove - Hicksville - Syosset
League of Mercy

Gift Wrapping at Broadway Commons Mall

Wrapping Hours:

Wed.	December	18	10AM-9PM
Thur.	December	19	10AM-9PM
Fri.	December	20	10AM-9PM
Sat.	December	21	10AM-9PM
Sun.	December	22	10AM-9PM
Mon.	December	23	10AM-9PM
Tue.	December	24	10AM-4PM

Price range from \$3 - \$10 based on size

All profits go to Mercy Hospital



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WINTER

COATS/ HATS/ GLOVES/ SWEATERS

5983 Delaney Council/ St. James Parish

• Location: St. James R.C. Church Narthex

• Times: Before and After Saturday and Sunday Masses

Starting November 17, 2024 through Winter 2025

We are accepting New and/ or Used Winter Coats which will be donated and distributed to those in need in our local and surrounding communities in Nassau County. We are also accepting other articles of winter clothing and accessories such as Hats, Gloves, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, and Snowpants.

Please bring your donations in a secured plastic bag to the Narthex at St. James Church and leave them in the labeled cardboard box. The donations will be collected by Knights of the Delaney Council and donated to our Partners for distribution to our needy members of the community

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

December 1, 2024

**Christmas
Flowers**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	10,518.00	1,683.00	4:00pm	394
Online Giving	3,802.15	9.51	8:00am	227
Mail in Envelopes	<u>2,241.50</u>	<u>280.00</u>	10:00am	398
Total	16,561.65	1,972.51	12:00pm	<u>300</u>
		Total		1,319

"Save Time and Donate Online!"



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: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray. **Q & A**

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Pray for Our Deceased

Dolores DiStefano
Stephen Peter Valente

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
December 29th	Tuesday, December 17th
January 5th	Friday, December 20th
January 12th	Monday, January 6th
January 19th	Monday, January 13th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



December 2024

Sunday, 12/8—Angelo Tomeo
Monday, 12/9—Patricia Hedderson
Tue., 12/10—Holly Del Re
Wed., 12/11—Anna Angione
Thurs., 12/12—Christopher Scarola
Friday, 12/13—M/M Ian Siegel
Saturday, 12/14—Mary Denunzio

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, December 15th

9:30am OCIA - Room 112

Monday, December 16th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, December 17th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

7:30pm Right to Life Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, December 18th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Faith Formation classes

7:30pm Advent Holy Hour - Church

Thursday, December 19th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

Friday, December 20th

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, December 21st

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

8:30am Rosary - Church

9:00am Women's Ministry - Room 112

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DECEMBER 14 & 15

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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.