

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: 4:00pm 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 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 AM Lucy Scarola - Birthday Remembrance
 10:00 AM Marilyn J. Tutino
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Angelo Gandino
 Living & Deceased Members of the
 Brussell Family
 William J. Tobin - 1st Anniversary
 Remembrance
 Magdalena & Valentin Stipsits
 Michael & Bernadette Famigletti
 Anthony Tiso, Jr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM Andrew Sarne
 12:10 PM Maria Agostino - 40th Anniversary
 Remembrance
 7:30 PM Rose DiStasi - Living

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

8:00 AM August Pasquariello
 12:10 PM Thomas Huber

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

8:00 AM Thomas Crivello
 12:10 PM Rose Vitale & Nicholas Pandone

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

8:00 AM Ronald Schoeps
 12:10 PM Eileen Derasmo - Living

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

8:00 AM Maria Angela Rotondo
 12:10 PM Don & Eileen Derasmo - Living

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8:00 AM Leo & Baby Brother Brancazio - Living
 4:00 PM Lucille Fennessy

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



MASS CELEBRANT

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

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions
 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Celebrants subject to change



Omar Albayaty, Marianne Amblo, Francine Argila, John Baglione, Stephanie Baio, Deanna Baisley, Pat Beirne, James Bianco, Christine Buerkle, Jennifer Callahan, Mary Calabrese, Carl Capobianco, Greg Capobianco, Philip Capobianco, James Castellane, JoAnn Chirco, 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,

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is being moved to Monday, December 9th, since the Sundays of Advent have a priority over this feast day. The Bishops have determined this feast day, honoring our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Conception, will remain a Holy Day of Obligation with the requirement of attending Mass.

The Mass schedule for Monday, December 9th, is 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM. Please join us at one of these Masses as we honor the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother, which prepared her to accept the invitation of the Angel Gabriel to become the Mother of the Son of God.

ALPHA PROGRAM: We recently completed our fall Alpha Program, a program of spiritual renewal and growth. There were approximately 90 adults and faith formation students who participated in Alpha including 34 Team members. It was a wonderful experience, which besides supporting each one's spiritual development also served as a community builder.

Each week for 11 weeks we gathered together to watch a video and then broke into smaller groups to discuss its meaning in our own lives. Those table conversations were a crucial part of the experience as it gave everyone who chose to speak an opportunity to reflect on their own experience and understanding. We are planning our next Alpha Program to start the first week of Lent. Please prayerfully consider participating in this program, which will help you grow in your personal faith and commitment to live the Gospel of Jesus. Advertising for the spring Alpha will take place in February.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES: As a direct result of Alpha, participants expressed the desire to continue to grow in their faith. With that in mind, we offer a few existing ongoing formation opportunities and will offer some additional Adult Formation Courses in the coming New Year.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible - 8 week course on Tuesdays beginning January 7th

The Elements of the Mass - this video series designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass

Will you follow Jesus to Calvary? We will walk step by step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. This 5 week program will be running during Lent.

Scripture Sharing - Each week we read the upcoming Gospel and discuss what was happening when Jesus spoke these messages and how to live out the message today (Tuesdays 1:30pm resumes January and Tuesdays 7pm - ongoing - registration not required)

Men's Prayer Group - The group serves the men of St. James by sharing everyday life experiences as Catholics and discussing how the gospel is part of our daily lives (1st and 3rd Saturdays - 7:30am - ongoing - registration not required)

Women's Ministry - This group serves the women of St. James by offering meditation and prayer - time for you to focus on yourself (Saturdays - 9:00am - ongoing - December 21, January 4 and 18 and then weekly beginning February - registration not required)

Additional information, including dates and sign up will be published in future bulletins. Everyone is invited to register and participate.

I hope that many of you will prayerfully consider joining our next Alpha session. Those who did are very happy they decided to participate.



Sacramental Life

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA):

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

MARRIAGES:

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

PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL:

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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

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

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS:

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

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

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

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

First Reading:

"For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:3-4)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

Gospel:

"The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

Gospel Meditation

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

Father John Muir

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.



What's Happening In Faith Formation??



Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Dec. 9—Dec. 12, 2024

Tue. Dec., 10 – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Dec., 11 – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Dec., 11 - 7:00-8:15pm

Thu. Dec., 12– 4:15—5:30pm

**Next Week is the last
Week of classes!**

**THERE ARE NO CLASSES
ON THURSDAY, DEC. 19TH**

Fun Facts about ADVENT

Week 2 facts:

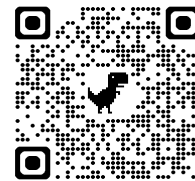
Advent has a changing start date, but it always contains 4 Sundays. It starts on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It can begin as early as Nov. 27th or as late as Dec. 3rd.

Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year. Advent was chosen to begin the year as representative of the time in history that Jesus Was Not known to us. With His birth the beginning of our faith was founded.

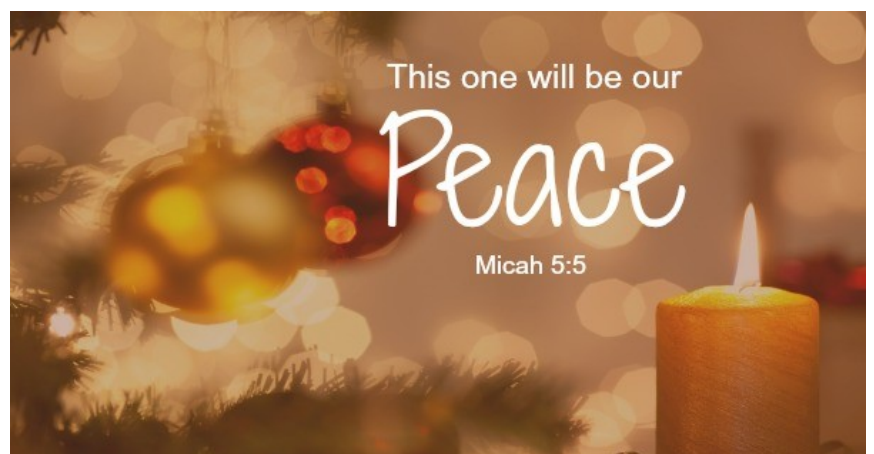
Do you know what feast ends the Liturgical Year? Answer Next week

This week Thursday, December 12th is the Feast of
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You can read about the story of the appearance of our Blessed Mother to Juan Diego by following the QR Code



Maybe you can share what you learned with your class this week!



This 2nd week of Advent we concentrate on PEACE...perhaps as a family you could pray for peace in our country and in our world as you light the 2nd candle of you family Advent Wreath!

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 Hours

“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)

Wednesdays - 7:30PM - Church

December 11 - Dcn. Rick

December 18 - Dcn. Chris



**LAST CHANCE!! Our 20th Annual Christmas
50/50 Raffle DRAWING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th**

Chances are \$10 each or \$40 for a full book of 5. Additional
tickets will be available for purchase in the Parish Center Office
during regular business hours. Thank you for your
support of this Parish fundraiser.

Bambinelli Sunday - A Blessing of Infant Jesus

Saturday, December 14, 2024 (4pm) and Sunday, December 15, 2024 -
the Third Sunday of Advent at all Masses.

We invite all families to bring their Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their
family's Nativity Set to be Blessed during this Holy Season of Advent.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Deepen your experience this Christmas season
by coming to see the St. James Christmas Pageant
on Saturday, December 14th at 6:30pm
in the Church.

Seating is open and admission is free.
We hope you enjoy the show!

We welcome into the St. James Community:



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

**Grace Elaine Accardi
Mia Marie Diggins
Olivia Juliet Lecrichia
Nicholas Christian Uriguen
Rylee Ann Walsh**

Congratulations to the
parents of the newly baptized!



A terrific time was had by all who visited the
St. Frances Cabrini Shrine and the Cloisters on
November 16, 2024. Many thanks to Anna Clifford
for arranging this wonderful trip!



**The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
observed on Monday,
December 9th is a
Holy Day of
Obligation.**

**Mass will be
celebrated
at 8am, 12:10pm
and 7:30pm.**

*Marriage
Banns*

Week Two

Rebecca Bencosme & Marc Xu



SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

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

**Giuliana Aquilino
Lorenzo Aquilino
Kaitlin D'Amore
Ella Friedrich
Nicholas Galindo
Valentino Martinez
Dylan McCrea
Michael Regina
Alexandra Schnepf
Sarah Vanella**

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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.**

Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive

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



December 8-Second Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the

way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate 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:

Saintjamessaintvincentdepaul@gmail.com

or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated in Loving Memory of:

Vincent LoBiondo

**Donated by:
Grace & Leonard
Angioli**

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

We Congratulate the following parishioners for earning Academic Award Honor Pins at Chaminade High School:



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

BAKE SALE
SPONSORED BY
WELCOMING MINISTRY

Proceeds donated to charity & church programs

DECEMBER 14 & 15
AFTER MASS

St. James Catholic Church

**80 Hicksville Road
Seaford, NY 11783**

Thank you for your support!



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



The Giving Tree will be 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.

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



2024 Cub Scout Pack 689 Christmas Pie and Cookie Sale



Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____

All orders and payment must be received by December 13, 2024

	Small / Large
• Apple Pie	\$30.00 / \$35.00
• Apple Crumb Pie	\$30.00 / \$35.00
• Dark Cherry Pie	\$30.00 / \$35.00
• Pear Crumb Pie	\$30.00 / \$35.00
• Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$10.00
• M & M Cookies (6 cookies come in each order)	\$10.00
• Gingerbread Cookies	\$10.00
• Half Dipped Shortbread Cookies	\$10.00

Please make checks payable to Pack 689 or use the Venmo QR Code below.

Pickup will be at Saint James on
Sunday December 22nd from 1:00 until 3:00PM

Contact or Questions

Brian Maguire
516-322-9774
689pack@gmail.com



Andrew Seidner
516-220-3386
689pack@gmail.com

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

November 24, 2024

**Outreach &
St. Vincent de Paul**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	9,726.00	1,138.00	4:00pm	389
Online Giving	1,945.79	61.82	8:00am	256
Mail in Envelopes	990.00	610.00	10:00am	340
Total	12,661.79	1,809.82	12:00pm	320
		Total		1,305



"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: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Q & A

Answer: "Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem. Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days. While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.



Pray for Our Deceased

Janet B. Kane
Michael James Martin

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
December 22nd	Monday, December 9th
December 29th	Tuesday, December 17th
January 5th	Friday, December 20th
January 12th	Monday, January 6th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



December 2024

Sunday, 12/1—Anna Maria Masi
Monday, 12/2—M/M Joseph Falce
Tue., 12/3—Denise Guido
Wed., 12/4—Eileen Harney
Thurs., 12/5—James Caruana
Friday, 12/6—Charles Lomonte
Saturday, 12/7—Bernadette Semenick

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, December 8th

9:30am OCIA - Room 112

Monday, December 9th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, December 10th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

Wednesday, December 11th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Faith Formation classes

7:30pm Advent Holy Hour - Church

Thursday, December 12th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Room 208

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

Friday, December 13th

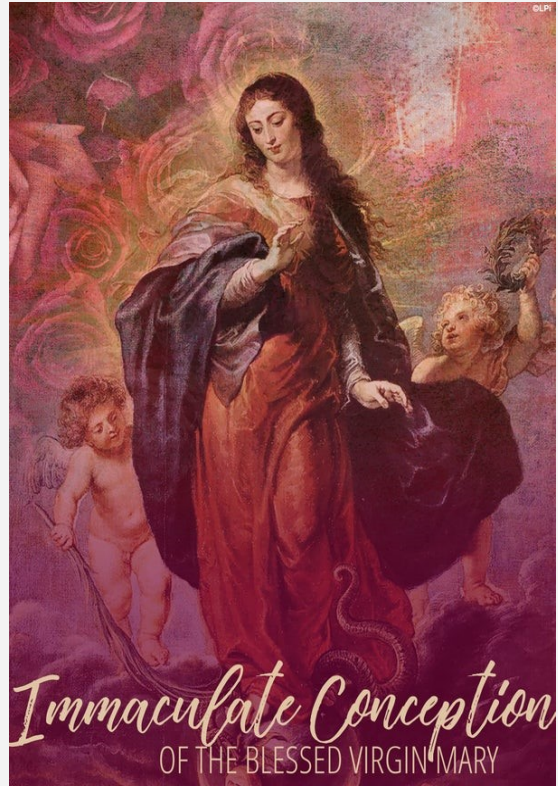
8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, December 14th

8:30am Rosary - Church

6:30pm Christmas Pageant - Church



*Holy Day of Obligation -
Monday, December 9th*

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.