

The Parish of Saint James

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The Clergy:

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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

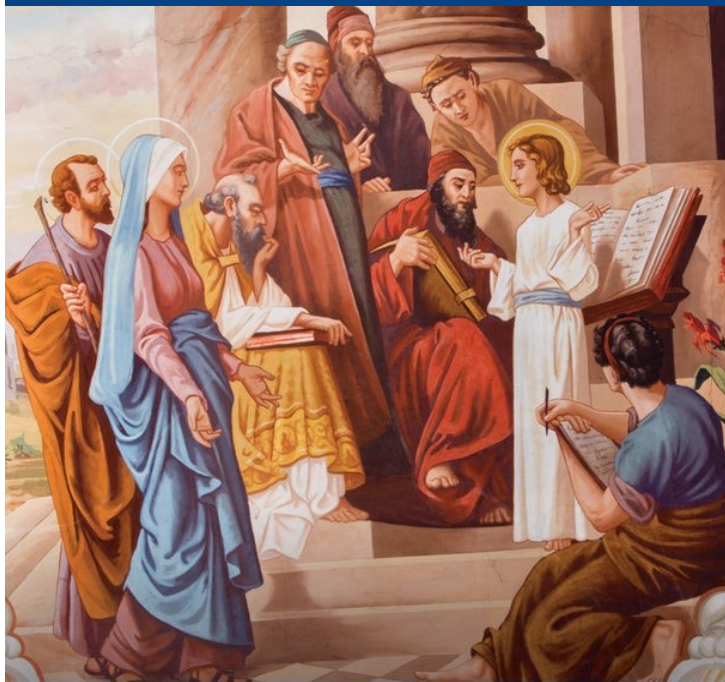
12:00 PM

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.

January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8:00 AM George Anthony Martinez
 10:00 AM Stefan Garger - 15th Anniversary
 Remembrance
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Dorothy Guercio
 Antonio Sansaet
 Bernardo DeLeon
 Vincenza Brullo
 Gladys McCullagh

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

8:00 AM Virginia Kelly
 12:10 PM June Russo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

8:00 AM Elaine Barbagallo
 12:10 PM Margaret Rappo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

8:00 AM Santina & Salvatore Gangi
 12:10 PM Richard Postiglione

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

8:00 AM Dominick Perrotto
 12:10 AM Msgr. Donald Hanson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

8:00 AM Felix Rosales & Anita Zuleta
 12:10 PM Angie Figueroa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

8:00 AM Laszlo Zoltan Tivadar
 4:00 PM Delphine Julian - Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:00 AM Joseph & Lucy Scarola - Wedding
 Anniversary Remembrance
 10:00 AM St. Brigid & The Ladies Ancient Order
 of Hibernians
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Dora Logosso & Joseph Porcelli
 Patria Batista
 Charles Lomonte
 Regina Vieira
 Kathleen O'Connell



MASS CELEBRANT

2/1 ~ 4:00pm ~ Msgr. Michael
 2/2 ~ 8:00am ~ Msgr. Michael
 10:00am ~ Fr. John
 12:00pm ~ Fr. John

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, Charlie Bowman, 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:

GUARDIANS OF THE SACRED EUCHARIST: Last weekend Msgr. Michael, Fr. Benjamin and I addressed our concern regarding abuses of the Sacred Host. Two consecrated hosts were found on the ground in our church parking lot, hosts were found in between the pages of our hymnals and another found simply sitting on one of the pews.

POINTS THAT WE MADE:

- 1) As Catholics we believe that at Mass the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus through the words of "consecration" spoken by the priest. *"This is **my** Body; this is **my** blood."*
- 2) Those who are Catholic, and not mindful of being in serious (mortal) sin, should receive Holy Communion each time that they are at Mass.
- 3) Catholics who are divorced and remarried outside the church, are not permitted to receive Holy Communion. This is NOT considered a "punishment" but an incentive to rectify this situation by seeking an annulment and getting married in the Catholic Church.
- 4) Couples who are not married but are living together should not receive Holy Communion because their lifestyle is against the moral teachings of the Church. Again this is not a punishment but should serve as a motivator to encourage couples to lead a proper moral life.
- 5) Catholics who stopped going to Mass or who have not been regularly attending Mass must celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (go to confession) before receiving Holy Communion to reestablishment their "communion" with the Catholic Church.
- 6) Non-Catholics (members of other Christian churches) cannot receive the Eucharist because Holy Communion is a sign that one is in Full-Communion with the Catholic Church.
- 7) When receiving Holy Communion, one should approach the Minister distributing Holy Communion (the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister), respond with AMEN when the minister says, "The Body of Christ."
- 8) Either receive Communion on their tongue or have it placed in your hand. The hand that you write with should be placed under your other hand, creating a sort of throne for the Sacrament.
- 9) Once the Consecrated Host is placed in your hand, immediately place the Holy Communion in your mouth before moving to the side and then returning to your seat.
- 10) If you are not permitted to receive Holy Communion (see above examples) you should not receive. Those in this situation should simply remain in their pew and spend time in private prayer.
- 11) If you find yourself beginning to believe what the Catholic Church teaches about the Eucharist, please consider converting to Catholicism. Please call the parish center office to arrange for the appropriate instruction.

I hope that these reflections are helpful to you. If you would like to talk about any of the above, please call or email me to schedule an appointment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John", located at the bottom left of the page.



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

(1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

Gospel Meditation

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister*!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the *way* he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "**fulfilled in your hearing**" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

Father John Muir

Living the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

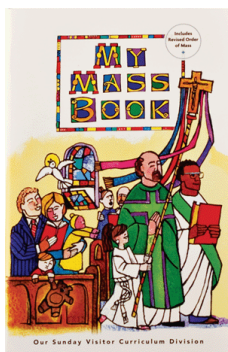
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THAT HAVE BEEN
FULFILLED AMONG US.
- LUKE 1:1

Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Jan. 27 - Jan. 31 2025

Tue. Jan., 28 – 4:15 - 5:30pm
Wed. Jan., 29 – 4:15 - 5:30pm
Wed. Jan., 29 - 7:00 - 8:15pm
Thu. Jan., 30 - 4:15 - 5:30pm

A REMINDER TO ALL LEVEL 2 STUDENTS:

Please Bring you Mass
Booklets to Class with
you every week.
We are beginning to
review the responses
for Mass.



What's Happening In Faith Formation??

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Luke's gospel is the only gospel to be addressed to a specific person—THEOPHILUS—A Greek Name which means: "friend of God" so perhaps St. Luke is writing this gospel for us...for are we not friends of God?

Jesus returns home to Nazareth, a town where he spent most of his life either helping his father in the carpenter's shop or playing with the other children who lived there.

In this gospel we are told that Jesus reads the scroll of the prophet Isaiah a passage that talks about the coming Messiah. When he is finished reading he tells those present that fulfilled. He proclaiming been born. tell us how of Jesus is those who passage.



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verse 22 the people ask, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" We see from the outset that Jesus' message will be met with doubt and unbelief. Yet, Jesus' message as survived, his church has survived because of those who do believe and continue to believe.

A reminder to all level 7 and 8 students that you Journal assignments are due. You should have completed at least 7 masses by this date. If you have not begun to hand in your assignments please do so this week.

**YOU CANNOT HAND IN ALL ASSIGNMENTS
ON THE LAST DAY OF CLASS!**

SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE



BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday,
FEBRUARY 19, 2025
1:45PM - 7:45PM

St. James Church and
Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus



We Welcome to the
St. James Community:

Angelo Daniel Cataldo
Alessia Helene Ferraro

We Congratulate the
parents of the newly baptized!



The Altar Bread
and Wine were
donated in loving
memory of

Violet & Mike
Sardo

Donated by
The Manton Family



Banns of Marriage

Week One
Nicole Doss &
Josef Ditizio



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

*Our current needs are
canned ham, coffee, hot
chocolate, tomato sauce, spam, pancake
mix, syrup, Dinty Moore Stew, juice,
boxed milk, cookies, snacks, cleaning
products, tissues,
paper towels, toilet paper
and laundry detergent.*

**January 26: Third Sunday in
Ordinary time**



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus
reads the words of scripture:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because
he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to
the poor." **In the month of January,**
through your gifts, the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul was able to assist many
families, providing food, and assistance
with utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank 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 516-735-8895. Thank you.

WELCOMING MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23rd - Family Fun Day
March 28th - Lenten Prayer and Dinner
April 13th - (Palm Sunday) Egg Hunt
June 27th - Movie
July 25th - Movie
August 29th - Movie
September - Back to Church Date - TBA
October 26th - Trunk or Treat
December - Polar Express—12pm to 3pm



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 26, 2025
Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church across the United States joyfully celebrates the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which begins today and concludes on February 1, 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2025 is, *United in Faith and Community*. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I am profoundly proud of how our Catholic Schools on Long Island continue to evangelize our young Catholics with dedication and love.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis highlights that "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture" (§134). This mission-driven approach is particularly timely in our Diocese. This year, as the capstone to our local Eucharistic Revival efforts, we are preparing for our significant Eucharistic Congress on June 8, 2025, accompanied by Eucharistic Pilgrimages that will traverse across Long Island, leading up to this transformative event. The mission of these initiatives is woven into the very fabric of Catholic Education, aiming to deepen our students' love for Jesus through the transformative power of the Eucharist and to empower them to evangelize their families and communities.

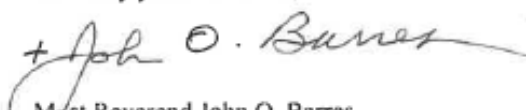
As our schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025 with Masses, open houses, and various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for all who make Catholic Education possible. To our dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for tirelessly advancing the Church's mission by sharing your love for Christ and nurturing His presence in the lives of His children. To the parents and guardians who generously contribute your time and talents: your love for Christ and His Church is inspiring, and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

To all our faithful parishioners, I warmly invite you to visit our schools during this special week. Attend an open house, meet our educators, and witness firsthand the vibrant communities of faith and learning that thrive within our Catholic Schools. Your support and presence affirm the vital role of Catholic Education in forming future generations rooted in faith.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, captured the essence of Catholic Education when he said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." The incredible work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools fills me with great hope for the future of our society on Long Island—a future bright with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and His Church.

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless our Catholic Schools and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Collection boxes will be in the narthex of the church.

SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION

**FOOD INSECURITY DOESN'T END WHEN THE HOLIDAYS DO—
IT'S A YEAR-ROUND CHALLENGE.**

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LET'S TACKLE HUNGER TOGETHER!



**HELP STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY
FEBRUARY 1-9, 2025**

Join our team of MVPs in the fight against hunger!
Be a champion for your community by participating in our canned food food drive.
Gather items to help restock our parish food pantry and provide support to neighbors in need during the cold winter months.



Become a Knight
Msgr. William A. Delaney Council #5983
Knights of Columbus



Why join the Knights of Columbus?

If you are interested in helping those in need, making a difference in your community, serving your parish, or having access to our top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Just give us 24 hours in a year to see how the Knights can be the experience of a lifetime, here is the breakdown

8 hours a year working with brother knights on charitable projects for our parish and community.

5 hours a year enjoying a council function/social event.

8 hours a year attending council meetings to help plan our future activities.

2 hours a year attending mass as a group with your brother knights and families.

1 hour a year meeting with a Knights of Columbus insurance agent for a free analysis of insurance needs and to learn about our top-rated programs available only to members and their families.

Come find out why over 2 million Catholic men worldwide have made the decision to join us, sharing their time, talent, and treasure to continue the mission and vision of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, with our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Grand Knight – Michael Antonucci 516-903-4354 mikeant7@optonline.net
Membership Chairman – Thomas Moran 516-260-1517 dd14pgktom@gmail.com

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of **February 1st & 2nd**, St. James Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ✓ Free pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Free sonogram
- ✓ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ✓ Medical care referrals
- ✓ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ✓ Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
MARCH 1ST & 2ND**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give
the gift of life to her preborn baby!*



**Alpha is coming in March ...
Stay Tuned!**



Time for Tea

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

Sunday, March 30th, 2025

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

\$35.00 per person

Delaney Council
110 Merritts Road
Farmingdale, NY 11735

RSVP by March 16th, 2025
Reservations and Seating Requests
MaryAnn Cabri 516-366-9133
491 North Bay Drive No. Massapequa, NY 11758
(Check payable to Delaney Columbiettes)

Assorted Tea Sandwiches, Garden Salad,
Teas and Desserts
Raffles & 50/50

Fanciest hat wins a prize
Hats are required for admission!





How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence on Long Island




 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Pilgrimages

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage **to any sacred jubilee site:**

- 1 TO ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR PAPAL BASILICAS
- 2 TO ONE OF THE THREE BASILICAS IN THE HOLY LAND
- 3 TO THE LOCAL CATHEDRAL OR CHURCH DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL ORDINARY

from DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE INDULGENCE, POPE FRANCIS



WHAT IS A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

A plenary indulgence is a special grace granted by the Catholic Church that removes all temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven through confession, essentially offering a complete remission of punishment, allowing the recipient to be fully purified as if newly baptized, provided they meet specific conditions.



The faithful of Long Island can attain this Plenary Indulgence by making a pilgrimage to

THE CATHEDRAL of ST. AGNES

and praying at the

2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS

enshrined at the Cathedral and installed by Bishop John O. Barres.

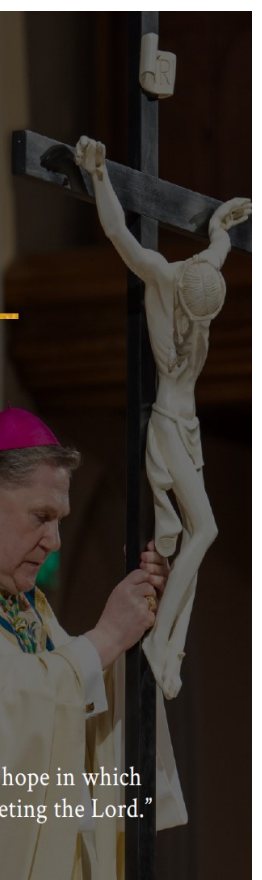


Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- 1 Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- 2 Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- 3 Be spiritually detached from sin
- 4 Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 5 Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS





THOMAS BERRY PLACE

A PASSIONIST MINISTRY

Spring Spiritual Retreat Weekend *at Thomas Berry Place*

**Friday - Sunday,
March 21-23, 2025**



Our beautifully refurbished
Retreat House is a peaceful oasis
in the heart of the city!
We have created a Place of sacred
hospitality, prayer and restoration.



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*Join us for a Self-Guided Silent Retreat -
come to spend personal time with God.*

Explore, reflect, meditate, journal and more.
Materials available to assist in your experience
and a Spiritual Director can be arranged.

Reservations are required and space is limited.

Call 929-357-6700 x205 or send an email to
Kelli@ThomasBerryPlace.org to reserve your spot!

***TBP also invites Clergy and Religious Orders
to come and enjoy our sacred space.
Call for more info!***

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Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

January 12, 2025

**Maintenance
& Repairs**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	8,439.00	904.00	4:00pm	387
Online Giving	715.00	113.00	8:00am	194
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,844.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>	10:00am	330
Total	10,998.78	1,017.00	12:00pm	<u>319</u>
		Total		1,230



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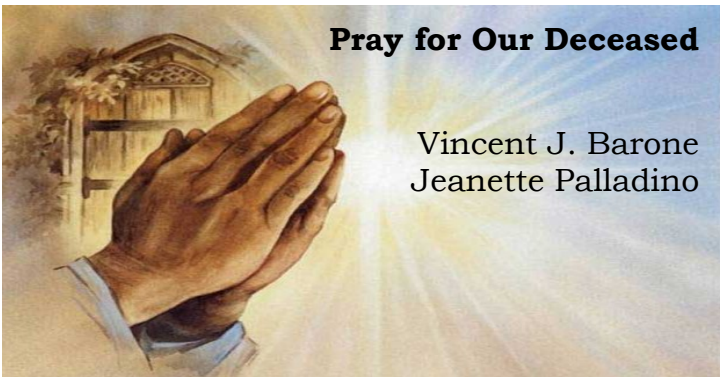
If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.stjamesrcchurch.org and click on the WeShare link or call the parish office at 516-731-3710.

Question: I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Q & A

Answer: Charles Shultz, the creator of the *Peanuts* comics wrote, *"I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!"* This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: *"If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen"* (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God. Love is *"the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God"* (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

Pray for Our Deceased



Vincent J. Barone
Jeanette Palladino

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
February 9th	Monday, February 3rd
February 16th	Monday, February 10th
February 23rd	Wed, February 12th
March 2nd	Monday, February 24th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



January 2025

Sunday, 1/19—Diane Carroll
Monday, 1/20—Dante Chiaramonte
Tue., 1/21—Steven Walczyk
Wed., 1/22—M/M Victor Tutino
Thurs., 1/23—Donna Steckman
Friday, 1/24—Tracey Sommerville
Saturday, 1/25—Louise Matthews

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, January 26th

9:30am OCIA - Room 112

Monday, January 27th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, January 28th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

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

Wednesday, January 29th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

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Thursday, January 30th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

Friday, January 31st

8:30am Rosary - Church

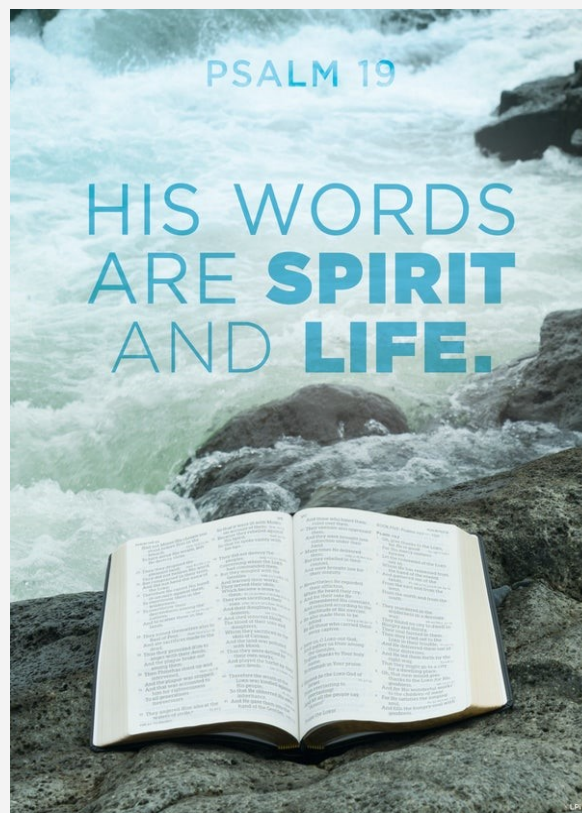
11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, February 1st

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

8:30am Rosary - Church

9:00am Women's Ministry - Room 112



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.