

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.

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."

- Lk 6:43



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8:00 AM Rosemarie & Anthony Pepe
 10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
 Murphy Family
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Joan & Al Marro
 Michael & Marga Regina - Living
 Trudy Galfano
 Rosemarie Rose
 Edward Novak

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

8:00 AM Vincent Pasquale
 12:10 PM Antonia DeVito

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

8:00 AM Paul Bauccio - Birthday Remembrance
 12:10 PM Michael Tamburo - 5th Anniversary
 Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Marilyn J. Tutino
 12:10 PM John Muscanera
 7:30 PM Msgr. Frank Schneider

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

8:00 AM Billy Boy Keller
 12:10 AM Robert Jones

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

8:00 AM Pedro Ayala
 12:10 PM Patricia Miller

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

8:00 AM Peter & Lee Rumore
 4:00 PM Sarah Walsh

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8:00 AM Rosemarie & Anthony Pepe
 10:00 AM Kathleen McCarthy - 3rd Anniversary
 Remembrance
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Rich Outsen & Maureen Outsen
 Ben Mauro & Taylor Mauro
 Michael & Marga Regina - Living
 Maria Zuman
 Thaddeus & Oriene Polant



MASS CELEBRANT

3/8 ~ 4:00pm ~ Fr. John

3/9 ~ 8:00am ~ Fr. John

10:00am ~ Fr. Benjamin

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, 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, Grayson Danielski, 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, Raymond Flood, 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 Pfeffer, 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:

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: The Sacred Season of Lent will begin in 3 days, on March 5th. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (two small meals not equaling in volume to a third larger meal) and abstinence (not eating meat). Each year I hear senior citizens, those over 65, tell me that they are no longer required to abstain from meat since they reached their 65th birthday. This is simply not true. Everyone who has reached his or her 14th birthday is required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The requirement to FAST ceases once one has reached his or her 60th birthday.

SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS DURING LENT (AND BEYOND):

1. ALPHA: We will be offering our Alpha Program, once again, during Lent and part of the Easter Season. Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to explore what we believe about Jesus and the Church, in the context of an open environment with others exploring what they believe as well. We start by sharing a simple meal, we watch a short video and then have the opportunity to share our thoughts and reflections about what we just viewed. This is all done in the context of small groups who respectfully listen and speak to each other.

2. SCRIPTURE SHARING:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON: On Tuesday, February 20th, I restarted the Scripture Sharing Group that meets in the afternoon from 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Adult Faith Formation Room. Each week we view a talk by Dr. Brant Petri who reflects about the Gospel for the coming weekend. After the film we share our thoughts and have opportunities learn from each other.

TUESDAY EVENING: There is a Scripture sharing group that meets on Tuesday evening from 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the parish center, led by Chris Chalmers and Deacon Chris. They look ahead at the Sunday readings in preparation for participating at Mass on the coming weekend.

3. LENT PARISH RETREAT: We are offering a Lenten Retreat, for five weeks during the Season of Lent. There are several visiting clergy who will preach during this Retreat. The theme will build on last year's retreat when we spoke about the purpose of Lent, which is to prepare us for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Baptism is our sharing in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Having "remembered" the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, (called the Paschal Mystery) we will renew the commitment that was made the day we were baptized.

THIS YEAR'S MISSION: The theme of this year's Lenten Mission is, "How do we live our lives reflecting that we are Baptized Members of the Body of Christ?"

Wednesday, March 12: Fr. John (The Call to Ongoing Conversion)

Wednesday, March 19: Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist)

Wednesday, March 26: Msgr. Ralph Sommer (Is your Baptism as catching as Covid?)

Wednesday, April 2: Fr. Tony Stanganelli

Wednesday April 9: Dcn. Rick Brunner

Let us pray for each other that we will participate in one or more of the above offerings so that we can enter as fully as possible into the coming Lenten Season.

Fr. 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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

Gospel Meditation

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "**For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles**" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— *Father John Muir*

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?

What's Happening In Faith Formation??

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher."

Luke 6:40

Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Mar. 3, — Mar. 7, 2025

There are NO CLASSES
this week.

All Students are expected to
attend one of the
Ash Wednesday
Masses or Services
CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR TIMES



As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, let us reflect on the "planks" in our own eyes and seek God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please pray for our level 2 students who will be going to the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this month. May the experience be one of joy and comfort.

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Level 7 and 8 are reminded that all  
Confirmation Journal work is due by the  
Last day of Classes  
(April 8, 9, 10)

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If you have a child entering 1st grade in the fall of 2025 you should be thinking about registering for level 1 Faith Formation



LAST DAY OF CLASS

A Reminder that the
Last Day of Classes are
April 8, 9, 10



Registration
Information

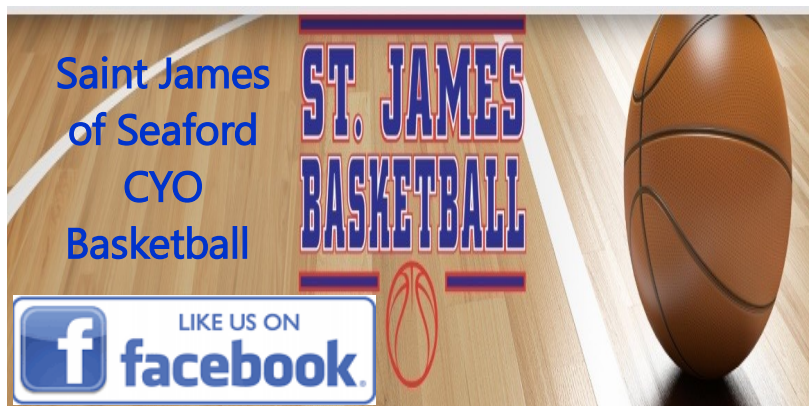
REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FAITH FORMATION YEAR WILL BEGIN ON
APRIL 1, 2025. EMAILS WILL GO OUT
SOON BE ON THE LOOK OUT. IF YOU DO
NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL BY APRIL 1ST
CALL THE FAITH FORMATION
OFFICE 516-796-2979



Congratulations to all our parishioners who donated at our Parish Blood Drive on February 19, 2025.

78 units of Blood were collected which saved

234 lives. Thanks to Vinny Cioffi, Joe Theisen, Christine Handwerker, Eleanor Krebs, Debbie O'Connell, Maria Daly, Barbara Ferraioli, Joe Canova, Mark Antonucci, and Tom Galvin for making this Blood Drive a Success.



Become a Knight

Msgr. William A. Delaney Council

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mikeant7@optonline.net

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dd14pgktom@gmail.com



Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are canned hams, canned chicken, coffee, mayonnaise,

boxed milk, canned fruit, hot chocolate, ketchup, jelly, Knorr's pasta mixes, sugar, pancake mix and syrup, juice, drinks, bread crumbs, oil, spam, ramen noodles, jarred tomato sauce, vinegar, sugar-coated cereal, jelly, cookies, chips, snacks, Spaghettios, shampoo, laundry detergent, cleaning products, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, and napkins.

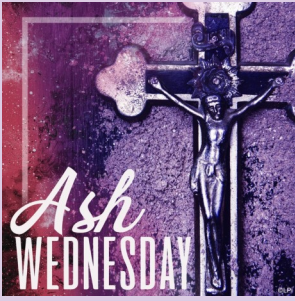
Thank you very much.

March 2: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own? A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...." **It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.** 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE - MARCH 5, 2025

NOTE WELL:

Ashes will be distributed ONLY after the homily during Mass and each of the Services of the Word

MASS WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES (After the Homily):

8:00 AM – Fr. Benjamin
12:10 PM – Msgr. Michael
7:30 PM – Fr. John

PRAYER SERVICES WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES (After the Homily)

7:00 AM – Dcn. Chris
3:00 PM – Dcn. Rick
5:00 PM – Dcn. John

“The annual Lenten season (which begins on Ash Wednesday) is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. . .the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises.” (Bishop’s Ceremonial, #249)



2025 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

**Wednesdays evenings
7:30 PM in Church**

What does it mean to be a baptized member of the Church? Each preacher will share his reflection about the significance of baptism in our lives.

March 12 - Fr. John (The Call to Conversion)

March 19 - Bishop Andrzej

(Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation)

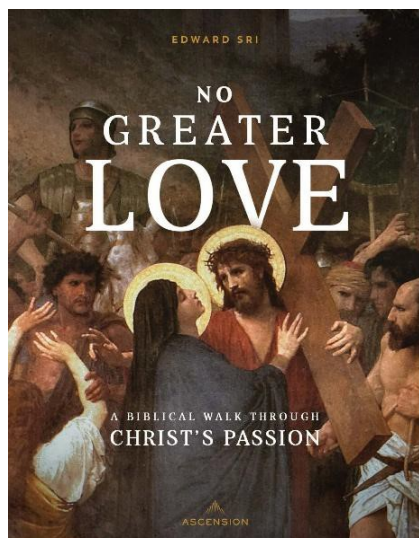
March 26 - Fr. Ralph Sommer

(Is your Baptism as catching as Covid?)

April 2 - Fr. Tony Stanganelli

April 9 - Deacon Rick





NO GREATER LOVE

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion is more than a Bible study. It is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. This study will help you understand Christ's passion in a new way. The "head knowledge" you gain will help you grow in "heart knowledge" as you follow up on what you have learned. The Bible will always remain a mystery, though, and that is part of the beauty of it: We can never exhaust the treasures of Scripture. Fortunately for us, the Bible is not a subject to master; it is a place to encounter the living Word of God.

We will be running this program 7:00pm-8:30pm on Thursdays during Lent in Room 112 in the Parish Center
March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, April 10

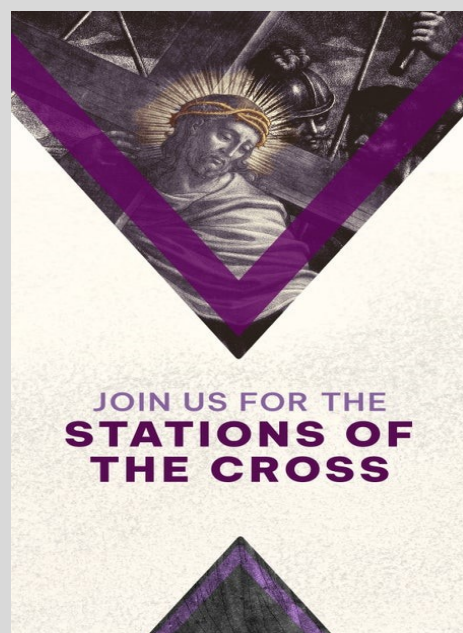
As you begin this journey, here is what you will need to get started:
please purchase the book
"NO GREATER LOVE A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION"
from Ascension Press.

Here is the link <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love>

Please email Deacon Chris if you intend to participate:
me@deaconchris.org

**Please join us in the Church
every Friday during Lent at
3pm or at 7pm for
Stations of the Cross
as we relive Jesus' last hours.**

**Friday evenings will include a
1-2 minute reflection on one of the
Stations. For more info contact
Deacon Chris at
Deaconchrisdaniello@gmail.com**



St. James Family Ministry is hosting
a Soup & Sandwich Social in Delaney Hall
on Saturday March 8th. at 5:00 pm



Reservations are required

Call Linda at 516 731-5688
leave a message and she will call you back.
Call Deadline is Tuesday March 4th..



THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES ANNOUNCES **SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE**

Our daily Bonanza drawing gives you 365 chances to win – and you can win more than once! When you win, your ticket goes right back into the drum.

There is also a monthly drawing of \$100 to be pulled the last day of every month. In addition, there is a special Quarterly drawing of \$250 to be pulled on the 15th of June, September, December and March. An extra Bonus of \$1,000 will be drawn on Easter Sunday, (April 20th), the Feast of St. James (July 25th), and Christmas (December 25th).

To enter the Super Bonanza raffle, fill out the registration card(s) and return them to the Parish Center or into the collection basket at Mass with a \$30.00 donation for each card. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Center during normal business hours.

Thank you for all the ways you support the good work of our parish.

Saint James ALPHA



Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Alpha is a 11 week and one Friday and Saturday series of conversations focused on the questions of life, faith, and meaning of life. Each session includes a **MEAL**, time to connect with others, hear a talk on some element of faith, and then a chance for people to share their own questions and perspectives even if it's different from ours!

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

March 11, 18, 25,

April 1, 8, 22, 29,

May 6, 13, 20, 27 and

Friday, May 2 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday May 3 - 8:30am to 4:00pm



Scan this QR code to sign up for **ALPHA** or go to this website
DEACONCHRIS.ORG/ALPHA

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Saturday, March 29* - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
Thursday, April 3 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm
Tuesday, April 8 – St. Elizabeth /Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., March 29* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, April 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Thursday, May 8 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to what is stated here, please be prepared.

*On **March 29**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the **SAME** day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



**St. James RC
Church**

**Msgr. William A.
Delaney
Council 5983
Knights of Columbus**



**St. Patrick's
"Pot of Gold
Raffle"**

\$10.00 per ticket / 3 for \$25.00
Drawing to be held on March 15, 2025.
(you do not need to be present to win)

Tickets will be sold in the
narthex following all Masses
on March 1st and 2nd
and March 8th and 9th.



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AT ALL MASSES.**

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living our faith in relationship to all of God's
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Questions? Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 516-735-8895

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Saint James Parish & Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus

Saint Patrick's & St. Joseph's Party

Saturday March 15th 7pm @ St. James Parish Center - Delaney Hall



\$55 per person

Pot of Gold Raffle!!

Get your Irish on and join us in celebrating St. Patrick with an evening of food, friends, entertainment, and fraternity!

Reservations are required!

Matt Antonucci 516/721-4169 – maarch@optonline.net

Thomas Moran 516/260-1517 – dd14pgktom@gmail.com

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

February 16, 2025

**Outreach &
St. Vincent de Paul**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	10,666.00	1,382.00	4:00pm	407
Online Giving	2,455.77	167.00	8:00am	170
Mail in Envelopes	866.50	218.00	10:00am	314
Total	13,988.27	1,767.00	12:00pm	<u>267</u>
		Total		1,158



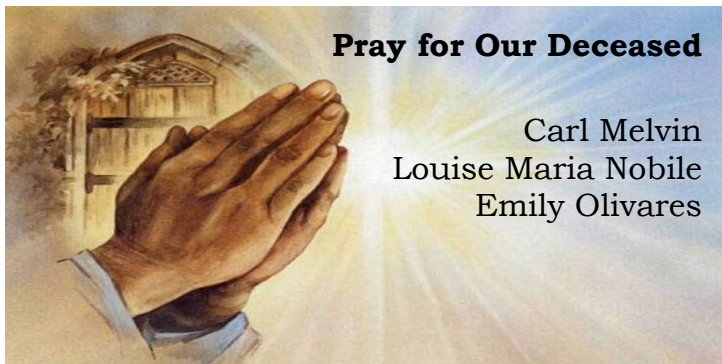
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

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: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Q & A

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "*out of the dust of the ground*" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not. As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*" or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*" When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.



Pray for Our Deceased

Carl Melvin
Louise Maria Nobile
Emily Olivares

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
March 9th	Monday, March 3rd
March 16th	Monday, March 10th
March 23rd	Monday, March 17th
March 30th	Monday, March 24th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



February/March 2025

Sunday, 2/23—Patricia Kirk

Monday, 2/24—Debra D'Amico

Tue., 2/25—M/M Daniel Mule

Wed., 2/26—M/M Christopher Pendergast

Thurs., 2/27—Grace Giusto

Friday, 2/28—Gabriella Iezzi

Saturday, 3/1—Adam Jankowski

\$100 Month End Bonus Winner

Sarah Jane Sansaet

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, March 2nd

9:30am OCIA - Room 112

11:00am Hospitality Breakfast - Delaney Hall

Monday, March 3rd

8:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, March 4th

8:30am Rosary - Church

1:30pm Scripture Sharing - Room 112

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

Wednesday, March 5th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Thursday, March 6th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

7:00pm **No Greater Love** - Room 112

Friday, March 7th

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, March 8th

8:30am Rosary - Church

9:00am Women's Prayer & Meditation - Room 112

5:00pm Family Ministry - Soup & Sandwich Social
Delaney Hall



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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.