

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

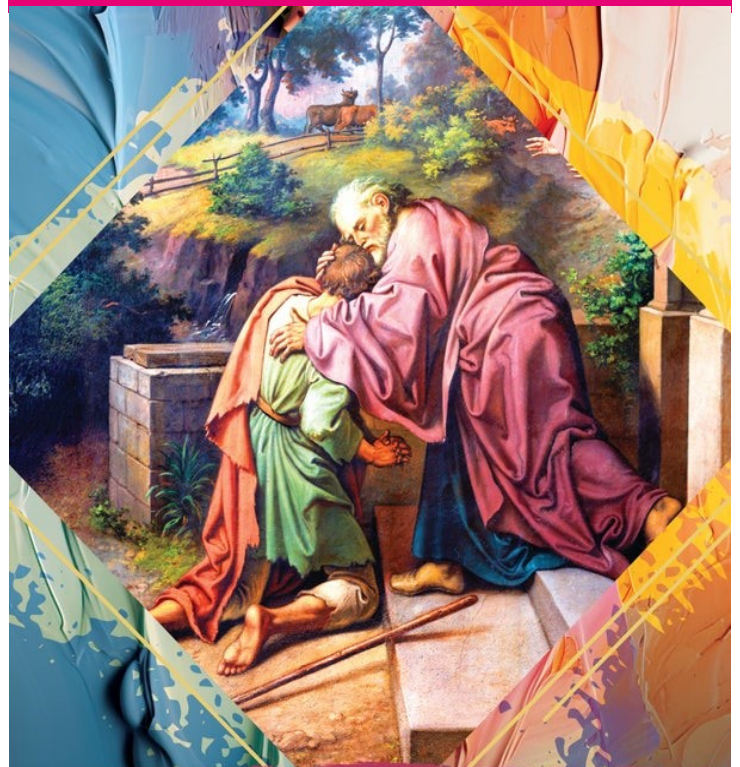
Holy Days: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

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 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again." - Lk 15:24a



SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8:00 AM Antonio Clelia & Elvira DeVellis
 10:00 AM Margaret Pleta - Living
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Tony Cassio - Birthday Remembrance
 Gladys McCullagh
 Michael & Marga Regina - Living
 Donna Pollack
 Patria Batista & Marcos Pichardo

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

8:00 AM James E. Knight
 12:10 PM Edward McKee - 8th Anniversary
 Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

8:00 AM Edgardo Ladores
 12:10 PM Bro. Richard Hartz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

8:00 AM Audrey Shult
 12:10 PM Jill Murphy

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

8:00 AM Vincent Pasquale
 12:10 AM Bill Gruener - Living

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

8:00 AM Eileen & Dan Rueterholz - 55th
 Anniversary
 12:10 PM Michael & Marga Regina - Living

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

8:00 AM Scott Murphy - Living
 4:00 PM June Russo

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

8:00 AM Marilyn J. Tutino
 10:00 AM John & Robert Walsh
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Rose & Joseph Savino
 Maria Phuong Cao
 Ivan Toic
 Maureen Hart
 Angela Secondino



MASS CELEBRANT

4/5 ~ 4:00pm ~ Fr. Benjamin
 4/6 ~ 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



Prayer
REQUESTS

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:

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): The most appropriate way to prepare for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) is by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By going to confession, we acknowledge that we have reviewed our life during Lent and have identified areas where we have not kept God's commandments or are living outside the church's teachings.

An Examination of Conscience: To assist you with preparing to go to Confession I am including this Examination of Conscience.

We confess our lack of faith, our lack of trust and confidence in God and misusing his name.

We confess failing to pray because we had other things to do that seemed more important, failing to take time to reflect upon and evaluate our lives.

We confess neglecting Mass on Sundays and Holy Days with no good reason; not being attentive at Mass, coming late to Mass or leaving early; distracting others from participating reverently in the celebration of Mass.

We confess our failure to pray and to do penance as the Lord has commanded during this Holy Season of Lent.

We confess refusing to see God and love him in the persons around us; saying or doing things that hurt others, gossiping, making rash judgements or making comments about others.

We confess giving bad example by word and action; being unjustly angry or impatient with those with whom we live, fighting with our family members.

We confess the times we were unjust toward our neighbor; the times we were dishonest or lied; taking what does not belong to us; not respecting the property of others.

We confess being indifferent to the need of others, not going out of our way to help others because we might get hurt, refusing to help those who really need us.

We confess our lack of respect toward those in authority; failing to respect our parents and those who lead us.

We confess mistrusting people of different races or backgrounds from ours, betraying trust that is placed in us at home, at work or at school.

We confess dodging responsibility that we have; failing to live up to our capabilities; accepting complacency, making little effort to improve our lives and the lives of others.

We confess being sluggish and lazy; not using our many gifts to bring happiness into the lives of others.

We confess not forgiving our neighbor as God has forgiven us, or sometimes forgiving our neighbor but with strings attached.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

We confess not showing enough love to the members of our family.

We confess overeating and overdrinking; being overly concerned about our physical needs and pleasures spending too much time concerned about what we wear or what we own.

We confess loving others selfishly and possessively; using others for our own satisfaction and benefit cheapening human love in actions, words and jokes.

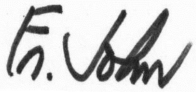
We confess wasting oil, coal, gas, electricity and other natural resources.

We confess not praying enough for our leaders in church and in our government; not working as we should for world peace.

We confess not sharing our material possessions with the less fortunate in our nation and in the world.

We confess not working for human rights and the freedom for all people; especially, for those suffering under oppression.

There are many opportunities to go to Confession during the next few weeks. Please consult Page 6 for the complete schedule of when confessions are being heard.



THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES ANNOUNCES SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE BEGINS APRIL 1ST



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.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE: We have been alerted that some of our parishioners have received a scam text from our priests, asking for a favor, money or gift cards.

**THESE MESSAGES ARE NOT
COMING FROM FR. JOHN OR ANY
OF THE PRIESTS AND ARE A
SCAM.**

The priests would **NEVER** contact anyone asking for money or assistance in this manner.

Many kind and goodhearted people have fallen victim to this scam.

If you receive any texts or emails of this nature **please disregard.**
Thank you.

The Lost Son Returns
Luke 15:11-32



Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Mar. 31, — Apr. 3, 2025

Tue. Apr., 1 – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Apr., 2 – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Apr., 2 - 7:00-8:15pm

Thu. Apr., 3 - 4:15-5:30pm

If you are going to be absent
please let the Office know!

LAST DAY
OF CLASSES

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
CLASSES END ON APRIL 8 & 9,
2025

THURSDAY CLASSES
END ON APRIL 3, 2025



What's happening in Faith Formation?

4rd Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday



Please pray for our level 2
students who are
preparing to receive
First Communion this Easter
Season.

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What can we do for the 4th week of Lent?

Pray: Take time each day to ask God for forgiveness.
Consider some part of your life that you want to change
in order to become more loving and compassionate.

Fast: Fast from watching television or going online one
day this week. Offer up that time to something that
feeds our soul, such as going for a walk, reading a book,
or listening to soothing music.

Give: Visit someone who is sick or in a nursing home, or
donate your time to a parish social ministry project.



Faith Formation
Registration

**RE-REGISTRATION 2025-2026
BEGINS ON APRIL 1, 2025.
EMAILS WITH INSTRUCTIONS
WILL GO OUT TO ALL FAITH
FORMATION FAMILIES.**

**If you do not receive an email by
April 2nd please call the Faith
Formation Office immediately
516-796-2979**

Level 7 and 8 are
reminded that all
Confirmation Journal work
is due by the Last day of Classes

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES – 2025

CONFESSIONS

Saturday before Palm Sunday, April 12, 2025

3:00pm - 3:45pm

Monday of Holy Week, April 14, 2025

“Diocesan Day of Penance”

2:00pm - 4:00pm - Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Fr. John & Msgr. Michael

7:30pm - 9:00pm - Fr. Benjamin & Fr. John

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm - Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm - Fr. Benjamin & Fr. John

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

11:00am - 12 Noon - Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

NO CONFESSIONS at 3:00pm

NO 4:00pm MASS

The Church will be closed at Noon reopening
at 7:00pm for the 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Palm Sunday Masses

Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00pm - Fr. John

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00am - Msgr. Michael

10:00am - Fr. Benjamin

12:00pm - Fr. John



THE SACRED TRIDUUM OF HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Tenebrae - A Service of Shadows: 7:30pm in the Church
We accompany Jesus in his last hours, a journey into darkness.

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper: 8:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. Benjamin

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with Adoration
of the Cross and Holy Communion:** 3:00pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Michael

Silhouette Stations of the Cross:

7:30pm in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets

9:20am - Fr. John

Confessions: 11:00am - 12 Noon

(No Confessions at 3:00pm and No 4:00pm Mass)

Solemn Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection: 8:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. John

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am - Fr. Benjamin

10:00am - Fr. John

12:00pm - Msgr. Michael





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

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel:

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

Gospel Meditation

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

Father John Muir

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

Join us

Wednesday, April 16th

at 7:30pm in the Church

TENEBRAE

A Service of Shadows

Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows. As we come to the end of Lent, we begin a journey into darkness to a place of deep shadows.

Today we accompany Jesus in his last hours. We witness the cruelties and the suffering he endures.

We listen to the words of condemnation and ridicule. In all this he is innocent. He is the faithful servant of God, doing his Father's work; bringing the gospel of love, peace and hope.

And so, in this liturgy, we are invited to walk solemnly and attentively with Jesus.

Better to know.

Better to understand.

Better to be his friend, his disciple, his witness.

Lent 2025

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH AND APRIL

SUN 30

"So they said to him, 'Who are you?'" Jn 8:25

Who is Jesus in your life? Let this question be a conversation starter about the place of Jesus in your home and family.

MON 31

"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks." Ps 30:12

Send a card offering cheer and comfort to someone who is sad or lonely.

TUE 1

"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk. Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.'" Jn 5:8-9

Offer a family prayer for all of those who need healing. Look for ways to bring God's merciful love to others.

WED 2

"And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." Lk 16:20

Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Decide on a way your family can reach out to someone who needs comfort and healing.

THU 3

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Th 5:17

Discuss as a family how you can follow Saint Paul's command. How will you keep Jesus in your minds and hearts each day of the Lenten season and always?

FRI 4

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Lk 15:21

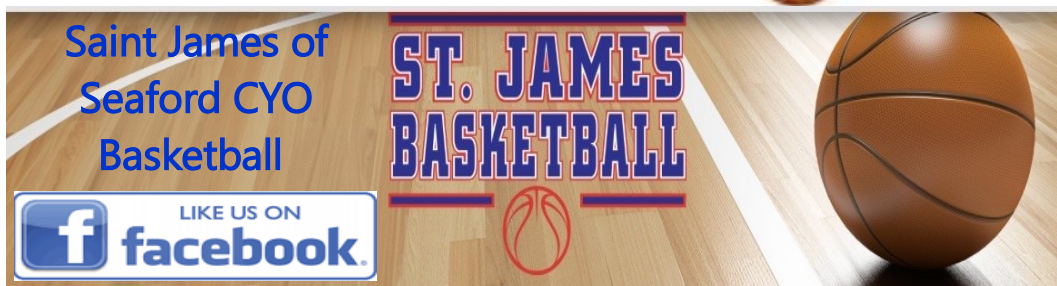
Check your parish bulletin for dates and times of a Lenten Reconciliation service. Make plans to attend, in person or virtually.

SAT 5

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair." Jn 12:3

Mary of Bethany shared something precious with Jesus. What will you give to others this week that shows your love for Jesus?





CYO BASKETBALL CLINICS

**RUN BY COACH SEAN FROM
NEW EVOLUTION BASKETBALL**

Cost per session \$125

Registration closes April 21

2nd grade girls - 9am - 10am

2nd grade boys - 10am - 11am

Saturday's 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

Location: St. Ignatius

3rd grade girls - 7:15 - 8:15pm

Monday's 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19

3rd grade boys - 7:15 - 8:15pm

Friday's 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

Location: Island Trees Middle School

5th-8th grade girls 8pm - 9pm

Thursday's 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

Location: Salk Middle School

4th grade boys 8:15 - 9:15pm

Mondays 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19

6th grade boys 8:15 - 9:15pm

Friday's 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

Location: Island Trees Middle School



Scan QR code to register

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2025 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Wednesdays evenings
7:30 PM in Church



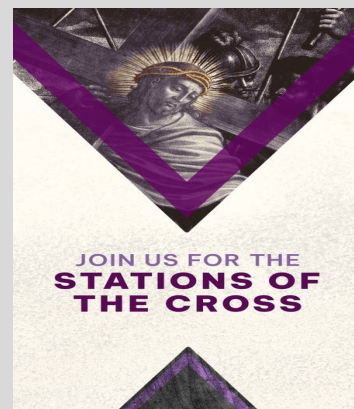
What does it mean to be a baptized member of the Church?
Each preacher will share his reflection about the significance
of baptism in our lives.

April 2 - Deacon Rick

April 9 - Fr. Ralph Sommer - (Is your Baptism as catching as Covid?)

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



Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are canned hams, smoked hams, coffee, mayonnaise, boxed milk, canned fruit, hot chocolate, ketchup, salad dressing, oil, Jello, rice, Spam, instant mashed potatoes, chunky soups, sugar, pancake mix and syrup, juice, drinks, bread crumbs, vinegar, sugar-coated cereal, jelly, cookies, chips, snacks, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent, cleaning products, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, and napkins.

Thank you very much.

March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father. **In the month of March, 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.



SVDP Clothing Drive March 22 & 23, 2025 "Giving new life to unused clothes"

We are sincerely grateful for your contributions at our recent clothing drive for the SVDP thrift shop in GardenCity Park. **Because of your kindness we were able to collect 330 bags of clothing.** Thanks for your generosity, and thanks to our Faith Formation student volunteers and to our fellow Vincentians here at St. James. Seeking assistance or learning more about SVDP. Please call us at (516)735-8895.



St. James Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10am in Room 208.

We hope to expand our ministry by offering meetings in the evenings on the 2nd Monday of the month.

If interested, please reach out to Linda at mrsg2002@verizon.net or call 516-731-5688.

We will gladly accept yarn donations.

Thank you very much.



Saint James' Family Ministry Breakfast

Where: Delaney Hall

When: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Time: Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass

We will be serving coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice, bagels and cake.

Everyone is invited.

Come, bring your family have a great breakfast, make some new friends.



Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

March 16, 2025

**Catholic
Education**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	8,421.00	819.00	4:00pm	447
Online Giving	2,154.71	8.99	8:00am	230
Mail in Envelopes	<u>567.17</u>	<u>40.00</u>	10:00am	390
Total	11,142.88	867.99	12:00pm	<u>305</u>
		Total		1,372



"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: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year? **Q & A**

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!



Pray for Our Deceased

Francisco Dias
Helen E. Renkas

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
April 6th	Monday, March 31st
April 13th	Friday, April 4th
April 20th	Tuesday, April 8th
April 27th	Monday, April 21st

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



March 2025

Sunday, 3/23—Deborah Mathiesen

Monday, 3/24—Gabriella Iezzi

Tue., 3/25—Michelle Lardi

Wed., 3/26—M/M Anthony Labita

Thurs., 3/27—Steven Wood

Friday, 3/28—M/M Robert Iadarola

Saturday, 3/29—Augie Pereira

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, March 30th

9:30am OCIA - Room 112

Monday, March 31st

8:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, April 1st

8:30am Rosary - Church

1:30pm Scripture Sharing - Room 112

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

6:30pm Alpha - Delaney Hall & Room 208

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

Wednesday, April 2nd

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Faith Formation classes

7:30pm Lenten Mission - Church

Thursday, April 3rd

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

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

Friday, April 4th

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

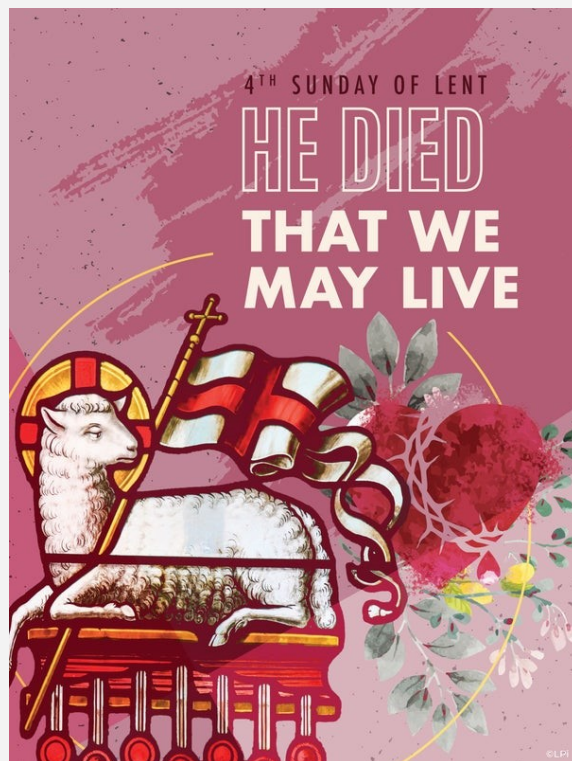
5:30pm Lenten Prayer & Dinner - Delaney Hall

Saturday, April 5th

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

8:30am Rosary - Church

9:00am Women's Prayer & Meditation - 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.