

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

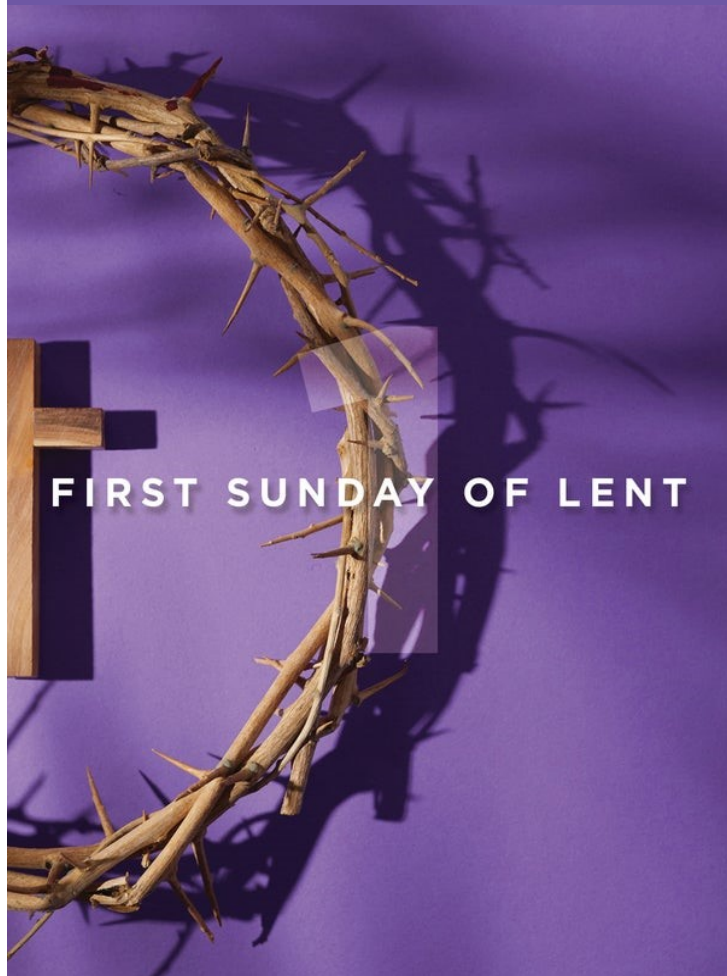
12:00 PM

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 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent





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

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

8:00 AM James Murphy - 2nd Anniversary
 Remembrance
 12:10 PM Cetta Antonia

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

8:00 AM Charles A. Gardella - 35th Anniversary
 Remembrance
 12:10 PM Barbara Maichin - 1st Anniversary
 Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

8:00 AM Christopher Kelly
 12:10 PM Joseph Wiscovitch

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

8:00 AM Frank Pawlowski - Living
 12:10 AM Rudy Arabia

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

8:00 AM Theresa Maglione
 12:10 PM Rosemarie Renkas - Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

8:00 AM Robert Scott
 Rolando O. Paulino
 4:00 PM Thomas Blankley

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

8:00 AM Joseph Bonomo, Sr.
 10:00 AM Anne, Russel & William Harris -
 Anniversary Remembrances
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Delphine Julian
 Hilda Rodriguez
 Carmela Giammona - Anniversary
 Remembrance
 Regina Sarah Mullany
 Julia Kurianski



MASS CELEBRANT

3/15 ~ 4:00pm ~ Fr. Benjamin
 3/16 ~ 8:00am ~ Fr. Benjamin
 10:00am ~ Msgr. Michael
 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, 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:

THE SEASON OF LENT: The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. I am sure that we all have different thoughts and feelings about Lent. For me, I have thoughts and feelings of gratitude. Why? Because, like many of you I can become distracted about the direction that my life is taking and become careless about making a correction and Lent is a wakeup call. The season of Lent invites me to take a serious look at my life. Through prayer, fasting, spiritual reading and acts of charity and my priestly responsibilities, I strive to realign my life to live as a disciple of Jesus.

WHAT DO I ADDRESS? I redirect my focus on who I am and what I have been called to do, as a Catholic and a priest.

I let my prayer, fasting, abstinence and spiritual reading help me discover where the Holy Spirit is leading me this Lent.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION: Starting this Wednesday we will begin our Lenten Parish Mission. It will be a follow up to last year, when we focused our attention on *"Lent as a time to prepare ourselves for the renewal of our Baptismal Promises, which will take place on Easter Sunday."*

This year we will reflect on *"What does it mean to be a baptized member of the Church? What does Baptism call us to do?"*

Each Wednesday evening will begin at 7:30 PM in the Church:

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

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

Wednesday, March 26: Deacon Rick Brunner

Wednesday, April 2: Fr. Tony Stanganelli

Wednesday April 9: Msgr. Ralph Sommer (Is your Baptism as catching as Covid?)

A SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR MSGR. DANIEL PICCIANO (FR. DAN): We are planning a special acknowledgment of Fr. Dan, who served as our Pastor from June 1988 to June 2000 and who was responsible for the building of our present church. We will do this with a canvas of the Good Shepherd and a plaque to be placed on the large front wall of the church just to the right of the shrine to the Blessed Mother. We hope to complete the project by late May so that we can have a special blessing on June 2nd following the 10:00 AM Family Mass.

I INVITE YOU TO HELP: I am reaching out to you to make a contribution towards our memorial as the framed canvas and engraved plaque are a bit costly. Your donation, in any amount, should be placed in an envelope marked Fr. Dan Memorial Donation. I am grateful for any assistance. Thank you and God bless you!



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

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

First Reading:

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading:

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

Gospel Meditation

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

Father John Muir

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.



**Faith Formation Classes for the
Week of March 10—14**

Tue. March 11

4:15-5:30pm

Wed. - March 12

4:15-5:30pm

Wed. March 12

7:00-8:15pm

Thu. March 13

4:15—5:30pm

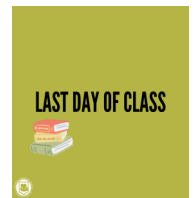
**Level 7 and 8
are
reminded that
all
Confirmation
Journal work is
due by the
Last day of
Classes**

(April 8, 9, 10)

What's Happening In Faith Formation??

**Please pray for our Level 2
students who are celebrating the
Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.
Thank you.**

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



**Registration
Information**

**RE-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)**



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



DIocese of Rockville Centre
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."¹

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...Let the peace of Christ control your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

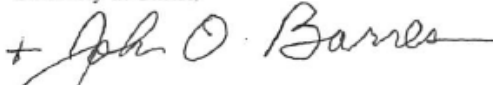
Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024).
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>.



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 - Deacon Rick

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April 9 - Fr. Ralph Sommer

(Is your Baptism as catching as Covid?)



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

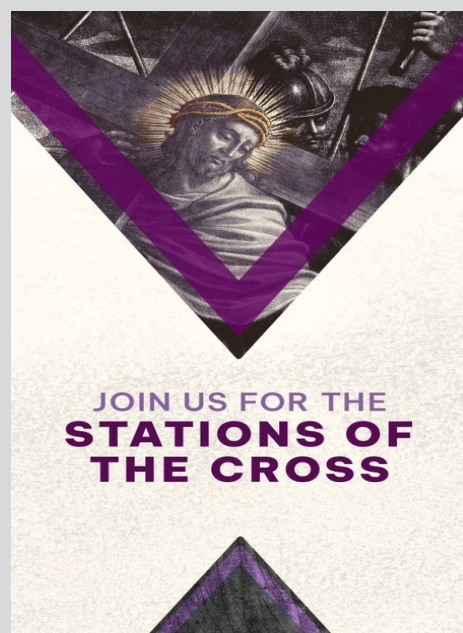
Our daily Bonanza drawing gives you 365 chances to win – and you can win more than once! When you win, your ticket goes right back into the drum.

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.

**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**



CYO Awards

March 1st

Thank you to the
Coordinators, coaches,
players and parents for a
great season and for
supporting this wonderful program.





Gifts from Bethlehem Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land A Traditional Art and Livelihood for holy Land Christians



The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

Items will be available for sale after all Masses on the weekend of March 29th and 30th.



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**



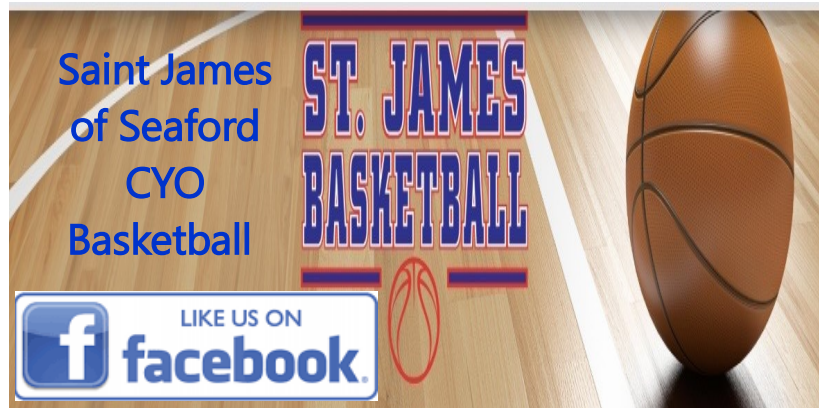
Scan this QR code to sign up for **ALPHA** or go to this website - DEACONCHRIS.ORG/ALPHA



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.



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated in loving memory of:

Thomas Blankley

Donated by:
His Loving Wife
& Children



March 9: First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.** If you or someone you know needs help, please remind them the St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to help. We offer assistance in many forms; financial, spiritual, or help with navigating the intricacies of our society, please email us at: Saintjames saintvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.

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 this weekend.

Pilgrim Virgin Mary
Statue home
visitation by the
Marian Prayer
Group.



Pope John Paul
II said at
Fatima, "Marian Shrines are places
where Mary our Mother's presence is
felt in a particularly vivid way." By
inviting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of
Fatima into your homes, you feel the
presence of our Holy Mother in your
everyday life.

Please call Maria Porto at
516-474-9482.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 22 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 23
AT ALL MASSES.**

**THE GREEN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK WILL BE
IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.**

We are called to protect people and the planet,
living our faith in relationship to all of God's
creation. Please help us by providing gently used
clean clothing to individuals and families in need.

St. James Church | 80 Hicksville Road | Seaford, NY 11783

Questions? Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 516-735-8895

Your donation reduces waste and assists those who are struggling.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

February 23, 2025

**Catholic
Education**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	8,337.00	775.00	4:00pm	478
Online Giving	1,870.56	60.00	8:00am	205
Mail in Envelopes	880.00	127.00	10:00am	361
Total	11,087.56	962.00	12:00pm	<u>310</u>
		Total		1,354



"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: After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent? **Q & A**

Answer: You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life. Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith.

Pray for Our Deceased

Judith Ann Drago
James H. Edelman
Dennis Foley
Catherine Ann Quinn

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
March 16th	Monday, March 10th
March 23rd	Monday, March 17th
March 30th	Monday, March 24th
April 5th	Monday, March 31st

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



March 2025

Sunday, 3/2—Donna Schneider
Monday, 3/3—Debra Tuccillo Kenney
Tue., 3/4—Sandra Ayala
Wed., 3/5—Colleen Reeves
Thurs., 3/6—M/M James Donaldson
Friday, 3/7—Michael Worgul
Saturday, 3/8—Grace Guarini

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, March 9th

9:30am OCIA - Room 112

Monday, March 10th

8:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, March 11th

8:30am Rosary - Church

1:30pm Scripture Sharing - Room 112

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

Wednesday, March 12th

8:30am Rosary - Church

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

7:30pm Lenten Mission - Church

Thursday, March 13th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Room 208

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:15pm Faith Formation classes

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

Friday, March 14th

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, March 15th

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

8:30am Rosary - Church

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

7:00pm St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance -
Delaney Hall



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.