

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

APRIL 20, 2025

THE

Resurrection

The Parish of Saint James

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80 Hicksville Road Seaford, New York 11783



The Clergy:

Rev. John Derasmo, Pastor

fatherjohn@stjamesrcchurch.org

Msgr. Michael Barimah-Apau, Associate Pastor

Fr. Benjamin Ogbunuko, Associate Pastor

In the event of an emergency, please call
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Deacon Rick Brunner

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Deacon John Horn

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PARISH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Phone: 516-731-3710/Fax: 516-731-4828

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

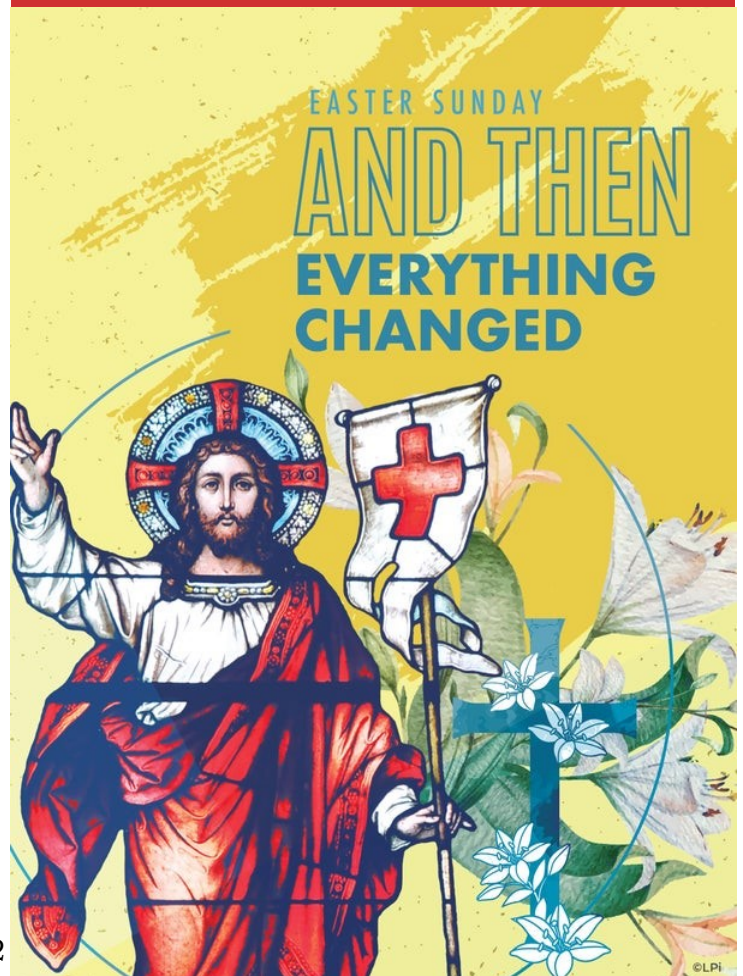
Holy Days: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

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.

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday





SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Vincent J. Russo
 10:00 AM Mary E. & Jane Barry
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Delphine Julian
 Edward & Mary McKee
 Rocco Zalud - Living
 Gary Engels
 Deceased Members of the Testa & Pizzo Families

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

9:00 AM Edward Cooper - Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

8:00 AM Fr. Arul Carasala
 12:10 PM Anthony Tiso, Jr. - Anniversary Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

8:00 AM Andrew Sarne - 1st Anniversary Remembrance
 12:10 PM Thomas Styne

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

8:00 AM Jean Sefcik - Living
 12:10 PM Sr. Judith O'Connor

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

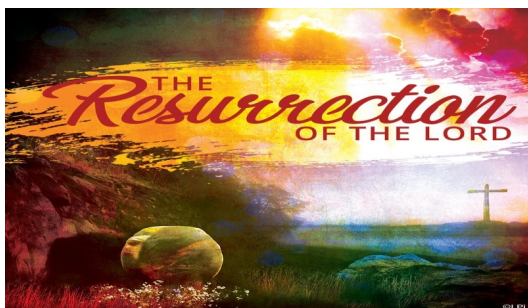
8:00 AM Jean & John Sefcik - Living
 12:10 PM Fr. Charles Matonti

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

8:00 AM Maria Licul
 Mary Minelli
 Vivian Farragher
 4:00 PM Nicole Blankley-Bencivenga

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

8:00 AM Ann & Rich Schultz & Cecilia Rooney
 10:00 AM Manuel Encizo
 12:00 PM People of St. James
 Angelo Gandino - 5th Anniversary Remembrance
 Aldo Orlandi
 Louis Yurasits
 Carl Melvin
 Maureen Hart



MASS CELEBRANT

4/26 ~ 4:00pm ~ Msgr. Michael
 4/27 ~ 8:00am ~ Msgr. Michael
 10:00am ~ Fr. Benjamin
 12:00pm ~ Fr. John

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 Cicciari, Lori Cicciari, 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, 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 Kmietek, 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,



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

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

First Reading:

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

Gospel Meditation

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **"the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place"** (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

Father John Muir

Living the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

I welcome our parishioners who are regularly with us and extend warm greetings to those visiting with us for the first time or here with a relative or friend for the celebration of Easter.
“Happy Easter, everyone!”

This is the day that we all have been preparing for since Ash Wednesday when we accepted the imposition of ashes as a sign of our commitment to enter the discipline of Lent through prayer, fasting, works of charity and “almsgiving” (support of the poor and those in special need at this time) so that we could renew our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday.



The work of Lent has come to an end and now the work of Easter begins. It starts with the renewal of our Baptismal Promises, which links us more closely to Christ and His Church, continuing His mission and ministry.

How blessed we are to live in a culture that guarantees its citizens the right to the “free exercise of religion!” While there have been some attempts by our government to limit that right, we experience a greater degree of freedom than many people around the globe.

During the Easter Season we will prayerfully read about the experience of the early church in grappling with the idea that Jesus truly rose from the dead. For many, including the Apostles, this was something that they struggled to understand. The resurrection appearances of Jesus to his Apostles were first met with fear and wonder. Gradually, they came to accept the Good News that, yes, Jesus had truly risen to New Life.

We will also be given a glimpse in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles of the struggles and successes of the early church in both living and proclaiming this message. We will see what their life was like after the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles on that first Pentecost would strengthen them to understand this mystery more fully. It would give them the strength and courage to go out to the world to proclaim the message of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and our responsibility to bear witness to that through the actions and values with share with others.

May the Risen Lord bless each one of us as we celebrate this New Life that we celebrate on Easter and throughout the year.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Our celebration of Easter rekindles our hope each year.

The Tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen!

A wealthy man and a member of the Sanhedrin, St. Joseph of Arimathea is one of those Gospel characters with a very brief but very important role.

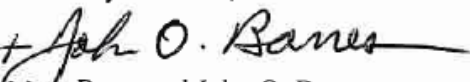
In John 19:38-42, we see that after Jesus' Crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to take away Our Lord's Body. This was a bold and courageous act of faith from a man "seeking the Kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

Joseph and Nicodemus together place our Lord's Body reverently in linen cloths prepared with myrrh, aloes and spices: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

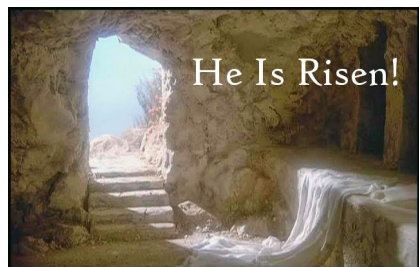
In his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis gives tribute to Joseph of Arimathea. He writes: "And how can we fail to do homage to Joseph of Arimathea? In performing a very humane corporal work of mercy by seeking out and burying the corpse of his beloved Teacher, Joseph becomes for all time a living icon of the eternal Father himself, stooping with compassion to enfold within his throbbing breast the mangled body of his beloved, Son, whom he himself handed over to sinners out of love for mankind. At long last, the Son of God on earth has fallen into the hands, not of a sinner, but of a just and compassionate man! Joseph of Arimathea enacts the justice and love of God himself."¹

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season, let us remember and ask the intercession of the great Joseph of Arimathea who prepared the Tomb of Christ and the Body of Christ with such sensitive care and compassion, such faith, courage and reverence. The Tomb is Empty! He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, 564. *Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.*



Wishing all our families a Joyous and Blessed EASTER! Alelluia! Alelluia!!



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

What's happening in Faith Formation? EASTER!

REHEARSALS FOR FIRST COMMUNION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COMMUNION DATE	REHEARSAL DATE
Sat. April 26	Thur. Apr. 24
Sat. May 3	Thur. May 1
Sat. May 10	Thur. May 8
Sat. May 17	Thur. May 15

Rehearsals begin at 4:00 and will be held in the Church.

Children are expected to attend.



**RE-REGISTRATION 2025-2026
BEGAN ON APRIL 1, 2025.
EMAILS WITH INSTRUCTIONS
WERE SENT OUT THE END OF
MARCH TO ALL FAITH
FORMATION FAMILIES.**

**If you have not received the email please
call the office: 516-796-2979
IMMEDIATELY!**

All Parish Center Offices will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2025 in observance of Easter. There will be one Mass that day at 9:00 am.



The Mass Intention book is open and there are Masses available through December 31, 2025.

April 13: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.** If you or someone you know needs help, please remind them the St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to help. We offer assistance in many forms; financial, spiritual, or help with navigating the intricacies of our society, please email us at: Saintjamessaintvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.



Marriage Banns

Week One

Dillon Flynn & Nicole Karalis

SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE

**BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday,
May 14, 2025 1:45PM - 7:45PM**



St. James Church and Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus

THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health? Would you like to discover what God, Scripture and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges? Sign up for the Sanctuary Course for Catholics at St. James. The subject matter feels particularly relevant in these times of heightened anxiety, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is an eight-part course for small groups designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy, and offers faith communities the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in their ability to support members living with mental health challenges. Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. The course is available to download as a PFD, or as an audiobook if you'd prefer to listen rather than read. There is no homework, but it's recommended that you read/listen to the sessions in advance of meeting.

Please contact the Parish Center at 516-731-3710 or Tom McCoy at TomCSW@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Mondays, April 21 - June 16 at 7:30pm _____

Wednesdays, April 23 - June 4 at 1:30pm _____

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure Report

WEEK OF:

April 6, 2025

**Maintenance
& Repairs**

**CHURCH
CAPACITY 850**

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	8,524.00	863.00	4:00pm	365
Online Giving	3,823.81	247.60	8:00am	217
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,317.00</u>	<u>256.00</u>	10:00am	308
Total	13,664.81	1,366.60	12:00pm	<u>309</u>
		Total		1,199



"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.



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, canned fruit, hot chocolate, ketchup, oil, Jello, white rice, sugar, juice, drinks, vinegar, jelly, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent and cleaning products, .

Thank you very much.



FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
April 27th	Monday, April 21st
May 4th	Monday, April 28th
May 11th	Monday, May 5th
May 18th	Monday, May 12th

**Super
Bonanza
\$25 Winners**



April 2025

Sunday, 4/13—Sharon O'Grady
 Monday, 4/14—M/M Douglas Connors
 Tue., 4/15—Karin Grasso
 Wed., 4/16—Matthew Antonucci
 Thurs., 4/17—Thomas Lynch
 Friday, 4/18—Christopher Rossi
 Saturday, 4/19—M/M John Lynch

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, April 20th - Happy Easter!

No scheduled events

Monday, April 21st - Building closed

9:30am Rosary - Church

Tuesday, April 22nd

8:30am Rosary - Church

6:30pm Alpha - Delaney Hall

7:00pm Scripture Sharing - Room 104

Wednesday, April 23rd

8:30am Rosary - Church

Thursday, April 24th

8:30am Rosary - Church

10:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall

4:00pm First Communion Rehearsal -
Church

Friday, April 25th

8:30am Rosary - Church

11:00am Italian Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, April 26th

8:30am Rosary - Church

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

Family Ministry is hosting a Pre-Mothers Day and Pre-Fathers Day Breakfast in Delaney Hall

On Sunday, May 4, 2025
Immediately following the
10:00 o'clock Mass

We will be serving Pancakes and
Sausages, Bagels, Cookies, Cakes, Fruit
Salad as well as Coffee, Tea, and Juice

\$5 per person

\$10 per family



Bring the children, crafting supplies
will be available.



*Be the reason someone
smiles today!*

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.