

The Parish of Saint James

JUNE 8, 2025 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8:00am
Monday - Friday | 12:10pm
All Civic Holidays | 9:00am only

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

HOLY DAYS

4:00pm Vigil Mass
8:00am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00pm – 3:45pm or by
appointment with one of our priests.

OUR MISSION

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We warmly welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center Office.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

8:00am | Carl Calliari
10:00am | Regina Sarah Mullany
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Kimmy Sentowski
| Robert (Bob) Coyne
| Nicola DiLuzio - 5th Anniversary
| Chick Angioli
| Tom & Rosemary Styne

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

8:00am | Roseann Vinas
12:10pm | Fr. Brendan Buckley - Living

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

8:00pm | Fr. Charles Kavanaugh - Living
12:10pm | Fr. Robert Holz

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

8:00am | Deacon Michael McKenna
12:10pm | Vincent Andrew Cavaliere

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

8:00am | Gary Engels
12:10pm | Michael Bowman

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

8:00am | Priests & Deacons of the Diocese of
Rockville Centre
12:10pm | Anthony Secondino

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

8:00am | Anthony Indelicato
4:00pm | William Gruener Sr.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

8:00am | The Fathers of the Antonucci Family
10:00am | Vincent J. Russo
12:00pm | People of St. James
| All Father's Living and Deceased
| Stanley M. Renkas, Sr.
| Vincent & Mae Tutino
| Salvatore Canale
| Claudio Testa & Edward Anderson

HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

Omar Albayaty, Ruth Alifieris, Marianne Amblo, Ruth Alifieris, 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, Vincent Catalano, 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, Kenny Eaton, 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 Kmiotek, Gina Krafinski, Sean Lehosky, Tia Mabanta, Timothy Maietta, Dakota Maken, Mary Sue Maluda, Tara Matthews, Kathleen McCormack, Megan McCormack, George McGill, Erlinda Medina, Janice Mehaffy, Grace Mendonez, Michael Mendonez, Steven Miller, Marianne Mirkow, Thomas Mirkow, Bianca Montenegro, Grace Nadolny, Gerry Nickel, Barbara Notarstefano, Melissa Notarstefano, Janet Oliveri, Sister Barbara Ozelski, Marie Pereira-Callahan, Jim Perkowski, Diane Pheffer, Irene Poggio, Joseph Poggio, Antoinette Provenzano, Cathy Prykuta, Dana Rodriguez, Richard Rogers, Kimberly Romano, Francesca Russo, Alexa Salvage, Iliana Saviano, Anthony Schiozzi, Cailen Sheehan, Cynthia Simson, Dennis Sisto, Maria Sisto, Joan Smith, Tony Sparaco, Arline Stafford, William Styne, Ron Tedeschi, Julia Tobin, Sally Ann Waskewich, Isabella Rose Weiss, Jessica Weiss

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 516-916-0959 to reach the priest on duty

Deacon Rick Brunner

Deacon Chris Daniello

Deacon John Horn

Director of Faith Formation - Dr. Lucy Creed, Ed.D. - 516-796-2979

Parish Social Ministry - 516-735-8690

St. Vincent de Paul Society - 516-735-8895

Director of Music Ministry - Jillian Vicinanza - 516-731-3710

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PARISH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

MASS CELEBRANT

June 14th | 4:00pm | Fr. John

June 15th | 8:00am | Fr. John
| 10:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 12:00pm | Fr. Benjamin

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE - Saturday Confessions | 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm
Celebrants subject to change

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

A Note from the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles who were hidden in the upper room for fear of those who put Jesus to death and opposed them. It is considered by many to be the birthday of the church as it is the day that now filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles left the upper room to go out to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. It was the beginning of their public ministry. In fact, the word Apostle means “one who is sent.”

In the Pentecost Gospel for Cycle C we read:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.* The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, “**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “**Receive the holy Spirit.** Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (John 20: 19-23)*

The Resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples, wishes them peace, and then commissions them, “**As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**” Breathing on them he bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will now have the courage and strength to bear public witness to the message and ministry of Jesus.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC, #1302, #1303 states,

“It is evident from its celebration that *the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.* . .

It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to *spread and defend* the faith by word and action as *true witnesses of Christ*, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the cross.”

From this hour onward, the mission of Christ and the Spirit becomes the mission of the Church: “*As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.*” (CCC, par 730)

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION: It is an appropriate day and solemnity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on this day for Catholic adults who did not have the opportunity to celebrate this sacrament earlier in their lives.

We Congratulate *Aleniel Fragoso-Russo, Aniel Fragoso-Russo, Anyelsi Fragoso-Russo, Craig John Hanna, David Hennessy, Darwin Jaime, Derick Jamie, Sashenka Jaime, Kayla Nunnally, Jenna Parisi, Rory Riskeski, and Jayden Russo.*

After participating in a period of preparation they are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 12pm Mass this Sunday, Pentecost.

GAY PRIDE MONTH: I want to address the “social” celebration of Gay Pride during the month of June. The appropriate position should be that men and women, who identify themselves as gay, should be given the same rights, privileges and protection under the law, which every other citizen enjoys. This is the correct position to hold as Americans and Catholics.

The Catholic Church is concerned about “behavior,” not orientation. Pope Leo XIV recently stated the correct teaching of the Church: “**The idea of promoting gender ideology is confusing because it seeks to create genders that don’t exist. So, God created man and woman, and the attempt to confuse ideas from nature will only harm families and people.**”

We welcome all men and women identifying as homosexual but like all Catholics you are under the same command of Jesus to “turn away from sin.” This is no different than those who are involved with other “immoral behaviors,” such as, adultery, fornication, masturbation and abortion.



**What's happening in
Faith Formation?
Sunday, June 8, 2025
PENTECOST SUNDAY**



**REGISTRATION FEES FOR
2025-2026 ARE NOW:**

1 child—\$225

2 children—\$250

3+ children—\$275

**These fees are in effect
until AUGUST 1 AT 5PM**

**Space is limited please
register as soon as you
are able.**

**We cannot honor
special requests at this
late date.**



If you are interested in sharing your faith please call the office 516-796-2979 and speak to Dr. Lucy Creed, Director of Faith Formation.

We are currently looking to fill:

Tuesday 4:15—Levels 1

Wednesday 4:15—Levels 1, 3, 4, 5, 8

Thursday 4:15—Level 2

We will provide all necessary materials, and training all you need to bring is a desire to share your Faith with the children of St. James.



IMPORTANT

If you have a child entering 1st grade in September, 2025 you need to register that child for First Level of Faith Formation if you desire them to receive Communion in spring 2027



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING CONFIRMED TODAY FROM OUR TEENAGE FAITH FORMATION CLASS

**ALENIEL FRAGOSO-RUSSO, ANIEL FRAGOSO-RUSSO,
ANYELSI FRAGOSO-RUSSO, DERICK JAIME ,
SASHENKA JAIME, DARWIN JAIME AND JAYDEN RUSSO**

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23)**. Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

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)



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
(Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Liturgical Life

Baptism

We Welcome into the St. James Community:

Ella Grace Aiello
Vienna Noelle Campistrous
Millie James Ellison
Leo Crew Lupola
Olivia Paruch
Sofia Grace Paskins
Naomi Rae Voegel

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized!



Week Three

Christopher Avelin
& Gabriella Petito

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

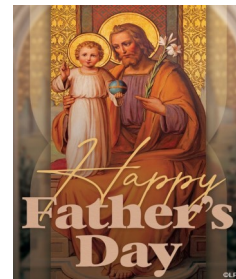
Our current needs are coffee, boxed milk, Sweet & Low, sugar-coated cereal, juice, oil, vinegar, laundry detergent, tissues, napkins, paper towels and toilet paper.

Thank you very much.



Fathers Day Novena

We will remember all of our fathers (living and deceased) during nine Masses beginning on **Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, 2025.**



You can enroll as many fathers as you would like in our novena. The list of names will be placed near the tabernacle in our Church starting Sunday for the duration of the Masses, which extends until Monday, June 23, 2025.

Remembrance envelopes are included in the monthly packets that are mailed and are available in the narthex of the church.



Thank you to the Papp Family for bringing up the gifts at the 10am Mass on June 1, 2025. If you would like the opportunity to bring up the gifts at the 10am Family Mass, please reach out to Dawn Daniello at

dawndaniello60@gmail.com

June 8: Pentecost Sunday

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. **Your gift in the St.**

Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.



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: Saintjamesstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.

Ministries and Events



The Plainedge Seniors are planning a trip to see **Noah** at the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Ronks, Pennsylvania from September 30th to October 1st. The cost of the trip is \$350 for double occupancy.

If interested, please contact Charlotte Guarino:
Text 718-309-1191 or
Call 516-605-1768

The Senior Summer Beach Program

The 2025 Senior Summer Beach Program runs weekdays from 9 AM to 3 PM, for ten weeks from June 23rd to August 29th (excluding holidays), at the Sands at Lido, located at 710 Lido Boulevard in Lido Beach. Free entry and parking with complimentary Beach Passes are available for Town of Hempstead senior residents ages 55 and over. Enter through Lido Beach Town Park at 630 Lido Boulevard to access the Senior Summer Beach Program at the Sands. Proof of residency may be required. Enjoy exciting entertainment, and recreational options, including Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Fitness Fun, Zumba, Aquatic Exercise, Sing-Alongs, and Bocce. In addition, you can cool down at the Sands swimming pool, soak in the sun along the beautiful beach and ocean, and enjoy musical entertainment under the main tent. Lunch and refreshment options are available for a fee at the Sands Patio Grille and Snack Shack, or you may bring your own lunch.

There is a free BUS PICK-UP for the Senior summer beach program on Wednesday mornings at 9am in the Rectory parking lot.



Cigars and Prayers Companions in Smoke and Serenity

Similarly, prayer is an act of deliberate intention. Whether whispered in solitude or shared in communal reverence, it creates a space for connection—connection to the divine, to yourself, or to something greater than the visible world. Like the cigar smoker, the one who prays steps into another realm, a place where distractions fade and presence takes over.

Smoke Signals to the Heavens

In some ways, the act of puffing on a cigar resembles the act of prayer. The smoke, rising skyward, could be seen as a modern-day offering to the heavens—a visible manifestation of thoughts, hopes, or gratitude ascending to realms unseen. Is it mere coincidence that smoke has played a pivotal role in spiritual rituals for millennia? Like the incense used in our church to the sacred rituals, smoke has long been seen as a bridge between the earthly and the divine.

**Join me Wednesdays in June
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.**

In front of the Grotto of Mary, as we all enjoy a cigar (or two) as we pray and discuss the upcoming gospel. Please bring a lawn chair.

Deacon Chris



BRING OUT THE POPCORN!

WELCOMING MINISTRY'S SUMMER MOVIE SERIES SCHEDULE

JUNE 27TH
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

AUGUST 29TH
YES DAY

JULY 25TH
KONG FU PANDA

SEPTEMBER 26TH
MOANA

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!



Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

May 25, 2025

Catholic
Education

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance	
Mass	9,121.00	733.00	4:00pm	341
Online Giving	1,736.89	0.00	8:00am	253
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,078.00</u>	<u>155.00</u>	10:00am	354
Total	11,935.89	888.00	12:00pm	<u>240</u>
Total			1,188	



"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 use incense at Mass?

Q & A

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives. The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant. Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).



Pray for Our Deceased

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date

June 15th

June 22nd

June 29th

July 6th

Due by 9:00am

Monday, June 9th

Monday, June 16th

Monday, June 23rd

Tuesday, June 24th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



May 2025

Sunday, 6/1—Michelle Lardi

Monday, 6/2—Barbara Boller

Tue., 6/3—Mary Barry

Wed., 6/4—Stephanie Stack

Thurs., 6/5—Henry Hattenrath

Friday, 6/6—M/M Frank Gomula

Saturday, 6/7—Deborah Murphy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 8th

OCIA - Room 112 | 9:30am

Monday, June 9th

Sanctuary - Room 112 | 7:30pm

Tuesday, June 10th

Scripture Sharing - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 11th

Sanctuary - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Prayers & Cigars | Shrine 7:00pm

Thursday, June 12th

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Room 208 | 10:00am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:30am

Friday, June 13th

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

Saturday, June 14th

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

FEATURED MINISTRY

Your talent is God's gift to you.

What you do with it is your Gift back to God.

Altar Servers - Adults and children

The altar server ministry is open to Adults and children in the 4th grade and older; including high school and college aged young people. By assisting the presiding priest this ministry allows the altar servers to participate in the mystery of the Holy Mass in a unique way. Training is provided.

Adults who wish to be altar servers can assist at weekday and Funeral Masses Monday through Saturday.

If interested please call the parish center office at 516-731-3710.

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.