

The Parish of Saint James

JULY 13, 2025 | 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

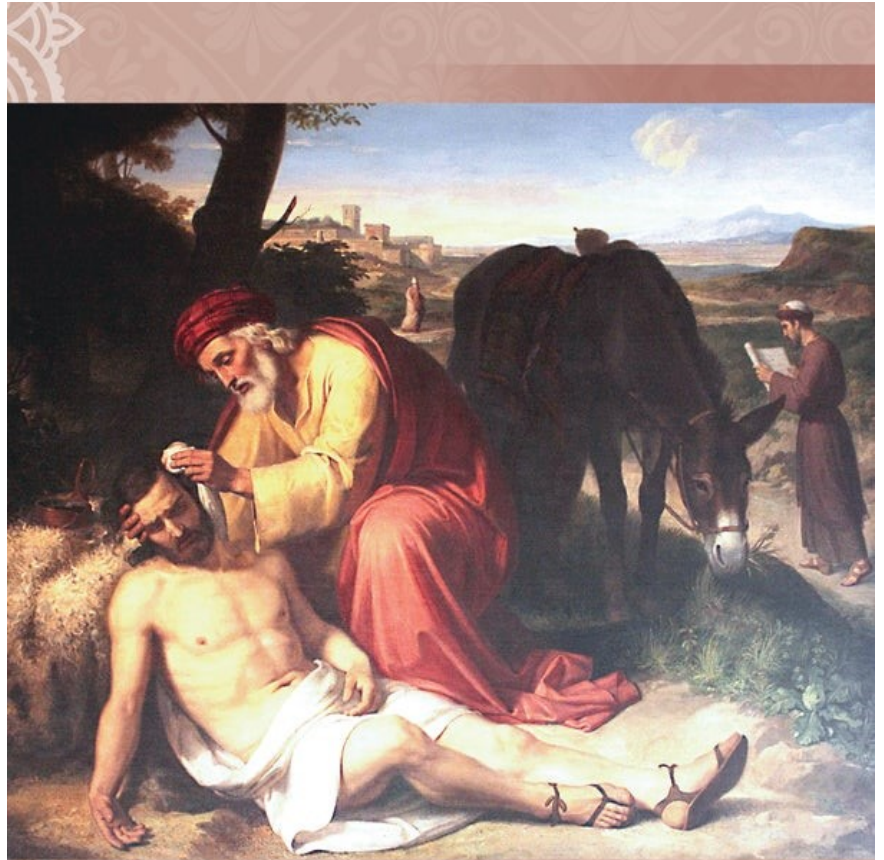
OUR MISSION

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.



15th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

8:00am | Jeanette Antonucci -
15th Anniversary
10:00am | Martha Cattrell
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Leonard Angioli
| Jean A. Vito
| Joseph Mulligan
| Kenneth Lango
| Vincent Andrew Cavaliere

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

8:00am | Vincent J. Russo
12:10pm | Eileen Dunne

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

8:00pm | Joan Mulnar
12:10pm | Daniel Quinn - 7th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

8:00am | Our Lady of Mount Carmel
12:10pm | John McNally

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

8:00am | Christopher Kelly
12:10pm | Fr. Joseph Flynn

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

8:00am | Elaine Cecora
12:10pm | Domenico & Michael Malcangi

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

8:00am | Thomas Fennessy
4:00pm | Grayson Danielski - Living

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

8:00am | Jose & Gloria Oliveira
10:00am | Leo & Maryjane Vizzini
& Andrea Vizzini
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Leonard (Chick) Angioli
| Louis Yurasits
| Anna Cahill
| Nicholas D. Rivera
| Mary Nally - Living

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 Cicciari, Lori Cicciari, Carly Colvell, Ed Connelly, Leslie Crandall, 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, Thomas Fazio, Connie Fisher, 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, Pat Lafferty, Roger Lafferty, 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, Sofia Paskens, 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, Caileen 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

Fr. Melchizedek Okpala, 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

Facility Manager - Thomas Galvin - 516-731-3710

PARISH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

MASS CELEBRANT

July 19th | 4:00pm | Fr. Melchizedek

July 20th | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 10:00am | Fr. Melchizedek
| 12:00pm | Msgr. Michael

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

Saturday: 9:00am to 12 Noon

A Note from the Pastor



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

TODAY'S GOSPEL (LUKE 10:25-37)

The central question in the Gospel is raised by a Scholar of the Law. He asks Jesus, ***"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"***

The Gospel this weekend tells of the story of the Good Samaritan, who reaches out to a poor victim of violence who is attacked, robbed, stripped, beaten and left for dead.

A Priest and Levite pass this man but do nothing to help him. By doing so they would have become ritually unclean. Being ***"ritually clean"*** was more important to them than acting in a merciful way.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

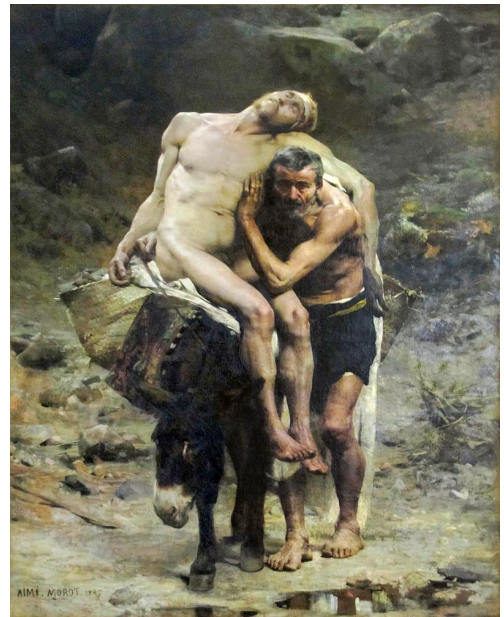
A Scholar of the Law tried to trip Jesus by asking him, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

The scholar answers correctly by stating: ***"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."***

When I was studying this Scripture text in the Seminary, the Rabbi who was instructing us explained that the original language more closely translates into English as, ***"You shall love your neighbor as he is just like you,"*** with the same needs, the same challenges, the same hopes, dreams and fears. The Rabbi's comment was a powerful one to hear and consider. It certainly explained more deeply the meaning of, ***"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."***

Jesus then questions the Scholar of the Law, ***"...Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."***

That is the command and challenge that we all have inherited as the followers of Jesus today. Yes, ***"Go and do the same"***.



F. John

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

- Luke 10:25

What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, July 13, 2025



Registration is ongoing, classes are filling fast and some levels may not be available on the day you want to attend.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR THE 2025-2026 FALL TERM PLEASE DO SO ASAP. Registration Fees go up on August 1, 2025 at 5pm. Payment plans can be established. Please do not let money stop you From registering your child/children.

The Following Classes are now full and cannot take anymore students:

Tuesday: Level 4, level 2 (only a few openings)

Wednesday 4:15: Level 2, level 3, & Level 4

IF WE CAN GET TEACHERS FOR THESE CLOSED LEVELS WE CAN OPEN ANOTHER SECTION.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION.

Being Married or having a child Baptized at St. James does not necessarily mean you are registered.

Any Child entering First Grade in September should register for Faith Formation Classes in order to Receive First sacraments with their friends.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE MUST BE SUBMITTED IF CHILD NOT BAPTIZED AT ST. JAMES



We are looking for a few Good people to share their Faith with the children of St. James as Catechists in our Faith Formation Process.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING LEVEL TEACHERS:

TUESDAY 4:15-5:30PM: LEVEL 1

WEDNESDAY 4:15-5:30PM: LEVEL 5 (we have no one to teach), LEVELS 2, 3 & 4 (to be able to open additional sections)

WEDNESDAY 7:00-8:15PM: LEVEL 3 OR 6

THURSDAY 4:15-5:30PM: LEVEL 2

We will provide all necessary materials and training all you need to bring is a desire to share your faith with our children.

Please Call Dr. Lucy Creed at 516-796-2979 if you are interested.

Ministries and Events

ST. JAMES CYO BASKETBALL

2025-2026 Registration

Boys & Girls Grades 3—8

Discounted Price: \$250 by August 24th

Registration Price: \$275 - \$25 sibling discount

ALL REGISTRATION DUE by September 1st



We are now on Teamsideline, please go on the website and sign in for updates. Early registration for Fall Basketball begins on July 1, 2025.

<https://teamsideline.com/sites/Stjamesrc/home>

FACEBOOK: SAINT JAMES OF SEAFORD CYO BASKETBALL

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July 15th - 7pm Holy Hour - Church

You are invited to the Sacred Heart Holy Hour led by Deacons Chris and John, at St. James Church, on July 15th at 7:00 pm. During this hour, there will be readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Additionally, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, prayers to the Sacred Heart will be offered, and an opportunity for silent prayer will be provided, all in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



The Msgr. Delaney Council Knights of Columbus is coordinating this holy hour with the aim of fostering a deeper understanding of God and promoting Eucharistic adoration devotion to His Most Sacred Heart among attendees.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center afterward.

Liturgical Life

The Altar Bread was donated in loving memory of:

Martha Cattrell

Donated by:
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We welcome into the St. James Community

Penelope Rose Cariello
Maren Elizabeth McCarthy
Ava Rose McCormick
Brady Brooks Melville
Benjamin Anthony Stramiello



Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized!

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



Our current needs are coffee, boxed milk, sugar, sugar-coated cereal, juice, oil, vinegar, laundry detergent, tissues, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap and deodorant. Thank you very much.

July 13: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise." **This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.** 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.

OUR SUMMER RAFFLE HAS BEEN MAILED OUT!!

In our 50/50 raffle, the winner receives 50% of whatever is collected, up to a maximum **Grand Prize of \$10,000!!**

**SUMMER
RAFFLE**



**COMING SOON!
WATCH FOR DETAILS!!!**

Chances are \$25 each, buy the entire book for \$100 and you receive one chance for FREE!

Drawing will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Thank you and good luck!

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)**. Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

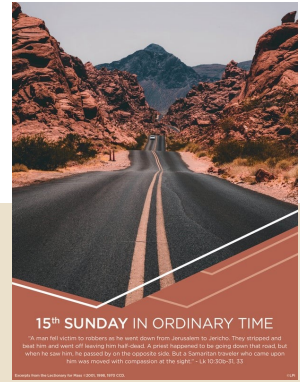
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary for Life - Mondays 2 PM in the Chapel. (except during July and August - resumes Sept. 1st)

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

No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

GOSPEL

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Lk 10:25)

Ministries and Events

ST. JAMES WELCOMING MINISTRY INVITES
YOU TO...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: KUNG FU PANDA

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025
MOVIE STARTS AT 8:00 PM

WHERE: ST. JAMES PARISH PARKING LOT
80 HICKSVILLE ROAD SEAFORD, NY

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



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 and July - 7:00pm

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

**All Seniors,
62 and over,
are invited to a
FREE Senior
Appreciation**



**Barbecue in Delaney Hall
Hosted by Family Ministry**

**on Saturday, August 16, 2025
from 12:00pm to 3:00 pm**

THE MENU - Hamburgers, Hot
Dogs, Sausage & Peppers,
Chicken Tenders, Salads, Iced Tea,
Lemonade, Water, Ice Cream,
Cake, Tea and Coffee

Come, have a great BBQ lunch &
make some new friends!

Raffles, Lotto Board and 50/50

**Seating is LIMITED to the first
100 responders**

A RESERVATION is REQUIRED.

Reply Deadline is Monday,

August, 11th 2025



Reserve a seat by
calling Linda at
516 731-5688 -
Leave a message,
calls will be
returned ASAP.

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

June 29, 2025

Peter's
Pence

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	6,839.00	1,049.00	4:00pm 260
Online Giving	2,382.97	175.00	8:00am 267
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,494.50</u>	<u>115.00</u>	10:00am 261
Total	10,716.47	1,339.00	12:00pm <u>208</u>
		Total	996



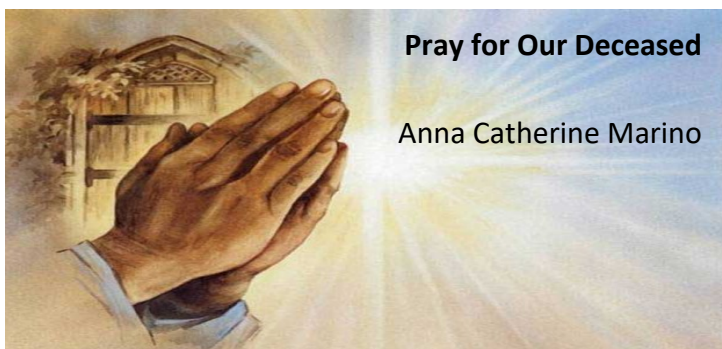
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If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.stjamesrcchurch.org and click on the WeShare link or call the parish office at 516-731-3710.

Question: How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Q & A

Answer: To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day. Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion. So, when would this rule apply? For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919). We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).



Pray for Our Deceased

Anna Catherine Marino

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
July 27th	Monday, July 21st
August 3rd	Monday, July 28th
August 10th	Monday, August 4th
August 17th	Monday, August 11th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



July 2025

Sunday, 7/6—James Flanagan

Monday, 7/7—Paul Gagliardo

Tue., 7/8—Thomas Roarke

Wed., 7/9—Michael Montanez

Thurs., 7/10—M/M Brian McHugh

Friday, 7/11—M/M William Hroch

Saturday, 7/12—Donna Steckman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 13th

No scheduled events

Monday, July 14th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Tuesday, July 15th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

K of C Holy Hour & Reception - Church | 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 16th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Prayers & Cigars - Shrine | 7:00pm

Thursday, July 17th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Friday, July 18th

Rosary - Church | 9:30am

Saturday, July 19th

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

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

Knights of Columbus 300 Club - Delaney Hall | 7:00pm

FEATURED MINISTRY

Your talent is God's gift to you.

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

Ministry of Consolation

This ministry helps to serve the St. James Community when someone dies, by assisting the bereaved family in planning the funeral Mass and afterward.

If interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the parish office.

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.