

The Parish of Saint James

AUGUST 3, 2025 | 18th 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.



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."
- Lk 12:20-21

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00am | Albertina & Manuel Frade
10:00am | Joseph Mulligan
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Delphine Julian
| Leonard (Chick) Angioli
| Marion Pulsonetti -
2nd Anniversary
| John V. McNally III
| Carol Triebe - Living

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

8:00am | Jack & Mary Wohltmann - Living
12:10pm | Florence Householder

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

8:00pm | Aldo Micallef
12:10pm | Sue Alberini

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:00am | Kathy Grodecki
12:10pm | Henry Tomasofsky

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

8:00am | Fr. Bill Winters
12:10pm | Fr. Raphael Iannone

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

8:00am | Doris Cariello
12:10pm | Vittora Lupo & Vincenza Mazzurco

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

8:00am | Msgr. Brendan P. Riordan
4:00pm | Regina Sarah Mullany -
100th Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

8:00am | Rosa & Armenio Reis
10:00am | Anthony Secondino - Birthday
12:00pm | People of St. James
| John V. McNally
| John & Helen McCullagh
| Lucia Monniello
| Chick Angioli
| Maryann Parmese

God Bless Our
Pastor

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, Grayson Danielski, Douglas Deacon, James Donaldson, Lawrence Deck, Baby James Derleth, James DeVita, Sandra Denise Diaz, Matteo DiMartino, Jessica Emerick, Joan Lugokenky, 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, Angie LoBiondo, 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, Ruth Miller, 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, Ilana Saviano, Anthony Schiozzi, Cailen Sheehan, Cynthia Simson, Dennis Sisto, Maria Sisto, Joan Smith, Tony Sparaco, Arline Stafford, William Styne, Ron Tedeschi, Julia Tobin, Joan Walsh, 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 | 516-731-3710 | Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

MASS CELEBRANT

August 9 | 4:00pm | Fr. John

August 10 | 8:00am | Fr. John

| 10:00am | Fr. Benjamin

| 12:00pm | Fr. Melchizedek

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE - Saturday

Confessions | 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Celebrants subject to change

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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:

AUGUST HAS ARRIVED: Can you believe that we have now entered the month of August? I believe that I shared with you that my mother thought the summer went by so quickly that she referred to it as JulAugust.

I am sure that a number of you have taken the opportunity to go away for a period of time for a summer vacation break. I trust that you had an enjoyable time, perhaps, visiting with some relatives or friends.

During July I took a two-week break, mostly staying around and catching up with doctor's appointments. The time I have during the last two weeks of August will be spent visiting with family and friends. I am certainly looking forward to that as it's difficult to get together during the year when everyone is busy with many family obligations and responsibilities.

OUR REMEMBRANCE OF KATHY GRODECKI: Kathy was involved with our parish, especially, by her participation in the 10:00 AM Family Mass. She was also present at many of our parish gatherings.

Kathy died in early May. Unfortunately, with no will or any apparent living relatives she became the responsibility of the County. It took the government several weeks to locate the funds that could be used for a funeral and burial.

This past Tuesday, July 29th, we held a wake for her in the church at 9:00 AM, followed by a funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. I am so grateful to all those who attended. Kathy was truly an active member of St. James and was regarded as family by many of us. May she rest in peace!

SENIOR BARBECUE: Seniors from our parish are invited to participate in a special barbecue, which is being held on August 16th, in Delaney Hall to show our appreciation. Many have been members of St. James for many years. We thank them for their on-going support and participation in our parish family life.

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER PARISH CELEBRATIONS: I will write more about the special celebrations that will be taking place throughout the month of September. These include: our special acknowledgement of the canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati on September 7th, the day when they will become saints.

We will also have a special day of prayer and recognition of those men and women involved in Faith Formation, our catechetical program on September 21st. I am truly grateful for the assistance of these men and women under the wonderful leadership of Dr. Lucy Creed.

MORE TO BE ADDED NEXT WEEK: This is just a sampling of the celebrations that we will have during the month of September. More activities will be discussed in my Pastor's letter next weekend.

Ministries and Events

You've got Questions?
We've got Alpha!

“
Alpha is a way to explore what
we hunger after – meaning and
intimacy and relationship...in a
very non-pressed, non-
judgemental environment.”

Bear Grylls
Host of "Man vs. Wild"

Coming in September

Alpha

August 6th
14th Anniversary
of Ordination
Congratulations!!

Fr. Benjamin Ogbunuko

We wish you many more fruitful
years ahead. As you mark another
year of priesthood, may you find
renewed energy and enthusiasm in
your sacred duties. Thank you for
your service to St. James.

*Together we walk, together we give.
One step at a time, one neighbor at a time.*



Saturday
September 27, 2025
Heckscher State Park
East Islip, NY

CHECK IN:
8:30 AM
WALK START
10AM

REGISTER AT:



SCAN HERE!

5K Walk
As you are able



OR GO TO:
[TINYURL.COM/2025WALK](https://tinyurl.com/2025WALK)

Office of Faith Formation

Over the past several
months we have been
asking for people of
faith to aid as teachers.

But, maybe that is not your call. You want to be
of help but teaching is not a way you feel you
can. That's okay. There are other ways to help
bring God into the lives of our youth. We have
listed a few on this page and ask that if you can
help, contact us or drop the items off to the
Faith Formation Office.



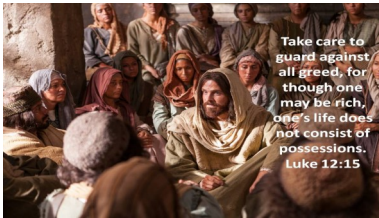
CLASSROOM SUPPLY BOXES

Perhaps you can help us to fill Classroom Supply Boxes
for those students who may not have these items.

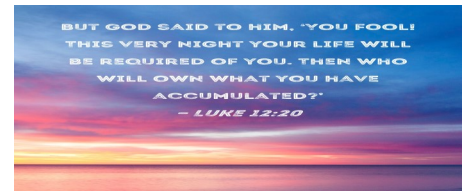
We would need:

16 Dollar Store Plastic "Shoe" Boxes
And enough of the following items to fill those boxes:
(needed 20 of each item for each box)
20 boxes of crayons 20 boxes of colored pencils
20 glue sticks 20 boxes of magic markers
20 child safety scissors 20 pens or pencils





What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, August 3, 2025



REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2025

We are still registering students for Faith Formation for the 2025-2026 school year. Classes are filling up and several days are closed for levels (see below). You can register online or in person. Payment plans are available for those families who need to take advantage of them.

CLOSED CLASSES:

TUESDAY: LEVEL 2 (FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION)
LEVEL 6

WEDNESDAY 4:15: LEVEL 2 (FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION)
LEVEL 4 (UNLESS WE CAN GET ANOTHER TEACHER)
LEVEL 5 (UNLESS WE CAN FIND ANOTHER TEACHER)



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 Faith Sharers on the Following Days and levels:

Wednesday 4:15—5:30pm: Level 4 & 5

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.

BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION:

Monday though Thursday, August 18 through 21, 2025 11:00am—5:00pm in Faith Formation Office

Monday through Thursday, August 25 through 28 11:00am-7pm in Faith Formation Office



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 21, 2025 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Join us at the 10:00am Mass to Celebrate those Women and Men who are involved in our Catechetical Ministry followed by fellowship in Delaney Hall.

Liturgical Life



We welcome
into the St. James
Community:

Theodore Edward Alonge
Cole Todd Mouzakes

Congratulations to the
parents of the newly baptized!

Thank you to the Annunziata Family for
bringing up the gifts at the 10am Mass on
July 27, 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



The Candle Oil was
donated in loving
memory of:

**Marie & Thomas
Blankley**

Donated by:
Debbie Blankley

Our heartfelt thanks to
all our parishioners for
your continued support
of our food pantry. Our
current needs are
coffee, boxed milk, juice, oil, drinks,
tea, Jello, syrup, Ramen noodles,
instant potatoes, jelly, canned
potatoes, laundry detergent,
tissues, napkins, paper towels,
cleaning products and toilet paper.
Thank you very much.



**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

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



Wedding Banns



Week 1

**Fabrizio Herrera
Alfaro &
Domenique Masi**

The Altar Bread was
donated in loving
memory of:

**Arlene & Robert
Horton**

Donated by:
Debbie Blankley



August 3rd: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored
all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What
we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions
nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. **This week, as you
give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in
giving you indeed receive.** 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.



Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

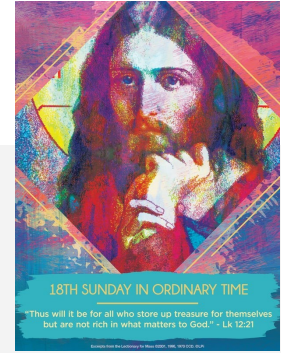
We warmly welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center Office.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary for Life - Mondays 2 PM in the Chapel. (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)



FIRST READING

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

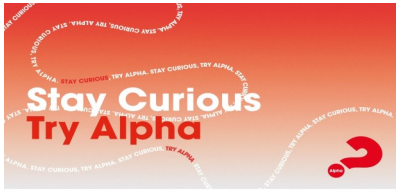
SECOND READING

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

GOSPEL

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

Ministries and Events



Families with students in levels 3, 4, 5, 6, in Faith Formation, Alpha is a New way to learn and includes Dinner!

Alpha is an alternative program for students in Levels 3, 4, 5, and 6 to complete their Faith Formation year in **ONLY 11 WEEKS!**

The Alpha Series gives young people a space to explore life, faith, and purpose. Designed to make core Catholic ideas relevant and engaging, it's a place for open conversations in a relaxed and accessible way.

1. Children enrolled in this program will complete their Faith Formation at the end of the 11 weeks.
2. This is an 11 week program with a **FRIDAY NIGHT** and **ALL DAY SATURDAY RETREAT**
3. It is open to families who have students in levels 3, 4, 5, & 6 only
4. **A PARENT is required to attend** each week with his/her child
5. This program runs on **TUESDAY** evenings from 6:30—8:30pm **ONLY**
6. Cannot miss more than 2 sessions with good reason.
7. The tuition is the same as the traditional registration fee.



If interested please call the Faith Formation Office at 516-796-2979 or email Dr. Creed at LCreed@stjamesfaith.org. Registration closes on August 15th.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING—VIRTUS

All **New** volunteers and employees at St. James are required to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS Classes by visiting:

www.virtusonline.org.

We are offering this class at St. James, however, you may take the class anywhere it is offered.

UPCOMING CLASSES AT ST. JAMES:

August 6, 2025

10am in room 112 OR 6:30pm in room 112

If you need help registering for the class or filling out paperwork, WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU! Please contact the Faith Formation Office—

516-796-2979 or email Dr. Creed at:

lcreed@stjamesfaith.org or

lcreed@stjamesrcchurch.org. Appointments available during the day and on Wednesday evenings.

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

July 20, 2025

Maintenance
& Repairs

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	7,930.00	1,051.00	4:00pm 362
Online Giving	2,111.97	68.29	8:00am 237
Mail in Envelopes	<u>645.00</u>	<u>233.00</u>	10:00am 240
Total	10,686.97	1,352.39	12:00pm <u>323</u>
		Total	1,162



"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: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Q & A

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
August 10th	Monday, August 4th
August 17th	Monday, August 11th
August 24th	Monday, August 18th
August 31st	Monday, August 25th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



July/August 2025

Sunday, 7/27—Barbara Ferraioli

Monday, 7/28—Laurie Jamison

Tue., 7/29—Bruce Cirillo

Wed., 7/30—Mary Jean Nokelty

Thurs., 7/31—Lynne Petrone

Friday, 8/1—M/M John McCormack

Saturday, 8/2—Constance Fisher

\$100 Month End Bonus

Antoinette Contona

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 3rd

No scheduled events

Monday, August 4th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Tuesday, August 5th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 6th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

VIRTUS class - Room 112 | 10:00am

VIRTUS class - Room 112 | 6:30pm

Prayers & Cigars - Shrine | 7:00pm

Thursday, August 7th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Friday, August 8th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Saturday, August 9th

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.

Outreach

This program is devoted to aiding those in need in the immediate parish and local community. Our food pantry is available through the parish. Food donations are accepted and can be left in the pantry drop box in the Narthex of the Church. This ministry includes distributing Thanksgiving gift baskets and arranging for the Christmas Giving Tree which provides gifts for those in need in our parish. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

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.