

The Parish of Saint James

AUGUST 24, 2025 | 21st 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.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

8:00am | Denise Melnick - Birthday
10:00am | Deanna Maietta
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Donato Angione
| Eileen Dunne
| Anthony Piro
| Jeanne E. Scampoli
| Joseph Hung Huynh -
5th Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

8:00am | Eddy Pipia
12:10pm | Jim Doherty

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

8:00pm | Bernadette Hattrick - Birthday
12:10pm | Phil Aunziata - Living

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

8:00am | John Maurer
12:10pm | Victor Mlodnicki

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

8:00am | Rosemarie & William Rose
12:10pm | Earl Ashton - 40th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

8:00am | Adeline Cook - Birthday
12:10pm | Antonietta & Tomaso Lupo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

8:00am | Darlene Gita Morrone -
8th Anniversary
4:00pm | Sara Mongeluzzo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

8:00am | Lucille DaTorre
10:00am | Deanna Maietta
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Noreen Murphy
| Eileen Dunne
| Geraldine Boros
| Maria Christina Catinchi
| Carmela Cipriano

HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

Omar Albayaty, Marianne Amblo, Ruth Alifieris, Francine Argila, John Baglione, Stephanie Baio, Deanna Baisley, Pat Beirne, James Bianco, Jennifer Callahan, Mary Calabrese, Carl Capobianco, Greg Capobianco, Philip Capobianco, Phil Caramico, 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 Kmietek, 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, Mary Nally, 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, Nina 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, 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 30 | 4:00pm | Fr. John

August 31 | 8:00am | Fr. John
| 10:00am | Fr. Melchizedek
| 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

Saturday: 9:00am to 12 Noon

Ministries and Events

ST. JAMES WELCOMING MINISTRY INVITES
YOU TO...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: YES DAY

WHEN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2025
MOVIE STARTS AT 8:00 PM

WHERE: DELANEY HALL, PARISH CENTER
80 HICKSVILLE ROAD, SEAFORD, NY 11783

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



Ministries and Events



Blood Drive

Life's
a trip



Save a life
and you could
win a trip for 2.
nybc.org/trip

Wednesday, September 3
1:45pm-7:45pm

St. James Church and Msgr. Delaney
Knights of Columbus
Parish Center – Delaney Hall

Click on link below to schedule an appointment:
https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/326990

or scan the QR code:

or call 1-800 933-BLOOD



Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



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photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



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16 with parental
consent form

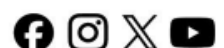


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For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.

For more information, please contact Kevin Kelly 516-972-8507

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Liturgical Life

We welcome
into the St.
James
Community:



Blake Kathy Bristoll
Charlotte Ann Camerlengo
Emily McKenzie Galligan
Madelyn Rose Galligan
Emmie Alexandra Goncalves
Kiera Margaret Moore
Lila Emilia Tierney

Congratulations to the
parents of the newly
baptized!

Lectors are prophets and heralds of the Word of God. Their duty is to bring the printed Word to life by their voice, their attitude and their physical bearing at Masses and special Liturgies. The Lector Ministry is the perfect volunteer opportunity for anyone with a talent for public speaking and an appreciation and love for the scriptures.

Lectors are encouraged to read scripture in a clear and meaningful way so that everyone can hear and understand what is being said.

We are looking for a few volunteers to serve as Lectors at our weekend Masses. Training is provided. If you would like to volunteer, kindly reach out to Deacon Rick at rbru138997@aol.com.

We are so grateful to God for your generous spirit!



Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are school supplies, coffee, sugar, juice, drinks, vinegar, oil, tea, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, Ramen noodles, boxed milk, Jello, canned tomatoes, jarred tomato sauce, laundry detergent, cleaning products, toilet paper, tissues, napkins and paper towels.



Thank you very much.



All Parish Center offices
will be **closed on Monday,**
September 1, 2025
in observance of Labor Day.
There will be one Mass that day
at 9:00 AM.

August 24: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. **In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing food, and assistance with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

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.



Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: **"Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24)**. How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt... but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

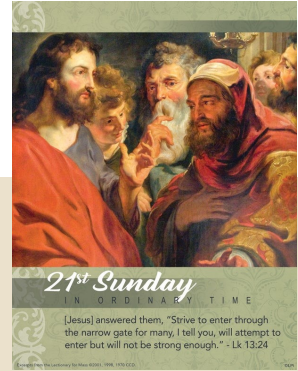
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS:

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)



FIRST READING

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

SECOND READING

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

GOSPEL

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

Ministries and Events

Family Ministry is hosting a Breakfast in Delaney Hall

To celebrate the Canonization of Blesseds
Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati.

**On Sunday, September 7, 2025 immediately
following the 10:00AM Mass**

We will be serving pancakes, sausages, bagels, cookies, as well
as coffee, tea, and juice. Everyone is invited. Come, bring your
family have a great breakfast, make some new friends.

\$5 per person / \$10 per family

The Vatican announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis and
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics
beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness,
will be canonized together on September 7.

Blessed Acutis, a teenager known for his devotion to the
Eucharist and creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic
miracles, was born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Blessed
Acutis used his tech skills to evangelize and was noted
for his joyful faith and compassion for others before
dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

Blessed Frassati, born in 1901 into a prominent family
in Turin, Italy, was admired for his deep spirituality, love
for the poor and enthusiasm for life. A member of the
Dominican Third Order, he served the sick through the
St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died at age 24 after
contracting polio, possibly from one of the people he
assisted.



Be the reason someone smiles today!

Ministries and Events

ST. JAMES PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY GANG

Come join us to help feed the hungry of Long Island!

The next PB & J get together will be on **Friday, September 5, at 6:30pm** in Delaney Hall.

Please bring a jar of creamy peanut butter or jelly and a loaf of white bread!

"If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." -
Mother Theresa



Are you registered at St. James Church?

Being a registered parishioner has many important benefits.

If you are ever asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or will wish to be married in the Catholic Church, you will need proof of regular Mass attendance and being a registered parishioner and submitting your envelopes at collection provides that verification.

Some Catholic schools offer a tuition discount to students whose families attend Mass regularly and donate to church collections, and being a registered parishioners and submitting your collection envelopes verifies your Mass attendance.

To register online, go to our website, stjamesrcchurch.org, and click on **About Us**, and then click on **Join Our Parish**. Scroll down and then click on the **Join Today**.

You can also pick up a registration form in person from the office at the Parish Center. The completed form can be

- ♦ Scanned and emailed to parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org
- ♦ Mailed to 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford, NY 11783
- ♦ Dropped off at the parish center
- ♦ Put in an envelope and placed in the collection basket at Mass.

Become a registered parishioner at St. James Church today!





St. James Parish Blue Mass

A Mass to honor Police Officers, Firefighters, and
First Responders

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 at 12:00 pm

We extend an invitation to all Parish Firefighters,
Police officers, and first responders, Active and
Retired and their families to join us that day.

Following the mass, we will proceed to the
“Blue Fountain” for a brief prayer service and
refreshments.

Refreshments will be served following the
prayer service.

Come and Join us at a Prayer Service and listen to Cardinal’s message of Forgiveness and Love

Cardinal Ernest Simoni

Monday, August 25, 2025 at 7:00PM

Our Holy Redeemer RCC, 37 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520



Rev. Ernest Simoni, **presbyter of the Archdiocese of Shkodre-Pult (Albania)**, was born on October 18, 1928 in Troshani, a village a few kilometres from Shkodre, to a deeply religious family. At the age of ten he entered the Franciscan College in Troshani, beginning the process of formation for priesthood.

On December 24, 1963, after the Christmas Mass, he was arrested and jailed in Shkodre, where he was held in solitary confinement. Sentenced to death, the sentence was commuted to 25 years of hard labor. In prison he became spiritual father and point of reference for prisoners.

On May 22nd, 1973 he was again sentenced to death as the alleged instigator of a revolt, but on account of favourable testimony from his jailers the sentence was not carried out. His prison stay lasted 18 years.

After liberation in 1981, he was still considered an “enemy of the people” and forced to work in the Skodre sewers. He exercised the ministry of priesthood clandestinely, until the fall of the regime in 1990. Since then, he has continued to serve as a humble priest, in many villages, seeking to reconcile feuds and to bring his testimony, which deeply moved even the Pope on his visit to Tirana on September 21st, 2014.

**Created and proclaimed Cardinal by Pope Francis in the consistory of 19 November 2016,
diaconate of Santa Maria della Scala.**

Ministries and Events

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration for Alpha Youth. It features a group of diverse young adults sitting in a circle, smiling and talking. The background is dark with colorful, stylized elements like a laptop, a heart, a star, a question mark, and a soccer ball. The text is bold and playful, with 'WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?' in large, colorful letters. A small 'Alpha YOUTH' logo is in the top right corner.

Explore the Chistian faith, on your terms.
Each session is designed to spark conversation.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

To register for Alpha Youth go to
www.Deaconchris.org/alpha-youth

A promotional graphic for the Friends of the Poor Walk. It features a map of Long Island with a green line tracing a path across it. The text is motivational and clear, with a QR code for registration. A photo of two women walking is included in a circular frame. The overall design is green and white with a dark green border.

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

Friends OF THE POOR® WALK

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

**CHECK IN:
8:30 AM
WALK START
10AM**

REGISTER AT:

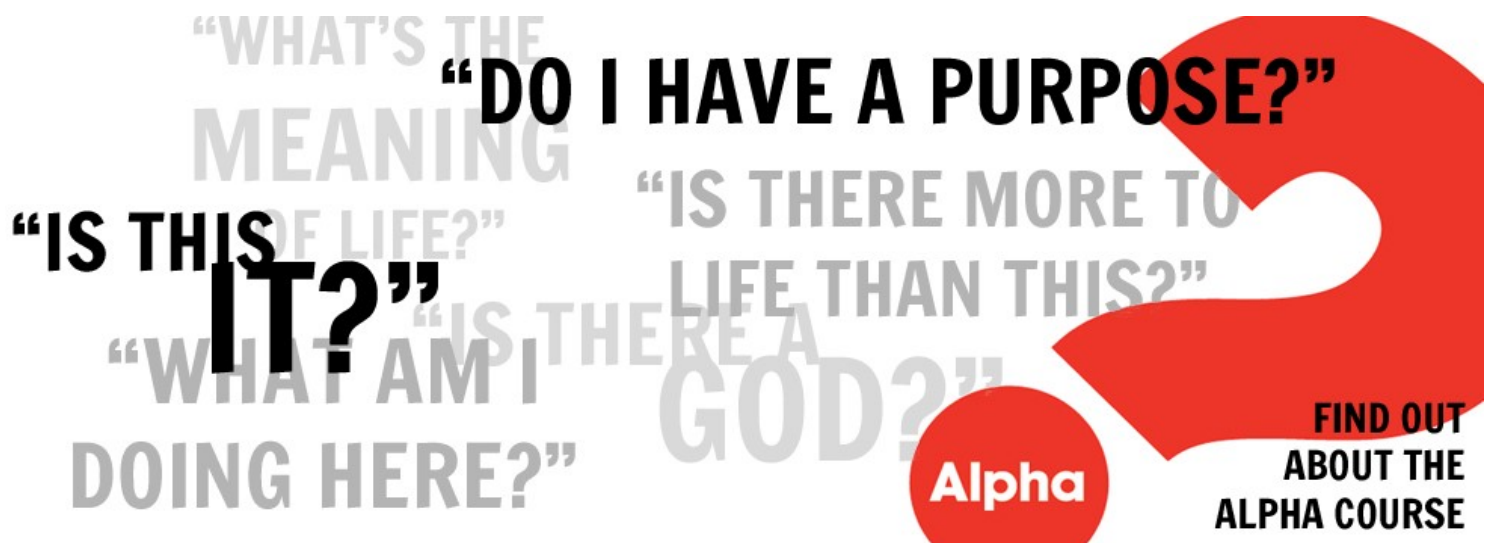


SCAN HERE!

**5K Walk
As you are able**

**OR GO TO:
TINYURL.COM/2025WALK**

Ministries and Events



Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning.

Each session includes a time to connect with others over a free meal, hear a short talk on our Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective!

Alpha is a 11week and one Saturday course that creates a space where people come and discuss life's big questions. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. No two Alphas look the same, but they have three key things in common:

hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

Our Next Alpha session at Saint James will be on these dates

Join us these 11 Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:30 pm

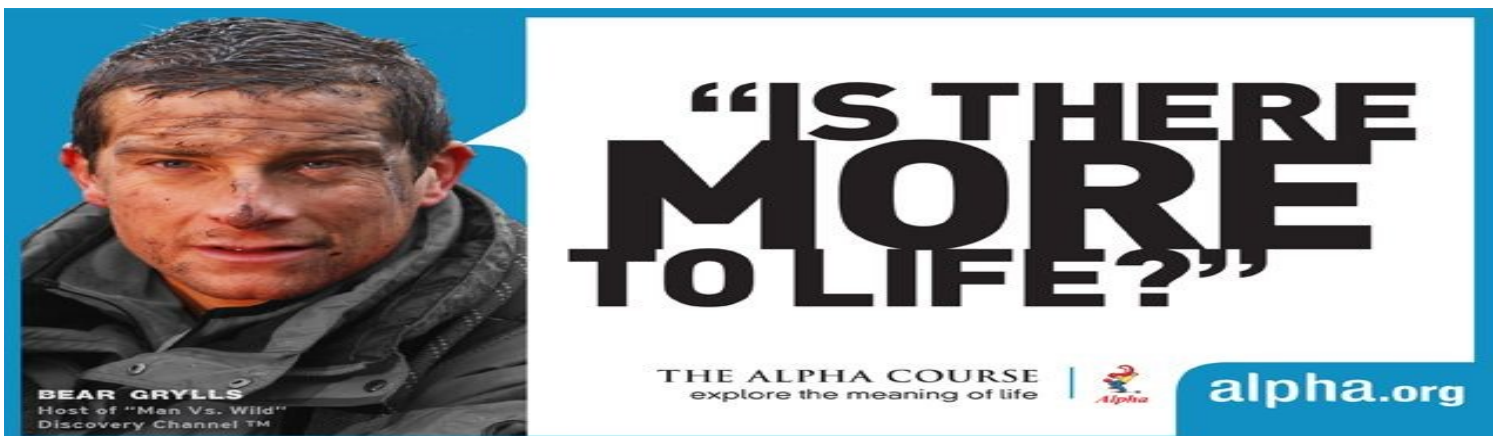
September 23rd, 30th October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
December 2nd

Plus the weekend of

Friday November 7th 6:30– 8:30pm and Saturday November 8th 9:00am-4:00pm.

YOU MUST REGISTER at www.DEACONCHRIS.ORG/alpha-sign-up

Saint James Church 80 Hicksville road Seaford



Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:	August 10, 2025	Maintenance & Repairs	CHURCH CAPACITY 850
	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	7,738.00	937.00	4:00pm 361
Online Giving	2,616.29	95.53	8:00am 223
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,305.00</u>	<u>109.00</u>	10:00am 245
Total	11,659.29	1,141.53	12:00pm <u>318</u>
		Total	1,147



"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:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Q & A

Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.



Pray for Our Deceased

John Burgois
John Perrella

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
August 31st	Monday, August 25th
September 7th	Wednesday, August 27th
September 14th	Monday, September 8th
September 21st	Monday, September 15th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



August 2025

Sunday, 8/17—Lorraine Murphy-Correri

Monday, 8/18—Joanne Autera

Tue., 8/19—Maureen Buoneto

Wed., 8/20—Anna Angione

Thurs., 8/21—M/M Daniel Mule

Friday, 8/22—M/M Keith Mercer

Saturday, 8/23—James Farley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 24th

No scheduled events

Monday, August 25th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation Book Pick Up - Room 116 | 10:00am

Tuesday, August 26th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation Book Pick Up - Room 116 | 10:00am

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 27th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation Book Pick Up - Room 116 | 10:00am

Prayers & Cigars - Shrine | 7:00pm

Thursday, August 28th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation Book Pick Up - Room 116 | 10:00am

Friday, August 29th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Movie Night - Yes Day - Delaney Hall | 8:00pm

Saturday, August 30th

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.

Blood Drive

Our parish works with the Long Island Blood Services and hosts several blood donation drives at the parish center throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to call parishioners/residents, give out fyers to various stores in the area to inform them of upcoming blood drives and also to help the day of the event. Our next drive is Wednesday, September 3rd. Please reach out to Kevin Kelly at kevink@nielsoninsurance.com if you are interested in helping out. Thank you.

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.