

The Parish of Saint James

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 33rd 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.

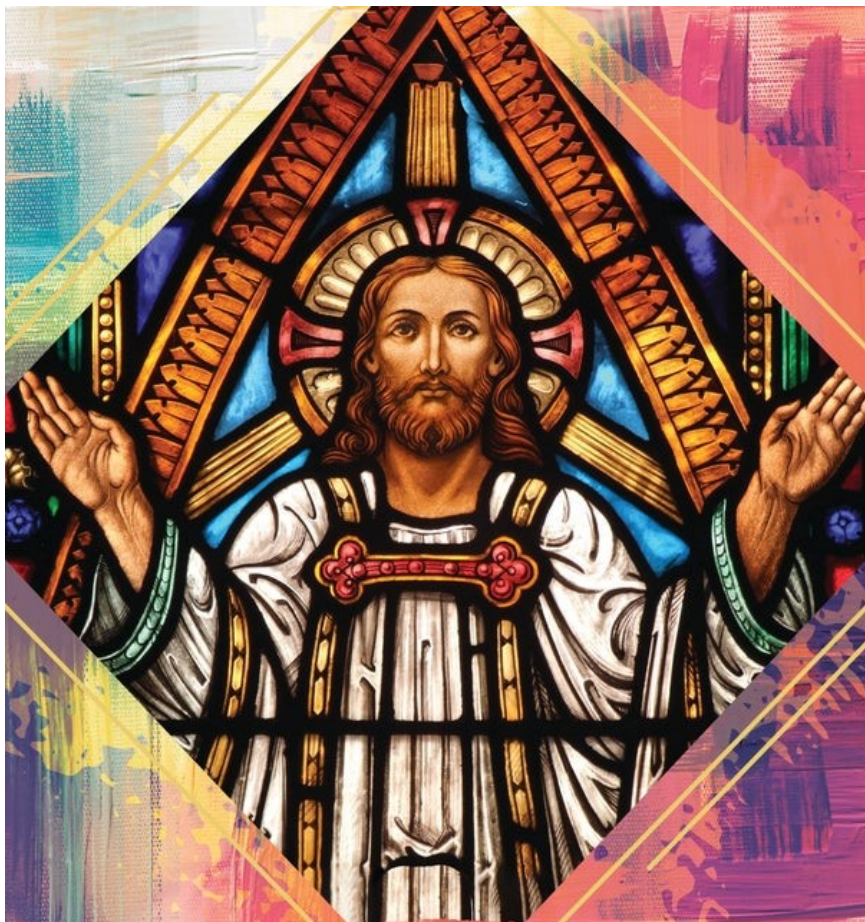
OUR MISSION

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 can be done online on our website or forms are available at the Parish Center Office.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all
your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."
- Lk 21:15

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

8:00am | Erasmo & Elvira Gargano
10:00am | Laura & Albert Deario
12:00pm | People of St. James
| James Tramondo - Birthday
| Maria Rotondo -
1st Anniversary
| Doris Beatriz Vazquez
| Edward Ronan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

8:00am | Michael Keller
12:10pm | Rose Marie Morando

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

8:00am | Howard Lawrence
12:10pm | Charles Ripoll -
2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

8:00am | Edward Carroll
12:10pm | Vincent LoBiondo -
1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

8:00am | Roland Cook - Birthday
12:10pm | Elaine L. Sciallo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

8:00am | Marilyn J. Tutino
12:10pm | William Stallone -
5th Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

8:00am | Joseph Torregrosa - Birthday
4:00pm | Edward & Mary McKee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8:00am | Maria Santina Giammo
10:00am | Rosemarie Rose
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Louis Yurasits

HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

Omar Albayaty, Marianne Amblo, 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, Michael Fox, 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, Bill Monahan, 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, Angelina 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

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Deacon Chris Daniello

Deacon John Horn

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Facility Manager | Thomas Galvin | 516-731-3710

Parish Office Receptionist | 516-731-3710 | Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

MASS CELEBRANT

Nov. 22 | 4:00pm | Fr. John

Nov. 23 | 8:00am | Fr. John
| 10:00am | Fr. Benjamin
| 12:00pm | Fr. 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,

FINANCIAL REPORT: Today, I am releasing a copy of our Financial Report, a *Statement of Routine Operations*, which represents the financials of our parish between September 1, 2024 and August 31st, 2025, and the St. James Parish Spiritual Report on pages 6 & 7 in this bulletin. I am grateful to the members of our Finance Committee for their assistance in its preparation. The members of the Committee are Joseph Fennessy (the Committee Chair), Matthew Antonucci, Jane Harris Cordova, Jason Nunnally (Parish Trustee), Eileen McMahon (the Parish Bookkeeper), and Julie Rodetis (Parish Trustee and Executive Administrative Assistant).

The role of the Finance Committee is to offer me advice on the appropriate stewardship of the parish's financial resources. This has been helpful to me at our Finance Committee meetings as they bring their professional expertise. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Committee for their on-going assistance and advice.

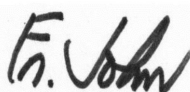
THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH: As you can see from the financials on page 6, we are **currently operating at a deficit – experiencing a shortfall**. The financial well-being of St. James is dependent on the weekly financial contributions from parishioners. Despite the increase in Mass attendance, our weekly collections have declined and our expenses have increased. The bulk of our expenses come from maintenance, salaries and benefits for both the clergy and the lay staff as well as utilities and the cost of running various programs including Faith Formation, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Parish Outreach.

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS: *Please realize that each time you place a contribution in the collection basket or mail it to the parish center that you are personally supporting and participating in the on-going work of the ministry of Jesus today. The action of offering money is truly one of the “gifts” that we bring up, along with the Bread and Wine.*

WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT: The Bible speaks of “tithing,” that is giving 10% of one's income. Yes, there are some who are able to contribute on this level of support to St. James. Perhaps, this is beyond your reach. That's understandable for many. Are you able to contribute weekly to St. James what you earn for one hours' worth of work? Our offering each week should reflect a sacrifice that we are making to continue the Mission and Ministry of Jesus today.

ON-LINE GIVING: Thankfully, we have seen an increase in the amount of households who are now giving on-line. I invite you to join me and become one of our on-line givers. Giving on-line establishes a regular and consistent level of financial support to St. James. That's how I give my financial support to the church. Would you please consider doing the same?

THANK YOU, EVERYONE: Please join me as we pray for a generous response by all members of St. James Parish to these requests. Will you do your part? I want to thank you in advance, our parishioners who are so generous in supporting the mission and ministries of St. James Parish.



Ministries and Events

ST. JAMES PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY GANG

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

The PB & J gang gets together every get together every **Friday** AT 6:30 in Delaney Hall.

Since we are limited to making 400 sandwiches, we need to limit it to 40 volunteers each Friday. **If you wish to volunteer, please email Deacon Chris at me@deaconchris.org.**

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



The Book Nook Gift Shop Advent Sale!

The Book Nook (located in the church) sells Advent items including candles, wreaths and calendars. The Book Nook is open Saturdays from 3pm until 5:15pm and Sundays from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Please stop by before or after Mass.

Our 21st Annual Christmas 50/50 Raffle is here!



Chances are \$10 each
or \$40 for a full book of 5.
Additional tickets are
available for purchase in the
Parish Center Office.

Thank you for your
support of this
Parish fundraiser.

WEST ISLAND MODEL RAILROADERS 2025 Open House



- You're invited to operate a train on our 5600 sq. ft., 2 level railroad
- Learn about trains and model railroading from our club members
 - Join the club, and operate your own or our trains

Suggested Donation: \$5/person, Family maximum \$15

Friday Nov. 28	1- 5 PM
Saturday Nov. 29	1- 4 PM
Sunday Nov. 30	1- 4 PM

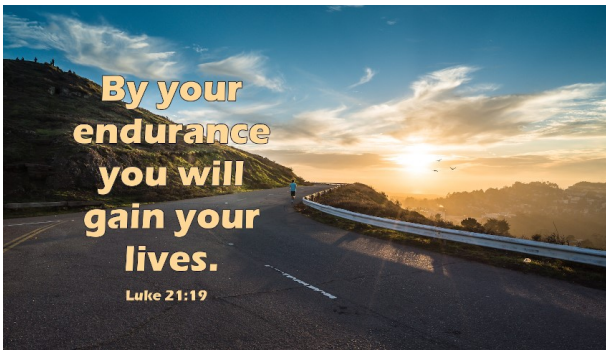
Friday Dec. 5	7- 9:30 PM
Saturday Dec. 6	1- 4 PM
Sunday Dec. 7	1- 4 PM

Friday Dec. 12	7- 9:30 PM
Saturday Dec. 13	1- 4 PM
Sunday Dec. 14	1- 4 PM

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On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestIslandModelRailroaders/>
Also find us on Instagram and TikTok

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What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, November 16, 2025



Faith Formation Classes for the week of Nov. 17, 2025

Tue., Nov. 18 —4:15-5:30pm

Wed., Nov. 19—4:15-5:30pm

Wed., Nov. 19—7:00-8:15pm

Thur., Nov. 20— 4:15-5:30pm

About the Feast of Christ the King

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy.

It is one of the three traditional offices of Christ (prophet, priest, and king).

The feast reminds people that Jesus holds ultimate authority over all aspects of human life, including the political and economic realms, and that his kingdom is eternal, unlike temporary earthly powers.



STUDENTS IN OUR LEVEL 7 & 8 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL BE SELLING WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE BARS BEFORE AND AFTER THE 4PM, 10AM, AND 12PM MASSES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND FOR THE LAST TIME. BARS ARE STILL ONLY \$1.00.

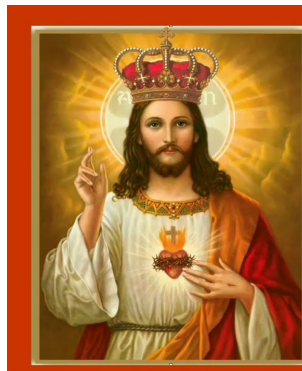
STOP AND PICK UP A BAR OR TWO!

Next Sunday, November 23, 2025

We celebrate the

Feast of Christ the King

This Feast is the close of our Liturgical year. The New Year will begin with the celebration of the First Sunday in Advent!



**Feast of
Christ the King**

ST. JAMES PARISH SPIRITUAL REPORT

September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025

Infant Baptisms	121
Adult Baptisms	3
First Eucharist	103
Young Adult Confirmations	111
RCIA Candidates	13

Funerals	106
Weddings	13
Anointing of the Sick	27
Students: Faith Formation	801
Catechists: Faith Formation	39

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REPORT

Lectors	20
Ushers	27
Extraordinary Ministers	69

Homebound	438
# of Masses Weekly	15
Sacristans	8

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT

Total People Served	451
Thanksgiving Baskets	52

Christmas Baskets	58
Christmas Gifts	175

SOME PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

Adult Faith Formation
 Alpha
 Altar Servers
 Baptismal Preparation
 Blood Drive
 Book Nook Gift Shop
 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
 Church Environment & Art
 Columbiettes
 Consolation Ministry
 Currency Expeditors
 Eucharistic Adoration
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Faith Formation
 Family Ministry
 Fundraising
 Finance Committee
 FOCCUS (Marriage Prep)
 Italian Rosary Group

Knights of Columbus
 Lectors
 Marion Prayer Group
 Men's Group
 Music Ministry
 O.C.I.A.
 Outreach Ministries
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Pre-Canas
 Sacristans
 Scouting: Boys, Girls & Cubs
 Scripture Sharing
 Seniors (Plainedge)
 Sewing Ministry
 St. Vincent De Paul Society
 Trustees
 Ushers
 Welcoming Ministry

OUTSIDE GROUPS MEETING AT ST. JAMES RC CHURCH

Alcoholics Anonymous
 AI - Anon

Marriage Encounter
 Narcotics Anonymous

ST. JAMES PARISH

STATEMENT OF ROUTINE OPERATIONS

	Fiscal Year End 8/31/2024	Fiscal Year End 8/31/2025
REVENUES:		
Regular Collections	871,040	864,973
Fund Raising/Development	64,407	63,165
Parish Programs	213,972	236,398
Auxiliary Revenue	147,614	232,408
Collections on behalf of Others	16,090 (1)	19,009 (1)
Interest and Dividends	68,586	74,491
Hurricane Sandy Deductible Reimbursement		5,000
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>1,381,709</u>	<u>1,495,444</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Salaries	368,661	382,386
Fringe Benefits	210,522	226,953
Fund Raising/Development	35,086	35,094
Parish Programs	75,840	93,212
Regional School Subsidies	100,634	104,525
Printing & Office	39,205	40,669
Auxiliary Expenditures	102,836	144,450
Rectory/Household	21,181	19,003
Collections on behalf of Others	16,090 (1)	19,009 (1)
Buildings Utilities & Maintenance	354,012	341,500
Total Capital Expenditures	12,800	303,149
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,336,867</u>	<u>1,716,471</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	<u>44,842</u>	<u>(221,027)</u>
Unrealized Gains on Investments	206,153	140,660
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>250,995</u>	<u>(80,367)</u>

St. James Parish received one bequest in FYE 2024 which is not included in
above statement of routine operations.

(1) Special collections

Liturgical Life



Week Two

Courtney Hroch &
Brandon Gleason



It's that time of year when we rely on the generosity of parishioners to help those in need.

The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex the day after Thanksgiving. Please take a tag and purchase a gift card that is marked on the tag and return in the collection basket or the parish center office.

We give thanks for the abundant generosity of St. James parishioners.

Thank you for your support! God Bless You All in this Season of Giving!

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

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, we are collecting the following to be included in each Thanksgiving bag:

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix, canned yams, gravy, stuffing and desserts.

Due to the lack of freezer space, we are requesting gift cards to purchase the turkeys. Gift cards can be put in the collection basket or brought to the parish center office.

In addition, the pantry needs mayonnaise, sugar-coated cereal, boxed milk, juices, flour, sugar, coffee, oil, rice, napkins and baby wipes.

We are thankful to all of you for your generosity so that we can all have a blessed holiday.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

Including widows, widowers and singles

A social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting

Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 7:00PM

Hibernian Hall

85 Grand Avenue

Massapequa, NY 11758

Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$40. Refreshments following the meeting.

November 16: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now? **Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.** 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.



Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

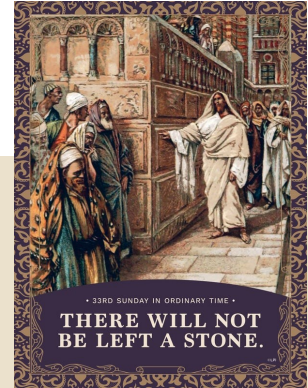
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

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

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

PSALM

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

SECOND READING

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

GOSPEL

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

Ministries and Events

ST. JAMES THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

All are invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00am

We will gather as a parish family to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Our parish offices will close at 12pm on Wednesday and will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Please note that there will be one Mass at 9am on Friday, November 28th.

Advent Holy Hours

"Advent has a twofold character, as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation." (#39 General Norms for the Liturgical Year)



Wednesdays - 7:30PM - Church

December 3 - Dcn. Rick

December 10 - Dcn. John

December 17 - Dcn. Chris

ALL ABOARD!

Join the Welcoming Ministry on the 3rd Annual

POLAR

EXPRESS

Saturday

December 6th

11:00AM-2:00PM

PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE SERVED!

TICKETS: \$5 PER CHILD

DELANEY HALL, ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
80 HICKSVILLE ROAD, SEAFORD, NY

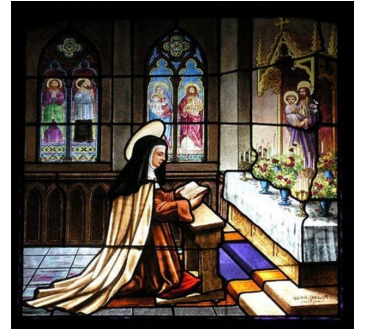
Please Scan the QR Code to
register for the event!

st.jameswelcomingministry@gmail.com



Ministries and Events

**NASSAU KNIGHTS FOR LIFE INC.
SPONSORS THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
PATRONESS OF THE PREBORN MEMORIAL MASS**



**FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON TO HONOR
THEIR SOULS ABORTED, LIVING AND PREBORN!!
ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 23, 2025 at 7:30 P.M.
AT ST. JAMES R/C CHURCH IN THE CHAPEL, 80 HICKSVILLE ROAD, SEAFORD N.Y. 11783**

**PARKING IS ADJACENT TO THE CHAPEL AND SCHOOL FACILITY
WE WILL HONOR THE MEMORY OF ALL ABORTED AND PRE-BORN BABIES
FOR THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE'**

**INFORMATION NEEDED CALL:
KEITH WILSON, CHAIRMAN 516-633-1435
MASS TO REPLACE FOR THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING!**

Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive **WINTER** **COATS/ HATS/ GLOVES/ SWEATERS**

5983 Delaney Council/ St. James Parish

- Location: St. James R.C. Church Narthex
- Times: Before and After Saturday and Sunday Masses

Starting November 22, 2025 through Winter 2026

We are accepting New and/ or Used Winter Coats which will be donated and distributed to those in need in our local and surrounding communities in Nassau County. We are also accepting other articles of winter clothing and accessories such as Hats, Gloves, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, and Snowpants.

Please bring your donations in a secured plastic bag to the Narthex at St. James Church and leave them in the labeled cardboard box. The donations will be collected by Knights of the Delaney Council and donated to our Partners for distribution to our needy members of the community

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

November 2, 2025

Maintenance
& Repairs

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	8,471.00	1,161.00	4:00pm 498
Online Giving	3,933.95	254.21	8:00am 273
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,751.00</u>	<u>242.00</u>	10:00am 457
Total	14,155.95	1,657.21	12:00pm <u>330</u>
		Total	1,558



"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 Catholics call priests Father?

Q & A

Answer: One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes. In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them. To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church.



Pray for Our Deceased

Mary Elizabeth Waterbury

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
November 30th	Monday, November 17th
December 7th	Wednesday, November 26th
December 14th	Monday, December 1st
December 21st	Monday, December 8th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



November 2025

Sunday, 11/9—Joseph Theisen

Monday, 11/10—Kelly Slattery

Tue., 11/11—Melissa Morra

Wed., 11/12—Noreen Murray

Thurs., 11/13—Elaine Caluori

Friday, 11/14—Augie Pereira

Saturday, 11/15—Debra Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 16th

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, November 17th

Rosary - Church | 9:30am

The Chosen Season 5 - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena - Chapel | 2:00pm

Tuesday, November 18th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 1:30pm

Alpha - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 19th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Faith Formation Classes | 7:00pm

Prayers & Cigars - Shrine | 7:00pm

Thursday, November 20th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:00am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Friday, November 21st

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Saturday, November 22nd

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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



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; Airman Matthew Colvell, Air Force; 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; PO 1st. Class Ryne Rhodes, Navy; 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