

The Parish of Saint James

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

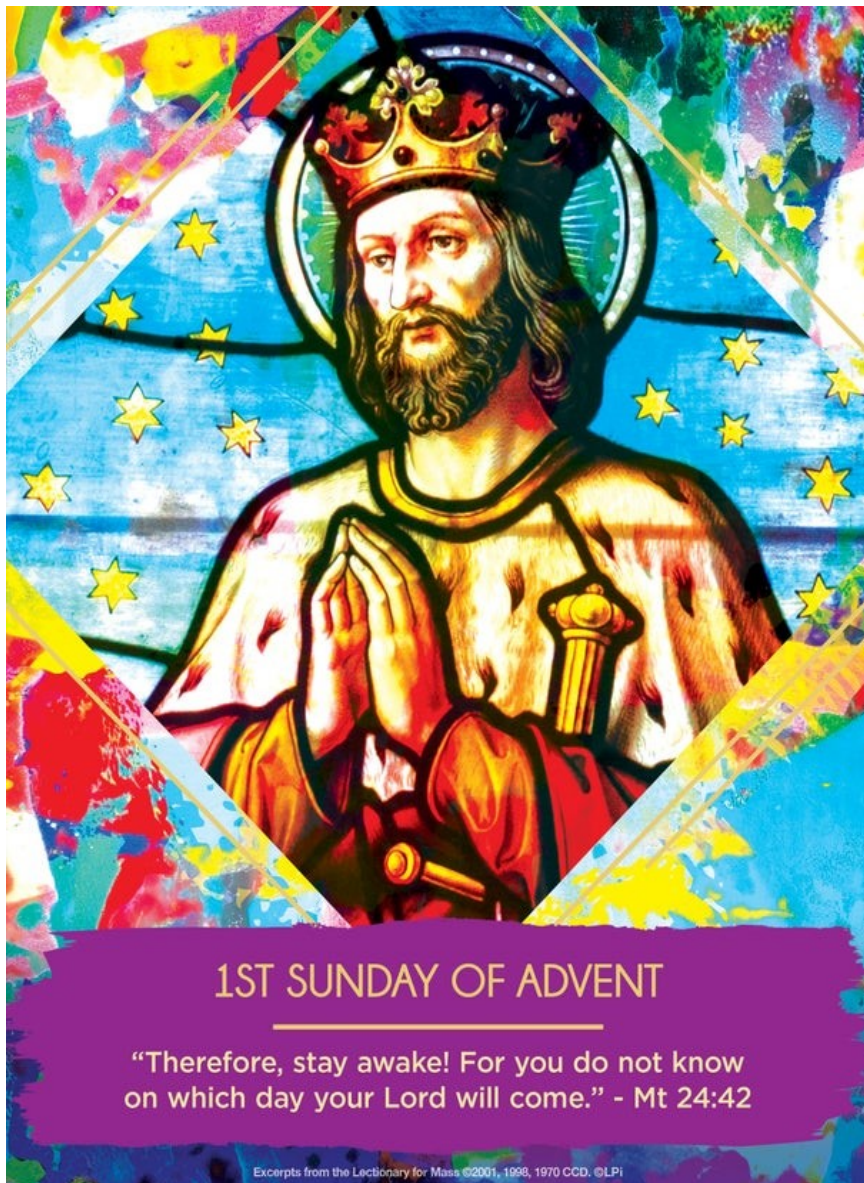
OUR MISSION

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.



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parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00am | Evelyn Mullin
10:00am | Patrick Adkins
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Sarah Ann Montefusco
| Bridget McCarthy -
1st Anniversary
| Paul Bauccio Jr. -
2nd Anniversary
| Leonardo Augugliaro
| Greg Pfannenstien

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

8:00am | Dominick Falcone
12:10pm | Irene Kenney - 10th Anniversary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

8:00am | Helyn Jewell
12:10pm | Benedetto Piarulli -
4th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

8:00am | George Charno
12:10pm | Frank Donohue -
18th Anniversary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

8:00am | Nancy LaMontanero
12:10pm | Rose Martellacci -
95th Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

8:00am | Virginia Kelly
12:10pm | Robert Alexander, Jr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:00am | Dorothy Youngmans
| Eileen Pesek
4:00pm | Anthony Quercia, Jr. - Birthday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

8:00am | Lucy Scarola - Birthday
10:00am | Jennifer Castellanos
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Angelo Gandino
| Libby Robbins
| Lou Sgro

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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MASS CELEBRANT

Dec. 6 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

Dec. 7 | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 10:00am | Fr. John
| 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

A Note from the Pastor

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

“OKAY, LET’S TALK ABOUT ADVENT AGAIN, PART II”

I think that entering the “*spirit*” of the Season of Advent, with its call to “Prepare a Way for the Lord,” is an excellent start.

As we begin preparations for this year’s celebration of Christmas, the Church again stands as a counter-cultural sign proclaiming that it is Lord’s coming again in glory that should be our main focus, yearning and hope during the first weeks of Advent.

Advent as a spiritual season has two aspects. The initial weeks of Advent are a time of intensified prayer and preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus. Later in the Advent Season, starting December 16th, the focus of the Church’s prayer changes by directing our attention to this year’s celebration of the birth of Jesus and our participation in that joyful event today.

In the opening prayer of the First Sunday of Advent we pray, “*Grant your faithful, we pray. . .the resolve to run forth to meet Christ with righteous deeds at his coming . . .*” The “Preface” during the first two-thirds of the Advent Season makes it clear as we hear the priest pray that, “. . .*when he comes again in glory and majesty. . .we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which we now dare to hope.*” How can we watch and wait and yearn for his Second Coming if we are busy celebrating Christmas during Advent?

Granted, we all need to prepare for Christmas but hopefully not at the expense of keeping a holy Advent. Yes, Christmas cards need to be written (I’ll be writing them out), presents need to be purchased (I’ll be purchasing gifts for loved ones), food needs to be prepared (Okay, YOU cook, I’ll eat. . .but much less!) and all this can be done without neglecting the spiritual journey we are undertaking during Advent.

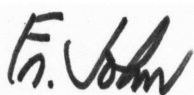
Recall that each time we celebrate Mass the priest introduces an Advent theme when he prays, “. . .*As we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*” And you say in response, “*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.*” Do you understand what you have just affirmed with your response? Is that what you are hoping for? Do you really want Him to come again? Yes, indeed! This is the hope and desire of the church, intensified during Advent.

The invitation given us by God through the Church is to deepen our longing and yearning for Jesus to come again when He will bring to fulfillment all that he began in His public ministry and through His life-giving passion, death and resurrection.

I invite you to keep the holy season of Advent as we pray for Jesus to come again. Take a small step this year. If you’re not sure what you should do then I suggest that you start by praying for the grace to desire and yearn for Jesus to come again in glory.

Again, taking the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, going to Confession, during Advent is an excellent way to “*Prepare the Way of the Lord!*”

Let us help each other to keep holy the spirit of Advent.



Ministries and Events

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

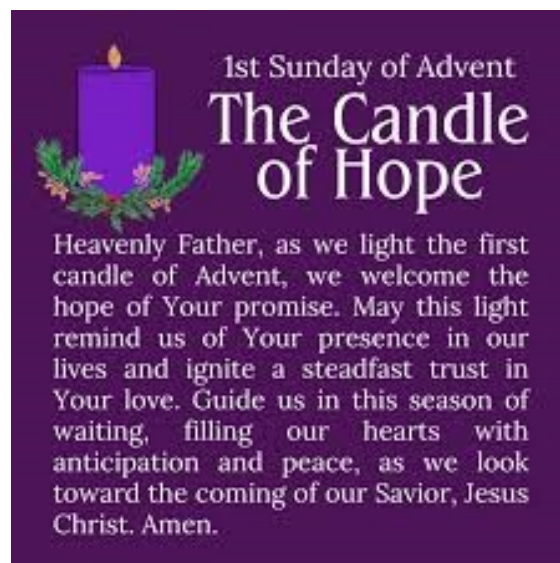
December 2025

FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 First Sunday of Advent Make or buy an Advent Wreath together Light 1 Purple Candle	1 Watch a Christmas Movie Perhaps "It's a Wonderful life"	2 Set-up & talk about the Nativity Scene. Place Mary and Joseph far away from the Nativity.	3 Make a paperchain of good deeds each day until Christmas—use it as a decoration	4 Learn about the Christmas Customs of another country	5 Write a family prayer about hope, peace, love, & joy	6 Feast of St. Nicholas Read Luke 1:26-38 Move Mary & Joseph closer to the Nativity Scene
7 Second Sunday of Advent Take and ornament from the Giving Tree Light 2 purple candles	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Take a Family Christmas Photo	9 Watch your favorite Christmas movie with family try M&Ms in your popcorn	10 The Angel visits Mary Read Luke 1:26-38	11 Heat up Apple Juice with a cinnamon stick and some cloves on the stove, enjoy as an after dinner treat	12 Make some ornaments for your family Christmas tree	13 Feast of St. Lucy Read Luke 1:39-55 Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity.
14 Third Sunday of Advent Light a 2 purple and 1 pink candle	15 Make a phone call to a friend or family member who needs some Christmas cheer	16 Make Christmas cookies for a neighbor	17 Order a poinsettia in celebration or memory of a loved one from the church	18 Say a prayer for each person who sent your family a Christmas Card	19 Have hot chocolate with family while enjoying a Christmas show or movie	20 Attend the Parish Christmas Pageant in church at 6:30pm
21 Fourth Sunday of Advent Make Christmas cookies with your family. Light all 4 candles	22 Take a walk around the Neighborhood and see all the Christmas lights and decorations	23 Watch the Polar Express or other Christmas Movie while Enjoying a cup of Cocoa	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Read Luke 2: 1-10 Move Mary and Joseph into the Nativity.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY! GO TO MASS! Put the baby Jesus in the Nativity. MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27
28	29	30	31			



What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, November 30, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Faith Formation Classes for the week of Dec. 1, 2025

Tue., Dec. 2 —4:15-5:30pm

Wed., Dec. 3 —4:15-5:30pm

Wed., Dec. 3 —7:00-8:15pm

Thur., Dec. 4— 4:15-5:30pm

DO YOU HAVE YOUR ADVENT WREATH YET?

**DON'T FORGET TO LIGHT THE
CANDLES EACH DAY OF EACH
WEEK OF ADVENT TO HELP US
REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
THAT CAME TO US AT
CHRISTMAS**



Listening to the Gospel one might think—Candle of hope? As we light the first candle we hope for the fulfillment of God's promises of redemption. But as we are reminded in the readings we must always be prepared because we do not know when Jesus' redemption will come to fulfillment.

As we begin this season of Advent preparing for our Christmas celebrations we must also prepare for the day that Jesus will return to take us all home to God to live with him in paradise.

For the First Week of Advent the week of HOPE discuss the following as a family:

1. Hope is defined as a desire for a certain outcome or a feeling of trust. Discuss a time when you trusted God.
2. What hopes do you have now? (for your family, yourself, your community, etc.)
3. How can hope and trust help you build your relationship with God this Advent Season?
4. Write a prayer of hope.



ST. JAMES CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2025

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 6, 13, & 20

3:00 – 3:45 PM

Monday, December 15, 2025

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Fr. John & Fr. Benjamin

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Thursday, December 24, 2025

4:00 PM - Fr. Benjamin

6:00 PM – Msgr. Michael

Caroling begins at 11:30 PM

MID-NIGHT MASS – Fr. John

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25, 2025

8:00 AM: Fr. Benjamin

10:00 AM: Msgr. Michael

12:00 PM: Fr. John

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4:00 PM: Msgr. Michael

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 AM: Fr. Benjamin

10:00 AM: Msgr. Michael

12:00 PM: Fr. John

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1- 2026**

VIGIL MASS: (WORLD DAY OF PEACE)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

4:00 PM Vigil: Fr. Benjamin - Dcn. John

****11:30 PM (Holy Hour before the New Year) – Dcn. Chris***

SOLEMNITY: MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 AM – Fr. John

11:30 AM – Msgr. Michael

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3, 2026

4:00 PM Vigil – Fr. John

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:00 AM – Fr. Benjamin

10:00 AM – Fr. John

12:00 PM – Msgr. Michael

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 10, 2026

4:00 PM – Fr. Benjamin

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:00 AM – Fr. Benjamin

10:00 AM – Fr. John

12:00 PM – Msgr. Michael

Liturgical Life



Week Two

**Simone Giacomo &
Lauren Latella**

The Altar Bread
and Wine were
donated in
loving memory
of:

**Paul
Bauccio, Jr.**

Donated by
The Bauccio Family



**November 30:
First Sunday of
Advent**

**As you put your
gift in the St.**

Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord. 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 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. Drawing is Tuesday, December 9th.

Thank you for your support of this Parish fundraiser.

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*

FIRST CLASS RELICS OF ST. MARIA GORETTI AND ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, KNOWN AS MOTHER CABRINI: One of our parishioners donated a First Class Relic of St. Maria Goretti and another of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini). These relics are very small fragments of the bones of each saint.

It is his wish that we make these available to you, our parishioners, to use for private prayer and devotion. If you would like to do so, please contact the parish receptionist at (516) 731-3710, Ext. 118 or email the parish office at parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org. Only one relic can be borrowed at a time from each person.

The relics can be picked up at the weekend Mass you attend and can be returned to the parish office the next Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00pm. You can return the relic earlier by bringing it to the parish center during regular office hours. Your name and phone number will be recorded so we know who has taken the relic for their private devotion.

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

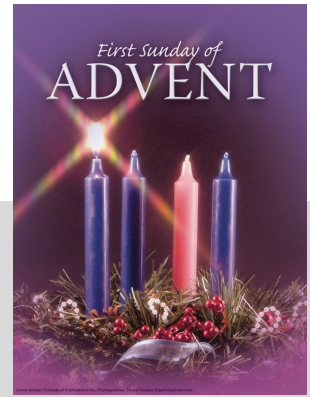
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

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

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in
the light of the LORD!
(Isa 2:5)

PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to
the house of the Lord.
(Ps 122)

SECOND READING

You know the time;
it is the hour now for
you to awake from
sleep. For our salvation
is nearer now than
when we first believed.
(Rom 13:11)

GOSPEL

"So too, you also must
be prepared, for at an
hour you do not
expect, the Son of Man
will come."
(Mt 24:44)

Ministries and Events

Opening Your Heart

This Will Be More Than a Woman's Bible Study

For women, Opening Our Hearts is our first step in exploring our Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Do you long to get your priorities in order?
- Have you been going through the motions in your spiritual practice but wonder how it all relates to everyday life?
- Do you want to know Christ in a personal way?

This guide is designed to inspire thoughtful consideration and questions of faith – from why and how to pray to the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the reasons for suffering. More than anything, it's a challenge to open your heart to the only One who can heal and transform our lives.

Interested? Dawn Daniello will be guiding this Woman's Bible Study every Thursday evening from 7pm – 8:30pm in the parish center, room 112, beginning January 8 – June 11, 2026.

To look at the structure of the Bible Study and if interested in attending, purchase the book by going to Walkingwithpurpose.com (The cost of the book is \$45).

To register please email Dawn Daniello at dawndaniello60@gmail.com with your Name, phone number and email. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.



**Everyone is invited to a
FREE Hospitality Breakfast,
hosted by Family Ministry, in
Delaney Hall on Sunday, December 7,
2025 immediately following the
10AM Mass.**

MENU
Bagels, Cake, Cookies, Coffee, Tea,
Hot Chocolate and Juice.

Come and enjoy breakfast with family
and friends.

Christmas Card making supplies
available for children.

*"Prepare the way of the Lord
and make straight his path"*
Mark 1:13

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. God Bless You All in this Season of Giving!

The St. James Church CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All are welcome in joining us for a special Christmas presentation.

Please encourage your children and grandchildren ages 5 and older to participate in the Saint James Christmas pageant, to be held in the church on **December 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM!**

For those interested in joining our festive production, please contact the Music Director in person or by email at jillianmarieclare@gmail.com or by Text at 718-490-3651.

A \$20 participation fee per child covers costumes, props/set, and cast after-party. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



On this day, a king was born

2025



Rehearsal Dates

Rehearsals are held from
5:00 -6:00 PM in the church:

- ♦ Wednesday, November 5
- ♦ Tuesday, November 11
- ♦ Tuesday, November 18
- ♦ Saturday, November 22
- ♦ Tuesday, November 25
- ♦ Wednesday, December 3
- ♦ Wednesday, December 10
- ♦ Saturday, December 13
- ♦ Wednesday, December 17

Make sure to check your email for updates!



Bambinelli Sunday

A Blessing of Infant Jesus
Saturday, December 13, 4pm
and Sunday, December 14,
the Third Sunday of
Advent at all Masses

We invite all families to bring their Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their family's Nativity Set to be Blessed during this Holy Season of Advent.





Boy Scout Troop #689 will be holding its Annual Christmas Wreath Sale on Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th.

The Scouts will be on hand at all the weekend Masses with wreaths available for immediate purchase at a cost of \$23. Please come support our Parish Troop! Thank you very much.

Ministries and Events

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



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 16, 2025	Human Development/ Home Missions	CHURCH CAPACITY 850
	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	7,979.00	818.00	4:00pm 452
Online Giving	2,329.30	245.00	8:00am 285
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,565.00</u>	<u>47.00</u>	10:00am 467
Total	11,873.30	1,110.00	12:00pm <u>218</u>
		Total	1,422



"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.

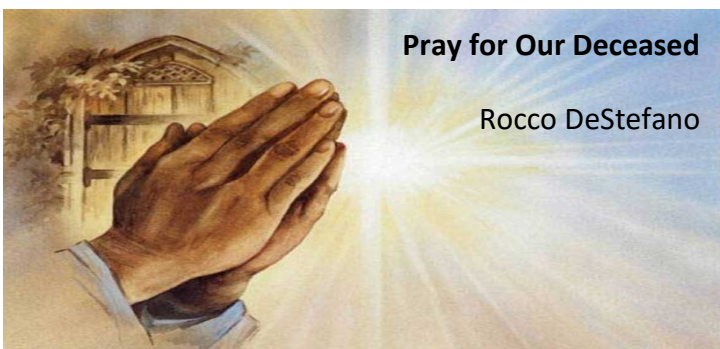
Question:

When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Q & A

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism. The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.



FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
December 14th	Monday, December 1st
December 21st	Monday, December 8th
December 28th	Monday, December 15th
January 4th	Monday, December 22nd

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



November 2025

Sunday, 11/23—M/M Thomas Ricketts

Monday, 11/24—Eileen Balsam

Tue., 11/25—Lynne Petrone

Wed., 11/26—Diane Ambrosio

Thurs., 11/27—Patricia Hedderson

Friday, 11/28—Christopher Rossi

Saturday, 11/29—Letteria Beyrouthy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 30th

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, December 1st

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, December 2nd

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 1:30pm

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Alpha - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 3rd

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Faith Formation classes | 7:00pm

Advent Holy Hours - Church | 7:30pm

Thursday, December 4th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Friday, December 5th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

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

Saturday, December 6th

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

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Polar Express - Delaney Hall | 11:00am



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