

The Parish of Saint James

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD 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.

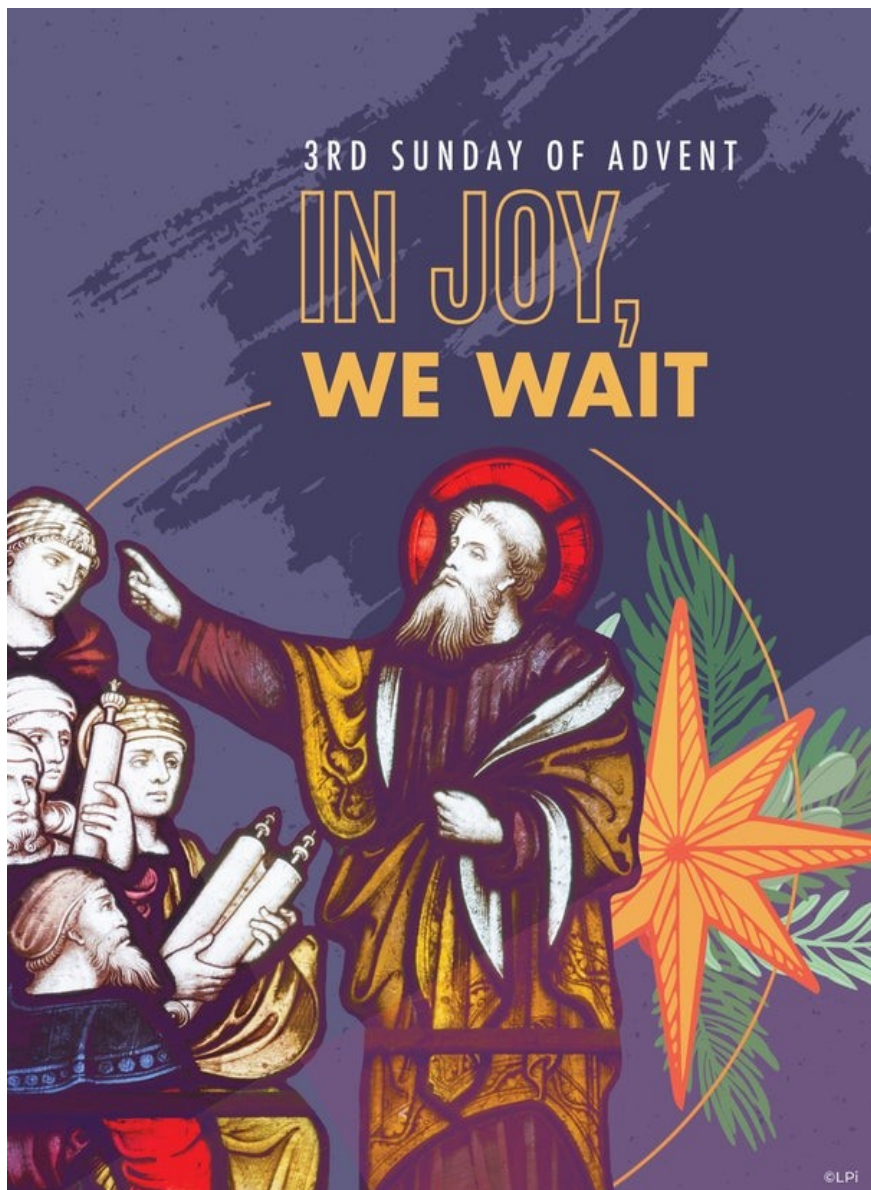
OUR MISSION

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, DECEMBER 14, 2025

8:00am | Lucille Fennessy
10:00am | Benjamin, Geraldine & Catherine Clark
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Jose Ruiz - Anniversary
| Jean Mazzella
| Cira Madonia
| Procopio & Mary Lagrasta
| James Lagrasta & Philip Lagrasta

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

8:00am | Elizabeth Lacchini
12:10pm | Fiorentina Mancuso - Birthday & Angelo Mancuso

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

8:00am | Mary & James O'Neil
12:10pm | Deacon Carl Johnston

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

8:00am | Josephine V. Moane - 15th Anniversary
12:10pm | Felicia Langella - Birthday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

8:00am | Valerie & Rich Moricco - Wedding Anniversary
12:10pm | Nick Santillo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

8:00am | Nereyda Herrera - Anniversary
12:10pm | Scott Johnston

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

8:00am | Renato O. Rosales
| Pat Christy - Birthday
| Angela & Tony D'Ambrosio
4:00pm | Joyce Gruener

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

8:00am | Michael E. Antonucci
10:00am | Rosemarie Rose
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Carmine & Carmela Renella
| Sheila Prendergast
| Michael Vitale - 16th Anniversary
| Nicola DiLuzio & Santa DiLuzio
| John & Regina Mullany

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, Leo Murray, 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, 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, Mary Styne, 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 | msgrmichael@stjamesrcchurch.org

Fr. Benjamin Ogbunuko, Associate Pastor | frbenjamin@stjamesrcchurch.org

In the event of an emergency, please call 516-916-0959 to reach the priest on duty

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Deacon Chris Danielle

Deacon John Horn

Director of Faith Formation | Dr. Lucy Creed, Ed.D. | 516-796-2979

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St. Vincent de Paul Society | 516-735-8895

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Facility Manager | Thomas Galvin | 516-731-3710

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MASS CELEBRANT

Dec. 20 | 4:00pm | Fr. Benjamin

Dec. 21 | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 10:00am | Fr. Benjamin
| 12:00pm | Fr. John

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,

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING: As we are making our way through the Season of Advent I am wondering if you have given any thought to the Church's call to deepen our "hope" for the Second Coming of Christ? The prayers of the liturgy during this time attempt to focus our attention on prayerfully anticipating Jesus "*coming again in glory*," hopefully during our lifetime.

The generations of Christians over the years, who were invited to do the same, eventually realized that this was not going to happen during their lifetimes. Some choose to focus their attention on the Church's call to "*watch and wait*," while others focus on the responsibilities of life here and now. It doesn't have to be one or the other.

I am truly sympathetic to the situation that many people face in the time and attention you need to give to your daily responsibilities and future plans. Sometimes these things put a wedge

between our spiritual hope for the Second Coming and life events: wedding plans, a new job, the birth of a baby, etc. Yes, all of our energy is focused on these things, which are not bad in themselves but rob us of concentrating on the spiritual reality of the fulfillment of Jesus's promise. What do we want more?

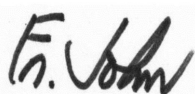
Honestly, my life and responsibilities are not as demanding as yours. Your concerns are not misplaced. They are very real. I think that you might be perceiving that you are either giving *attention* to one or the other.

I think that it is truly possible for us to do both. While you are fulfilling your daily responsibilities it is possible for you to prayerfully await Jesus' return, which you would receive and celebrate with great joy and jubilation.

CHRIST'S FIRST COMING: Starting December 16th, that's only two days away, the focus of the Church's liturgical prayers will draw our primary attention towards remembering and celebrating Jesus First Coming as the Babe born in Bethlehem. It's interesting to note that the word "*Bethlehem*" means "*House of Bread*." Since we consider Jesus to be the Bread of Life, it was appropriate that he be born in the town called Bethlehem, House of Bread.

Christmas is ten short days ahead. The Christmas decorations, the cards sent and received and the variety of foods we will prepare and eat help us to join in the festivities. Most importantly, the Nativity Scene and spiritual music we will listen to and sing, will fill our hearts and minds with the beauty of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world.

MY MEETING JESUS: My belief that the Eucharist is truly the resurrected Christ, under the Sacramental appearance of Bread and Wine, permits me to participate in Jesus' True Presence, until I will experience Him face to face. My looking into His eyes and He into mine. In the meantime, I consider it an incredible privilege to encounter Him in His Eucharistic Presence. *Thank you, Lord, for these wonderful opportunities!*



Ministries and Events

43rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Msgr. Michael Barimah-Apau

December 18th

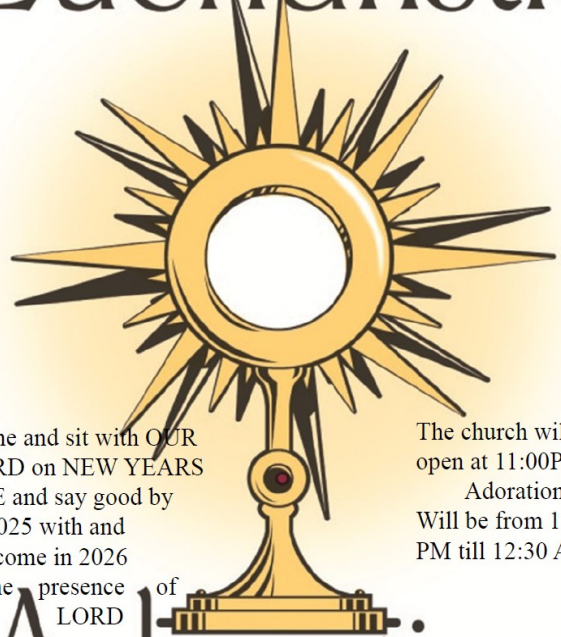
Congratulations on your
43rd Anniversary Msgr. Michael!

Your holy service to the Lord
touches so many hearts and inspires so
many lives. May God's goodness and
kindness be with you on this
special day and all the days of your life.



Come join us December 31st at 11:30 PM to welcome in the
NEW YEAR and spend time with our LORD,

Eucharistic



Come and sit with OUR
LORD on NEW YEARS
EVE and say good by
to 2025 with and
welcome in 2026
in the presence of
the LORD

The church will
open at 11:00PM
Adoration
Will be from 11:30
PM till 12:30 AM

Adoration

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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.



**What's happening in
Faith Formation?
Sunday, December 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

THE THIRD CANDLE IS PINK & IS THE

"Candle of Joy."

IT RECALLS THE JOY WE HAVE IN
KNOWING, LOVING, AND FOLLOWING
CHRIST – NO MATERIAL POSSESSION OR
GIFT CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE JOY
WE HAVE IN FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.

**FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES RESUME
ON
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2026**



**Don't forget Christmas
Pageant on Saturday,
December 20 at 6:30pm in
the Church**

3rd Sunday of Advent

**Candle
of Joy**

Lord, on this Third Sunday of Advent,
we light the Candle of Joy. Fill our
hearts with the joyful anticipation of
Your coming. May Your presence
bring peace and gladness to our lives,
and may we share that joy with
others, reflecting the hope and love
You bring to the world. Amen.

During the season of Advent, we await the
celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at
the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our
hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in
the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to
rejoice in hope!

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a
joyful feast day or holiday. We light this candle on
the 3rd Sunday to represent joy and anticipation of
Christmas.

How have you been preparing for Jesus' coming?



ST. JAMES CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2025

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 15, 2025

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

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

Saturday, December 20, 2025

3:00 – 3:45 PM

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

The Altar Bread and Wine
were donated in
loving memory
of

Aida Scalise

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**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

We Welcome
into the
St. James
Community:

Colsen James Balsamo

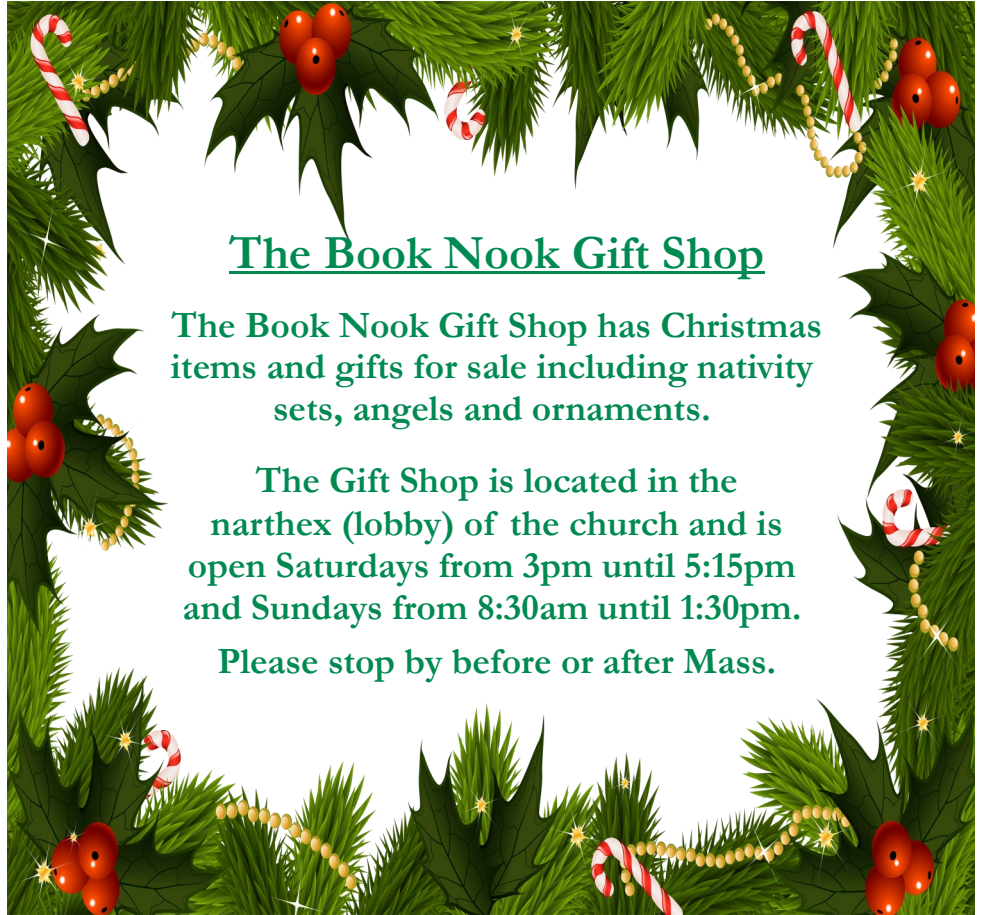
Congratulations to the parents of
the newly baptized!

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



Our current needs are
coffee, mayonnaise, hams,
Jello, cereal, bread crumbs,
salad dressing, oil, vinegar,
Spaghettios, Chef Boyardee,
hot chocolate, sugar, flour,
ketchup, mustard, spices,
snacks, toothpaste, laundry
detergent, cleaning
supplies, napkins, toilet
paper, and paper towels.

Thank you very much.



The Book Nook Gift Shop

The Book Nook Gift Shop has Christmas
items and gifts for sale including nativity
sets, angels and ornaments.

The Gift Shop is located in the
narthex (lobby) of the church and is
open Saturdays from 3pm until 5:15pm
and Sundays from 8:30am until 1:30pm.

Please stop by before or after Mass.



Weekly Offerings can be made for Sacramental
bread and wine, candle oil and altar flowers.
This is a great opportunity to honor a loved
one or commemorate a special event.
Please contact the parish center
office at 516-731-3710.



December 14: Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news
can be seen, touched felt and heard through the
lives of God's people. We are now charged to take
up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask
people to take our word for it; our actions must
speak for us. **Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving,
please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the
good news of Jesus.** 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: Saintjamessaintvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call
516-735-8895.

Ministries and Events



Welcoming Ministry Presents
First Annual St. James
Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 20th
Immediately Following the Christmas Pageant

Join us for a warm and joyful community celebration as we light St. James Christmas Tree for the first time! Bring holiday spirit as we share Christmas carols, hot cocoa & treats.

Let's welcome the season together with light, love and community.



St. James **Parish Men's** **Prayer Group**

Our prayer group meets at 7:30am on the first and third Saturday of each month in the Parish Center.

All men are welcome.

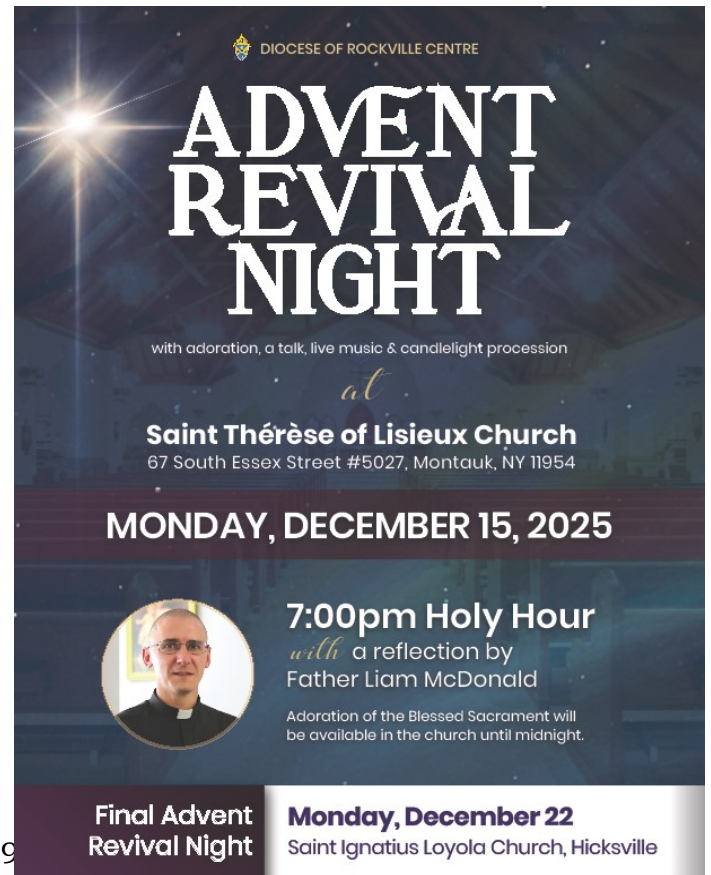


St. James Welcoming Ministry
Presents
Movie Night: *It's a Wonderful Life*

Join us for a warm and festive community gathering as we enjoy this beloved Christmas classic!

Saturday, December 27th
Following the 4:00PM Mass
in Delaney Hall

Refreshments and finger foods will be provided



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

ADVENT REVIVAL NIGHT

with adoration, a talk, live music & candlelight procession

at
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Church
67 South Essex Street #5027, Montauk, NY 11954

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025



7:00pm Holy Hour
with a reflection by
Father Liam McDonald

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the church until midnight.

Final Advent
Revival Night

Monday, December 22
Saint Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist:

“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7). He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

“Go and tell what you have seen and heard,” Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let’s let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

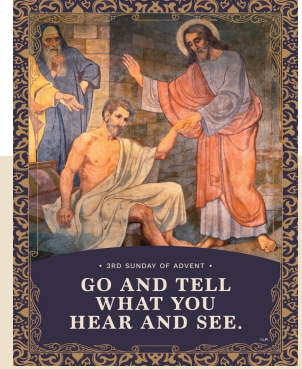
We warmly welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Registration can be completed online at stjamesrcchurch.org or forms are available at the Parish Center Office.

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

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

PSALM

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

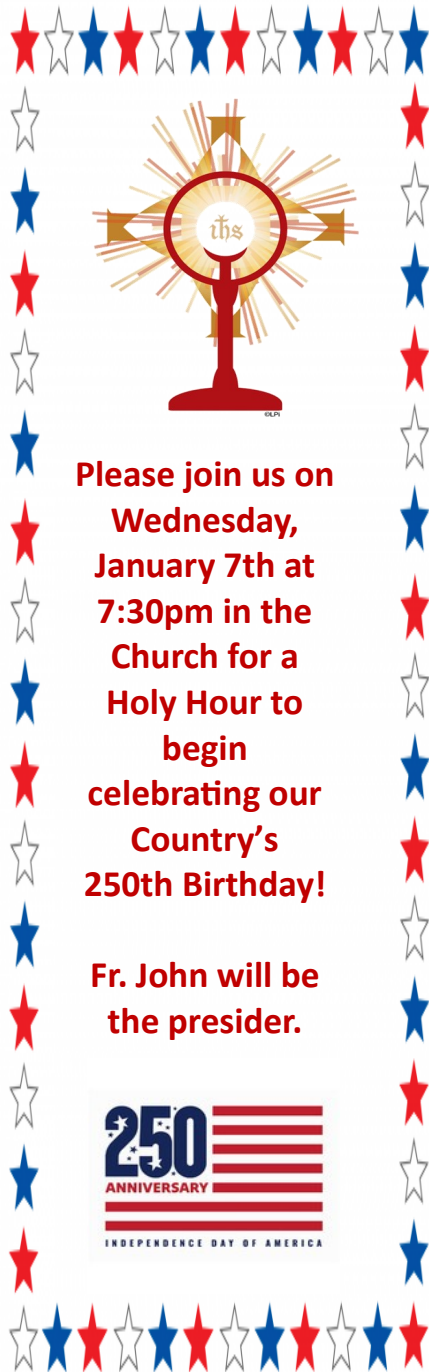
SECOND READING

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” (Mt 11:4-5)

Ministries and Events



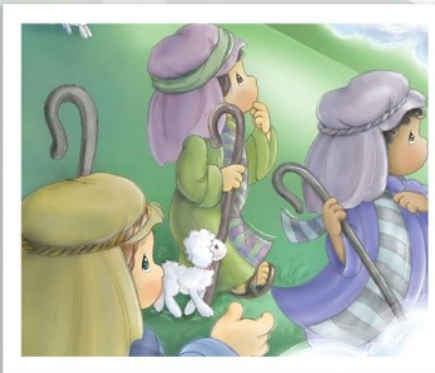
The St. James Church CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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!

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

The Giving Tree is in the Narthex. 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.

Please write the amount on the gift card or provide the receipt which shows the amount. Thank you.

We give thanks for the abundant generosity of St. James parishioners. God Bless You All in this Season of Giving!



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 17 - Dcn. Chris



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*****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!

Mercy League GIFT WRAPPING



Broadway Commons Mall, Hicksville

THE MALL IS OPEN!

WRAPPING HOURS:

December 17th thru December 23rd

11AM - 8PM

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

10AM-4PM

Prices range from \$3 - \$10 based on size

All profits go to Mercy Hospital



Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

November 30, 2025

Catholic
Education

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	9,287.00	658.00	4:00pm 439
Online Giving	3,848.14	52.69	8:00am 245
Mail in Envelopes	<u>906.00</u>	<u>151.00</u>	10:00am 426
Total	14,041.14	861.69	12:00pm <u>419</u>
		Total	1,529



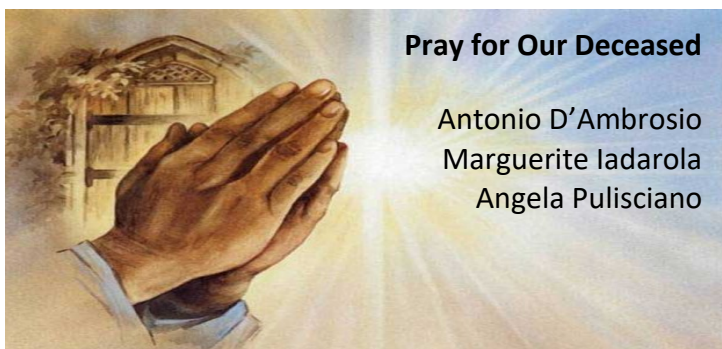
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

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: Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Q & A

Answer: Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect! Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert! Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.



Pray for Our Deceased

Antonio D'Ambrosio
Marguerite Iadarola
Angela Pulisciano

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
December 28th	Monday, December 15th
January 4th	Monday, December 22nd
January 11th	Monday, January 5th
January 18th	Monday, January 12th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



December 2025

- Sunday, 12/7—Grace Angioli
- Monday, 12/8—Angelina LoBiondo
- Tue., 12/9—Robert Thomson
- Wed., 12/10—Joseph Doherty
- Thurs., 12/11—M/M Alfred Mirabella
- Friday, 12/12—Nancy Riebling
- Saturday, 12/13—Richard Moricco

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 14th

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, December 15th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, December 16th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Wednesday, December 17th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Advent Holy Hours - Church | 7:30pm

Thursday, December 18th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:00am

Friday, December 19th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

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

Saturday, December 20th

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

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Christmas Pageant - Church | 6:00pm

Christmas Tree Lighting - Parking Lot | 7:00pm

The Pope's Prayer Network

Monthly Prayer for Mental Health - December 2025

Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

For Christians in areas of conflict.

The mental health of people who live in areas of conflict can be severely harmed. May mental health ministries in areas of war and conflict, in collaboration with humanitarian organizations and local health authorities, provide spiritual support and accompaniment that integrates mental health care into the life of faith communities to counter stigma and build resilience.

We pray with Pope Leo XIV that Christian communities in areas of conflict "might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope."

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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