

The Parish of Saint James

DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND 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.

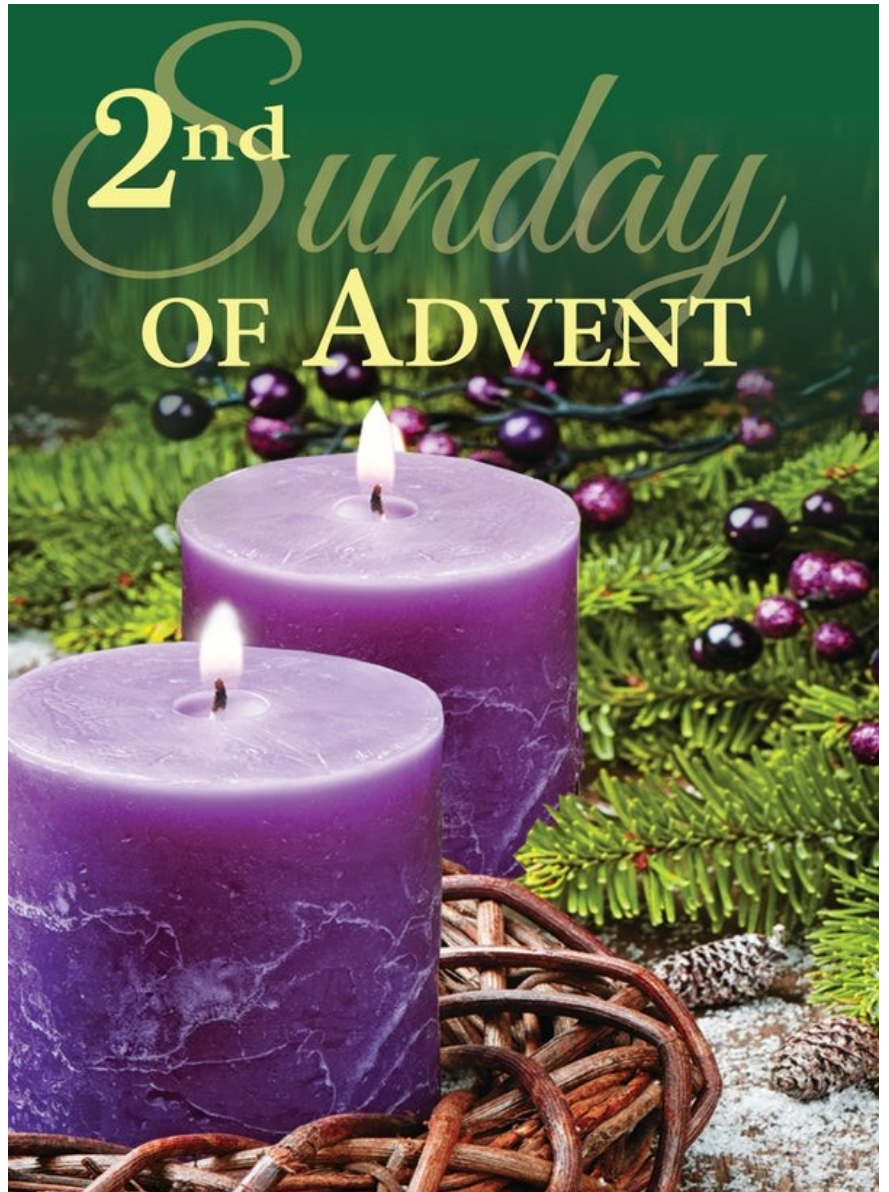
OUR MISSION

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.



80 HICKSVILLE ROAD, SEAFORD, NY 11783
516-731-3710 | www.stjamesrcchurch.org
parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

8:00am | Lucy Scarola - Birthday
10:00am | Jennifer Castellanos
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Angelo Gandino - Birthday
| Libby Robbins
| Lou Sgro
| Damaris Colon
| Magdalena Zuman &
Valentin Stipsits

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am | Marilyn J. Tutino
12:10pm | Kathy Grodecki
7:30pm | Peter Zambito

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

8:00am | August Pasquariello - Birthday
12:10pm | Grace Gorgone - Birthday

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

8:00am | Andrew Sarne
12:10pm | Eddie Ahr

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

8:00am | Thomas Crivello
12:10pm | Brigid McCarthy -
1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

8:00am | Hugh Hattrick - Living
12:10pm | Ann & Louis DiNardo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

8:00am | Ronald Blancato
| Oscar Wahl - Birthday
| Elsa Joy
4:00pm | Fanny Omelia

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

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 Ciccari, Lori Ciccari, Carly Colvell, Ed Connelly, Leslie Crandall, Grayson Danielski, Douglas Deacon, James Donaldson, Lawrence Deck, Baby James Derleth, James DeVita, Sandra Denise Diaz, Matteo DiMartino, Jessica Emerick, 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

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Deacon Chris Daniello

Deacon John Horn

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MASS CELEBRANT

Dec. 13 | 4:00pm | Fr. John

Dec. 14 | 8:00am | Fr. John
| 10:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 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,

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Over the years I have met Catholics who have mistakenly thought that this feast was celebrating something about Jesus, that He was born without the stain of Original Sin.

However, this Feast is celebrating this great gift to the Blessed Mother given by God to help prepare her to become the mother of Jesus. She was born free of Original Sin from the moment of her conception. This special gift did not take away her freedom of choice. She could have freely declined God's special request that she become the Mother of His Son, Jesus. She embraced that request with those most beautiful words, *"Let it be done to me according to your word."*

This special doctrine was debated by medieval theologians. It was not defined as a dogma of the Catholic Church until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull *"Ineffabilis Deus."*

Let us pay special tribute to the Blessed Mother in honoring her Immaculate Conception on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. How fitting it is that this feast comes in early December before we celebrate the birth of her son, Jesus, who is truly the Son of God.

LET'S CHECK IN: I, along with the other priests and deacons have shared with you that the Season of Advent has a twofold purpose or two Advents: the Advent of the coming of Jesus as an infant born in Bethlehem and this second advent when we await His *"return again in glory."*

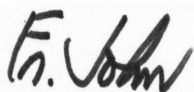
The beginning of Advent, until December 16th, focuses our attention on the Second Coming of Jesus. As Jesus himself proclaimed, no one knows when this will take place except the Father.

Obviously, the Church has been waiting just shy of two thousand years for this to come to pass. Over many generations the Church has proclaimed the Second Coming of Christ. It is not unreasonable to see why the delay in this happening has become the source for many to become lax in our desire for this to happen and our not living our Christian lives accordingly.

If Jesus were to come again in Glory, his Second Coming, would you and I be ready to welcome Him? Or would you be caught off guard?

Daily prayer, living our Catholic faith and celebrating the Sacraments, especially, receiving Holy Communion each Sunday can help us in deepening our desire and preparation for this magnificent event.

While we need to prepare for this year's celebration of Christmas, let us not allow those preparations to distract us from hoping and desiring Jesus *"Coming Again in Glory."*



Ministries and Events

Advent Holy Hours

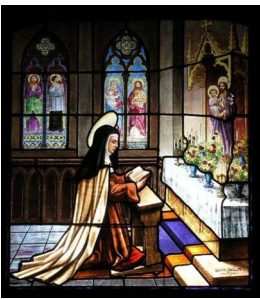
"Advent has a twofold character, as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation." (#39 General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



Wednesdays - 7:30PM - Church

December 10 - Dcn. John

December 17 - Dcn. Chris

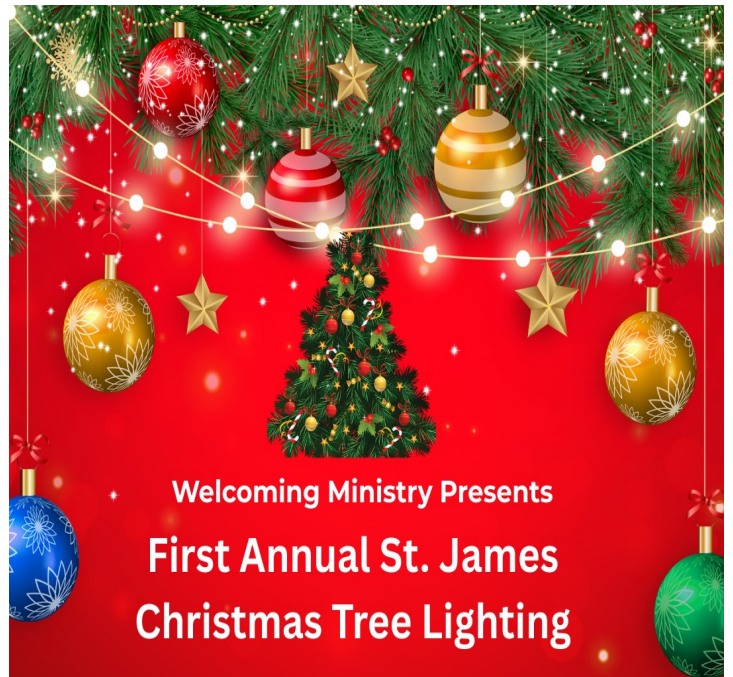


**NASSAU KNIGHTS FOR LIFE
INC. SPONSORS THE
13th ANNUAL
***OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE***
PATRONESS OF THE PREBORN
MEMORIAL MASS**

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!



**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.



What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, December 7, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Faith Formation Classes for the week of Dec. 8, 2025

Tue., Dec. 9 —4:15-5:30pm

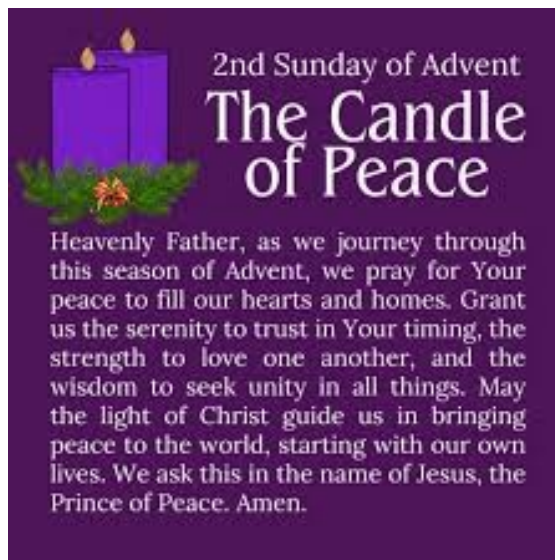
Wed., Dec. 10 —4:15-5:30pm

Wed., Dec. 10—7:00-8:15pm

Thur., Dec. 11— 4:15-5:30pm

**THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF
CLASSES UNTIL THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 5, 2026**

Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. PEACE is the theme this week. Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace.



Thank you to all the Level 7 and 8 students who made the ornaments for the giving tree. You did a beautiful job and we appreciate you.



This week we contemplate PEACE, Jesus is the prince of peace and so we wait patiently for the peace he will bring to the world when he returns to take us all home to Kingdom of God

For the Second Week of Advent the week of Peace discuss the following as a family:

1. How can you practice peace in your family?
2. What can you do as a family to bring peace to you home, school, community, church, etc.?
3. How can Peace help you build your relationship with God this Advent Season?
4. Write a prayer of peace.



Monday, December 8, 2025 is the
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

We celebrate the fact that God the
Father chose Mary to be the mother
of Jesus and so God protected Mary
from the moment of her Conception
from the effects of
Original Sin

This dogma was declared by Pius IX

ST. JAMES CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2025

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 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 Three

**Simone Giacomo &
Lauren Latella**

The Altar
Bread was
donated in
loving
memory of



Regina Mullany

Donated by Her Family

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.

**LAST CHANCE!! Our 21st
Annual Christmas 50/50
drawing is Tuesday,
December 9th!**



**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.**

We Welcome
into the
St. James
Community:

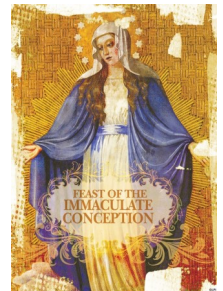


**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

**Sophie Wan Cordero
Serafina Mia Pavese**

Congratulations to the
parents of the newly
baptized!

Monday,
December 8th
is the
Immaculate
Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
a holy day of
obligation.



Mass will be celebrated at
8am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm.



December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to
"Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent
is all about, for we are called to help prepare the
way of the Lord by making the real meaning of

Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to
reach out to those in need. **Is there a family you know who
needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
so that together we can help the suffering and poor to
celebrate Christmas.** 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. 8

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **“locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6)**. It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

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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

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.
(Isa 11:2)

PSALM

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

GOSPEL

“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.” (Mt 3:11)

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.



**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



SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

We Congratulate the following parishioners for making the Honor Roll at **St. Anthony's High School** for the first quarter of the 2025-2026 school year:

Giuliana Aquilino
Liliana Bremer Reyes
Nicole D'Amore
Emily D'Amore
Alyssa Daniell
Marisa Dukiet
Ella Friedrich
James Griffin
Dylan McCrea
Victoria Murthy
Michael Regina



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Collection
12/13 & 12/14

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!



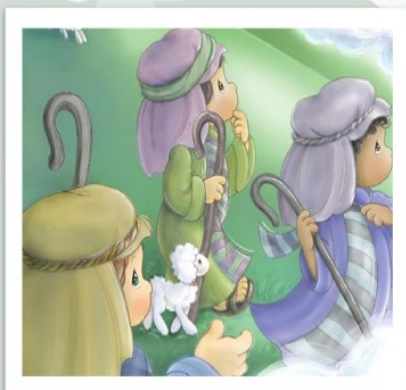
The St. James Church CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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.



Ministries and Events

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.

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 23, 2025

Outreach &
St. Vincent de Paul

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	10,432.00	1,388.00	4:00pm 488
Online Giving	1,835.28	21.76	8:00am 262
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>320.00</u>	10:00am 470
Total	13,517.28	1,729.76	12:00pm <u>310</u>
		Total	1,530



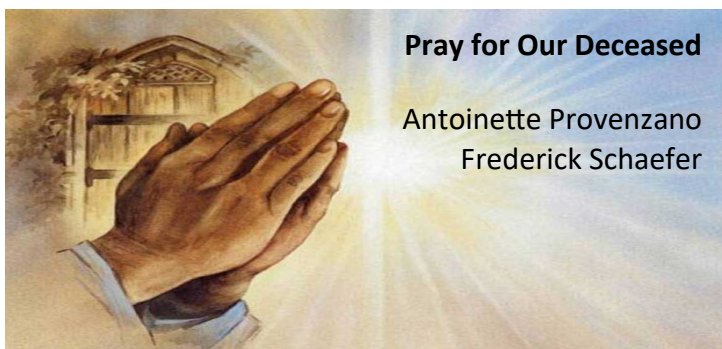
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.stjamesrcchurch.org and click on the WeShare link or call the parish office at 516-731-3710.

Question: I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Q & A

Answer: While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is *Mary's* conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate? Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



Pray for Our Deceased

Antoinette Provenzano
Frederick Schaefer

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
December 21st	Monday, December 8th
December 28th	Monday, December 15th
January 4th	Monday, December 22nd
January 11th	Monday, January 5th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



November/December 2025

Sunday, 11/30—Dolores Witkowski

Monday, 12/1—Grace Giusto

Tue., 12/2—Barbara Ann Cooper

Wed., 12/3—JudyAnn Johnston

Thurs., 12/4—Loretta Depree

Friday, 12/5—M/M Matthew Dellaratta

Saturday, 12/6—Ann Murray

\$100 Month End Bonus

Jocelyn Lyons

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 7th

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Hospitality Breakfast - Delaney Hall | 11:00am

Monday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, December 9th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Wednesday, December 10th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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Advent Holy Hour - Church | 7:30pm

Thursday, December 11th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:00am

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Room 208 | 10:00am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Friday, December 12th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

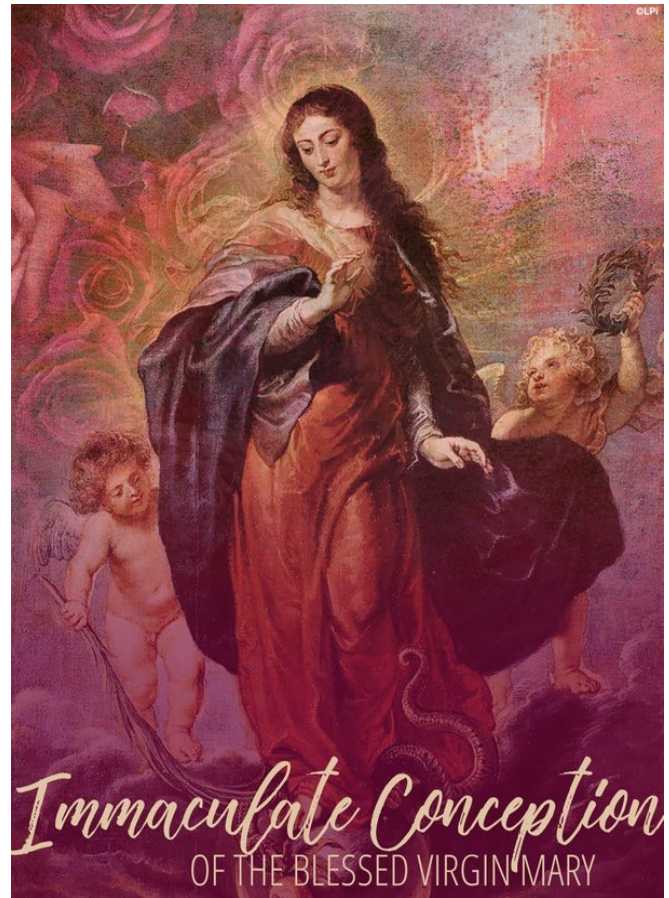
Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Saturday, December 13th

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

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 McMahan, 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