

The Parish of Saint James

JANUARY 25, 2026 | 3rd 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.

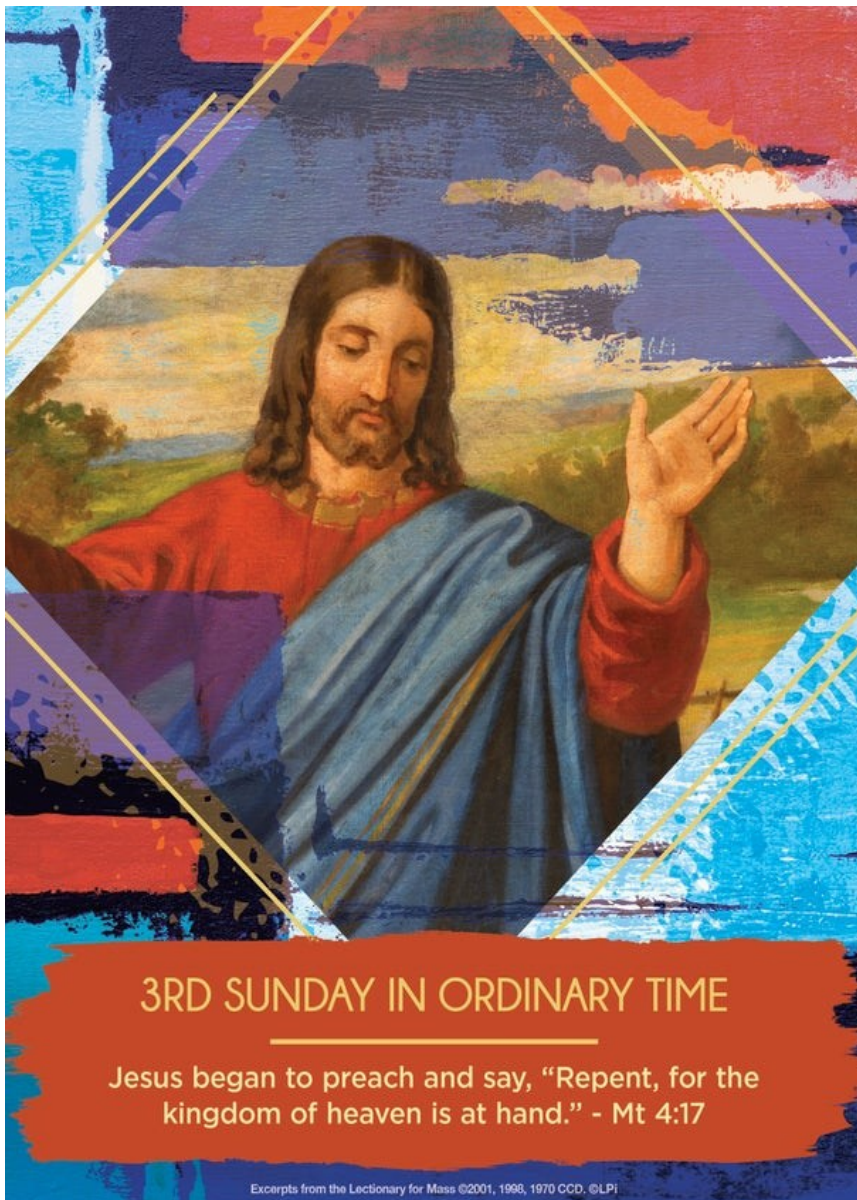
OUR MISSION

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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

8:00am | Giuseppe Manghesi
10:00am | Carl Melvin - 1st Anniversary
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Mary O'Neil - Birthday
| Stefan Garger - 16th Anniversary
| Gladys McCullagh
| Dcn. Jack McKenna
| Mamie & Peter Vitarelli

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

8:00am | Ernie Sparcino
12:10pm | Hugh Hattrick - Living

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

8:00am | Linda Guinan
12:10pm | Deacon Charles Graff

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

8:00am | Priests & Deacons of St. James
12:10pm | Margaret D'Antuono - Birthday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

8:00am | Richard Postiglione
12:10pm | Salvatore Rappo - Living

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

8:00am | Elise McMahon
12:10pm | Eileen McMahon - Living

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

8:00am | Roberta Wilson - 10th Anniversary
4:00pm | Rosemarie Rose - 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

8:00am | Bruno & Adele Tucci - Anniversary
10:00am | All the Deacons of St. James - Living
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Delphine Julian - Birthday
| Cheryl & Stanley Belz
| Mary Murray
| Salvatore & Vincenza Vallone
| Marilyn Lichota



HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

Omar Albayaty, Marianne Amblo, Francine Argila, John Baglione, Stephanie Baio, Deanna Baisley, Pat Beirne, James Bianco, Lucille Bombace, 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, Bonny Davidson, 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, Barbara Gallo, Andrew Gallo, Paul Giacalone, Rosemary Giacalone, Luke Gruener, Bill Gruener, William J. Gruener, Michael Hance, Luke Horvath, Martin Jappen, Rebecca Johnston, William Kapcoe, John Kmiotek, Gina Krafinski, Pat Lafferty, Roger Lafferty, Sean Lehosky, Angie LoBiondo, Aurora Luna, Dianne Lynch, 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, Arlene M., 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, Neil Savino, 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

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

Deacon Rick Brunner

Deacon Chris Daniello

Deacon John Horn

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MASS CELEBRANT

Jan. 31 | 4:00pm | Fr. Benjamin

Feb. 1 | 8:00am | Fr. Benjamin
| 10:00am | Fr. John
| 12:00pm | Msgr. 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:

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE (FEBRUARY 2ND): On the Feast of the Presentation each year the Church observes the day as a World Day for Consecrated Life. Its purpose is ***“to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels”*** as well as ***“to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.”*** (St. John Paul II, 19097.)

I was blessed to have the Sisters of Charity as some of my teachers in elementary school. They fostered my spiritual development and gave me a great love for Jesus, the Blessed Mother and the Church. I hope that many of you can say the same.

We were blessed that when St. James School was opening the Sisters of the Cross and Passion were invited to teach in our school. I've heard many wonderful stories of the impact they had on many of our school children during their time here.

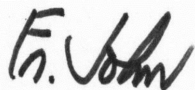
I want to express my gratitude to Sister Maryanne Fitzgerald, SC and Sister Susan Smolinsky (Sisters of Charity, Halifax) for their dedication to consecrated life.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE (FEBRUARY 3RD): Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise, believed martyred in the persecution of Licinius, in the early 4th Century; Bishop of Sabaste in Armenia; is associated with the healing of throats. He is also venerated in the Eastern Church

Please join us at either the 8:00 AM or 12:10 PM Masses on Tuesday, February 3rd, to receive this special blessing of throats. **The blessing will take place ONLY at the conclusion of these two Masses.**

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK: Pope John Paul II designated February 11th as World Day of the Sick, ***“a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's sufferings for the good of the Church and reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind”*** (Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, 13 May 1192,3).

THE SEASON OF LENT: Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th this year. I will write more details in my Pastor's Letter next weekend to share the schedule and other spiritual opportunities that will take place during Lent here at St. James.





DIocese of Rockville Centre
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 25–31, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I give thanks for the extraordinary gift of Catholic education and for the students, families, educators, clergy, and benefactors who make our schools thrive across Long Island.

This year's observance begins on *Word of God Sunday*, reminding us that Sacred Scripture is not merely studied, but proclaimed, prayed, and lived. In our Catholic schools, the Word of God forms minds and hearts and draws students into a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Our Catholic schools remain steadfast in four essential commitments. First, to be *robustly Catholic*, rooted in daily prayer, the sacraments, and fidelity to the teachings of the Church. Under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Henry Newman, co-patrons of Catholic education, we affirm that faith and reason are not rivals but companions, leading the mind to truth and the heart to God.

Second, to be *academically excellent*, forming the whole person. Guided by St. Thomas Aquinas's love for truth and inspired by St. John Henry Newman's vision of education, our schools cultivate intellectual rigor, disciplined inquiry, and thoughtful engagement with the world.

Third, to be *safe and supportive*, honoring the dignity of every child and fostering communities where students are known, protected, and encouraged. Finally, to be *here to stay*, strengthened through responsible stewardship and shared mission across parishes, families, and benefactors.

As Pope Leo XIV has reminded the Church, "*education is not an ancillary activity, but forms the very fabric of evangelization: it is the concrete way in which the Gospel becomes an educational gesture, a relationship, a culture.*"¹ Our schools exist so that students may discover their God-given dignity, discern their vocation, and learn to live lives of joyful witness to Jesus Christ.

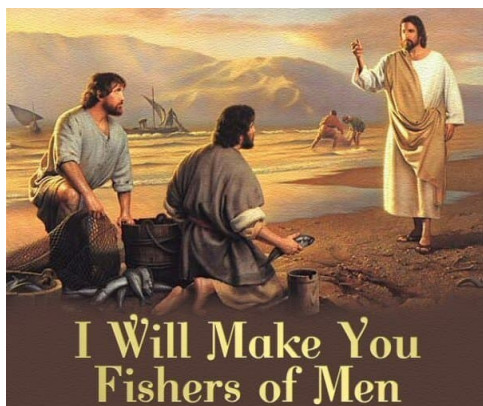
As we conclude Catholic Schools Week with the witness of St. John Bosco, I ask you to pray for our Catholic schools, support them generously, and encourage families to consider the profound gift of a Catholic education.

May the Word of God continue to be a light for our homes, parishes, and schools.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Leo XIV, *Drawing New Maps of Hope* (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2025), §1.1.



What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, January 25, 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Jan. 26th — Jan. 30th

Tue. Jan., 27— 4:15-5:30pm
Wed. Jan., 28— 4:15-5:30pm
Wed. Jan., 28 - 7:00-8:15pm
Thu. Jan., 29- 4:15—5:30pm

As we enter into the 2nd half of our Faith Formation Year we ask you to pray about joining us next fall as a Catechist, Class Aide, Substitute, Hall Monitor, etc. Over the next few months we will be asking you to let us know if you would be willing to help us spread the Good News of Jesus with the young people of the parish.

The students in level 2 of Faith Formation have been preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation since September; they will receive this sacrament on February 23 or March 2, 2026; please keep them in your prayers.



A reminder that registration for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year will begin at the end of March.

Registration Forms will be emailed to all current families. If you do not receive a form by the 15th of April please call the office (516-796-2979).

Fees have not been raised since 2013. Registration fees for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Year:



Early Fees: April through June 1st at 5pm

1 Child: \$250
 2 Children: \$275
 3+ Children: \$300

Standard Fees after June 1st until August 1st at 5pm

1 child: \$275
 2 children: \$300
 3+ children: \$325

Late Fees after August 1st until October 1st at 5pm

1 child: \$325
 2 Children: \$350
 3+ children: \$375

Sacramental Materials Fee

Reconciliation/Communion: \$75
 Confirmation: \$125

Liturgical Life

SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE



**BLOOD
DRIVE
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
1:45PM - 7:45PM**

**St. James Church and
Msgr. Delaney Knights of
Columbus**

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are coffee, hams, Dinty Moore Stew, oil, vinegar, olives, salad dressing, spices, ketchup, mustard, boxed milk, drinks, shampoo, toothpaste, and cleaning supplies. Thank you very much.



LOST & FOUND

**LOST AND
FOUND**—We have several items that were left in church and are now in

our lost and found box located in the liturgical room including several pairs of eyeglasses.

If you have lost something, kindly ask any of the ushers to check and see if we have your item. We will keep "lost" items for 3 months after which they will be donated. Thank you.

ONGOING FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS:

Unlocking the mysteries of the Bible (8-week program) starting **January 27th-March 17th** You **need to register** for this program and there is a book that needs to be purchased

YOUTH

8-week program for **6th- 12th graders** taking them through the Gospel of Luke and Acts **January 27th -March 17th** You **need to register** for this program

8 weeks for the **3rd-6th graders** to view the Chosen with discussions **January 27th-March 17th** . You need to register for this program

If you wish to participate in any of these classes, please email Julie Rodetis at jrodetis@stjamesrcchurch.org or complete the following and return in the collection basket or parish center office:

I intend to participate in the following program(s)

I would like to suggest a study/class/program on

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____



January 25:Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people." **This month, through your gifts, the**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting many families, providing food, and assistance for utility and rent bills. 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.

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, **“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)**. And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, **“In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us” (1 John 4:10)**. They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don’t see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

GOSPEL

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

Ministries and Events

Please join us for a Free Valentine's Hospitality Breakfast

Hosted by Family Ministry

On Sunday 2/8/2026
Immediately following the
10:00 o'clock Mass

We will be serving
Frittatas, Bagels, Cookies,
Cakes, Coffee, Tea,
and Hot Chocolate

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Come and celebrate with
family and friends!

Craft table for kids
will be available.



⚡ ST. JAMES WELCOMING MINISTRY PRESENTS... ⚡

The 3rd Annual CHILI COOK-OFF

@3pm on February 15th, 2026

BRING THE HEAT!

CAN'T TAKE THE HEAT? ENTER PIE INSTEAD!

Prize for the best Chili and Pie!

Where: Delaney Hall, St. James Roman Catholic Church
80 Hicksville Road Seaford, NY



Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

January 11, 2026

Maintenance
& Repairs

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	8,778.00	1,119.00	4:00pm 409
Online Giving	1,672.00	169.00	8:00am 223
Mail in Envelopes	<u>2,075.69</u>	<u>101.16</u>	10:00am 493
Total	12,525.69	1,389.16	12:00pm <u>364</u>
		Total	1,489



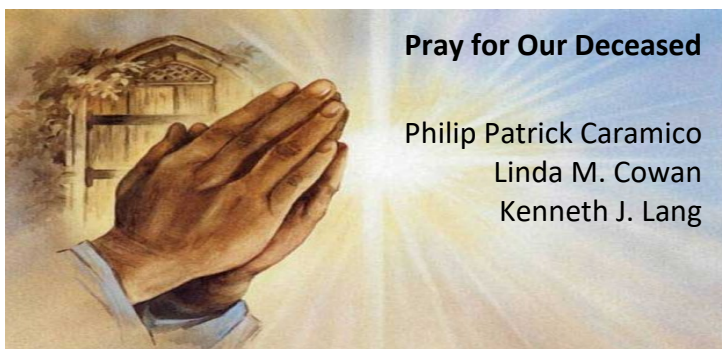
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

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: If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Q & A

Answer: Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness. For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible—it's you!



Pray for Our Deceased

Philip Patrick Caramico
Linda M. Cowan
Kenneth J. Lang

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
February 8th	Monday, February 2nd
February 15th	Monday, February 9th
February 22nd	Tuesday, February 10th
March 1st	Monday, February 23rd

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



January 2026

Sunday, 1/18—Laura Schroeppel
Monday, 1/19—M/M James Bergami
Tue., 1/20—James Kesselman
Wed., 1/21—Keri Boller
Thurs., 1/22—M/M Michael Diglio
Friday, 1/23—Joseph Amendola
Saturday, 1/24—M/M Richard Schultz

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 25th

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, January 26th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, January 27th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Faith Formation Classes | 4:15pm

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Delaney Hall | 7:00pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 28th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation Classes | 4:15pm

Faith Formation Classes | 7:00pm

Catholicism through the Lord of the Rings - Room 112 | 7:00pm

Thursday, January 29th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:00am

Faith Formation Classes | 4:15pm

Open Your Heart Bible Study - Room 112 | 7:00pm

Friday, January 30th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

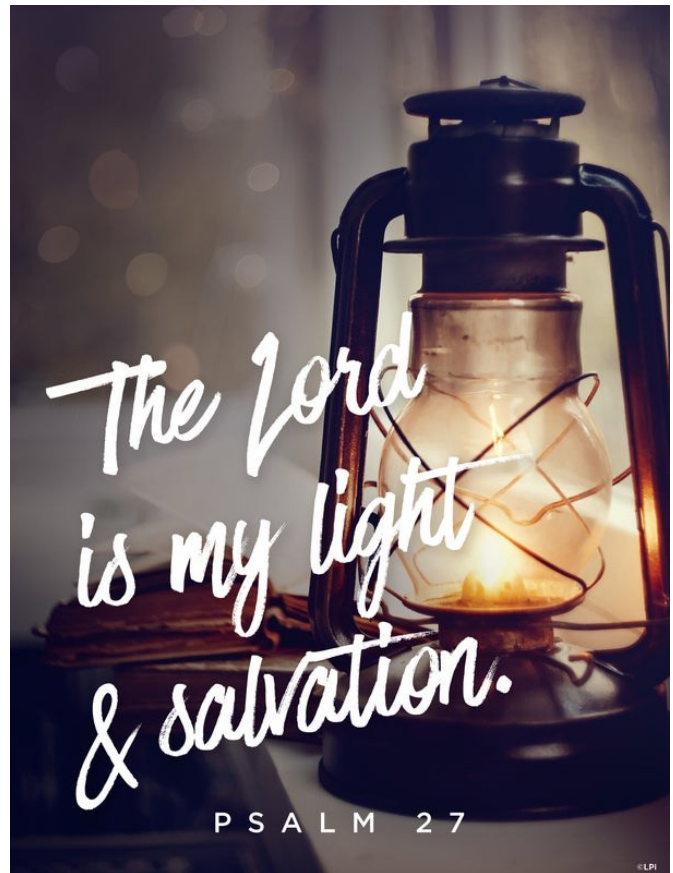
Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

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

Saturday, January 31st

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