

The Parish of Saint James

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH 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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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

8:00am | Andrew McCarthy
12:10pm | Deceased members of the Lupo
& Petrusso Families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

8:00am | Edward & Mary McKee
12:10pm | Felicia & Patsy Langella

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

8:00am | Lena Campione
4:00pm | Mary Fennessy
6:00pm | Aida Scalise & Patrick Adkins
12:00am | Delphine Julian

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

8:00am | Anthony Secondino
10:00am | Stanley & Helen Renkas
& Rosemarie Renkas
12:00pm | The Styne & Fitzgerald Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

9:00am | Claudio Flaim - Birthday

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

8:00am | Philip Amarante
| Ettore Bosco
4:00pm | Vincent Notarstefano

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

8:00am | Denise Melnick &
Marilyn Von Braunsberg
10:00am | James V. & Mary E. Barry
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Louis Yurasits
| Jenny Civitanova - Birthday
& Anniversary
| Joseph & Josephine Lagrasta
| Nicola DiLuzio & Santa DiLuzio
| Frank Lagrasta
| Charles Raymond Rupp

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

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Deacon Rick Brunner

Deacon Chris Danielle

Deacon John Horn

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MASS CELEBRANT

Dec. 27 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

Dec. 28 | 8:00am | Fr. Benjamin
| 10:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 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/
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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:

THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN BETHLEHEM: As of December 16th, the Church's attention now focuses our attention on the first coming of Jesus as an infant born in Bethlehem. It has been the Church's hope that we all have kept the focus of the beginning weeks of Advent by waiting in prayerful anticipation and hope that Jesus will fulfill his promise and come again in glory.

So, how did you do? Hopefully, we recognize that each time we celebrate the Mass we are praying for the same intention. For at the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer the Celebrant will pray, ". . .as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." To which we respond, "For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever."

The beginning weeks of Advent acted as a challenge to each of us. It was challenging us to keep the religious meaning of Advent, which is both the prayer for Jesus to come again in glory along with our celebration of His First Coming.

I realize that this can be a real challenge as we are caught up in our regular lives even as we prepare for Christmas. Our culture is telling us that the Christmas Season began on Thanksgiving and will conclude on the Christmas Day itself. We are keeping the spiritual meaning of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Day and usually continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

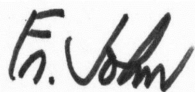
At that point, the angels have pronounced the identity of Jesus as the Son of God, along with the shepherds and then the Magi. The culmination takes place on the Feast of the Holy Family when God Himself declares, "**This is my beloved Son on whom I am well pleased.**"

That is such a powerful moment for me when I hear those words coming from God. There is no greater authority.

Perhaps, we can use these last days to continue our preparation of the Birth of Jesus, celebrated on Christmas Day.

WHERE WILL YOU SPEND CHRISTMAS? I once read, "Why as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, do we get all the presents?"

Wherever you will be spending Christmas Day I wish you the many blessings that come to us. Yes, it is the birthday of Jesus, and he is overjoyed with the gifts of love, family and joy that will be received by each of us.



ST. JAMES CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - Wednesday, 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 - Thursday, 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, (WORLD DAY OF PEACE)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

4:00 PM Vigil: Fr. Benjamin
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



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

**We wish all our
families
A Blessed
Christmas, may this
be a time of great
joy for all of us.
A time to
recommit
ourselves to God.**



**What's happening in
Faith Formation?
Sunday, December 21, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

THE FINAL PURPLE CANDLE IS THE
"Candle of Love."
IT REMINDS US THAT GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD (I.E. YOU, US, ... EVEN
THAT DIFFICULT FRIEND OR RELATIVE!)
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON TO US SO
WE COULD HAVE ABUNDANT LIFE.

Today the Gospel tells us that an angel comes to Joseph to let him know that Mary is to have the Son of God.

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel!" Emmanuel—GOD IS WITH US!

This child is God in human Flesh and Blood. Our Father loves us so much that in order to redeem us he becomes one of us. In Jesus the Divine becomes human so that humanity can be divine! We know that when Jesus returns at the end of time we will all be drawn home to live forever with God, where we were meant to be from the beginning of time.

For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2025

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas!

Throughout this year, we have marked many significant milestones in the life of the Church leading us to the Lord's Nativity and this holy season of Christmas, most especially the passing of Pope Francis at Easter and the election of Pope Leo XIV in May.

What a gift it has been to walk these months with our new Holy Father, to learn from his teaching, and witness his example.

On October 4th, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo released his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexit Te - I Have Loved You*. It is a profound meditation on love for the poor and speaks powerfully to the mystery of the Lord's Birth and the grace of this season.

The Holy Father reminds us: "The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that 'there was no place for them in the inn' (*Lk* 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-15). At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. *Lk* 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. *Mk* 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this *privilegium pauperum*. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor." (n. 19)

Before these words of Pope Leo, we recall the wonderful truth: Christ became poor so that we who are poor might become rich (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9). This is the good news of Christmas. We are not alone. We are not left to ourselves. A Savior has come - Christ the Lord.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we remember with Pope Leo that "Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity." (n. 76)

How beautifully the followers of Christ have responded to the cry of the poor and looked with love upon the most vulnerable among us. As we rejoice in Christ's Birth, we renew our commitment to love others as he has loved us.

On Sunday, December 28th at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we will conclude our Jubilee Year of Hope.

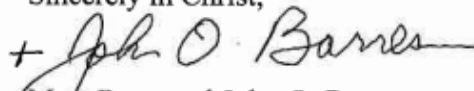
We thank both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV for igniting hope within our families, the global mission of the Church, and the human family, and we contemplate the light and grace that radiates from the refugee Holy Family (73) and that radiates to every family.

Our Catholic biblical and sacramental worship, especially at the Catholic Mass, focuses and ignites both our global mission to the poor (n. 42) and our humble openness to being evangelized by the poor (n. 102), the treasures of our Church (n. 38).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic missionary spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Merry Christmas

*May the birth of our Savior fill your homes with joy,
light, and the peace of the newborn king.*



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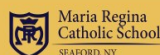
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Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and blessed Christmas season! We hope to see you at our Open House!

OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th 12:00-2:00



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ONGOING FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

(registration on next page)



Tuesdays

Scripture Sharing: Resumes January 20th

1:30 – 3:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Who, What and Why we do things in church and Mass
(3-week program) January 6th-20th

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.

Wednesdays

Adoration to start the celebration of our Country's 250th birthday - **January 7th**

Catholicism through Lord of the Rings: you will **need to register** for this this 5-week program starts **January 14th**

No Greater Love This is a 5-week program on Christ's Passion this will start after Easter

Adoration 7:30pm during Lent

Cigar and prayers 7:00-9:00pm by grotto of Mary in the Spring

Thursdays

Women's Bible Study For women, Opening Our Hearts is our first step in exploring our Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. You **need to register** for this and a Book required, 7:00PM-8:30PM **January 8th – June 11th**

Fridays

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang come help make PB and J sandwiches for Long Islands hungry **Every Friday** 6:30PM -7:30PM

Saturdays

Men's Group 7:30 AM – 9:00AM **1st and 3rd Saturday**

Women Meditation and Prayer Every Saturday 9:00AM-10:00 AM

The Shroud of Turin presentation 9:00AM-3:30PM concluding with the 4:00 Mass **April 11th**

Suggested programs

Church Tours led by the parish Deacons date to be determined after Easter

The Mass through Scripture

? - please let us know what other topics may be of interest

ONGOING FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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 _____

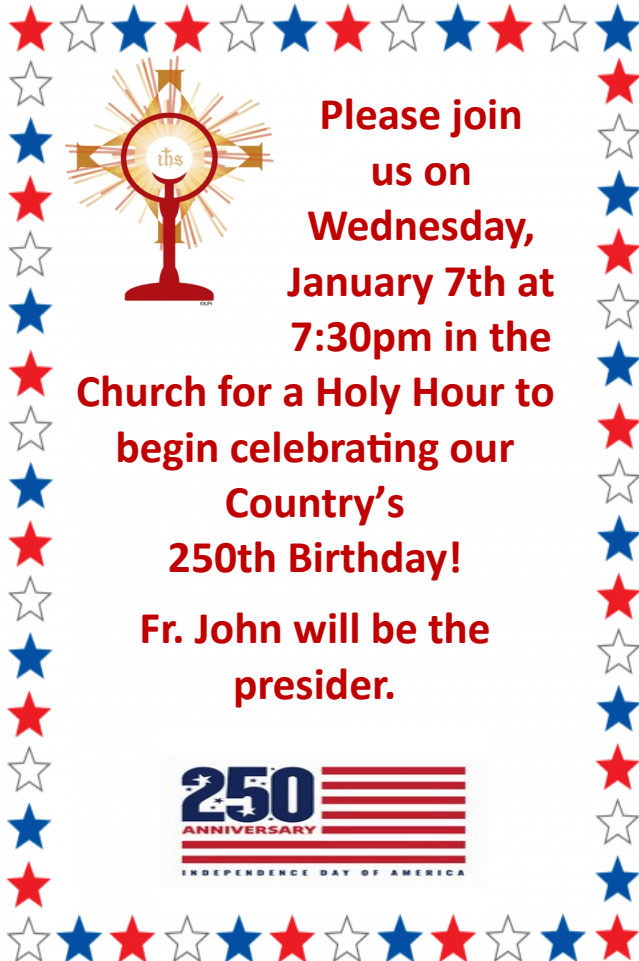
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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**Please join
us on
Wednesday,
January 7th at
7:30pm in the
Church for a Holy Hour to
begin celebrating our
Country's
250th Birthday!**

**Fr. John will be the
presider.**



250
ANNIVERSARY
INDEPENDENCE DAY OF AMERICA



**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

Liturgical Life

The Altar Bread and Wine
were donated in
loving memory of

Joseph Fiore

Donated by
His Daughter
Millie



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All Parish Center offices will close at 12pm on Wednesday, December 24th and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas. There will be one Mass at 9am on December 26th.

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.

Congratulations to

Peter & Jennifer Hutzel our

Christmas 50/50 Raffle Winners!

Thank you to all our parishioners for your support of this fundraiser!



December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of

God. **Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."**

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

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20)**. When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

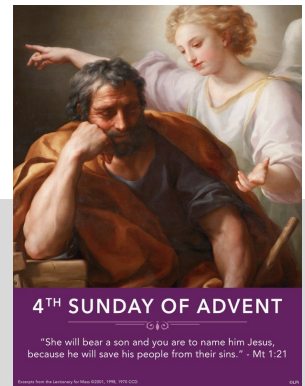
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

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

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

PSALM

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

SECOND READING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

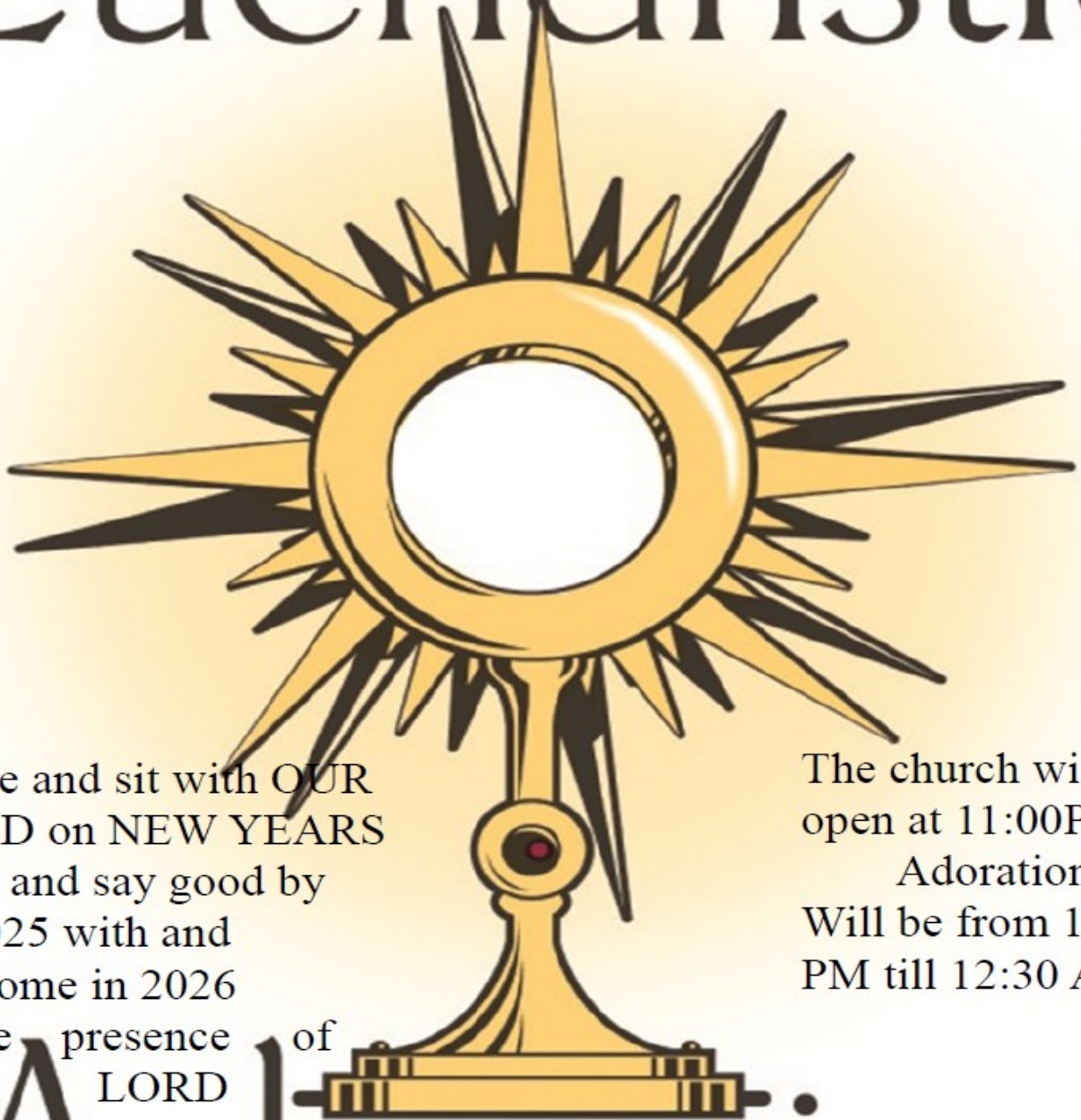
GOSPEL

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)

Ministries and Events

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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Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

December 7, 2025

Christmas
Flowers

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	9,154.00	2,598.00	4:00pm 467
Online Giving	2,508.99	34.11	8:00am 253
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,730.00</u>	<u>285.00</u>	10:00am 519
Total	13,392.99	2,917.11	12:00pm <u>339</u>
		Total	1,578



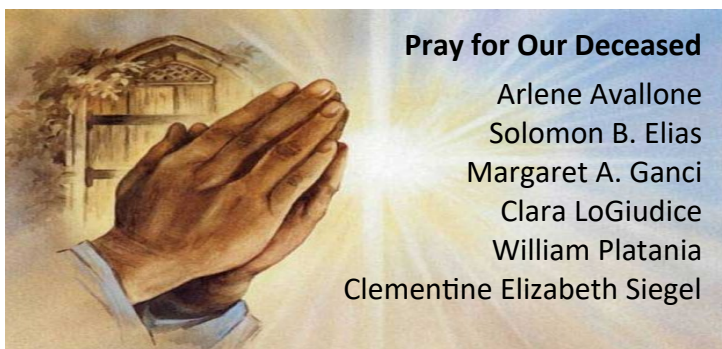
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Question: What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Q & A

Answer: Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God. Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God. Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.



Pray for Our Deceased

Arlene Avallone
Solomon B. Elias
Margaret A. Ganci
Clara LoGiudice
William Platania
Clementine Elizabeth Siegel

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
January 4th	Monday, December 22nd
January 11th	Monday, January 5th
January 18th	Monday, January 12th
January 25th	Monday, January 19th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



December 2025

Sunday, 12/14—LindaTardell
Monday, 12/15—Jeffrey Scarola
Tue., 12/16—M/M Peter Manton
Wed., 12/17—Karleen Benesch
Thurs., 12/18—Hircania Estevez-Nunez
Friday, 12/19—M/M Joseph Canova
Saturday, 12/20—Douglas Coons

\$250 Quarterly Bonus

Roseanne Rangel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 21st

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, December 22nd

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, December 23rd

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Knights for Life PreBorn Memorial Mass - Chapel | 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 24th - Building closes at 12pm

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Thursday, December 25th - Building closed

No scheduled events

Friday, December 26th - Building closed

Rosary - Church | 9:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

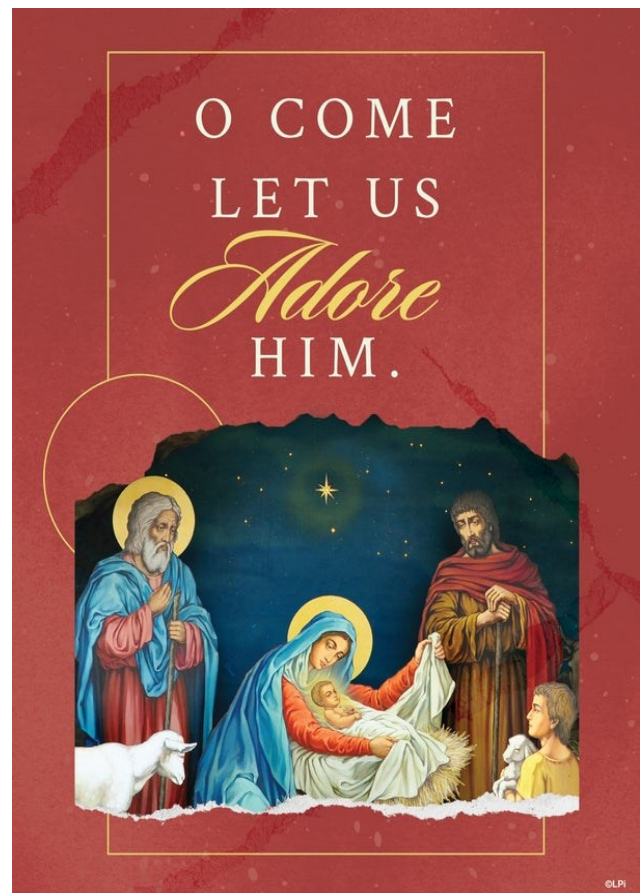
Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Saturday, December 27th

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Movie - *It's a Wonderful Life* - Delaney Hall | 5:00pm



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