

The Parish of Saint James

MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

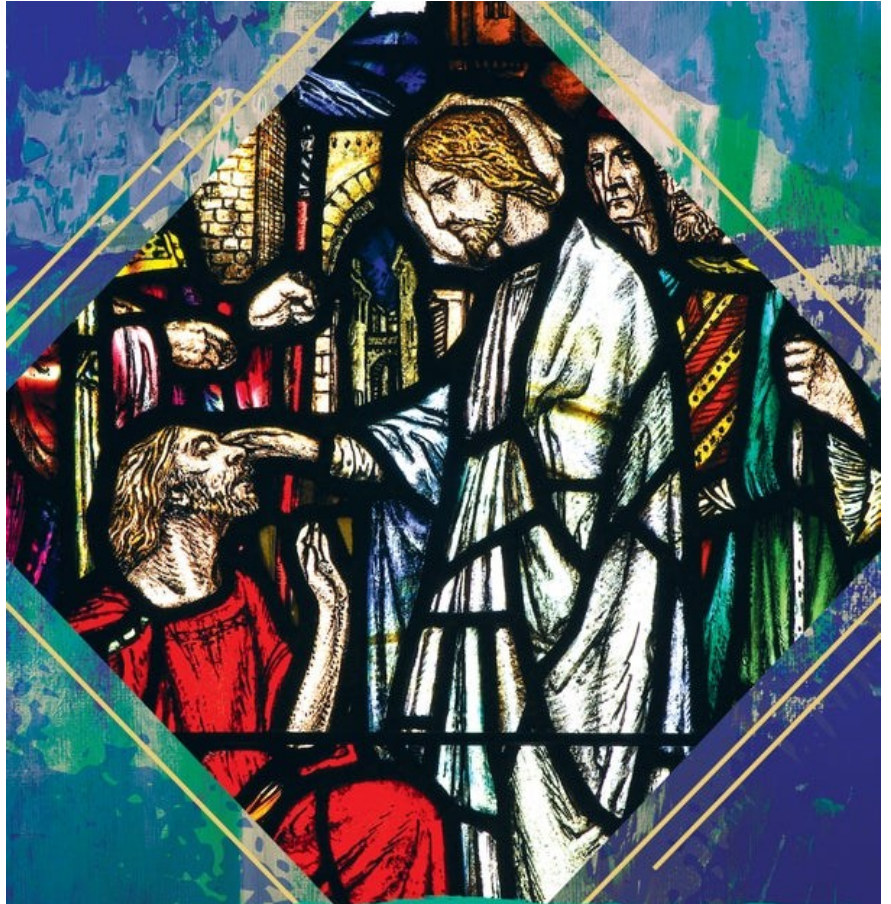
OUR MISSION

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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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Prayer & Worship

HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

8:00am | Richard & Ann Schultz and
Cecelia Rooney
10:00am | Anne Harris (10th Anniversary),
Russel & William Harris
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Louis Yurasits
| Theresa Maglione - Anniversary
| Carmela Giammona
| Giulia Bud - 5th Anniversary
| Rocco Zalud - Living
| Jeffrey Woods

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

8:00am | Rosemarie Rose
12:10pm | Grayson Danielski - Living

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

8:00am | Edward & Mary McKee
12:10pm | Delphine Julian

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

8:00am | Anna Barba
12:10pm | Deacon John Heverin

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

8:00am | Marilyn J. Tutino
12:10pm | Zoila Andrade Tagle

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

8:00am | Marie Matusiak
12:10pm | Raymond Caluori

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

8:00am | Mario Falce - Birthday
4:00pm | Angela & Tony D'Ambrosio

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

8:00am | Helen Renkas - 1st Anniversary
10:00am | Theresa DiPilato
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Jeffrey Woods
| David Campbell
| Maureen Campanelli
| Steven Conte
| JoAnn Esoff

Omar Albayat, 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, Vincent Catalano, JoAnn Chirco, Joseph Chirco, Dianne Ciccari, Lori Ciccari, 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, Steven Fiscante, John Fitzwilliam, 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, Hugh Hattrick, Luke Horvath, Martin Jappen, Rebecca Johnston, William Kapcoe, John Kmiatek, Gina Krafinski, Roger Lafferty, Sean Lehosky, Angie LoBiondo, Aurora Luna, Dianne Lynch, Tia Mabanta, Timothy Maietta, Dakota Maken, Mary Sue Maluda, Tara Matthews, Chris McCarthy, Kathleen McCormack, Megan McCormack, 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, Edward Palazzola, Sofia Paskens, Marie Pereira-Callahan, Jim Perkowski, Diane Pheffer, Irene Poggio, Joseph Poggio, Cathy Prykuta, Tisha Ramirez-Kuna, 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

Msgr. Michael Barimah-Apau, Associate Pastor |
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Rev. Benjamin Ogbunuko, Associate Pastor | frbenjamin@stjamesrcchurch.org

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

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MASS CELEBRANT

March 21 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

March 22 | 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 through Wednesday:
9:00am to 8:00pm
Thursday & 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 ONGOING CONFLICT IN IRAN: In my Pastor's Letter last weekend I addressed the conflict in Iran. I am trying to understand this conflict using the Catholic moral teachings on "*The Just War Theory*."

I listened to two Catholic bloggers who addressed this conflict within the *Just War Theory*. One believed that this conflict cannot be justified morally. The United States is not responding to our being attack by Iran. Because of this, the *Just War Theory* does not apply.

The other writer explained that we Americans are justified to have entered this conflict with Iran because Iran has been "attacking" the United States, including our allies, for over the past 40 plus years. Therefore, we are morally justified to enter this conflict to protect ourselves and others.

Sadly, another soldier lost his life in this conflict, bringing the total number to seven American military members who were killed in action.

LET US CONTINUE TO JOIN IN PRAYER FOR A RESOLUTION TO THIS CONFLICT:

I believe in the power of prayer. Our prayers joined together are very important signs of our common concerns. We will continue to invite our parishioners to join in prayer especially at Mass. One of our petitions during the Prayer of the Faithful will address this special concern.

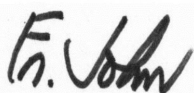
I hope that you will add your own prayers for this concern. Coming to Mass on another day, besides Sunday, praying the rosary and offering other prayers are important and valuable. Fasting can be a powerful sign of our concern, which we want to place before God.

Let us continue our prayerful efforts to bring the conflict to an honorable end.

HOW'S YOUR LENTEN OBSERVANCES COMING ALONG? Yes, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are traditional Lenten observances.

Let me suggest that our full participation in Sunday Mass is crucial. Please consider this. Mass is the highest form of prayer as it is our joining in praise, adoration and thanksgiving to God, truly anticipating what we will be doing in Heaven.

Please consider this. Please arrive early for Mass and leave only after the Mass is concluded, join in both the prayers prayed/recited and in singing the songs/hymns, please listen closely to the Scriptures and the homily given by the priest or deacon. Do you need to improve in any of these areas of the Mass? Then, please do!



Faith & Reason Revival Shroud Presentation



Presenter: Bill Lauto,
Shroud Scientist certified by the Pontifical
University of Science and Faith, Rome, Italy.

2000 years ago Jesus' last miracle was for us
to see today with our modern technology.
The scientific facts all started with Jesus
leaving us a photograph of himself!

Come with your family & friends to learn
the **TRUTH** about the Shroud of Turin.
See the replicas and displays.

... and stooping to look in, they saw and believed.

Saturday, April 11th 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
with light breakfast, box lunch and 4 p.m. Mass

St. James Church
80 Hicksville Road, Seaford, NY

RSVP by March 27th: 516-731-3710 or
parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

This is an all-day event, we will
provide a light breakfast, snack
throughout the day and lunch.
If your means allows, we are asking
for a \$20.00 per person donation or
whatever you can.

Jesus Heals a Man born Blind (John 9)



What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent

REGISTRATION 2026-2027

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION YEAR WILL BE EMAILED HOME BY APRIL 1, 2026. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THEM BY APRIL 15, 2026 PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (516-796-2979).

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY REGISTRATION RATES!

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Faith Formation Classes for the Week of Mar. 16—Mar. 19

Tue. Mar., 17th – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Mar., 18th – 4:15-5:30pm

Wed. Mar., 18th - 7:00-8:15pm

Thu. Mar., 19th - 4:15—5:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026*

Last day for Thursday classes.

****Please note that Thursday Classes end the Week before all other classes due to Kellenberg Students SCHOOL SCHEDULES.**

The Last Day of Classes for the 2025-2026 Year are:

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 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.

A REMINDER TO ALL LEVEL 7 & 8 FAMILIES



All Packet work **MUST** be completed by the last day of class.

Level 7 students will not be permitted to register for level 8 until work is completed. LEVEL 8 STUDENTS will not receive the date for Confirmation until all work is completed

LEVEL 6 AND LEVEL 7 FAMILIES

Your Child will be receiving the packet required by the Diocese for the preparation of the sacrament of Confirmation. We will also be emailing home a copy to every family entering Level 7 and Level 8 in the fall of 2026.



It is our prayer that you will begin to work on this packet over the summer as the ENTIRE packet is due in FEBRUARY of 2027.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

CONFESSIONS

Saturday before Palm Sunday,

March 28, 2026

3:00pm - 3:45pm

Monday of Holy Week, March 30, 2026

“Diocesan Day of Penance”

2:00pm - 4:00pm -

Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Fr. John & Msgr. Michael

7:30pm - 9:00pm - Fr. Benjamin & Fr. John

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

1:00pm - 2:00pm -

Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

1:00pm - 2:00pm - Fr. Benjamin & Fr. John

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

11:00am - 12 Noon -

Fr. Benjamin & Msgr. Michael

NO CONFESSIONS at 3:00pm

NO 4:00pm MASS

The Church will be closed at Noon

reopening at 7:00pm for the

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Palm Sunday Masses

Palms blessed and distributed

at all Masses

Saturday, March 28, 2026

4:00pm - Fr. John

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00am - Fr. Benjamin

10:00am - Fr. John

12:00pm - Msgr. Michael

THE SACRED TRIDUUM OF HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 1, 2025

Tenebrae - A Service of Shadows:

7:30pm in the Church

We accompany Jesus in his last hours,
a journey into darkness.

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper: 8:00pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Michael

Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00PM

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with
Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion:**
3:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. Benjamin

Silhouette Stations of the Cross:

7:30pm in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets

9:20am - Fr. John

Confessions: 11:00am - 12 Noon

(No Confessions at 3:00pm and No 4:00pm Mass)

**Solemn Easter Vigil of the
Lord's Resurrection:** 8:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. John

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am - Msgr. Michael

10:00am - Fr. John

12:00pm - Fr. Benjamin

Liturgical Life

The Altar Bread was donated in loving memory of:

Marie & Thomas Blankley

Donated by:
Debbie Blankley



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

needs are pasta, canned fruit, pancake mix, oatmeal, cake mix, frosting, brownie mix, ketchup, mayonnaise, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and deodorant. Thank you very much.

March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.** 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: Saintjames saintvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.

THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES ANNOUNCES.....



SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE

Our daily Bonanza drawing gives you 365 chances to win – and you can win more than once! When you win, your ticket goes right back into the drum.

There is also a monthly drawing of \$100 to be pulled the last day of every month. In addition, there is a special Quarterly drawing of \$250 to be pulled on the 15th of June, September, December and March. An extra Bonus of \$1,000 will be drawn on Easter Sunday, (April 5th), the Feast of St. James (July 25th), and Christmas (December 25th).

To enter the Super Bonanza raffle, fill out the registration card(s) and return them to the Parish Center or into the collection basket at Mass with a \$30.00 donation for each card. Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Center beginning Tuesday, February 17th during normal business hours. Thank you for all the ways you support the good work of our parish.

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2)** They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: **"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."** He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: **"I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)**. He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

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

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
(1 Sm 16:13)

PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

SECOND READING

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
(Eph 5:14)

GOSPEL

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — . So he went and washed, and came back able to see.
(Jn 9:6-7)

Ministries and Events

St. James RC Church

Msgr. William A. Delaney Council 5983

Knights of Columbus



St. Patrick's "Pot of Gold Raffle"



\$10.00 per ticket / 3 for \$25.00

Drawing to be held on March 21, 2026.

(you do not need to be present to win)

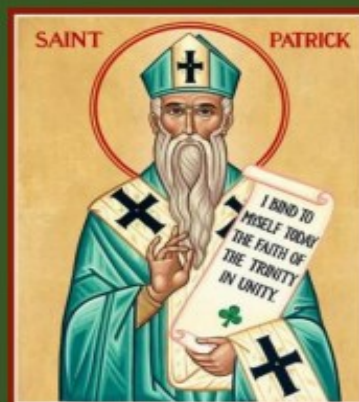
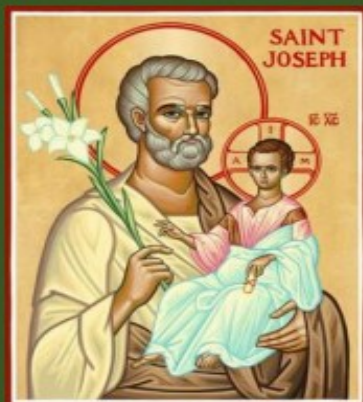
Tickets will be sold in the narthex following all Masses this weekend.



Saint James Parish & Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus

Saint Patrick's & St. Joseph's Party

Saturday March 21st 7pm @ St. James Parish Center - Delaney Hall



\$55 per person

Irish & Italian Food & Desserts, Beer, Wine, Soda, Water, Coffee & Tea, Pipers & Irish Dancers, 50/50 raffle, & Pot O' Gold Raffle!!

Come join us in celebrating two of our favorite Saints with an evening of food, friends, entertainment, and fraternity!

Reservations are required!

Matt Antonucci 516/721-4169 – maarch@optonline.net

Thomas Moran 516/260-1517 – dd14pgktom@gmail.com

Ministries and Events

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE



spring cleaning

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21 AND
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT ALL MASSES.**
**THE GREEN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK WILL BE
IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.**

We are called to protect people and the planet
living our faith in relationship to all of God's
creation. Please help us by providing gently used
clean clothing to individuals and families in need.

St. James Church | 80 Hicksville Road | Seaford, NY 11783

Questions? Please call St. Vincent de Paul at 516-735-8895

Your donation reduces waste and assists those who are struggling

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. JAMES PARISH

Please join us Fridays in Lent | 3pm & 7:30pm

FEBRUARY 20 | FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 6 | MARCH 13

MARCH 20 | MARCH 27

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Join us Wednesday,
April 1, 2026 at 7:30pm
in the church.

Tenebrae

A Service of Shadows

Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows. As we come to the end of Lent, we begin a journey into darkness to a place of deep shadows.

Today we accompany Jesus in his last hours. We witness the cruelties and the suffering he endures.

We listen to the words of condemnation and ridicule. In all this he is innocent. He is the faithful servant of God, doing his Father's work; bringing the gospel of love, peace and hope.

And so, in this liturgy, we are invited to walk solemnly and attentively with Jesus.

Better to know.

Better to understand.

Better to be his friend, his disciple, his witness.

Parish Lenten Mission

Please join us for Holy Hours every Wednesday
evening during Lent at 7:30pm in the Church.

FEB. 25, MAR. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 7:30PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

2/25 - Fr. John McCarthy; 3/4 - Deacon Tom Lemme;

3/11 - Fr. Benjamin;

3/18 - Deacon Charlie Kammerer; 3/25 - Fr. John Derasmo

No registration is needed. Just show up! This service is open to all.

Ministries and Events



We Welcome into
the St. James
Community:

Sophie Marie Chen
Jaxxon Tate Hennink
Shea Elisabeth Kelty

We Congratulate the parents of the newly
baptized!



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March 3, 2026

St. James Church
80 Hicksville Road
Seaford, NY 11783

Attention: Deacon Chris

Dear Deacon Chris,

On behalf of St. Patrick Parish, we want to express our sincerest thanks for the very generous donation of over 400 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every Monday, to our Parish Outreach and Hospitality Center.

We are so humbled by your thoughtfulness and appreciate your continued generosity towards our community that helps care for those in need. With generous donors like you, your gift provides help to the neediest and brighten the lives of so many.

Thank you again for your kindness and support and may God Bless you and your Parish Family.

With Sincerest appreciation,

Kerri Ostrow

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Thank you!!

 **Lenten Revival Night**
at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes
29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY

Thursday, March 26, 2026 • 7:30 PM

 All are invited to the Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre for a special Holy Hour with Bishop Barres and the faithful from across Long Island. There will be live music, a reflection, benediction and a candlelight procession. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the church until midnight.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis | drvc-faith.org

Reconciliation Monday 2026

Monday, March 30

2:00–4:00 PM  **6:00–9:00 PM**

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps



Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

March 1, 2026

Outreach &
St. Vincent de Paul

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	9,468.00	1,420.00	4:00pm 584
Online Giving	4,443.89	363.73	8:00am 223
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,774.00</u>	<u>618.00</u>	10:00am 398
Total	15,685.89	2,401.73	12:00pm <u>378</u>
		Total	1,583



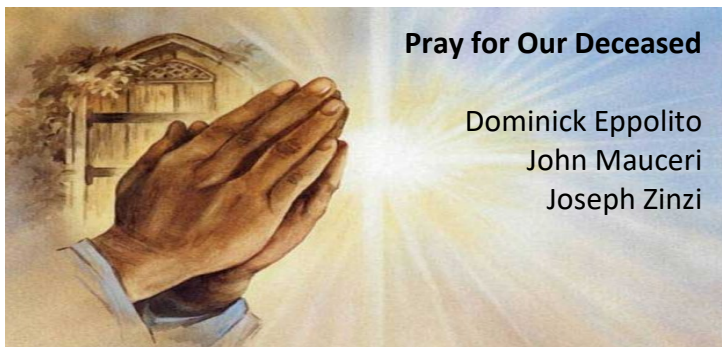
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

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: The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Q & A

Answer: The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do. The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).



Pray for Our Deceased

Dominick Eppolito
John Mauceri
Joseph Zinzi

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
March 22nd	Monday, March 16th
March 29th	Monday, March 20th
April 5th	Wednesday, March 25th
April 12th	Monday, April 6th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



March 2026

Sunday, 3/8—Ellen Daly

Monday, 3/9—Dino Malatesta

Tue., 3/10—Michael Worgul

Wed., 3/11—Michael Nicosia

Thurs., 3/12—Donna Steckman

Friday, 3/13—Nancy Chiaramonte

Saturday, 3/14—Michael Tilleli

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 15

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, March 16

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, March 17

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Mental Health Ministry - Room 101 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 18

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm

Faith Formation classes | 7:00pm

Lenten Mission Holy Hour - Church | 7:30pm

Thursday, March 19

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, March 20

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall | 6:00pm

Saturday, March 21

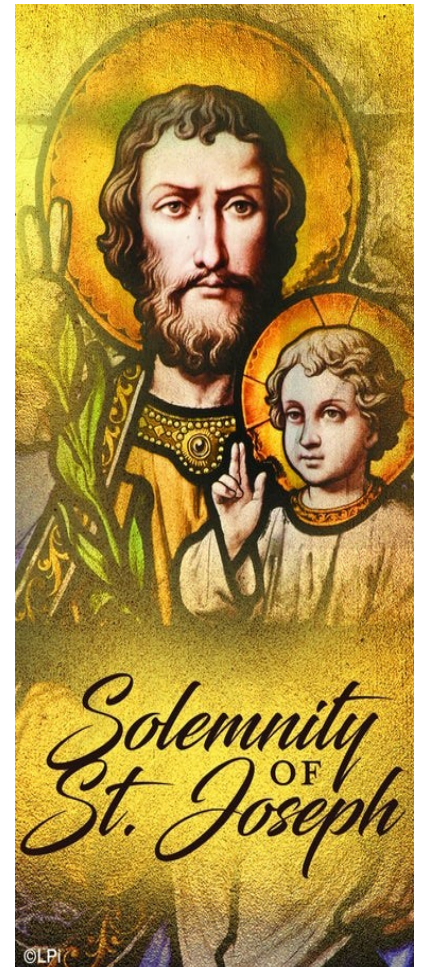
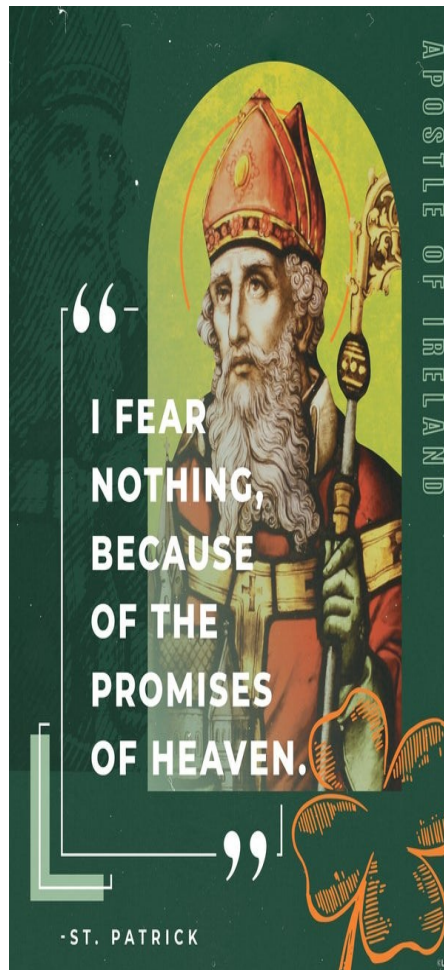
Men's Prayer Group - Room 104 | 7:30am

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

SVDP Clothing Drive - Parking Lot | 5:00pm

St. Patricks/St. Josephs Party - Delaney Hall | 7:00pm



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; 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 Vermillion, Marine Corps., Col. Kevin Walsh, Air Force; Chief Christopher Zyrski, Navy.