

The Parish of Saint James

MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

8:00am | Anthony Secondino
10:00am | Helen & Stanley Renkas &
Rosemarie Renkas
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Joanne Colluci
| Stipsits Family & Willi Blaskovits
| Nicola DiLuzio
| Gladys McCullagh
| Mr. and Mrs. Vallone

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

8:00am | Sal Rappo - Living
12:10pm | Tony Cassio - Birthday

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

8:00am | Edward McKee - 9th Anniversary
12:10pm | Jill Murphy - 6th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

8:00am | Mistretta & Brancazio Families
12:10pm | Leonard (Chick) Angioli -
1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 Holy Thursday

9:00am | Morning Prayer Service
8:00pm | Solemn Liturgy of the Last Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 - Good Friday

9:00am | Morning Prayer Service
3:00pm | Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - Holy Saturday

9:00am | Morning Prayer Service
8:00pm | Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection -
People of St. James

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 - Easter

8:00am | Jeanette & Michael Antonucci
10:00am | Edward & Mary McKee
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Delphine Julian
| Joyce Gruener
| Rosemarie Rose
| Styne & Fitzgerald Families
| Marilyn J. Tutino



HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

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, Albert Porto, Cathy Prykuta, Tisha Ramirez-Kuna, Dana Rodriguez, Richard Rogers, Nina Rogers, Kimberly Romano, Francesca Russo, Alexa Salvage, Iliana Saviano, Neil Savino, Laurie Schiffer, 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 John Horn

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MASS CELEBRANT

April 4 | 8:00pm | Fr. John

April 5 | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael
| 10:00am | Fr. John
| 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 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:

WE CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY: This weekend we are celebrating Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus rode triumphantly into the city of Jerusalem. There are two significant signs from that day.

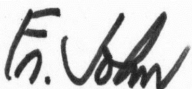
First, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey which fulfilled the prophecy that states the King would come “lowly and riding a donkey.” This was an ancient tradition where royalty and leaders rode donkeys to enter the city. Both King David and King Solomon entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. By doing this Jesus identifies himself as the new king. He received a triumphant greeting from the people who welcomed Jesus as their king.

Second, the people waved palm branches as a sign of welcome to Him as their new king. Interestingly, during that time palm branches were a sign of liberation from captivity. By waving the palm branches the crowds were celebrating their hope that Jesus as their king would liberate them from the Romans. They would soon realize that Jesus was not the type of king that they were hoping for, as Jesus was not establishing a Kingdom in this world but preaching of the Kingdom of God.

WE NOW ENTER HOLY WEEK: Holy Week is the most important time of the Catholic Liturgical Year. Through most of the year, we follow the mission and ministry of Jesus. We listen to his preaching, we hear about the miracles he performed and learn about the opposition to Jesus by some, especially, the religious leaders.

THE TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter form the Most Sacred three days. On Holy Thursday we remember the Lord’s Last Supper, by reenacting what Jesus did with his disciples. On Good Friday, we celebrate the Passion and death of Jesus. We don’t just look back at what happened that day but commemorate Jesus’s last hours and His crucifixion. Then after spending three days in the tomb, Jesus rises from the dead on Easter Sunday, completing the sacred task that the Father gave Him.

May our reenacting of the events of these Holy Days and our participation in these Sacred Mysteries of our Salvation bring us closer to Jesus.





What is Alpha?

Alpha is a multi-week course that creates a space where people come and discuss life's big questions. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha runs online, in cafés, churches, universities, homes - you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

What does an Alpha session consist of?

First, there's food

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Most sessions start with food, because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

Then there's a talk

The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they may be a live talk or played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us?

Finally, a discussion

This is probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Alpha is a eleven week and one Friday and Saturday Program that creates a space for all of us to come together for a series of conversations on life, faith, and meaning.

Where: St. James Parish Center (Delaney Hall)

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

April 14, 21, 28

May 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Friday, May 29 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday, May 30 - 8:30am to 4:00pm

Interested in joining us?

Complete the online registration by April 1, 2026 at DeaconChris.org/Alpha

for more info email ME@Deaconchris.org

or

scan this QR code with your mobile device and it will bring you to the sign up form.





**What's happening in
Faith Formation?
Sunday, March 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY**



REGISTRATION 2026-2027

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION YEAR HAVE BEEN EMAILED. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE EMAIL PLEASE CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE (516-796-2979).

ON LINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. USE THE LINK FOR WE SHARE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE. If you use online all fees must be paid at the time of registration.

**ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY REGISTRATION RATES!**



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.

**Please Pray for our level
2 students who will be
receiving First Holy
Communion during the
Easter
Season!**



LEVEL 6 AND LEVEL 7 FAMILIES

All level 6 and 7 students were given their level 7 & 8 packets the last 2 weeks of class. Students may begin working on their packets

Immediately. All packets must be completed by Feb. 22, 2027 but can be completed sooner.

JOURNAL PACKETS WERE ALSO EMAILED HOME.
IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
(516) 796-2979



**Praying that all our families will have
a blessed Holy Week
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

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

THE SACRED TRIDUUM OF HOLY WEEK



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

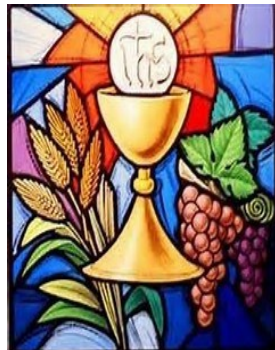
10:00am - Fr. John

12:00pm - Fr. Benjamin

The Altar Wine was
donated in loving
memory of

Joseph Mulligan

Donated by:
Marguerite & Rick
Brunner



Please join us for
*Silhouette Stations
of the Cross* on
Good
Friday,
April 3, 2026 at 7:30pm
in the Church.



Liturgical Life



The Altar Bread was donated in loving memory of:

Lillian & Salvatore Pavia

Donated by:
Marguerite & Rick Brunner

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are Jell-O pudding, shampoo, detergent, deodorant, vegetable oil, coffee and cleaning supplies. Thank you very much.



March 29: Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let

us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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.

Thank you.



We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Giuliana Ammirati

Lenna Catherine DeAngelis

Dylan Aaron Garcia

Liam Aaron Garcia

Nathalie Alyse Garcia

Violette Aline Garcia

Hailey Joan Nelson

Ryan Thomas Nelson

Ariella Rose Trager-Canales

Oliver Mitchell Urso

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!!



Thank you to our parish participation in our annual spring clothing drive. 322 bags of clothing and shoes were collected for the Nassau County SVDP store. Many hands make light work and your help was appreciated to assist those in need.

If you would like to join our conference, or if you need some assistance, please call us (516)735-8895. We meet 2x/month at 7 pm on Wednesday in the parish center.

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

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus:

"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10).** Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

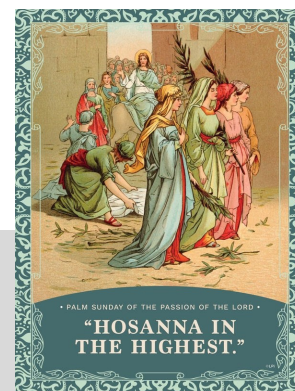
We warmly welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Registration can be completed online at stjamesrcchurch.org or forms are available at the Parish Center Office.

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

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

GOSPEL

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

Ministries and Events

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

HOW THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION IS USED

On Good Friday,
our parish will take
up the annual
Collection for the
Holy Land.



What is the Pontifical
Good Friday Collection?

It supports the people of the Holy Land
and the pilgrims that visit.

At the request of the Holy Father, the Franciscans of the Holy Land promote the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the United States and other parts of the world. Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Churches. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to the educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and a number of other countries support the ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides, Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places.

Serving those in
need in the Holy Land

- 250 friars 11 countries
- 65 sanctuaries and 23 parishes
- 6 guest houses for pilgrims
- 30 youth served by Bethlehem Boys' Home
- 63 apartments restored for families in need
- 1,020 employees in Israel and Palestine
- 17 schools with more than 10,000 students
- 509 university scholarships
- 56 Friars preparing for the priesthood
- 700 refugees aided on the island of Rhodes
- 8,000+ Syrian families aided
- 650+ families in Lebanon assisted
- Construction of a Catholic school in Cana

Help us continue to serve!

Commissariat of the Holy Land

1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017
www.MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday

Spring Fling Bingo Night

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH, 2026 @ 7:00PM

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Columiettes #5983

Open House

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 AT 1PM



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Ministries and Events

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.



**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.

Ministries and Events

Liturgical Minister Training– Spring 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance, with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, April 21 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
Monday, April 27 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Saturday, May 30 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach – Parish Center; 9:00 am – 12 noon. There is NO Lector Workshop offered at this session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor's nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

These sessions will run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Monday, May 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center
Tuesday, May 26 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall pm

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

March 15, 2026

Catholic Relief
Services

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	8,955.00	1,023.00	4:00pm 436
Online Giving	2,399.05	185.60	8:00am 221
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,220.00</u>	<u>133.00</u>	10:00am 515
Total	12,574.05	1,341.60	12:00pm <u>330</u>
		Total	1502



"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: What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Q & A

Answer: The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition. First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have. The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.



Pray for Our Deceased

Marie T. Leone

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
April 12th	Monday, April 6th
April 19th	Monday, April 13th
April 26th	Monday, April 20th
May 3rd	Monday, April 27th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



March 2026

Sunday, 3/22—Anthony Zuaro

Monday, 3/23—Virginia Astralla

Tue., 3/24—Frances Pellizzi

Wed., 3/25—Richard Moricco

Thurs., 3/26—Colleen Reeves

Friday, 3/27—Dolores Witkowski

Saturday, 3/28—Mark Tucker

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 29

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, March 30

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Confessions - Church | 2:00pm - 4:00pm,
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday, March 31

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Mental Health Ministry - Room 101 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 1

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Tenebrae - Church | 7:30pm

Thursday, April 2

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:30am

Open Your Heart Bible Study - Room 112 | 6:00pm

Friday, April 3

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

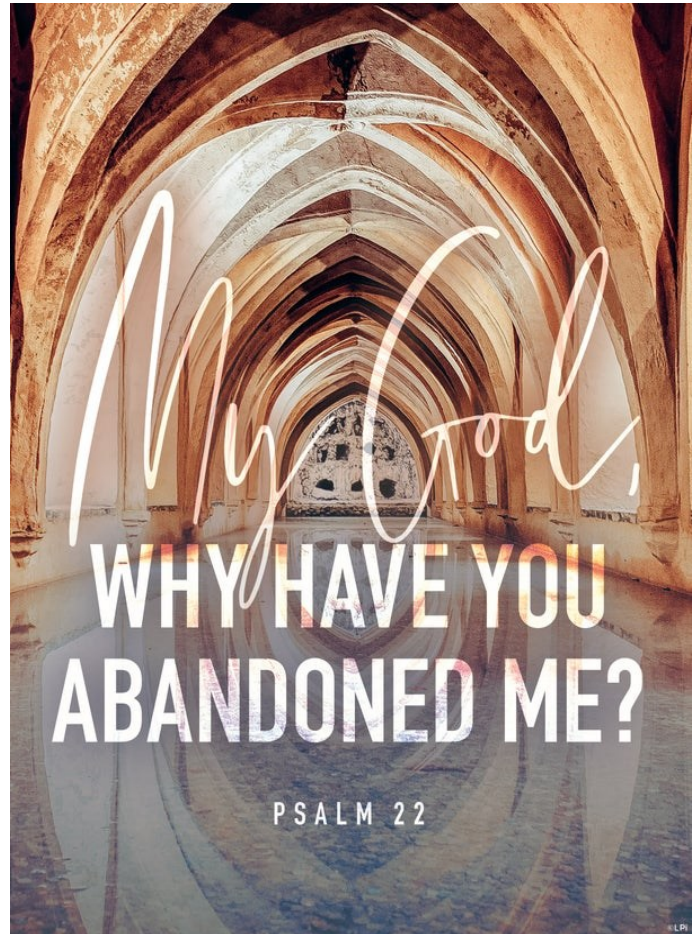
Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall | 6:00pm

Saturday, April 4

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; 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.