

The Parish of Saint James

APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

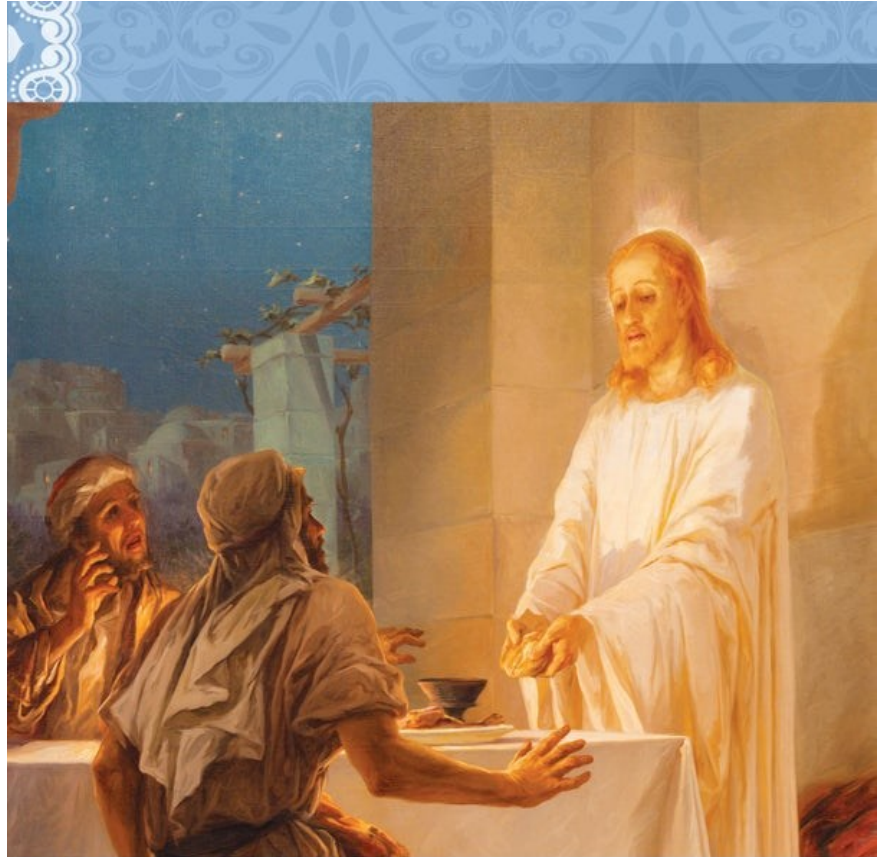
OUR MISSION

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 OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

8:00am | Stanley Wujcik
10:00am | Edward Cooper - Birthday
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Leo & Nico - Living
| Diane Sanseverino
| Anna Hartman
| Jillian Shillaber
| The Poor Suffering Souls
in Purgatory

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

8:00am | Samantha Ryann Gulino
12:10pm | Sal Rappo

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

8:00am | Gary Cullum
12:10pm | Jean Sefcik - Living

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

8:00am | Peter James Brancazio
12:10pm | Sal Rappo

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

8:00am | Andrew Sarne
12:10pm | Regina Cannella

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

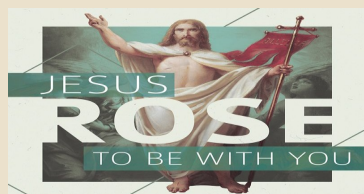
8:00am | Fr. Fred Nickle
12:10pm | Louis Yurasits

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

8:00am | Joseph Joseph & Annamma Joseph
4:00pm | Antonio Indelicato

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

8:00am | Dolores & Charles Schiatta -
Anniversary
10:00am | Rose & Tony Pepe
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Gladys McCullagh
| Gerard Campbell, Sr.
| Mary & John Aiello & Teresa Grillo
| Edward Coakley
| Nicole Barnett & Laurie Logan -
Living



HEAVENLY FATHER WE PRAY FOR ...

Omar Albayaty, Marianne Amblo, Francine Argila, John Baglione, Stephanie Baio, Deanna Baisley, Pat Beirne, James Bianco, Lucille Bombace, Antoinette Bowman, Jennifer Callahan, Mary Calabrese, Carl Capobianco, Greg Capobianco, Philip Capobianco, 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, 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, Baby Hannah, Hugh Hattrick, Luke Horvath, Martin Jappen, Rebecca Johnston, John Kmiotek, Gina Krafinski, Roger Lafferty, Sean Lehosky, Angie LoBiondo, Aurora Luna, 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, Dick Treacy, Joan Walsh, Sally Ann Waskewich, Isabella Rose Weiss, Jessica Weiss

THE CLERGY

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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

April 25 | 8:00pm | Msgr. Michael

April 26 | 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 ROAD TO EMMAUS: On the third Sunday of Easter the Church presents us with the Gospel story of the Road to Emmaus. Recall, this is the evening of Easter and two of the disciples of Jesus are leaving the city of Jerusalem traveling to Emmaus, which is approximately seven miles away.

WHO ARE THESE TWO DISCIPLES? While the gospel mentions that one is named Clopas, the other disciple is unnamed. This is a genuinely fascinating question, and it touches on one of the most beloved and mysterious passages in all of Scripture - the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

WHAT DID I LEARN IN THE SEMINARY? I think many of the scholars were compelled by the earliest Tradition that seemed to indicate that the second disciple was Mary, the wife of Clopas. If both were at the crucifixion, then they were probably together leaving Jerusalem. Otherwise, where was Mary, the wife of Clopas, if not with her husband? Again, the Scripture is not clear about the second disciple's identity.

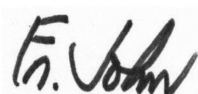
THE IDENTITY OF JESUS: When Jesus appears to the two disciples they are kept from recognizing his identity perhaps due to spiritual blindness or a change in His appearance. The focus of the text is the conversation that takes place.

Jesus sees them talking as they are traveling, asking them what they are speaking about. They are perplexed saying to him, "Are you the only one who doesn't know what took place in Jerusalem these last days?" Jesus goes on to ask, "What things?" So the disciples describe what took place, regarding Jesus. Jesus interprets the Scripture passages, and explains to the disciples their being fulfilled, that Christ needed to suffer these things to enter into his glory.

As it is now evening, they invite Jesus to stay with them. It is at this meal that Jesus "takes bread, blesses it, distributes it to them and they consume it." In those actions they recognize that it is Jesus.

REPEATED AT EVERY MASS: Each time a priest celebrates Mass he repeats what Jesus did at the "Last Supper." During the consecration we take the bread (the host), we bless it, and the consecrated hosts are distributed among the people, who all consume it.

This is a remarkable privilege and duty that each priest is given at his ordination to the priesthood. I am humbly reminded of this privilege and sacred duty each time I celebrate the Mass. *May I always be aware of this special gift and duty!*



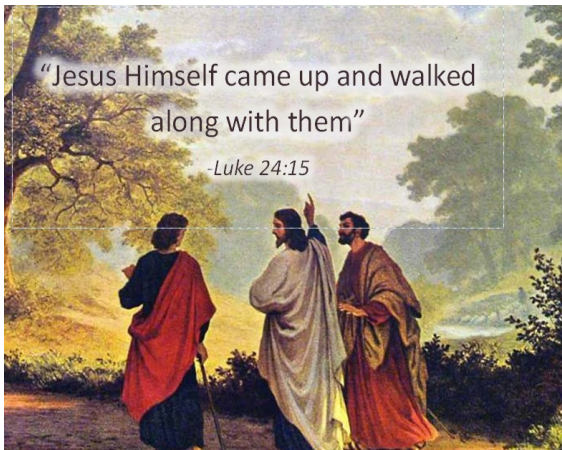


ST. JAMES WELCOMING MINISTRY'S
3RD ANNUAL



EASTER EGG HUNT





What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, April 19, 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter!

FAITH FORMATION FALL 2026

We have been asking you to pray about joining us in the fall of 2026 to share the Good News with the children of St. James. We are hoping to find people of Faith, to share that faith with our children. We are looking for:

Catechists:

**Tuesday 4:15-5:30pm—
Level 5**

**Wednesday, 4:15-5:30pm—
Levels 2, 4, & 5**

**Wednesday, 7:00-8:15pm—
Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 7**

**Thursday, 4:15– 5:30pm -
Level 7**

**HALL MONITORS NEEDED
FOR ALL DAYS.**

**Please call 516-796-2979
if you are interested in
filling any of these
positions.**

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

**REHEARSAL DATES: THURSDAYS AT 4:14PM IN
CHURCH:**

Communion Date: April 18—Rehearsal: April 16

Communion Date: April 25—Rehearsal: April 23

Communion Date: May 2—Rehearsal: April 30

Communion Date: May 9—Rehearsal: May 7

Communion Date: May 16—Rehearsal: May 14

Please Pray for those students and their families as they prepare to receive Jesus for the First Time!

**Our first celebration of the Sacrament of Holy
Communion is Saturday, April 18 @11:30am**

Registration for fall 2026

A reminder to all parents that you need to re-register your child for the fall if you attended classes this year.

If you have a child entering 1st grade you need to register for level 1 Faith Formation.

Register on Line at We Share (on parish website)

Mail in Registration: Go to Faith Formation on the Parish website.

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

PACKETS ARE TO BE COMPLETELY DONE BEFORE HANDING
THEM IN TO US.

Liturgical Life

The Altar Bread and Wine were donated in loving memory of:



Frank Adkins

Donated by:
Linda and Peter Manton

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Taylor Elaine Barnable
Jett Ezekeil Fusco
Mila Rose Renvoye



We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are coffee, tuna, cookies, snacks, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Thank you very much.



April 19: Third Sunday of Easter:

In this Sunday's 'Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting many families, providing food, and assistance with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!** 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.



THE TIME CAPSULE IS OPENING



*Calling all St. James Alumni,
especially classes 1976-1984*

Join us as we unlock the past
and celebrate how far we've come.

Saturday, May 2

St. James School
Seaford, New York

Time Capsule Opening

2:00 PM Sharp

Mass

4:00 PM

*Gather in school after Mass for
light refreshments and to view artifacts.*

RSVP:

karendbronstein@gmail.com

Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

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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

"Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

GOSPEL

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

Ministries and Events

The Mental Health Ministry at St. James Church, Seaford, NY will be holding a **special Mass on May 15 at 7:30 PM, the feast day of Saint Dymphna, patron saint of those suffering from mental illness.** The Mass is being offered for individuals with a mental illness, family members and caregivers of those who have a mental illness, and mental health professionals. Please join us as we come together to pray for and support all of those who have in some way been impacted by mental illness. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. If you are able to join us, please call the St. James parish office at 516-731-3710.



International Association
Catholic Mental
Health Ministers

**SAVE THE DATE TO
SAVE A LIFE**



BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD

**BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 13, 2026
1:45PM - 7:45PM**

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

**The Mass Intention
book is open** and
there are Masses
available through
December 31, 2026.



**Mass
Intentions**



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Next Long Island Weekend
June 26-28, 2026
Immaculate Conception Seminary
Lloyd Harbor, NY

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

April 5, 2026

Easter
Sunday

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	3,110.00	25,620.00	8:00pm 298
Online Giving	4,649.09	3,900.14	8:00am 715
Mail in Envelopes	<u>1,431.50</u>	<u>2,950.00</u>	10:00am 950
Total	9,190.59	32,470.14	12:00pm <u>892</u>
		Total	2,855



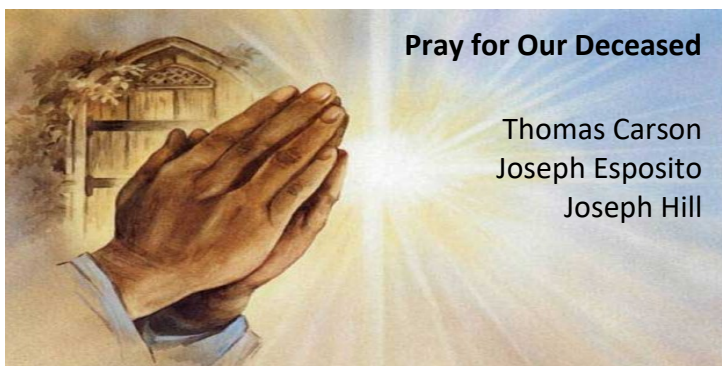
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

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 do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Q & A

Answer: We hear the phrase "the end of the world" casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin "Parousia," meaning "presence" or "arrival." We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a "new heaven and a new earth" (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, "Come Lord Jesus!"



Pray for Our Deceased

Thomas Carson
Joseph Esposito
Joseph Hill

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
April 26th	Monday, April 20th
May 3rd	Monday, April 27th
May 10th	Monday, May 4th
May 17th	Monday, May 11th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



April 2026

Sunday, 4/12—Roseanne Rangel

Monday, 4/13—James Torregrosa

Tue., 4/14—Elaine Jergensen

Wed., 4/15—Deborah Blankley

Thurs., 4/16—Raymond Flood

Friday, 4/17—Rosalie Gandino

Saturday, 4/18—Barbara Carson

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 19

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Hospitality Breakfast - Delaney Hall | 11:00am

Monday, April 20

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, April 21

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Mental Health Ministry - Room 101 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 22

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Thursday, April 23

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:30am

First Communion Rehearsal - Church | 4:15pm

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

Friday, April 24

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

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

Saturday, April 25

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

The Pope's Prayer Network

Monthly Prayer for Mental Health - April 2026

Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

For priests in crisis.

This month, the Pope's prayer intention is for priests in crisis.

The life of a priest is often filled with joy, but priests can also experience high levels of stress, loneliness, and depression due to heavy workloads, isolation, and high expectations.

In an address to a gathering of priests, Pope Leo said, "Above all, I urge you never to close yourselves off. Don't be afraid to talk to others, even about your fatigue and your crises."

We pray that priests in crisis find the mental health care that they need, develop healthy relationships, and that communities support them with understanding and prayer.

The International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers
(<https://www.catholicmhm.org/click-to-pray>)



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

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.