

The Parish of Saint James

MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH 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

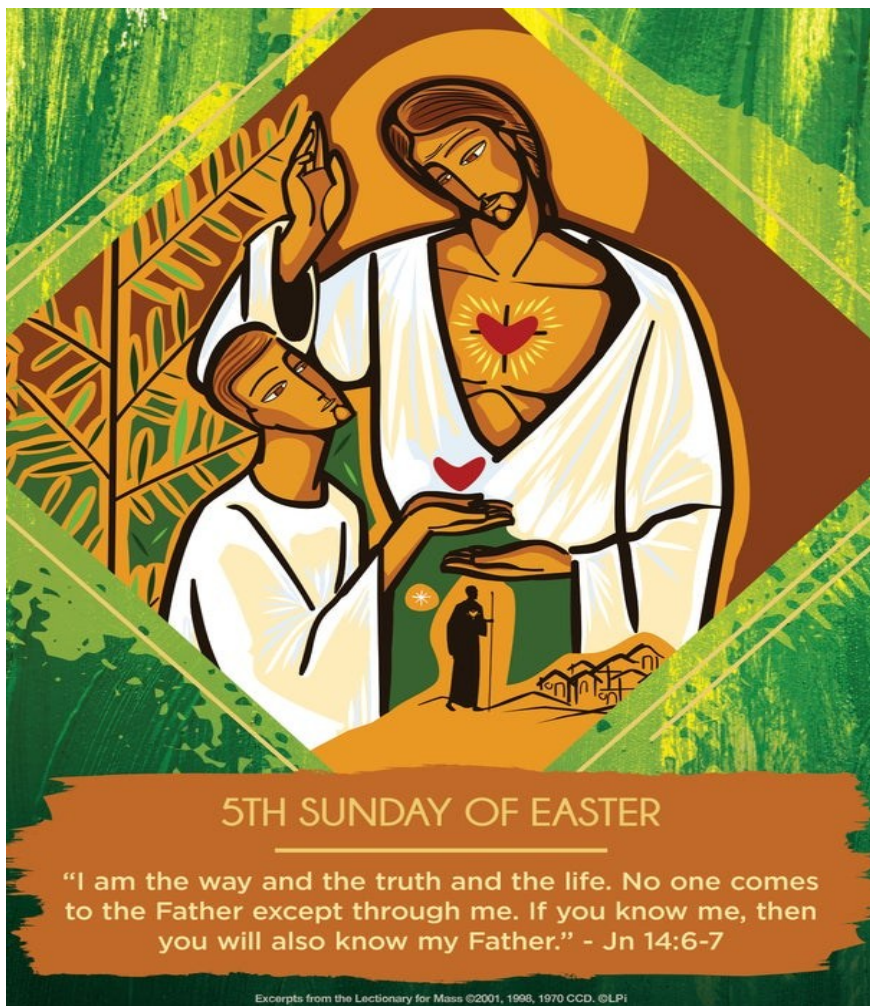
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We are strengthened by the Eucharist and committed to serve God under the guidance of His Holy Spirit. As people devoted to Jesus' teachings, we value on-going faith formation, Christian outreach and the growth and development of our parish.

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.

*A very Special Welcome to all
St. James School Alumni!*



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parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

8:00am | Catherine Ginley - 5th Anniversary
10:00am | Stanley Renkas, Sr. - Birthday
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Domenico Armano - 1st Anniversary
| Joe Canova - Living
| Gilda & Glenn Logan - Living
| St. Faustina Prayer Group - Living
| Janet Mazziotti

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

8:00am | Stella Crivello
12:10pm | Edward Golda

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

8:00am | Lucille Bombace - Living
12:10pm | Gary Gorman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

8:00am | Kenneth Meserole
12:10pm | Deceased Members of the
McSloy Family

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

8:00am | Danny Kosotan
12:10pm | Deacons of St. James - Living

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

8:00am | Deacon John Newhall
12:10pm | Theresa DiMatteo

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

8:00am | Gary Gorman
4:00pm | Mr. & Mrs. James Cavuto

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

8:00am | Scarola & Von Braunsberg families
10:00am | Mary McKee
12:00pm | People of St. James
| All Mothers Living and Deceased
| Delphine Julian
| Edward Ronan - Birthday
| Antonio D'Ambrosio &
Angela Pulisciano
| Gladys McCullagh



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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mmsgrmichael@stjamesrcchurch.org

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

Director of Faith Formation | Dr. Lucy Creed, Ed.D. | 516-796-2979

Parish Social Ministry | 516-735-8690

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

Director of Music Ministry | Jillian Vicinanza | 516-731-3710

Facility Manager | Thomas Galvin | 516-731-3710

Parish Office Receptionist | 516-731-3710 | Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

MASS CELEBRANT

May 9 | 4:00pm | Fr. Benjamin

May 10 | 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/
Fax: 516-731-4828

Monday & 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:

A REVIEW OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT DURING THE EASTER SEASON:

The season of Lent is a time when we prepare through fasting, prayer and good works for the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Easter Season is the time when we deepen our commitment to our baptism by becoming intentional disciples.

Our parish mission statement which is on the cover of the bulletin states:

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.

This mission statement is not meant solely to be a lofty ideal to which we aspire but the “core values” that we share together and what is considered basic for each and every member of our parish.

In the first sentence, “*We affirm that as members of St. James parish community, we are called through baptism, to be intentional disciples.*” While our mission statement uses the plural form we should understand that we are saying, “*I affirm. . . I am called through baptism to be (an) intentional disciple(s).*”

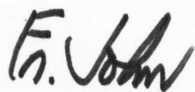
The core of this mission statement is that as members of St. James parish community we should have a growing awareness that we are “intentional disciples” of Jesus. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, “*To be a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or lofty ideal, it's the result of an encounter with the person that gives direction for your whole life.*” The encounter comes first and leads each and every one of us to a deliberate choice to follow Jesus.

For some this has been a profound experience or encounter precipitated by a serious personal crisis or deep inner search for meaning in their lives. The spark of hope usually comes from the insight that there is a “way out” of their present situation finding a renewed sense of the purpose and direction in their lives after an encounter with Christ.

For many others, the experience is not as profoundly felt, as they are already aware of having encountered Jesus, many times through their experiences within the Church, personal prayer or service.

In either case, a conscious “decision” on our part is required to follow Jesus as one of his disciples. Yes, it is profoundly “intentional” and ongoing! We never reach the pinnacle of discipleship. We are always becoming more and more intentional disciples of Jesus, a reflection of what it means to be baptized.

May the Holy Spirit lead each and every one of us to a deeper commitment to being ever more fully “intentional” disciples of Jesus!



Ministries and Events



Mothers Day Novena

We will remember all of our mothers (living and deceased) during nine Masses

beginning on Mother's day, Sunday, May 10, 2026. You can enroll as many mothers as you'd like in our novena. The list of names will be placed near the tabernacle in our Church starting Sunday, May 10th for the duration of the Masses, which extends until Monday, May 18, 2026. Remembrance envelopes were mailed and are also available in the narthex of the church.

The Blessed Mother Flowers were donated in loving memory of:

Nikki Blankley Bencivenga

Donated by:
Her Loving Mother



International Association
Catholic Mental
Health Ministers

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
1:45pm – 7:45pm

St. James Church and Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus

Parish Center – Delaney Hall

80 Hicksville Road – Seamans Neck Road and Hicksville Rd, Seaford
(one block south of Hempstead Turnpike)

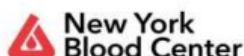
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or call 1-800 933-BLOOD

For more information, please contact Kevin Kelly 516-972-8507



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May Crowning & Patriotic Rosary at the Shrine



Date: **Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 11:00am**

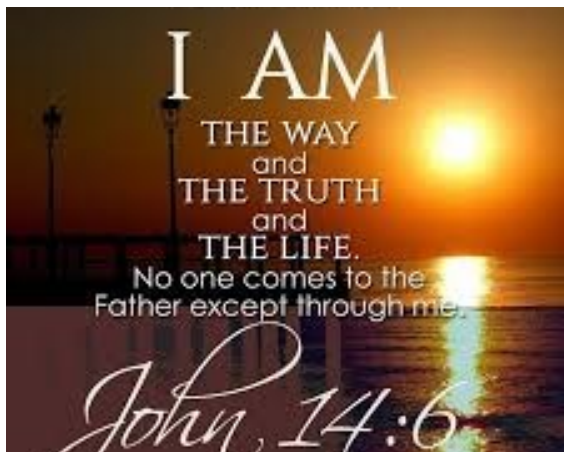
Where: **The grotto of the Blessed Mother**

The Crowning will be followed by a Patriotic Rosary. All are Welcome! Please join us as we pray for our Country. Please bring your rosary and a chair. Any questions, please call Maria at 516-474-9482.

Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus



in conjunction with Birthright will be selling Carnations before and after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 9th & 10th). All proceeds will be donated to **Birthright** which is an organization that offers love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be.



What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, May 2, 2026 5th Sunday of Easter!

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES
REHEARSAL DATES: THURSDAYS AT 4:15PM IN
CHURCH:

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!



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—
Level 4

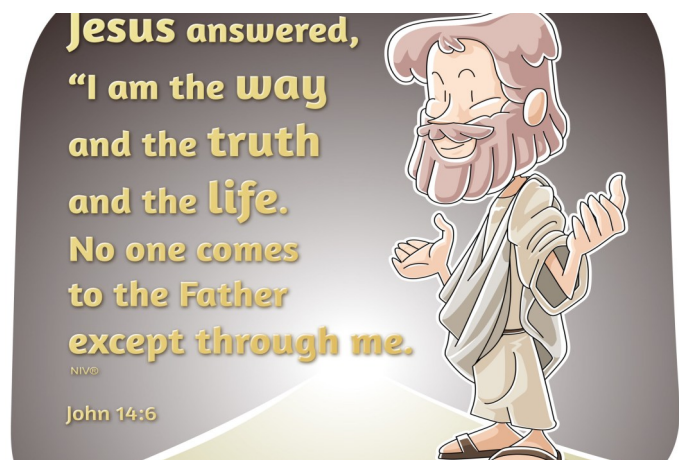
Wednesday, 7:00-8:15pm—
Levels 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

HALL MONITORS NEEDED FOR ALL DAYS.

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



**Congratulations to all our students who received
Jesus for the First time on Saturday, April 25,
2026! We pray you will join us at the table in the
years to come!**

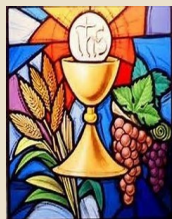


Liturgical Life

The Altar Bread was donated
in loving memory of:

**Arlene & Robert
Horton**

Donated by:
Debbie Blankley



Thank you to the Peranzo Family for bringing up
the gifts at the 10am Mass on April 26, 2026.

If you would like the opportunity to bring up the
gifts at the 10am Family Mass, please reach out
to Dawn Daniello at

dawndaniello60@gmail.com.



Our heartfelt thanks to all our
parishioners for your continued
support of our food pantry. Our
current needs are
peanut butter, sugar,
tuna fish, vegetable oil,
ketchup, salad
dressing, sugared
cereal, canned ham, cleaning
products, laundry detergent,
canned fruit. Thank you very much.



We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Welcome
to our
Church Family



Valerie Sylvana Landini
Miles May McCloskey
Nash Daniel Zacharevitz

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!!

**May 3: Fifth
Sunday of Easter**

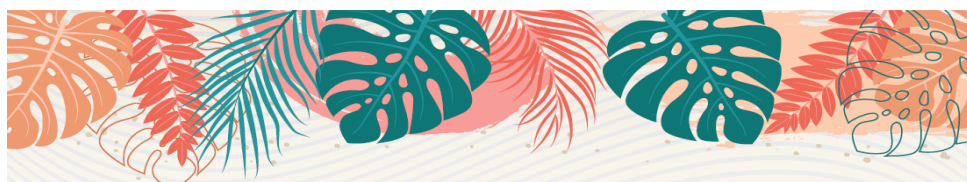
**In the Gospel
today, Jesus says**

"...whoever

believes in me will

**do the works that I do, and will do
greater ones than these, because I
am going to the Father. Through**

**your almsgiving you are performing
a good work; far greater than you
think. The coins placed in the St.
Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring
Christ love and compassion to 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:**
Saintjamesstvincentdepaul@gmail.com
or call 516-735-8895.
Thank you.



GIFT SHOP

Narthex of St. James Church
in Seaford, New York



- Communion Apparel
- Communion Gifts
- Communion Sets
- Arm bows, Ties, Veils
- Crosses and other gifts

- Missals, Bibles
- Rosaries, Rosary bracelets
- Photo Albums
- Picture Frames
- Keepsake boxes

The gift shop is open Saturdays from 3pm until 5:15pm and Sundays from
8:30am until 1:30pm.

Please stop by before or after Mass to check out our sale items.

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Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

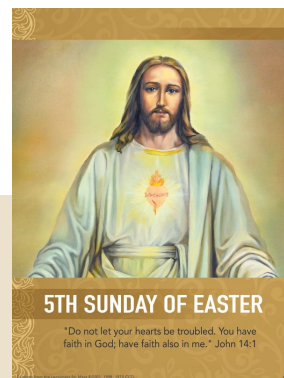
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary for Life - Mondays 2 PM in the Chapel. (except during July and August - resumes Sept. 1st)

Rosary - Monday through Saturday following the 8 AM Mass in the Church.

Our Lady of the Rosary Italian Prayer Group - Fridays at 11 AM in the Chapel (except during July and August - resumes Sept. 1st)



FIRST READING

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:6)

Ministries and Events

Spring has sprung and we are back! Cigars and Prayers!

Join me on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the St. James parking lot in front of the Grotto of Mary, (look for the fire pit) as we all enjoy a cigar (or two) as we pray and discuss the upcoming gospel. Please bring a lawn chair.



Smoke Signals to the Heavens

In some ways, the act of puffing on a cigar resembles the act of prayer. The smoke, rising skyward, could be seen as a modern day offering to the heavens, a visible manifestation of thoughts, hopes or gratitude ascending to realms unseen. Is it mere Coincidence that smoke has played a pivotal role in spiritual rituals for millennia? Like the incense used in our church in the sacred rituals, smoke has long been seen as a bridge between the earthly and the divine.



Similarly, prayer is an act of deliberate intention. Whether whispered in solitude or shared in communal reverence, it creates a space for connection—connection to the divine, to yourself, or to something greater than the visible world. Like the cigar smoker, the one who prays steps into another realm, a place where distractions fade and presence takes over.



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



Thank you St. James Parishioners for helping others!

On behalf of the St. James Community, we want to express our deepest gratitude for all of your food and personal care donations.

Your support is an invaluable contribution to our mission of spreading hope and compassion to those in need.

During March 2026, we had 38 Food Pantry visits serving 82 family members. Thank you for being a hero to the families our food pantry serves!



Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:	April 19, 2026	Maintenance & Repairs	CHURCH CAPACITY 850
	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	7,968.00	1,113.00	4:00pm 352
Online Giving	2,781.45	116.67	8:00am 215
Mail in Envelopes	<u>583.00</u>	<u>406.00</u>	10:00am 410
Total	11,332.45	1,635.67	12:00pm <u>233</u>
		Total	1,210



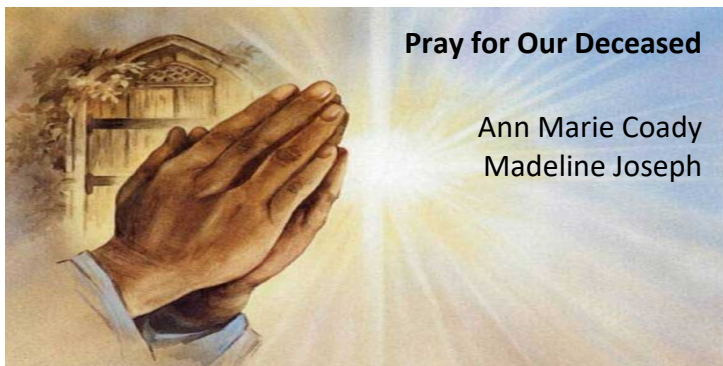
"Save Time and Donate Online!"

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: Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Q & A

Answer: Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



Pray for Our Deceased

Ann Marie Coady
Madeline Joseph

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
May 10th	Monday, May 4th
May 17th	Monday, May 11th
May 23rd	Monday, May 18th
May 30th	Monday, May 24th

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



April/May 2026

Sunday, 4/26—Charles Cangelosi

Monday, 4/27—Michael Ryback

Tue., 4/28—Richard Moricco

Wed., 4/29—Lorraine Murphy-Correri

Thurs., 4/30—Kristen Daum

Friday, 5/1—Joan Matthews

Saturday, 5/2—Kim Collins

\$100 Month End Bonus
Douglas Coons

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 3

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Hospitality Breakfast - Delaney Hall | 11:00am

Monday, May 4

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Tuesday, May 5

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Scripture Sharing - Room 112 | 1:30pm

Scripture Sharing - Room 104 | 7:00pm

Adult Confirmation class - Room 112 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 6

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Prayer & Cigars - Shrine of Mary | 7:00pm

Thursday, May 7

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, May 8

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

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

Saturday, May 9

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

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.