

The Parish of Saint James

MAY 24, 2026 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

8:00am | Joseph & Lucy Scarola - Anniversary
10:00am | Fr. Dan Picciano - 2nd Anniversary
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Louis Yurasits
| Patsy & Felicia Langella -
Wedding Anniversary
| Dorothy Flynn
| Katie Cunnane
| Alfonso Ranaudo

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 - Memorial Day

9:00am | Rosemarie Rose

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

8:00am | Rosemarie Renkas - 4th Anniversary
12:10pm | Patricia Urso

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

8:00am | Vincent J. Russo - Birthday
12:10pm | Patricia Urso

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

8:00am | Robert Alexander
12:10pm | Patricia Muscarelli -
2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

8:00am | David Fluri - Birthday
12:10pm | Robert Alexander - Birthday
& Edward Scott - Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

8:00am | Theresa & Carmine Calceglia
4:00pm | Jeffrey Dormody - Birthday

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

8:00am | Joseph Bonomo, Sr.
10:00am | Diane C. Sanseverino
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Joseph Famigletti - Birthday
| Gertrude Falbee
| Thomas Carson
| Dennis Schneider
| Gloria Juceam



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

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Deacon Chris Daniello

Deacon John Horn

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MASS CELEBRANT

May 30 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

May 31 | 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 & 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:

PENTECOST SUNDAY: This weekend we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday, the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

Recall in my Pastor's Letter last weekend I wrote that on Pentecost, *"we are celebrating not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on that first Pentecost, but the ongoing release of the Holy Spirit in us as well. The Holy Spirit was first given to us at Baptism. Later, we received the Sevenfold gifts of the Spirit when we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. . ."*

This is very important because as Catholics we tend to view all our religious holidays simply as looking back on past events. While this is important it is equally important to acknowledge their present meaning in our lives as we are enjoying each celebration.

The tongues in which they spoke as the Holy Spirit filled them were a foreshadowing of the Church's preaching of the Gospel in the tongues of all the nations. After the flood, in pride and defiance of the Lord, an impious generation erected a high tower and so brought about the division of the human race into many language groups... At Pentecost, by contrast, the humble piety of believers brought all these diverse languages into the unity of the Church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together.

(Augustine, *Sermon 271*; trans. E. Barnecut, 1992, p. 73)

You might recall that I invited everyone to join me in praying for a new release of the Holy Spirit on us at Pentecost. It is so important that we take up the invitation and challenge to continue the mission and ministry today. We do this primarily in the way we live our lives, reflections of the reality that we have become intentional disciples of the Lord. I hope that this is what you want in your on-going growth as Catholic men and women.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: I am so happy that after a period of prayer, study and reflections nine of our adult parishioners are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. They are:

**Sarah Cain
James DeVita
Joseph DeVita
Barbara McEachern
Ashley Melendez
Jaylyn Melendez
Samantha Melendez
Maria F. Villalta
Robert V. Villalta**



Congratulations to all of our candidates! Recall, that Confirmation places on us the responsibility to publicly witness to our faith!

May the Holy Spirit come upon them and guide them as they now live their faith more openly.

Ministries and Events

Summer Evening Women's Ministry Meditation and Prayer

We invite you to come and take some time for yourself. Time with God for prayer and reflection on topics of patience, forgiveness, humility, surrender, gratitude and thankfulness. A place to have conversations about how our faith is part of our everyday lives. We will meet 5 Thursday evenings between June – August (June 18th, July 2nd & 23rd, Aug 6th & 20th) at 7pm in the Parish Center, room 112 or if weather permits outside by the statue of Mary. Bring a chair just in case we meet outside.



Any questions, please contact Dawn Daniello at dawndaniello60@gmail.com. Looking forward to meeting you.

St. James Family Ministry invites everyone to a Free Hospitality Breakfast in Delaney Hall

On Sunday, June 7, 2026
Immediately following the
10:00 o'clock Mass.

We will be serving Frittatas, Bagels,
Cookies, Cakes, as well
as Coffee, Tea, and Juice

There won't be a Hospitality Breakfast in July or August.
Please join us for the next Breakfast on
Sunday, September 6, 2026.



Be the reason someone smiles today!



*Bring the children, crafting supplies
will be available.*



**What's happening in
Faith Formation?
Sunday, May 24, 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY!**



**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, & 6

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.**



Congratulations to all our students who received Jesus for the First time on Saturday, May 16, 2026! We pray you will join us at the table in the years to come!

**Registration for 2026-2027 year is ongoing.
Just a reminder that registration fees increase
on June 1, 2026 at 5pm. To ensure your first
choice of day and time please register early.**



"RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT!"

Liturgical Life



All parish center offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be one Mass that day at 9am.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are boxed milk, salad dressing, canned chicken, Jello, instant pudding, canned fruit, toothpaste, shampoo and bar soap. Thank you very much.



May 24: Pentecost

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **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! Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry. 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.

Congratulate all parishioners who donated Blood and volunteered to assist with the Blood Drive.

Congratulations to all our parishioners who donated at our Parish Blood Drive on May 13, 2026. 70 Units of Blood were donated, which saved 210 lives. Thanks to Joe Theisen, Christine Handwerker, Debbie O'Connell, Barbara Ferraioli, Tony Sparaco, Joe Canova, Mark Antonucci, Maria Daly, and Vinny Cioffi for making this Blood Drive a Success. Our next Blood drive will held on Wednesday, September 9th.



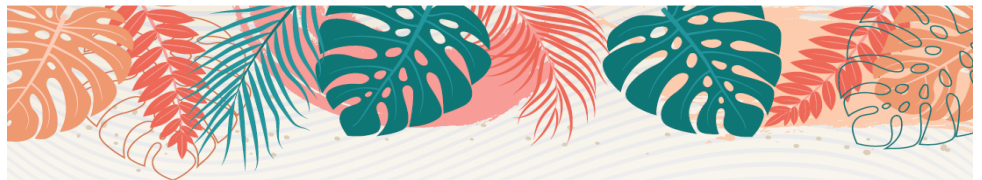
Welcome
to our
Church Family



We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Braelynn Hunter Cachia
Liana Shae Conroy
Landon Joseph Velazquez

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!!



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

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained'"
(John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21) That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing. Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.

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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

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
(Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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.



Gifts from Bethlehem Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land A Traditional Art and Livelihood for holy Land Christians



The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

**Items will be available for sale after all Masses on the
weekend of June 13th and 14th.**

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

May 10, 2026

Maintenance
& Repairs

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	8,089.00	1,045.00	4:00pm 341
Online Giving	2,482.97	119.89	8:00am 247
Mail in Envelopes	<u>955.00</u>	<u>148.00</u>	10:00am 410
Total	11,526.97	1,312.89	12:00pm <u>355</u>
		Total	1,353



"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: Someone close to me has left the Church. How should I reach out to them?

Q & A

Answer: For many of us, this can be a challenging question. When people we love leave the Church, we may not always know how to relate to them in certain ways. Are some conversation topics off limits? Are there certain behaviors or decisions we can't support in good conscience? When someone or something is lost, Jesus shows two different attitudes in his parables. One is *actively seeking*. Don't give up on this person and their life of faith. Ask them about their spiritual journey. Invite them to spend time with you in faith settings, as appropriate, and outside of them. Continue in relationship with those you love. The other attitude Jesus shows is *consistent witness in the waiting*. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father doesn't go after the son. He waits for his return. However, the son knows his father is trustworthy. He remembers his father's fair treatment of the hired hands and knows it is safe to return, despite all he has done. Your ability to change someone is quite small. However, you can change yourself. Make sure you consistently treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. If your loved one wants a deeper conversation, they'll know you are a person to trust, a place to which they can return.



Pray for Our Deceased

Milagros Fiore
Catherine Milazzo

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
June 7th	Monday, June 1st
June 14th	Monday, June 8th
June 21st	Monday, June 15th
June 28th	Monday, June 22nd

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners



May 2026

Sunday, 5/17—M/M Louis Melisi

Monday, 5/18—M/M Richard Sarli

Tue., 5/19—Tracy Waterbury

Wed., 5/20—Keri Boller

Thurs., 5/21—Dennis Winter

Friday, 5/22—Joni Cassio

Saturday, 5/23—Nancy Chiaramonte

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 24

OCIA - Room 112 | 10:00am

Monday, May 25 - Building closed

Rosary - Church | 9:30am

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

Tuesday, May 26

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Alpha - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 27

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Thursday, May 28

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:30am

Open Your Heart Bible Study - Room 112 | 7:00pm

Friday, May 29

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am

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

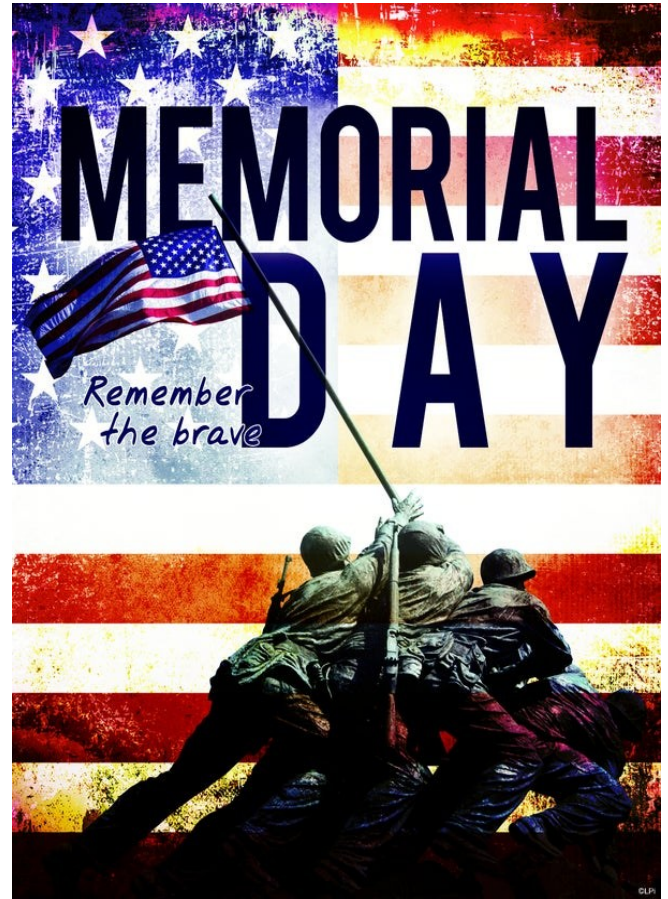
Alpha Retreat - Delaney Hall | 6:30pm

Saturday, May 30

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

Alpha Retreat - Delaney Hall | 8:30am



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.