



THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES

AUGUST 16, 2026 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday | 8:00am
Monday - Friday 12:10pm
All Civic Holidays | 9:00am only

Weekend Masses

Saturday | Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Holy Days

4:00pm Vigil Mass
8:00am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm or by
appointment with one of our priests.

GET IN TOUCH

516-731-3710 | Fax: 516-731-4828
80 Hicksville Road, Seafood, NY 11783
parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

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.

DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy!
Just aim your phone
camera at the QR Code
and follow the link. Thank
you!



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your
faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the
woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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.

02 • GET TO KNOW US

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John Derasmo, Pastor |
fatherjohn@stjamesrcchurch.org

Msgr. Michael Barimah-Apau, Associate
Pastor | msgrmichael@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 |
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MASS CELEBRANT

August 22 | 4:00pm | Fr. Melchizedek
August 23 | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael
 | 10:00am | Fr. Melchizedek
 | 12:00pm | Msgr. Michael

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

PART TWO: MY SUMMER VACATION: This weekend I am beginning the second half of my summer vacation, which will run from August 15th until the end of the month. Like the first half of my summer “stay-vacation,” I have plans to visit with family and friends. I am most excited about finally meeting my great niece, Willow, who is 16 months old.

THE SHRINE OF FR. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: It's been several years since I last visited the Church of St. Mary's in New Haven, Connecticut. The body of Fr. McGivney was placed in a tomb in the rear of the Church, where people come regularly to pray through his intercession and his canonization.

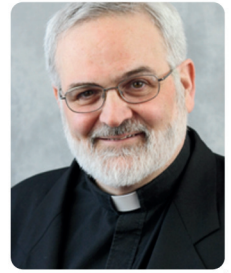
Fr. McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, and died on August 14, 1890, at the age of 38. According to Wikipedia, Fr. McGivney, “was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families. It developed through the 20th century as the world's Catholic fraternal organization.”

“The cause of his canonization started in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996; in March 2008 Pope Benedict XVI declared McGivney “Venerable” in recognition of his “heroic virtue.” Then on May 27, 2020, Pope Francis announced that McGivney had been approved for beatification, which officially occurred on October 31, 2020. We now wait for the news of his canonization to sainthood.

I am hoping that this will take place during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV. How appropriate it would be if Pope Leo, the First American Pope, would finalize the process and set a date for the canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney. Please join me in saying this prayer for his canonization.

“God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

8:00am | Mel & Eddie Gershonowitz
 10:00am | Roseann Quinn – 15th Anniversary
 12:00pm | People of St. James
 | Raymond Flood
 | Ottaviano DiGangi – Birthday
 | Richard Bischoff
 | Ann McCabe
 | Clara Soto

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

8:00am | Eddie McElroy
 12:10pm | Thanksgiving for prayers answered

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

8:00am | Anna Tierno
 12:10pm | William M. Burgess

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

8:00am | James Fennessy
 12:10pm | Janet Kane

HURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

8:00am | Phyllis Antonucci – Anniversary
 12:10pm | Gregory Kenney – 100th Birthday

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

8:00am | Maria DeAngelo – Living
 12:10pm | Anne Hartman

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

8:00am | Mae & Vincent Tutino
 4:00pm | Rocco Zalud – Living – Birthday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

8:00am | Denise Melnick – Birthday
 10:00am | Poor Souls in Purgatory
 12:00pm | People of St. James
 | Donato Angione
 | William G. Capparelli – Birthday
 | Edward Rydowski
 | Kleanthis Plakas
 | Jazmine Moreira

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died IN OUR HEARTS

Emily Albani
 William M. Burgess
 Regina Natale
 Roseanne Joan Simon

Rest in Peace



Our Sick Parishioners – names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks beginning August 30th

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 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, Grace Dowdell, Margaret Dowdell, Kenny Eaton, Rick Ellis, Rosaria Esposito, Giovanna Falce, 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, Joan Lugokencky, Aurora Luna, Tia Mabanta, Timothy Maietta, Dakota Maken, Mary Sue Maluda, Tara Matthews, Larry Matzinger, 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, 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

Our Military Parishioners

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, Specialist Andrew P. Cardone, Army; 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; Chief 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.

04 • LITURGICAL LIFE



FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, cleaning supplies, coffee and toiletry items. Thank you very much.



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 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.

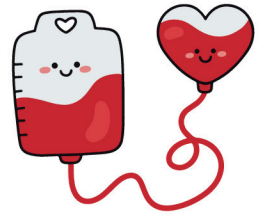
SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE

BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

1:45PM – 7:45PM

**ST. JAMES CHURCH & MSGR. DELANEY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Connolly Family for bringing up the gifts at the 10am Mass on August 9, 2026. If you would like the opportunity to bring up the gifts at the Family Mass, please reach out to Dawn Daniello at dawndaniello60@gmail.com.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Week Three

James Maiorino & Erin McCormack



BAPTISM

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Salvatore Giglio

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!!



OUTREACH UPDATE

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 July 2026, we had 59 Food Pantry visits serving 119 neighbors. Thank you for being a hero to the families our food pantry serves!



THANK YOU
for your generosity



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?



FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

PSALM

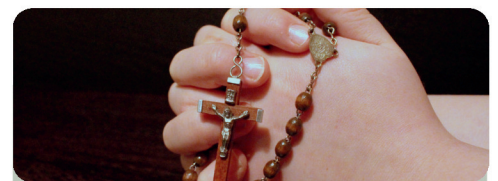
O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

SECOND READING

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

GOSPEL

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)



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)

06 • FAITH FORMATION



Bishop Barres will be at St. James on Friday, September 18, 2026 to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for those young men and women who will be receiving this sacrament on that day.



We are looking for someone to teach LEVEL 5 on Wednesday Afternoon 4:15–5:30pm. We will provide all necessary teaching materials. Won't you share your faith with the children?

Sunday, August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REGISTRATION 2026–2027

Late Registration fees are now in effect.

Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year ends on October 1, 2026 at 5pm. Space is limited and we may not be able to give you your first choice of day and time so please provide a 2nd choice.

BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION:

Monday through Thursday, August 17 through 20, 2026

11:00am–5:00pm in the Faith Formation Office

Monday through Thursday, August 24 through 27

11:00am–7pm in the Faith Formation Office

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 20, 2026 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Join us at the 10:00am Mass to Celebrate those Women and Men who are involved in our Catechetical Ministry followed by fellowship in Delaney Hall.

If you are able to volunteer as a hall monitor, office helper, teacher's aide for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation Year please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516–596–2979. If you can volunteer to help in the office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10am until 1:00pm that would be greatly appreciated.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK • 07

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
August 16 Catholic Health Services Health Screening - Parking Lot - 10:30am	August 17 Rosary - Church 8:30am Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena - Chapel 2:00pm Alpha Parent Meeting - 7:00pm Room 112	August 18 Rosary - Church 8:30am Alpha - Delaney Hall 6:30pm Mental Health Ministry Room 101 7:00pm	August 19 Rosary - Church 8:30am Prayer & Cigars - Shrine of Mary 7:00pm	August 20 Rosary - Church 8:30am Women's Meditation & Prayer - Room 112 7:00pm	August 21 Rosary - Church 9:30am Italian Rosary - Chapel 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall 6:00pm Movie Under the Stars Parking Lot 8:00pm	August 22 Rosary - Church 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation - Room 112 9:00am



MOVIE
under the
STARS

— PRESENTED BY THE —
WELCOMING MINISTRY

📍 **LOCATION:**
**SAINT JAMES RC CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

In the event of rain,
the movie will be shown in Delaney Hall.

🪑 *Please bring your own chair.*

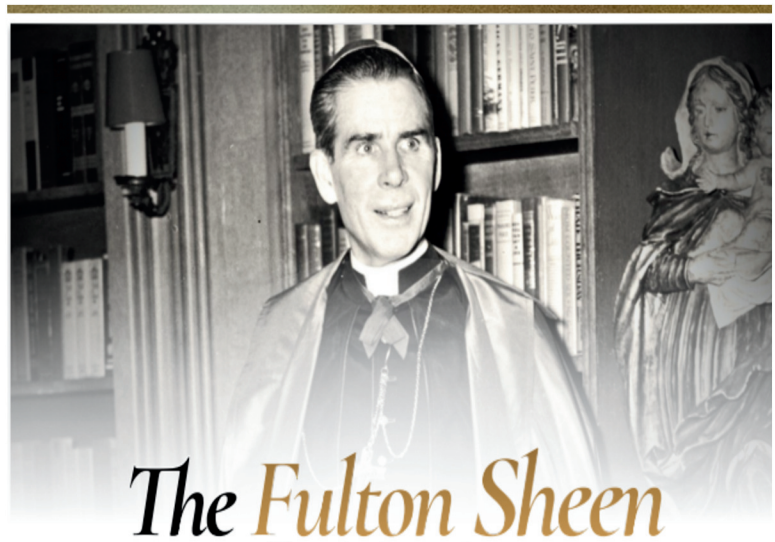
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

FRIDAY, JULY 31
YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
FIELD OF DREAMS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE

**MOVIES BEGIN AT
8:00 PM
(SUNDOWN)**



The Fulton Sheen Initiative

A Moment for the Catholic Church of America

Beatification Event

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2026

Church of Saint Raphael
600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow, NY

Doors Open: 7:00 PM
Prayer Begins: 7:30 PM

Pray Daily with Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

Sign up to receive and pray with daily reflections of Sheen's words. Make an individual prayer commitment of 15 minutes a day.

Scan the QR code or visit:
drvc.org/fultonsheen



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08 • MINISTRIES & EVENTS

IT? "WHAT AM I
DOING HERE?"
YOU'RE INVITED!

LIFE THAN THIS?
GOD?"

Alpha

**FIND OUT
ABOUT THE
ALPHA COURSE**

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning.

Each session includes a time to connect with others over a free meal, hear a short talk on our Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective!

Alpha is a 11week and one Saturday 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. No two Alphas look the same, but they have three key things in common:

hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

Our Next Alpha session at Saint James will be on these dates

Join us these 11 Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:30 pm

September 15th, 22nd, 29th October 6th, 13th, 20th 27th November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Plus the weekend of

Friday October 23rd 6:30– 8:30pm and Saturday October 24th 9:00am–4:00pm.

YOU MUST REGISTER at www.DEACONCHRIS.ORG/alpha-sign-up



**"IS THERE
MORE"**

You've got Questions?
We've got Alpha!

— “ —
Alpha is a way to explore what
we hunger after – meaning and
intimacy and relationship...in a
very non-pressed, non-
judgemental environment.

Bear Grylls
Host of "Man vs. Wild"

Coming in September

Alpha

SAINT JAMES PARISH
Celebrating

75
+
★ YEARS ★
Rooted in Faith

Save the Date

Sunday, October 18, 2026



12 Noon Anniversary Mass

followed by a reception and light luncheon



ALL ARE WELCOME

10 • STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Collection Week of August 2, 2026

Catholic Education

Sunday Collection

Second Collection

Mass Attendance

Mass	10,498.00	0.00
Online Giving	3,576.79	36.58
Mail In Envelopes	<u>1,456.50</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total	15,531.29	41.58

4:00pm	374
8:00am	247
10:00am	345
12:00pm	<u>193</u>
Total	1159

Save Time and Donate Online!



St. James Catholic Church utilizes WeShare, a web-based system for online contributions. WeShare is a secure Web-based system that makes it easy to set up and manage collections your contributions to St. James Church. Parishioners can log in to WeShare at any time and edit their personal information, payment source, donation amount, or donation frequency. You can plan their contributions for the entire year—or you can change your donation amount online whenever you like.

Super Bonanza \$25 Winners AUGUST 2026



Sunday, August 9 – Andrew Crivello
Monday, August 10 – LiliAnn Chiarelli
Tuesday, August 11 – Keith Fischer
Wednesday, August 12 – Joseph Bonomo
Thursday, August 13 – Chris Loucas
Friday, August 14 – M/M William Hoffman
Saturday, August 15 – Michelle Lardi

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Due by 9:00am</u>
August 23rd	Monday, August 17th
August 30th	Monday, August 24th
September 6 th	Monday, August 31st

Catholic Q&A

Question: Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand. So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.