



SAINT JAMES PARISH

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST 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

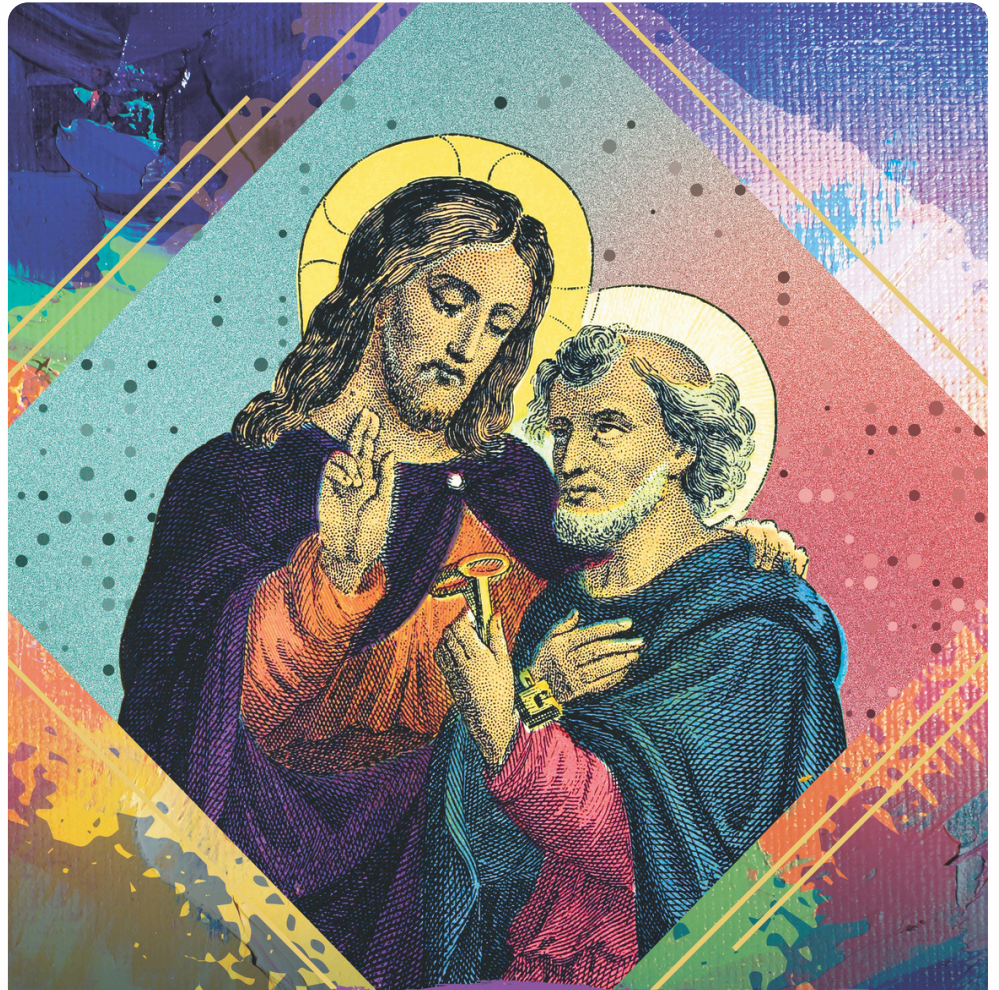
516-731-3710 | Fax: 516-731-4828
80 Hicksville Road, Seaford, NY 11783
parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

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!



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CGD. ©LPi

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 | msgmichael@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 29 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael
August 30 | 8:00am | Fr. Melchi
 | 10:00am | Msgr. Michael
 | 12:00pm | Fr. Melchi

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

The Pastor is on vacation and will
return on August 31, 2026.

A large, ornate poster celebrating the 75th anniversary of Saint James Parish. The top half features the text "SAINT JAMES PARISH Celebrating 75 YEARS Rooted in Faith" in a mix of serif and script fonts, with a large "75" and a cross. Below this, it says "Save the Date Sunday, October 18, 2026" and "12 Noon Anniversary Mass followed by a reception and light luncheon". The bottom half shows a photograph of the Saint James R.C. Church building, a modern stone and brick structure with large windows. At the very bottom, a banner reads "ALL ARE WELCOME".

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SAINT JAMES R.C. CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

8:00am | Frances Labeck – Living
12:10pm | William M. Burgess

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

8:00am | Kathleen Verbil – Living
12:10pm | Donato Angione

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

8:00am | Bernadette Hattrick – Birthday
12:10pm | The Priests & Deacons of St. James

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

8:00am | Dan & Rose Galvin
12:10pm | Deirdre Ward – Living

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

8:00am | William Rose – Birthday &
Rosemarie Rose
12:10pm | Fr. Gilbert Lap

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

8:00am | Adeline Cook – 100th Birthday
San Onofre & Family & Ancestors
of Rosario Ajaque
4:00pm | Grace Guarini – Birthday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

8:00am | Joseph V. Frantil – 7th Anniversary
10:00am | Mary & John Aiello & Grillo Family
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Joanne Gaeta – Birthday
| Elaine Scavone
| Maria DeAngelo – Living
| Aurora G. Luna

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died IN OUR HEARTS

EVELYN T. DAY
MARY MORRISON
TERESA SNYDER

Rest in Peace



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

Omar Albayat, 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, 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, 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, coffee, canned fruit, Jell-O, boxed milk, tissues, small and medium adult pull-up diapers (no tabs). Thank you very much.



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

August 23: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining 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: Saintjamesstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.

BAPTISM

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

**Maele Colette Brady
Eloise Anna Ditizio
Luca Joseph Graziano
Cameron Matthew Gund-Pierre
Lorelai Lilly Lupo
James Diego Olson
Morgan Emma Walsh**



We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!!

LITURGY MEMORIAL

The Altar Bread and Wine were donated in loving memory of

**Nunzia DiLeonardo
Happy Heavenly Birthday!**

Donated by:
Love, Andrew, Holly and Nancy



WELCOME BACK PLAINEDGE SENIORS

**Come Join the St. James Plainedge Senior Center!!
Meetings Thursdays from 10:30am to 3pm in
Delaney Hall**

Meetings resume Thursday, September 10th.

This center was created to enrich our lives.
It gives us the opportunity to connect with existing
friends and meet new friends.

Dues are \$25.00

Weekly Coffee/Tea and Danish/Roll - \$2.00

GAMES - LUNCHEONS - TRIPS - RAFFLES

We welcome you into the St. James Senior Community!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

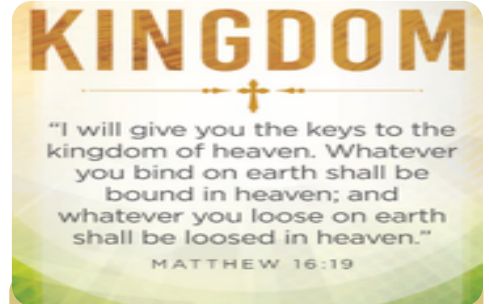
What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."



FIRST READING

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

GOSPEL

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)



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



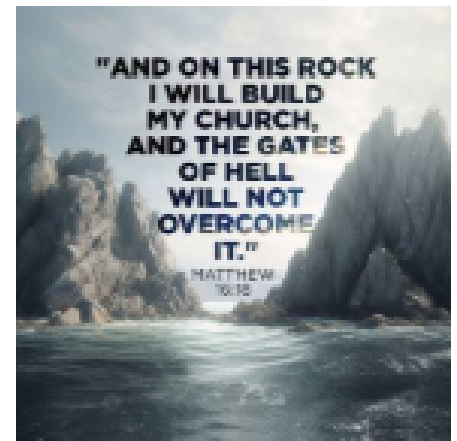
Bishop Barres will be at St. James on Friday, September 18, 2026 to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for those young men and women who will be receiving this sacrament on that day.



ENJOY THE
REMAINDER
OF THE
SUMMER!

Sunday, August 23, 2026

**21st 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:

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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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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 23 No scheduled events	August 24 Rosary – Church 8:30am	August 25 Rosary – Church 8:30am Catechist Meeting – Room 112 4:15pm	August 26 Rosary – Church 8:30am Catechist Meeting – Room 112 4:15pm Prayer & Cigars – Shrine of Mary 7:00pm Catechist Meeting – Room 112 7:00pm	August 27 Rosary – Church 8:30am Catechist Meeting – Room 112 4:15pm Women's Meditation & Prayer – Room 112 7:00pm	August 28 Rosary – Church 9:30am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang – Delaney Hall 6:00pm	August 29 Rosary – Church 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation – Room 112 9:00am Senior Appreciation BBQ – Delaney Hall 12:00pm



Blood Drive

In giving, we remember.

2001-2026
25 years

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

1:45PM – 7:45PM

St. James Church

&

Msgr. Delaney Knights of Columbus

Parish Center – Delaney Hall



Scan the QR Code or Click below to Sign up
https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/332979

Visit nybc.org/eligibility for complete donation guidelines.

Honor. Give. Remember.

One blood donation can be a lasting tribute. Take home a gift as thanks when you join us to give.

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

The Candle Oil was donated in loving memory of:

Nunzia DiLeonardo

Donated by:
Love, Andrew, Holly & Nancy



Msgr. Delaney Council to hold Membership and Charitable and Benevolent Drive on the Weekend of September 19 and 20 in Narthex.



The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual membership drive on Saturday September 19 and Sunday September 20 at all masses for all Eligible Catholic men 18 and over who would like to join the council located at 110 Merritts Road in Farmingdale. They will also be selling charity and benevolent chances for all their charities at the same time in the Narthex. We ask all to support this very esteemed council named after our first pastor and serves our church and community so well. For information call PGK Tom Moran at 516-260-1517 or PGK Keith Wilson at 516-633-1435.

08 • MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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

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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



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



Lace Up to Support Our
Long Island Neighbors.
One Step at a Time.



Register Here

SVDPLI.ORG

Saturday
September 26, 2026
Heckscher State Park
East Islip

CHECK IN: 9 AM

WALK START: 10 AM

ST. JAMES FAMILY MINISTRY
invites everyone to a
**FREE
HOSPITALITY
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 6, 2026
Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass

Delaney Hall

We will be serving
bagels, cookies, and cakes,
as well as coffee, tea, and juice.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Be the reason someone smiles today!



*Bring the children!
Crafting supplies
will be available.*



10 • STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Collection Week of August 9, 2026

Maintenance & Repairs

Mass Attendance

Mass	9,517.00	0.00
Online Giving	2,428.32	89.89
Mail In Envelopes	<u>1,560.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	13,505.32	109.89

4:00pm	395
8:00am	207
10:00am	276
12:00pm	<u>377</u>
Total	1255

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 16 – Sharon O'Grady
Monday, August 17 – M/M Stanley Wisz
Tuesday, August 18 – Leonora Mintz
Wednesday, August 19 – Michael Collins
Thursday, August 20 – Carol Martino
Friday, August 21 – Joan Isaacs
Saturday, August 22 – Lynne Petrone

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
August 30th	Monday, August 24th
September 6 th	Monday, August 31st
September 13 th	Friday, September 4th

Catholic Q&A

Question: In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

Answer: Commandments provide EOO—Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own. In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.