



SAINT JAMES PARISH

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND 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

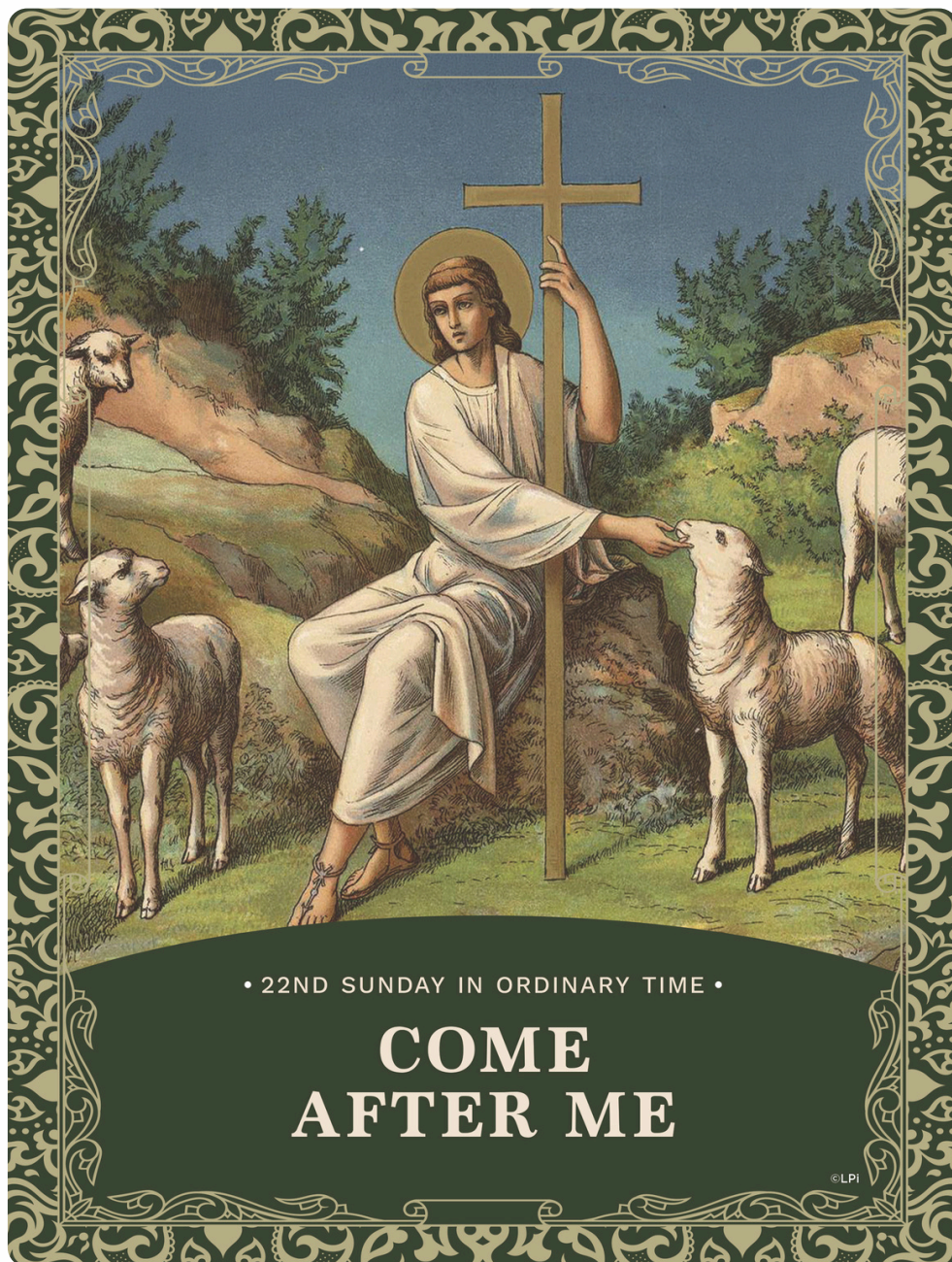
516-731-3710 | Fax: 516-731-4828
80 Hicksville Road, Seaford, NY 11783
parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

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!



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.

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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 |
Parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

MASS CELEBRANT

September 5 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael
September 6 | 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project – an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously.

LABOR DAY

All Parish Center offices will be closed on
Monday, September 7, 2026 in observance
of Labor Day. There will be one Mass that
day at 9:00 AM.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Fernandez family
for bringing up the gifts at the 10am
Mass on August 23, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

8:00am | Joseph V. Prantil – 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

8:00am | Joan Fox Rose
12:10pm | Eileen Derasmo – Living

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

8:00am | Crissy Famularo &
John Famularo – Living
12:10pm | John Cooke – Birthday

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

8:00am | Kathleen Verbil
12:10pm | The LaSerra Family – Living

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

8:00am | Living & Deceased Members of
the Antonelli Family
12:10pm | Patricia Orzano

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

8:00am | Renzo Marcenaro – 9th Anniversary
12:10pm | Brian Sefcik – Living

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

8:00am | John Muscarnera – Birthday
4:00pm | Mario DiBenedetto

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

8:00am | Robert Riebling
10:00am | Marilyn J. Tutino
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Delphine Julian
| Gladys McCullagh
| Darlene Gita Morrone –
Birthday & Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died IN OUR HEARTS

Nunzio J. Cardone
Antonio Palonco
Mayra Sommella

Rest in Peace



Our Sick Parishioners – names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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; Capt. 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 coffee, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oil, shampoo, deodorant, tissues, paper towels, snacks and small and medium adult pull-up diapers (no tabs). Thank you very much.



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

August 30: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence 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: saintjamesstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

We Congratulate the following students from **Kellenberg High School** for making the Honor Roll for the 2025-2026 School Year:

**Ava Birne
Brayden Farrelly
Jackson Griffin
Sophia Hardiman
Julian Heaney
Toni Mirabella
Olivia Nocerito**

**Devin Nystrom
Christopher Parisi
Alexandra Pilock
Griffin Sharkey
Leila Smith
Chiara Sordilli**



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Part-time Parish Business Manager – St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church, Levittown

The Parish Business Manager oversees the financial, operational, and human resources of the parish, ensuring effective stewardship and alignment with the parish mission.

Please submit cover letter and resume to Fr. John D. McCarthy at fatherjohn@stbernardchurch.org.

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

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."



Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?"



FIRST READING

Il say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. (Jer 20:9)

PSALM

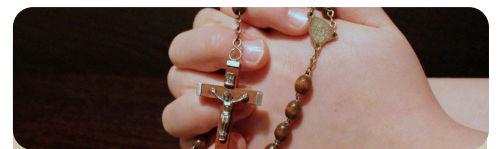
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

SECOND READING

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

GOSPEL

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:25)



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.



Sunday, August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION:

If you did not pick up your child/children's textbook the 2 weeks of book pick up you must call the office 516-796-2979 to make arrangements to pick them up before the FIRST day of class. **NO BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS.**



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.

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 30 No scheduled events	August 31 Rosary – Church 8:30am	September 1 Rosary – Church 8:30am 7:00pm – Mental Health Ministry Meeting – Room 101	September 2 Rosary – Church 8:30am Prayer & Cigars – Shrine of Mary 7:00pm	September 3 Rosary – Church 8:30am Women's Meditation & Prayer – Room 112 7:00pm	September 4 Rosary – Church 8:30am Italian Rosary – Chapel 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang – Delaney Hall 6:00pm	September 5 Men's Prayer Group – Room 104 7:30am Rosary – Church 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation – Room 112 9:00am



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

Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Meet minimum weight requirements
-  **17+** Must be 17-75
• 16 with parental permission form
• 76+ with written physician consent

Visit nybc.org/eligibility for complete donation guidelines.



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

Honor. Give. Remember.

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



800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org

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







Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Delaney
Knights Of Columbus
Council 5983
Presents

9/11

25TH ANNIVERSARY

MEMORIAL SUBWAY SERIES BBQ

We remember all those who passed 25 years ago on that tragic day by celebrating the freedoms this country stands for, let their memories strengthen our resolve.



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026



6PM – 11PM
FIRST PITCH AT 7:05PM



\$25 PER PERSON



MSGR. DELANEY COUNCIL BUILDING
110 Merritts Road, Farmingdale, NY

BURGERS • DOGS • BASEBALL
BEER • WINE • SODA



FOR TICKETS CALL
SEAN O'CONOR
516-749-1337

NEVER FORGET. ALWAYS HONOR.

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



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?
"WHAT AM I DOING HERE?"
"IS THERE A GOD?"

YOU'RE INVITED!

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 TO LIFE?”



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
Singles Ministry**

Next Meeting

**Tuesday,
September 22, 2026
at 6:30pm**

in Room 104

*All singles, divorced and
widowed are welcome.*

St. James Parish
CELEBRATING IT'S
75TH
ANNIVERSARY
Rooted in Faith

**Sunday,
October 18, 2026
at 12pm**

followed by a reception
and light luncheon
in Delaney Hall

\$5 per person
for those 12 and older.

Kids are free!

Please register
using QR code



Parish Center office
by
October 8, 2026.



All Are Welcome!

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

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

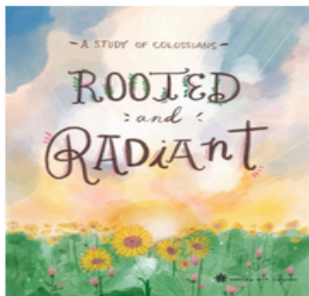
Delaney Hall

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.

Fall Bible Study
Rooted and Radiant
A Study of Colossians

Rooted and Radiant was written for any
woman who wants to live her life
grounded in Jesus Christ.

Rooted and Radiant is ideal if you want to ...

- Know Jesus as He is.
- Know how to stay faithful in the middle of a culture that is constantly telling you that Christ is not enough.
- Know how to sift through the modern messages that are being thrown at you.
- Be able to compare the glamour of the world to the infinite value of "being in Christ".

Through this Bible study, we dive deep into understanding who Jesus is and what that means for us. We learn how to abide in the wisdom of Christ to navigate the ever-increasing demands and messages of our culture, and what it means to live in the freedom of Christ and how to continually set our minds on Him.

Interested? Dawn Daniello will be guiding this Woman's Bible Study on Thursday evenings (Sept 17th & 24th, Oct 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29th, please take notice there will be no class on Oct 8th) from 7pm – 8:30pm in the parish center, room 112,

To look at the structure of the Bible Study and if interested in attending, purchase the book by going to Walkingwithpurpose.com (The cost of the book is \$25).

To register please email Dawn Daniello at dawndaniello60@gmail.com with your Name, phone number and email. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

ST. JAMES PARISH
+
BLUE MASS
Honoring Those Who Serve

**TO HONOR ALL
FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS
AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**
★ **12:00PM** ★

Grateful for your Service

We invite all Parish Firefighters, Police Officers, and First Responders active and retired and their families to join us that day.

MASS
Join us for a special Blue Mass to give thanks for the courage, dedication and sacrifice of those who serve and protect.

PRAYER SERVICE AT THE "BLUE" FOUNTAIN
Following the Mass we will proceed to the "Blue Fountain" for a brief prayer service.

REFRESHMENTS
Refreshments will be served following the prayer service.




★ ★ Thank you for your service. You are in our prayers. ★ ★
— GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE. —

10 • STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Collection Week of
August 16, 2026

Outreach &
St. Vincent de Paul

**Sunday
Collection**

**Second
Collection**

**Mass
Attendance**

Mass	\$ 8,062.00	\$ 0.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,472.65	\$ 314.47
Mail In Envelopes	<u>\$ 449.00</u>	<u>\$ 57.00</u>
Total	\$ 10,983.65	\$ 371.47

4:00pm	354
8:00am	218
10:00am	287
12:00pm	<u>245</u>
Total	1104

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 23 - Joseph Doherty
Monday, August 24 - Antoinette Daleo
Tuesday, August 25 - Diana Easteadt
Wednesday, August 26 - Abigail Tucker
Thursday, August 27 - Melissa Morra
Friday, August 28 - Barbara Notarstefano
Saturday, August 29 - Patricia Tierney

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
September 6 th	Monday, August 31 st
September 13 th	Friday, September 4 th
September 20 th	Monday, September 14 th

Catholic Q&A

Question: Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Answer: Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven. Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.