

The Parish of Saint James

AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

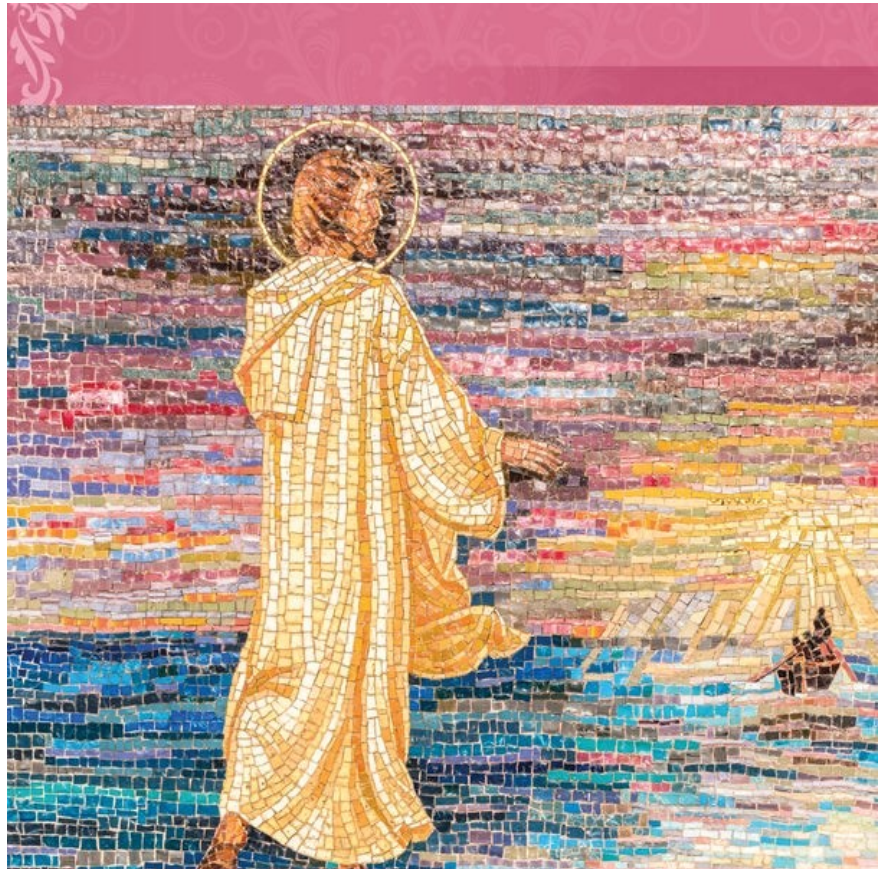
OUR MISSION

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.



19th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.'" Matthew 14:26-27

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parishoffice@stjamesrcchurch.org

Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

8:00am | Anthony Secondino - Birthday
10:00am | John Moore
12:00pm | People of St. James
| James Farrell - Birthday
| Deanna Maietta - Birthday
| Steven Peal
| Robert F. Yurasits
| Michael James Martin

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

8:00am | Kathleen Verbil - Living
12:10pm | Fr. Benjamin Madu

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

8:00am | Deacon John Sullivan
12:10pm | Fr. Gilbert Lap

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

8:00am | Elise McMahon
12:10pm | Priscilla Derasmo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

8:00am | Maryanne & Thomas Page -
Living - 43rd Anniversary
12:10pm | Mary Caffrey - Living

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

8:00am | Jill Murphy
12:10pm | Antonietta & Tommasi Lupo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026 -

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am | Frances Labeck - Living
4:00pm | Mary McKee - 8th Anniversary

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

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, Eleanor Krebs, 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, Joseph Poggio, Albert Porto, Cathy Prykuta, Tisha Ramirez-Kuna, Dana Rodriguez, Richard Rogers, Nina Rogers, Kimberly Romano, Francesca Russo, Diane Sabino, 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

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

Msr. Michael Barimah-Apau, Associate Pastor |
msgrmichael@stjamesrcchurch.org

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

Rev. Melchizedek Okpala, Associate Pastor

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

Aug 15 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

Aug 16 | 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

A Note from the Pastor

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

FIRST HALF OF MY SUMMER VACATION: I just completed the first half of my summer vacation. I had the opportunity to visit with some friends; the highlight was eating lunch at the Cheesecake Factory twice. My regular schedule makes it difficult to visit more frequently as they each live a distance from me. So, making the opportunity to get together for a visit and lunch is always very enjoyable.

THE SECOND HALF OF MY SUMMER VACATION, THE END OF AUGUST: Coming back to work, splitting my vacation in half has become a great experience for me. Partly because my relatives and friends are available to get together at different times during the summer months. The sad part of this summer vacation time is that my cousin, Sal, who I was very close to, died in late March. I celebrated his funeral on April 7th, my birthday.

AND YOU? I hope that you had the opportunity or will during the month of August or early September, to do something enjoyable for your summer vacation. As I get older, I prefer something more like a Stay-Vacation. Going out and returning in the evening is what works best for me. Yes, sleeping in my own bed with my own “facilities,” that’s what I call relaxing.

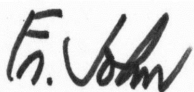
OUR NEW CLOTHING BINS: A few people questioned me about the removal of the St. Vincent DePaul bins several weeks ago. I was very concerned that the bins were being misused. There were bags of clothing left outside the bins, which several people cut into taking what they wanted or leaving clothing all over the area on the ground. I tried to work things out with SVDP. Because they didn’t do regular pickups nor clean the area around the bins, I decided to ask them to remove them.

We were in touch with another company who assured up that they would do regular, if not daily pick-ups, and that they would make sure the area around the bins would be regularly cleaned.

They placed three bins at the original site. Hopefully, the weeks ahead will show that this new company will be attentive in picking up the clothing and maintaining the area.

THE SENIOR BARBECUE: Our yearly Senior Barbecue will be held on Saturday, August 29th. This is always an enjoyable time for all the seniors. They appreciate being able to spend this time together having an enjoyable meal and sharing in pleasant conversation with each other.

I am so grateful for the work of Cathy Murray and the members of the Family Ministry Committee who plan and run this wonderful event. I pray that many seniors will be with us that day.



SAINT JAMES PARISH

Celebrating

75



★ YEARS ★

Rooted in Faith

Save the Date

Sunday, October 18, 2026

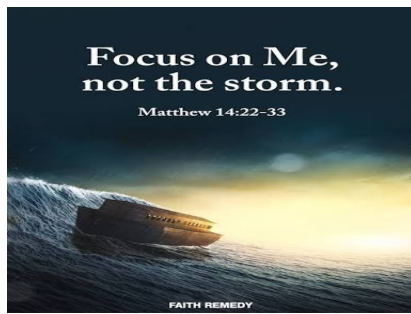


12 Noon Anniversary Mass

followed by a reception and light luncheon



ALL ARE WELCOME



What's happening in Faith Formation? Sunday, August 9, 2026 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGISTRATION 2026-2027

Late Registration fees are now in effect.

If you have not registered your child/children for the fall please do so ASAP. If you need a payment plan you must come into the office to register in person and set up the plan. You can register online by going to the parish website and clicking on WE SHARE , follow the directions on the page.

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?



BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION:

Monday through Thursday,
August 17 through 20, 2026

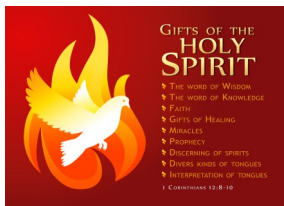
11:00am—5:00pm

in Faith Formation Office

Monday through Thursday,

August 24 through 27 11:00am-7pm

in Faith Formation Office



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.

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.



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.

Liturgical Life



Week Two

James Maiorina &
Erin McCormack

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Matteo Anthony Cipriano
Leo Aariz Henriquez
Zaia Leia Henriquez



Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our



current needs are canned corn, coffee, sugar, jarred tomato sauce, oatmeal, macaroni and

cheese, sugared cereal and boxed milk. Thank you.

August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!** 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.

Mental Health Ministry **Featured on the Pope's Prayer Network**

We pray that mental health ministry becomes an integral ministry in the Church that is available in every Catholic parish and community.

We pray for the elimination of the stigma and discrimination that people living with a mental illness encounter.

Visit clicktopray.org or download the app in your preferred App Store.
Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at www.popesprayer.va

The Pope's Prayer Network **Monthly Prayer for Mental Health - August 2026**

Pope's Prayer Intention for August:
For evangelization in the city.

This month the Pope's prayer intention is for evangelization in the city.

Large cities can be vibrant places full of life and diversity, but they are also often marked by anonymity and loneliness.

Many people in our cities quietly carry mental health challenges and mental illnesses, such as anxiety, depression, or addiction; living anonymously behind apartment doors, on crowded streets, or in homelessness. Pope Leo XIV said, "So many people who suffer from different experiences of depression and sadness—they can discover that the love of God is truly healing."

Let us pray we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel in our cities, discovering creative paths to build community and be a source of mercy and hope.

The International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers
(<https://www.catholicmhm.org/click-to-pray>)



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



International Association
Catholic Mental
Health Ministers



Prayer & Worship

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."**

Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him. St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy.

Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

LIVE THE LITURGY

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

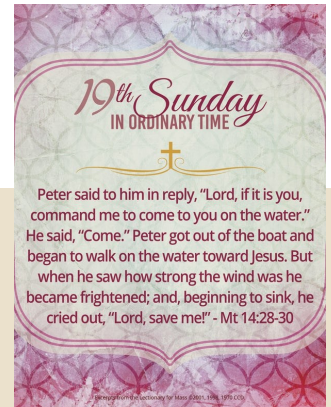
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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

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

Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

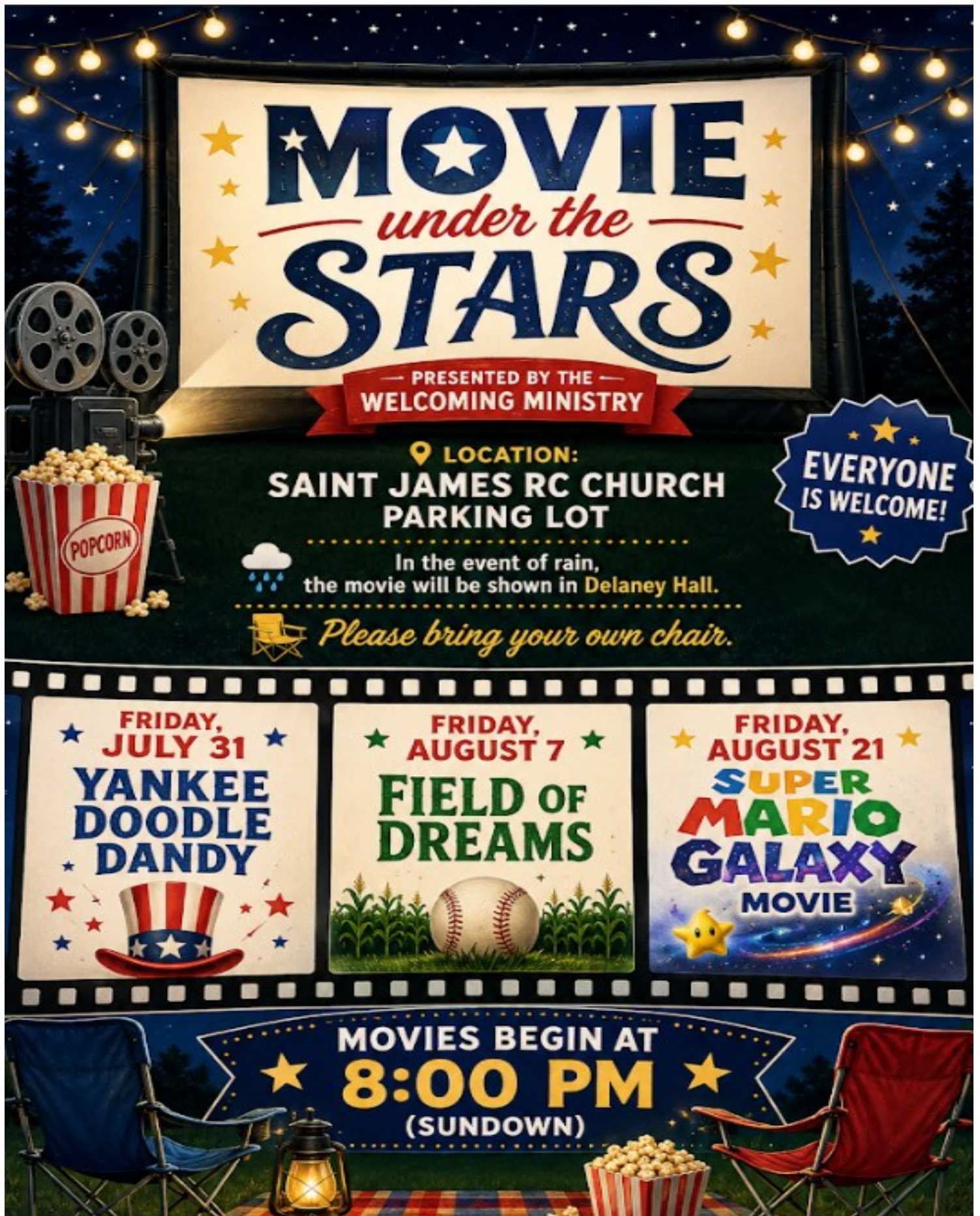
SECOND READING

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness. (Rom 9:1)

GOSPEL

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

Ministries and Events

A poster for a movie event titled "MOVIE under the STARS". The title is in large, stylized blue letters with white stars. Below it, a red banner says "PRESENTED BY THE WELCOMING MINISTRY". The location is "SAINT JAMES RC CHURCH PARKING LOT". A note says "In the event of rain, the movie will be shown in Delaney Hall." A blue starburst says "EVERYONE IS WELCOME!". Three movie options are listed in film strips: "YANKEE DOODLE DANDY" (Friday, July 31), "FIELD OF DREAMS" (Friday, August 7), and "SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE" (Friday, August 21). At the bottom, it says "MOVIES BEGIN AT 8:00 PM (SUNDOWN)". The background features a night sky with stars, string lights, a movie projector, a popcorn bucket, and two folding chairs on a picnic blanket.

MOVIE
under the
STARS

— PRESENTED BY THE —
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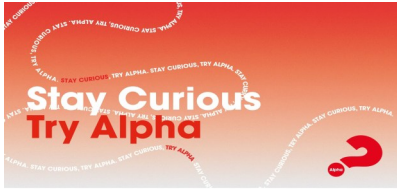
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**YANKEE
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**FRIDAY,
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**FIELD OF
DREAMS**

**FRIDAY,
AUGUST 21**
**SUPER
MARIO
GALAXY
MOVIE**

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Ministries and Events



Families with students in levels 3, 4, 5, 6, in Faith Formation, Alpha is a New way to learn and includes Dinner!

Alpha is an alternative program for students in Levels 3, 4, 5, and 6 to complete their Faith Formation year in **ONLY 11 WEEKS!**

The Alpha Series gives young people a space to explore life, faith, and purpose. Designed to make core Catholic ideas relevant and engaging, it's a place for open conversations in a relaxed and accessible way.

1. Children enrolled in this program will complete their Faith Formation at the end of the 11 weeks.
2. This is an 11 week program with a **FRIDAY NIGHT** and **ALL DAY SATURDAY RETREAT**
3. It is open to families who have students in levels 3, 4, 5, & 6 only
4. **A PARENT is required to attend** each week with his/her child
5. This program runs on **TUESDAY** evenings from 6:30—8:30pm **ONLY**
6. Cannot miss more than 2 sessions with good reason.
7. The tuition is the same as the traditional registration fee.



If interested please call the Faith Formation Office at 516-796-2979 or email

Dr. Creed at LCreed@stjamesfaith.org. Informational meeting will be on Monday, August 17th at 7pm in the church.

MSGR. DELANEY COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO OUR

*** ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC ***

AUGUST 16TH, 2026
1 PM-6 PM

Marjorie R. Post Community Park
451 Unqua Rd, Massapequa Park, NY 11762

\$25 per person includes bbq food, drinks, and fun

Contact Michael Parmiter
516-492-8051
mparmiter70@gmail.com

MSGR. DELANEY
Knights of Columbus
Council 5983

The poster is framed by a decorative orange border. It features illustrations of a hamburger, a pair of sunglasses, and a barbecue grill with smoke rising from it. A small star is also present.

Catholic Singles

MEET & GREET

PLANNING MEETING
CONNECT & FELLOWSHIP WITH
OTHER SINGLE CATHOLICS!

Tuesday, August 11 • 7:00 PM

St. James RC Church
Parish Center, Room 112
Seaford, New York

Fun, Faith & Friendship!

All Singles, Divorced and Widowed Welcome

Please email Jessica at geode78@verizon.net if you wish to participate. Thank you.

The poster features a large cross on the left and a photograph of St. James RC Church on the right. A white dove is flying in the foreground. The background is a dramatic sky with clouds.

Ministries and Events

Community Outreach

Free Health & Blood Pressure Screenings

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



St. James Church
80 Hicksville Road,
Seaford, NY 11783

Sunday, August 16, 2026
10:30 am – 1:30 pm



Services for adults (18 and older):

- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Fall risk assessment
- Medication review
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

Our mission is to make care accessible to all.

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SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and the sanctity of every human life.

THURSDAY
AUGUST 13TH
7:00 PM
SAINT JAMES CHURCH
SEAFORD, NEW YORK



“Through the Silver Rose Program, we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Knights of Columbus, but we also reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.”

— Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

AS WE THINK IN TERMS OF “ONE LIFE, ONE ROSE,”
LET US TURN TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN PRAYER.

All are invited!

YOU'RE INVITED

OCTOBER 5, 2026

THE MUTTONTOWN CLUB

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Muttontown Club ✕ 5933 Northern Blvd, East Norwich, NY 11732



Golf Classic

9:00 am Registration & Breakfast
11:00 am Shotgun Start
4:30 pm Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm Reception

Pickleball Tournament

9:00 am Registration & Breakfast
10:30 am Instruction & Workshop
12:00 pm Lunch at Clubhouse
1:00 – 4:00 pm Tournament Play
4:30 pm Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm Reception

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF LONG ISLAND

Scan to RSVP



REGISTER NOW

Visit catholiccharities.cc/golf or contact henderson.maren@catholiccharities.cc

Ministries and Events



ST. JAMES SEAFORD CYO
SINCE 2023

CYO BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION

— St. James RC Church —

FALL/WINTER REGISTRATION

2026-2027 Season

IS NOW OPEN!

JOIN THE ST. JAMES CYO BASKETBALL PROGRAM!

Boys and Girls are invited to register for an exciting season of faith, friendship, teamwork, and fun.

OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE PARISH YOUTH

- Competitive and instructional basketball
- Teamwork and sportsmanship
- Faith-centered environment
- Boys & Girls Divisions
- Experienced coaches

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://teamsideline.com/sites/StJamesrc/home>

QUESTIONS?
stjamesseafordcyo@gmail.com

PLAY WITH HEART ★ GROW IN FAITH ★ BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

ST. JAMES RC CHURCH

CYO BASKETBALL

★ EARLY REGISTRATION ★

\$250

VALID UNTIL
AUGUST 2, 2026

★ REGULAR REGISTRATION ★

\$275

VALID
AUGUST 3, 2026 UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

GIRLS SEASON

OCTOBER
THROUGH
JANUARY

WITH PLAYOFFS

BOYS SEASON

NOVEMBER
THROUGH
FEBRUARY

WITH PLAYOFFS



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 daily reflections based on Sheen's words as we approach his beatification.

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



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THE ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN BOOK CLUB

At Our Lady of Lourdes
Massapequa Park

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JMJ

Treasure in Clay:
The Autobiography of Fulton J. Sheen

"My life, as I see it, is crossed up with the crucifix. Only the two of us - my Lord and I - read it, and as the years go on we spend more and more time reading it together. What it contains will be telecast to the world on the Day of Judgment."

Our Threefold Mission

Encountering Christ † Transforming Lives † Growing in Faith
Through the Wisdom and Catechesis of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Join us for a coffee social on Saturday, August 29th at 9am in the school to learn more about the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Book Club at Our Lady of Lourdes. This great Bishop, a gift to the world, will be Beatified on September 24th in Saint Louis, Missouri. Come learn what it means to be proclaimed "Blessed" and how this is a step closer to Sainthood!

To help us prepare, please return this response of interest in joining the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen book club and registration form for the August 29th coffee social by August 15, 2026:

☐ Yes, I am interested in joining The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Book Club at Our Lady of Lourdes

☐ Yes, I would like to attend the August 29th coffee social and informational held at 9am in the school

The book club will "kick-off" on September 12th, with an introductory gathering. The discussions ensue over the following eight weeks, with a concluding session for prayer and reflection.

What are your preferred meeting times?
Feel free to check more than one:

☐ Saturday Mornings, Beginning 9am, up to 10:30am

☐ Saturday Afternoons, Beginning 2:30pm, up to 4:00pm

☐ Thursday Evenings, Beginning 7:30pm, up to 9:00pm

Name: _____

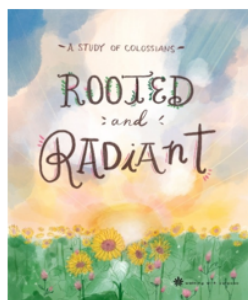
Email: _____

Phone/Text: _____

Registered Parishioner? (Yes or No): _____

Return to:
Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory
855 Carmens Road
Massapequa Park, NY 11762
Attention: Jeanne M. Virzera
or email:
jeannemarie.virzera@gmail.com
God love you!

Inaugural Book Discussion: Treasure in Clay



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.

Ministries and Events



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WHERE:

St. Martin of Tours
Parish Hall
40 Seaman Avenue
Bethpage, NY 11714

WHEN:

Sunday, August 23, 2026
1:15 PM

REGISTER:

Registration is required
to attend the event.
To register visit
www.prepare.ny.gov or
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2026 TACHS PREP & Test Taking Strategies Program

FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Set Your Child Up for Success on the TACHS Exam!

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is proud to offer a comprehensive TACHS Prep Program to help students build confidence, and improve test-taking skills, and approach the exam with strategies.



TACHS Prep Course Schedule (All sessions held at SJB)



Saturday, September 12, 2026
8:00 – 10:30 AM



Saturday, September 19, 2026
8:00 – 10:30 AM



Saturday, September 26, 2026
8:00 – 10:30 AM



Saturday, October 3, 2026
8:00 – 10:30 AM



Saturday, October 17, 2026
8:00 – 10:30 AM



Test Taking Strategies Session

Friday, November 6, 2026
5:00 – 8:00 PM



What Students Will Gain

- ✓ Targeted review of TACHS subjects
- ✓ Proven test-taking strategies
- ✓ Time management skills
- ✓ Boosted confidence and preparedness
- ✓ Exposure to a high school learning environment



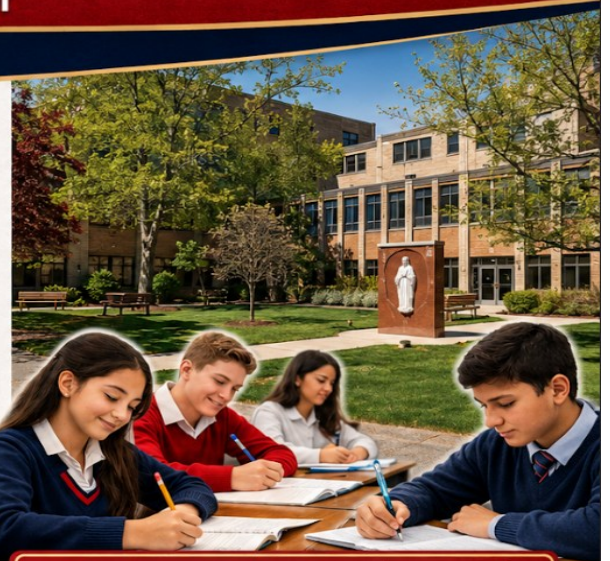
Who Should Attend

Current 8th grade students preparing for the TACHS exam for admission.



Location

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
1170 Montauk Highway
West Islip, NY 11795



Register Today!

Spots are limited –
Early registration recommended!



Questions?
Admissions Office



631-587-8000 ext. 113
admissions@sjbdhs.org

Weekly Stewardship Report

WEEK OF:

July 26, 2026

Outreach &
St. Vincent de Paul

CHURCH
CAPACITY 850

	Sunday Collection	Second Collection	Mass Attendance
Mass	9,290.00	0.00	4:00pm 398
Online Giving	2,089.40	67.88	8:00am 275
Mail in Envelopes	<u>660.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>	10:00am 232
Total	12,039.40	177.88	12:00pm <u>293</u>
		Total	1,198



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Question: Why do we call Jesus "the light of the world"?

Q & A

Answer: In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create *light*, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun's rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remain. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols. The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. *"The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race"* (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.



Pray for Our Deceased

Michael Lemma

FROM THE EDITOR BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Due by 9:00am
August 16th	Monday, August 10th
August 23rd	Monday, August 17th
August 30th	Monday, August 24th
September 6th	Monday, August 31st

Super Bonanza
\$25 Winners



August 2026

Sunday, 8/2—John Gandolfo

Monday, 8/3—Paul Schiff

Tue., 8/4—Cecilia Wiechering

Wed., 8/5—Sandra Miller

Thurs., 8/6—Patricia Pfaltz

Friday, 8/7—Rosalie Pollock

Saturday, 8/8—M/M James Fazio

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 9

No scheduled events

Monday, August 10

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Tuesday, August 11

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Singles Ministry planning meeting - Room 112 | 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 12

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

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

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Room 101 | 7:00pm

Thursday, August 13

Rosary - Church | 8:30am

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Room 208 | 10:00am

Silver Rose Prayer Service - Church | 7:00pm

Friday, August 14

Rosary - Church | 9:30am

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

Saturday, August 15

Men's Prayer Group - Room 104 | 7:30am

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