



SAINT JAMES PARISH

OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 27TH 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!



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be
taken away from you and given to a people that will
produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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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.

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PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John Derasmo, Pastor |
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Msgr. Michael Barimah-Apau, Associate
Pastor | msgrmichael@stjamesrcchurch.org

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

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deaconrickbrunner@gmail.com

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deaconchrisdaniello@stjamesrcchurch.org

Deacon John Horn |
deaconjohnhorn@stjamesrcchurch.org

Director of Faith Formation |
Dr. Lucy Creed, Ed.D. | 516-796-2979

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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

October 10 | 4:00pm | Fr. Benjamin

October 11 | 8:00am | Fr. Benjamin

| 10:00am | Msgr. Michael

| 12:00pm | Fr. John

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:

This weekend, all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre are commemorating liturgically the Feast of St. Francis the Assisi on the 800th Anniversary of his death on Oct. 3rd, 1226. In a letter from Bishop Barres dated September 14, 2026, he wrote:

As you know, after the great graces of the Ordinary Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Leo XIV decreed an Extraordinary Jubilee Year from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027 commemorating the 800th anniversary of the transitus (the happy death) of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 3, 1226.

Known as the Seraphic Patriarch, Saint Francis of Assisi, by his example of evangelical poverty and radical fidelity to the Gospel command of charity, inspires Christians and all people of good will to this day. Bearing the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord, this saint is known for giving us the Nativity creche in Greccio, for his care of the Holy Land, and for praising the holy beauty of creation. The Orders that comprise the Franciscan Family are known for serving the needy and in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, not only in mission lands but in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.

*Saint Francis renewed the life of the Church not only caring for the welfare of the people but in promoting the fitting worship of God. Seeing the great cause for joy in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year, and as his feast day this year occurs on a Sunday, **I grant permission in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on October 3 and 4 for the Mass of Saint Francis of Assisi to be celebrated at Sunday Masses ...***

In union with our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, I pray that "every Christian faithful, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may himself become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

8:00am | Theresa Maglione – Birthday
10:00am | Marilyn J. Tutino
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Rosemary Styne – 2nd Anniversary
| Christopher Occhiuto
| Maria Libera Pugliese
| Joseph Chirco
| Evelyn M. Conlon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

8:00am | Josephine Ribando – Birthday
12:10pm | Joseph Chirco

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

8:00am | Kathleen McCarthy – Birthday
12:10pm | Norma I. Blay Acevedo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

8:00am | Diane J. LaPenna
12:10pm | William T. Erdmann

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

8:00am | Living & Deceased Members of the
Murphy Family
12:10pm | Mark Toner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

8:00am | Rich (Living) & Val Moricco
12:10pm | Anthony & Marguerite Mistretta

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:00am | Michael Villano – Birthday
4:00pm | Bill (Living) & Joyce Gruener –
Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

8:00am | Dominick Falcone
10:00am | Russel, Anne & William Harris
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Dominick Falcone – 1st Anniversary
| Manuel & Albertina Frade
| Joseph Chirco

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died IN OUR HEARTS

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.

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FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are cleaning products, cooking oil, boxed milk, shampoo, sugar, Jello, pudding, mayonnaise, salad dressing and tissues. Thank you very much.



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

October 4—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. 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.

BAPTISM

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Charlotte Rose Bours
Salvatore Romeo Contorno
Meadow Francesca Magliaro
Hailey Paige Olsen
Ila Rose Pinto



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!

OUTDOOR ROSARY

Please join us for the Outdoor Patriotic Rosary for devotion to Mary and peace in our world, Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the grotto of the Blessed Mother (in the event of rain then the chapel). All are Welcome! Please bring rosary beads, a chair and a friend. Any questions call Maria at 516-474-9482.



WEDDING BANNS

Robert Gargano & Kaitlyn Kaminski
Brian Perez & Courtney Mutino
Ryan Coder & Danielle Skwarek
Patrick Labeck & Emily Boreyko



OFFICE CLOSED

All Parish offices will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026 in observance of Columbus Day. There will be one Mass that day at 9 am.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely.



FIRST READING

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

PSALM

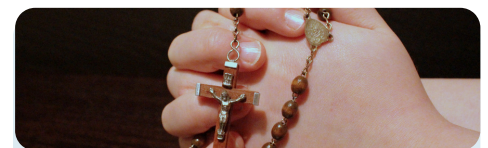
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

SECOND READING

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

GOSPEL

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)



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 • PARISH LIFE

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!

You can RSVP
online,
at the Parish Center
or return the bottom
portion of this flyer
in the collection
basket.



SCAN TO RSVP

RSVP by
Friday, October 9,
2026.



SAINT JAMES R.C. CHURCH

All Are Welcome!

Please detach and return.

75TH ANNIVERSARY RESPONSE

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Names of Attendees: _____

Rooted in Faith

JOIN US

LOTTERY BOARD

Dessert & Coffee Included

RAFFLES

MILITARY BRIDGE

MERCY LEAGUE PRESENTS

MILITARY BRIDGE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 ~ 1:30 PM TO 5 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 1:00PM)

BETHPAGE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER
103 GRUMMAN ROAD, BETHPAGE

FREE REFRESHMENTS: COFFEE, TEA & DESSERTS
ADMISSION: \$10.00

\$200 Cash Prizes for Top 3 Teams
1ST PLACE TEAM = \$100
2ND PLACE TEAM = \$60
3RD PLACE TEAM = \$40

Plus, Lottery Board, 50/50, Raffle Baskets

Any Questions, Please Call Roseann (516) 320-5567
Upon Arrival, Check In at Front Door
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

This month the Pope's prayer intention is for mental health ministry.

We bring before you our brothers and sisters who struggle with challenges to their mental health, who suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression, or any other mental illness.

Send your Spirit upon us, that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church, and thus become a living sign of your mercy, which never abandons and always restores.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



International Association
of Catholic Mental
Health Ministers



Molloy University
Fall Open House
Sunday, November 15, 2026
1:00 PM - Campus Tours Begin at 12pm
Register at: www.molloy.edu/openhouse26

Scan Here to RSVP to Molloy's Fall Open House:



Molloy was named by Niche as the
#1 Best Catholic College in New York State for 2027

*"The kingdom of God
will be given to people
that will produce its
fruit."*

MATTHEW 23:12



**CLASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 5, 2026**

**Tues., Oct. 6th:
4:15–5:30pm**

**Wed., Oct. 7th:
CLASSES
CANCELLED**

**Thur., Oct. 9th:
4:15–5:30pm**

**Remember when picking
up your child **PARK** your
car and go to the space
where your child's class
is waiting.**

*"Listen to this
story: There was
a man that owned
a vineyard."
- Matthew 21:33-34 NLT -*

Sunday, September 27, 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGISTRATION 2026–2027

Registration for the 2026–2027 Year is now CLOSED.
We will not be accepting anymore registrations.

BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION

By now all families should have picked up their
child/children's textbook and schedules.

If you have not please call the office to
arrange pick up in the MAIN PARISH OFFICE.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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
516–796–2979. If you can volunteer to help
in the office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday
from 10am until 1:00pm that would be greatly appreciated.



CLASSES CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH—CLASSES ARE CANCELLED.

Due to a conflict in the parish schedule we have to cancel
class on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 (both 4:15 and
7:00pm) Classes will resume the following Wednesday,
October 14, 2026.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH
HALLOWEEN
Costume Party
• ADULTS ONLY •

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST 7:00PM - 10:00PM

MUSIC BY
DJ DEACON JOHN HORN

LIGHT FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

PRIZES FOR COSTUMES!

\$10 PER PERSON

RSVP BY OCTOBER 17TH

• SCAN TO RSVP •

ST JAMES CHOIRS
COME SING WITH US
Children and adults are invited to make music, worship, and celebrate together

SPECIAL WELCOME BACK REHEARSAL
Saturday, November 7 • 1:00–3:00 PM • In the church

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES NOVEMBER 2026
Choose the Wednesday rehearsal time that works best for you

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS • 4:00 PM OR 6:00 PM
Both children and adults may attend either rehearsal

CHILDREN'S CHOIR	ADULT CHOIR
SUNDAY REHEARSAL 9:15 AM SING AT MASS 10:00 AM	SUNDAY REHEARSAL 1:00 PM SING AT MASS 12:00 PM

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON
We will sing on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

No matter your age, your voice belongs here
Join the St James music ministry and sing with us
jillianvicinanza@gmail.com • 718-490-3651

MUSIC • COMMUNITY • WORSHIP



Find the Song and Sing Along Luncheon

**Fundraiser for Cerebral Palsy individuals
with disabilities to provide quality
programs and services.**

**Join us for an afternoon of fun by
playing a music game.**

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Time: 11am to 3pm

**Place: Massapequa Elks Club
2162 Veterans Blvd., Massapequa, NY**

On-site parking is available. The amount is \$40 per person (payable to Plainedge Auxiliary of CP Nassau c/o Anita Hernandez, 30 Ohio Avenue, Massapequa, NY 11758 which includes a catered lunch, dessert, soda and water. Please call 516-765-6579 or 516-884-8803 for details.

TRUNK OR TREAT
St James Church

Date: November 1st
Time: 1:30-3:30

👻 \$5 per car to participate
👻 Register using the QR code
👻 or register at the church office

SCAN TO REGISTER

Sponsored by the Welcoming Ministry

**Collection Week of
September 20, 2026****Sunday
Collection****St. Pius X
Facility****Second
Collection****Mass
Attendance**

Mass	\$7,369.00	\$1,219.00
Online Giving	\$2,550.39	\$527.80
Mail In Envelopes	<u>\$592.00</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>
Total	\$10,511.39	\$1,876.80

4:00pm	299
8:00am	240
10:00am	316
12:00pm	<u>311</u>
Total	1,166

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**September/October 2026**

Sunday, September 27 – Mark Engels
Monday, September 28 – Michael Antonucci
Tuesday, September 29 – Dante Chiaramonte
Wednesday, September 30 – Philip Murphy
Thursday, October 1 – M/M Frank Guglielmo
Friday, October 2 – Lori Katakofsky
Saturday, October 3 – M/M John DeAngelo

\$100 Month End Bonus Winner – Arlene Mehale

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

October 11 th	Monday, October 5 th
October 18 th	Friday, October 9 th
October 25 th	Monday, October 19 th

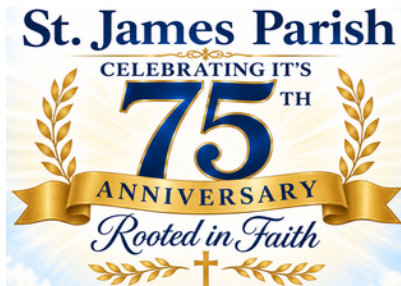
Catholic Q&A

Question: Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

Answer: The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven. It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God. We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist. So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
October 4 OCIA - Room 112 10:30am Hospitality Breakfast - Delaney Hall 11:00am	October 5 Rosary - Church 8:30am Apologetics Class - Room 208 7:00pm	October 6 Rosary - Church 8:30am Scripture Sharing - Room 112 1:30pm Faith Formation classes 4:15pm Alpha Meeting - Delaney Hall 6:30pm Scripture Sharing - Room 106 7:00pm Mental Health Ministry Meeting - Room 101 7:00pm	October 7 Rosary - Church 8:30am Sanctuary - Room 112 1:00pm Prayer & Cigars - Shrine of Mary 7:00pm	October 8 Rosary - Church 8:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Room 208 10:00am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall 10:30am Faith Formation classes 4:15pm	October 9 Rosary - Church 8:30am Italian Rosary - Chapel 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall 6:00pm	October 10 Rosary - Church 8:30am Sanctuary - Delaney Hall 9:00am Women's Prayer & Meditation - Room 112 9:00am



Rooted in Faith – A History of the Founders Part III (continued from 9/27/26 Bulletin)

by Eileen Tucci

Within 15 years the Rosarian membership exceeded 1200 women. I will sum up a description of them by reading a hand written thank you note that Mother Mary Francis sent to the Rosary Society: "The Sisters and I wish to sincerely thank you for presenting us with a beautiful record player at your recent Christmas Party. To me it represented another wonderful manifestation of the extraordinary community spirit which is the definite trademark of St. James parish. We are indeed grateful for all the kindnesses you have shown us during the past year. As you know we have few material possessions to offer in return, however, you may always be assured of our humble prayers and our full support of all of your endeavors. It is a pleasure to be associated with such a fine group. We would also like to extend our thanks to you for inviting us to your lovely party and fine entertainment which we know demanded much time and sacrifice on the part of those who participated."

The men of the Holy Name Society also forged lasting friendships, both social and spiritual such as leading the recitation of the rosary on the first Saturday of the month with the church filled with families devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. They prayed the rosary forming an honor guard in the much anticipated, and again, church filled May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. While similar to the Rosarians, their meetings included prayer and timely guest speakers.

The highlight for the children of the parish was the annual church picnic which the Holy Name organized at the then Salisbury Park where hundreds of kids showed up with their parents, participated in races, ate from anyone's picnic table and went home desperately in need of a bath. And when Fr Delaney wanted to fulfill his wish to build St James School, 800 men answered the call to work on the building campaign.

(to be continued)

