



SAINT JAMES PARISH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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!



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your
fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©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 |
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 |
deaconchrisdaniello@stjamesrcchurch.org

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 19 | 4:00pm | Fr. John

September 20 | 8:00am | Fr. John

| 10:00am | Fr. Benjamin

| 12:00pm | Msgr. Michael

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE – Saturday
Confessions | 3:00 pm–3:45 pm
Celebrants subject to change

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Phone: 516-731-3710/

Fax: 516-731-4828

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am to 8:00pm

Wednesday through Friday:
9:00am to 4:00pm

Closed between 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 12 Noon



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, THAT IS 9/11: This past Friday, September 11th, we remembered the 25th Anniversary of the events of 9/11. We celebrated two Masses that day when we prayed for our country and many others who were affected by this tragic event.

I am sure many of us have vivid memories of that day, and the following months, as we gave serious consideration to all that happened, including how many people were killed that day. In fact, there are still people who are dying due 9/11 related illnesses and cancers.

I was the pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville at the time. I left the rectory and was driving to the church when I heard on the radio that a small plane had just hit one of the towers of the World Trade Center. After celebrating the morning Mass my secretary arrived and told me that another plane hit the second tower. Her comment was, "We are under attack!"

The following weeks and months would identify all the lives lost, including fire fighters, police officers and other first responders. Many buildings were destroyed leveling them to mountains of rubble and ash heaps. How many of us were left with not knowing exactly what we were feeling, overcome with a level of shock and grief we had never felt before.

'WE WILL NEVER FORGET!' For me, this motto is not one of vengeful thoughts and feelings. It captures the love that we have for our country and the on-going memories of that day and the people we lovingly remember.

A total of 2,977 victims (plus the 19 hijackers) were killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Breakdown by Location

- New York City (World Trade Center): 2,606 people died, including civilians, firefighters (FDNY), and law enforcement officers.
- The Pentagon: 125 people were killed (military personnel and civilians).
- Shanksville, Pennsylvania (Flight 93): 44 people died (including passengers and crew).
- Aboard all four airplanes: A total of 246 passengers and crew members died (not counting the hijackers).

Many more individuals and first responders have since passed away from 9/11-related illnesses and cancers contracted from toxic dust and air exposure at the disaster sites. Yes! Let us never forget but remember with compassion these sad events that took place in our country on September 11, 2001.

ST. JAMES CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: This coming Friday, September 18th, 94 of our Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation being conferred by Bishop Barres.

After several years of preparation, charitable service and the celebration of Mass, they are now ready to receive this wonderful sacrament, which gives them a greater responsibility to live their lives publicly as Catholic men and women.

I am delighted that this day is arriving and that we have a wonderful group of High Schoolers now taking this most important step. As I pray that we have been examples of committed Catholic life to them, that they in turn will do the same for their peers. God bless you all!

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:00am | Sr. Margaret Mary – Living
10:00am | Barbara Mancini
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Gloria Juceam
| Michael J. Lemma & Family
| Joseph Chirco

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

8:00am | Faye Stallone – 8th Anniversary
12:10pm | All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

8:00am | Daniel Quinn – Birthday
12:10pm | All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

8:00am | Msgr. John Nosser
12:10pm | Eulalia Fernandez

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

8:00am | Raymond Caluori
12:10pm | Phil Nunziata

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

8:00am | Karen Kenney LoCasto
12:10pm | **NO MASS – CONFIRMATION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

8:00am | All Souls in Purgatory
4:00pm | Louis & Lena Cocchi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8:00am | Jose & Gloria Oliveira
10:00am | Bette Marion – Birthday
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Joseph K. Collins
| Catalina Huynh, Michael Bui &
Khanh Bui
| Ciro & Carmela Maietta
| Steven Curattalo & Angelia Dezagio
| Brian Buttafuoco – Living

**Due to the celebration of Confirmation
on Friday, September 18, 2026, the 12:10
PM Mass has been cancelled.**

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.

Arlene Chirco
Isabella McClancy

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 paper towels, ketchup, mayonnaise, coffee, toothpaste, deodorant and cleaning supplies. Thank you very much.



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

September 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! 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:

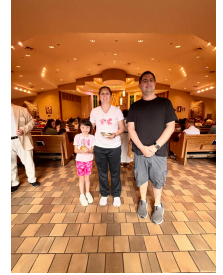
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We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Carrollo Family for bringing up the gifts at the 10am Mass on September 6, 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.



LITURGY MEMORIAL

The Altar Bread was donated in loving memory of:

Joseph Chirco

Donated by: Grace Angioli



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS!

THANK YOU, ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS!

*Your generous donations make a difference
in our community.*

During August, our food pantry welcomed:

46 VISITS

serving

97 COMMUNITY MEMBERS



*Thank you for helping us care
for our neighbors in need.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

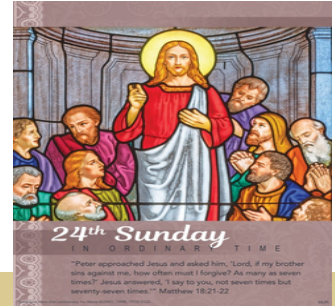
How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.



FIRST READING

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. (Rom 14:8)

GOSPEL

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)



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, September 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION: IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR TEXTBOOKS AND SCHEDULES FOR THE COMING YEAR .

Please come to the office during office hours:
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 11AM UNTIL 4:30PM
Closed for Lunch between 12:30 and 1:30pm



REGISTRATION 2026-2027

THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION 2026-2027 IS **OCTOBER. 1, 2026 AT 5PM**

**WE CANNOT HONOR ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS
AT THIS TIME AS OUR SPACE IS LIMITED.**

**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.



THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Sponsored by St. James Mental Health Ministry

Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health? Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges? Sign up for *The Sanctuary Course for Catholics* at St. James. The subject matter feels particularly relevant in these times of heightened anxiety, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is an eight-part course for small groups designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy, and offers faith communities the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in their ability to support members living with mental health challenges. Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. The course is available to download as a PDF, or as an audiobook if you'd prefer to listen rather than read. There is no homework, but it's recommended that you read/listen to the sessions in advance of meeting.

Please contact the Parish Center, 516-731-3710 or Tom McCoy at TomCSW@yahoo.com

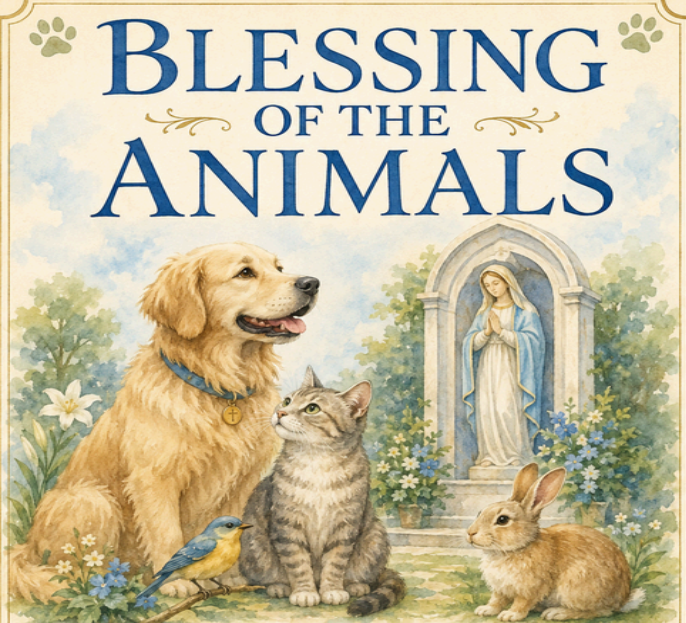
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Saturday October 3- December 12 at 9:00 AM _____

Wednesday September 30 - November 18 at 1:30 PM _____



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. James Parish

Saturday, October 3, 2026
1:00 PM
at the Shrine of Mary

Rain Date: Sunday, October 4 at 1:30 PM
All pets and their families are welcome!

St. James R.C. Church *Welcoming Ministry*

**The
CHOSEN**
— SEASON 6 —
EPISODE 1

Join us as we show



Saturday, October 3rd



after the 4:00 PM Mass



at Delaney Hall



Appetizers and refreshments
will be served.

Feel free to bring your
own snack.



Scan the QR
Code to sign up

All are welcome!



St. James Singles Ministry

Next Meeting

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

in Room 104

All singles, divorced and
widowed are welcome.

08 • FROM THE DIOCESE

St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison.

Please support our beloved priests in their retirement years.



Fr. Steve Pietrowski, Rector

"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place home," shared Fr. Pietrowski



Msg. Ron Richardson:

"When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous campus."

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible!

Thank You! <https://www.stpiusresidence.org/>

St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

“Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment...”

- Pope Leo XIV

Dear friends,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

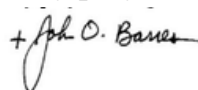
St. Pius X Residence is home for some of our retired Diocesan priests who have dedicated their lives to serving God and His people. The Residence provides these priests with medical resources, staff and services to assist them at this stage of their life. There is also a beautiful chapel centered in the building for our priests to celebrate and assist at Mass. It is at this daily Mass that they pray for the people of our parishes, communities and Diocese.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth and serving the poor and vulnerable. These priests made a commitment to God to serve Him for their life on earth. Many of them continue their mission in retirement as they assist at local parishes by offering Mass, hearing confessions and administering the sacraments.

As we offer thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood in our Diocese, let us remember to pray together for a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood on Long Island. May the Lord bless us with an abundance of priests, deacons and religious ready to serve the Diocese of Rockville Centre for generations to come.

With this letter, you can express your gratitude to our priests and celebrate their presence among us through your gift to the annual St. Pius X Residence Fund. Your gifts and prayers will ensure that our retired priests are properly cared for today and long into the future.

With my prayers and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John O. Barres" with a small cross symbol to the left.

Most Reverend John O. Barres



ST. JAMES PARISH + BLUE MASS

Grateful for your Service 

Honoring Those Who Serve



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



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

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. ★



St. James R.C. Church Welcoming Ministry

Upcoming Events

Faith ~ Fellowship ~ Community



The Chosen | Saturday, October 3rd



**Halloween Party
FOR ADULTS** | Saturday, October 31st



Trunk or Treat | Sunday, November 1st



Bake Sale | Saturday, November 21st
and Sunday, November 22nd



**Lighting of the
Christmas Tree** | TBA



Movie Night
"The Bells of St. Mary" | Saturday, January 2nd

All Are Welcome!

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



*Friends
OF THE POOR®
WALK*



Register Here

SVDPLI.ORG

**Saturday
September 26, 2026**
Heckscher State Park
East Islip

CHECK IN: 9 AM
WALK START: 10 AM

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



All Are Welcome!



Please detach and return.

75TH ANNIVERSARY RESPONSE

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Names of Attendees: _____



12 • MINISTRIES & EVENTS



Senior Appreciation Barbecue – August 29, 2026

Our thanks to all of the volunteers who helped
make the barbecue a success:

★ Joe Garritano, Linda Grufferman, Charlotte Guarino, Barbara McEachern,
Jessica McEachern, Michael McEachern, Brian Murray, Cathy Murray
★ Melissa Notarstefano, Chrissy McHale, Rosemary and Peter Raffaele
★ Maria Sisto, Eileen and Allen Valente





**Collection Week of
August 30, 2026**

**Catholic
Education**

**Sunday
Collection**

**Visiting
Clergy**

**Mass
Attendance**

Mass	\$ 7,902.00	\$1,480.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,659.02	\$ 0.00
Mail In Envelopes	<u>\$ 620.00</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,181.02	\$ 1,680.00

4:00pm	360
8:00am	243
10:00am	295
12:00pm	<u>277</u>
Total	1,175

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 2026



Sunday, September 6 – Robert Bloeth

Monday, September 7 – Alicia Post

Tuesday, September 8 – Paul Gagliardo

Wednesday, September 9 –Maureen Gallagher

Thursday, September 10 – M/M Robert Boye

Friday, September 11 – Eugene Farley

Saturday, September 12 – John Boller

Catholic Q&A

Question: Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

September 20 th	Monday, September 14th
September 27 th	Tuesday, Sept. 15th
October 4 th	Monday, September 28th

14 • HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
September 13	September 14 Rosary – Church 8:30am	September 15 Rosary – Church 8:30am Scripture Sharing – Room 112 1:30pm Alpha Meeting – Delaney Hall 6:30pm Scripture Sharing – Room 104 7:00pm	September 16 Rosary – Church 8:30am Prayer & Cigars – Shrine of Mary 7:00pm	September 17 Rosary – Church 8:30am Plainedge Seniors – Delaney Hall 10:30am Women's Bible Study – Rooted in Faith – Room 112 7:00pm	September 18 Rosary – Church 8:30am Italian Rosary – Chapel 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang – Delaney Hall 6:00pm	September 19 Men's Prayer Group – Room 104 7:30am Rosary – Church 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation – Room 112 9:00am Marriage Encounter – Delaney Hall 9:00am



SCRIPTURE SHARING

ST. JAMES PARISH

Tuesday Sessions

<i>Afternoon Session</i> 1:30–3:00 PM Room 112 • Parish Center <i>Hosted by Fr. John</i>	<i>Evening Session</i> 7:00–8:30 PM Room 104 • Parish Center
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Resumes September 15

Each week, we will discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel, explore what was happening when Jesus spoke these messages, learn how to better understand them, and discover how to live them out today.

All are welcome!



6-WEEK APOLOGETICS CLASS

What We Believe:

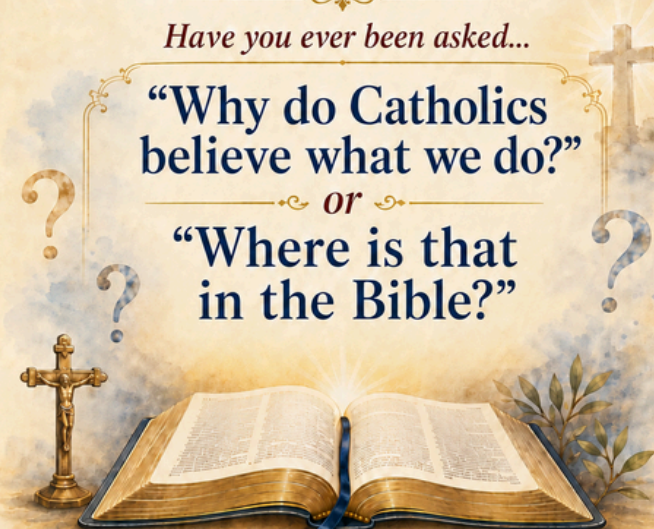
Sharing Our Faith Through Our Biblical Roots

Have you ever been asked...

“Why do Catholics believe what we do?”

or

“Where is that in the Bible?”



Then this short course is for you!

Begins Monday, September 21st

Monday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Room 208

Parish Center

Please join us!