



SAINT JAMES PARISH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 25TH 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!



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning
with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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.

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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 |
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 26 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

September 27 | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael

| 10:00am | Fr. Benjamin

| 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:

ANNUAL BLUE MASS: Our annual Blue Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, September 27th at Noon. This Mass acknowledges the contributions made by Firefighters, Police Officers, and other First Responders in our daily lives.

We are truly blessed because there are many men and women of "Blue" who identify as parishioners of St. James. Their presence is a constant reminder to all of us that we are called to be people of service to one another.

OUR BLUE FOUNTAIN: Several years ago, a special fountain was erected to honor these men and women. This fountain is located to the right of the Shrine to our Blessed Mother by our parish center.

Each year at the conclusion of the Blue Mass we process to the Blue Fountain for a special prayer. This has become an important part of our parish's annual celebrations.

With the recent celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the events of September 11th, it is a special time this year. A total of 343 members of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) died during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. In addition, 72 law enforcement officers died that day while responding to the terrorist attacks.

THE BLESSING OF OUR CATECHISTS: There are a number of men and women from our parish who teach in our Faith Formation Program. They are called Catechists. While many are involved with the Faith Formation of the children of our parish (74 in all), there are others who work with those seeking entrance into the Catholic Church (the OCIA), and others preparing for marriage (the FOCCUS & Pre-Cana programs).

These catechists are being blessed and commissioned at our 10:00 AM Mass this weekend. I am truly grateful to each and every one of them for assisting me in providing these most important services and ministries.

OUR CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION: On Friday, September 18th, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 92 of our High School parishioners. It was certainly a joyful celebration. I know how proud their parents, sponsors and other family members and friends felt that day.

I am hoping that these young men and women, having celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, are now ready and enthusiastic about living their Catholic faith publicly. What important witnesses they will be to other young members of our parish as they see their peers living their faith.

In his homily, Bishop Barres, challenged them to bear witness to their Catholic faith as they not only celebrate their being members of St. James Parish but "adult" members of the Catholic Church.

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

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 – Wedding Anniversary
| Steven Curattalo & Angelina Dezagio
| Brian Buttafuoco – Living

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

8:00am | Joan Keller
12:10pm | All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

8:00am | All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm | Frances Lisi Hees – 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

8:00am | All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm | Dolores Schiatta

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

8:00am | All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm | Edward Cooper

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

8:00am | All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm | Joseph Giusto – Living

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

8:00am | Mario Andreani
4:00pm | Augusto Pasquarello – Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:00am | Vincent & Joan Connors
10:00am | Marion Fluri – Birthday
12:00pm | People of St. James
| Steven Hunchik – Birthday
| Rosina DiGangi – Birthday
| Regina Natale
| Joseph Chirco
| Ruth & Clifford Stack

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died IN OUR HEARTS

Frank Cudia
Margaret Maselli
Michael Mendonez

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

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 coffee, jarred tomato sauce, boxed milk, cookies, oil, sugar, cake frosting and toiletries. Thank you very much.



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

September 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us a parable to teaches us how great God is and how generous, and then he calls us to this same greatness and generosity. As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action. 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:

**Aiden William Benevento
Ava Madison Benevento
Ryan Luca Benevento
Hunter Paul Koerner**



We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!

THE ROSARY

Please join us on Monday afternoons at 2pm in the Chapel to recite the Miraculous Medal Novena and the Rosary for life. Please bring Rosary beads. All are welcome!



LITURGY MEMORIAL

The St. Joseph flowers were donated in loving memory of:

Joseph Fiore

Donated by: His Daughter Millie



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS!

Congratulations to all our parishioners who donated at our Parish Blood Drive on 9/9/26. 78 Units of Blood was donated, which saved 234 lives. Thanks to Joe Theisen, Christine Handwerker, Maria Daly, Barbara Ferraioli, Tony Sparaco, Joe Canova, Vinny Cioffi, Mark Antonucci, and Tom Galvin for making this Blood Drive a Success.



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

SUNDAY REHEARSAL
9:15 AM
SING AT MASS
10:00 AM

ADULT CHOIR

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.



FIRST READING

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.
(Is 55:6)

PSALM

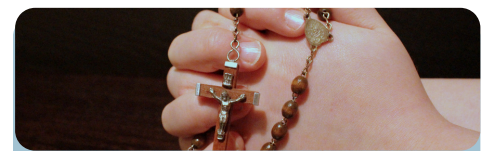
The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

SECOND READING

I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.
(Phil 1:23)

GOSPEL

'What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?'"
(Mt 20:14-15)



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)

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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!

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

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____

Saturday October 3- December 12 at 9:00 AM
Wednesday September 30 - November 18 at 1:30 PM

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: _____

Rooted in Faith

St. James
Singles Ministry

Next Meeting

Tuesday,
September 22, 2026
at 6:30pm

in Room 104

All singles, divorced and widowed are welcome.

Sunday, September 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Classes begin the week of
September 22, 2026**



REGISTRATION 2026-2027

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR CLASSES

You must register online unless you need a payment plan. Unfortunately your child will miss the First week of classes.

BOOK PICK-UP FOR FAITH FORMATION:

IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR TEXTBOOKS AND SCHEDULES FOR THE COMING YEAR:

Please call the office to arrange a time to pick up books. Classes begin September 22nd, 23rd, 24th. You must pick up your books before 3pm on these dates. WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE BOOKS DURING CLASS TIME! If you are unable to pick up books during office hours then call and we will arrange to leave your books in the Main Parish Office which is open until 7pm on Monday and Tuesday and on Saturday from 9am until 12pm.



NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN CLASS WITHOUT A TEXTBOOK. CLASS INFORMATION IS ON THE LABEL PLACED ON THE TEXTBOOK.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a Level 2 teacher for Tuesday afternoons at 4:15pm.

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.



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ST. JAMES PARISH
BLUE MASS
Honoring Those Who Serve
Grateful for your Service

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

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.

All are welcome!

Scan the QR Code to sign up

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

Friends OF THE POOR® WALK

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LONG ISLAND

Register Here

Saturday
September 26, 2026
Heckscher State Park
East Islip

CHECK IN: 9 AM
WALK START: 10 AM

SVDPLI.ORG

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!



**Collection Week of
September 6, 2026**

**Catholic
University**

**Sunday
Collection**

**Second
Collection**

**Mass
Attendance**

Mass	\$9,508.00	\$833.00
Online Giving	\$4,664.33	\$123.91
Mail In Envelopes	<u>\$4,837.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$19,009.33	\$981.91

4:00pm	303
8:00am	226
10:00am	385
12:00pm	<u>280</u>
Total	1,194

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 13 – M/M Michael Nicosia
Monday, September 14 – John Plackis
Tuesday, September 15 – M/M Frank Tiscione
Wednesday, September 16 – Susan Rochefort
Thursday, September 17 – M/M Richard Schultz
Friday, September 18 – Mary Miller
Saturday, September 19 – Mary Flood

\$250 Quarterly Bonus

Victor Tutino

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

October 4th Monday, September 28th
October 11th Monday, October 5th
October 18th Friday, October 9th

Catholic Q&A

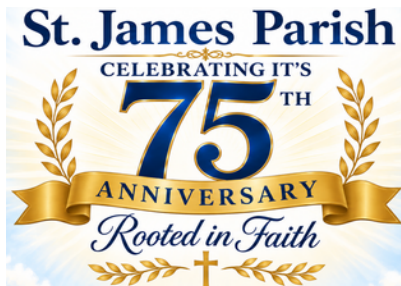
Question: November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer: Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
September 20	September 21 Rosary – Church 8:30am Apologetics Class – Room 208 7:00pm	September 22 Rosary – Church 8:30am Scripture Sharing – Room 112 1:30pm Faith Formation classes 4:15pm Alpha Meeting – Delaney Hall 6:30pm Singles Ministry – Room 104 6:30pm Scripture Sharing – Room 104 7:00pm	September 23 Rosary – Church 8:30am Faith Formation classes 4:15pm Prayer & Cigars – Shrine of Mary 7:00pm Faith Formation Classes 7:00pm SVDP Meeting – Room 101 7:00pm	September 24 Rosary – Church 8:30am Plainedge Seniors – Delaney Hall 10:30am Women's Bible Study – Rooted & Radiant – Room 112 7:00pm	September 25 Rosary – Church 8:30am Italian Rosary – Chapel 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang – Delaney Hall 6:00pm	September 26 Rosary – Church 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation – Room 112 9:00am



Rooted in Faith – A History of the Founders

by Eileen Tucci

In September 1951, Fr. William Delaney, upon receiving a letter from Bishop Thomas Molloy of Brooklyn took the risk (not that he had a choice) and accepted the assignment of founding the parish of St. James. Fr Delaney, this humble man whose life was rooted in a love of God and would grow to include a vision for the transformation of acres of land into one of the largest parishes in the then soon to be diocese of Rockville Centre.

Within two weeks Fr. Delaney had the chicken coop fumigated and converted into a chapel with a cross placed atop over the main entrance. All the windows were covered in plastic stained glass. By the time the chapel was moved to Manorville in the almost 40 years later, many of us will take responsibility for scratching the plastic off the windows, if you were lucky enough to get a seat there. Fr Delaney planted the seed of the tree of St James church. Very quickly, along with three men of God as associate pastors, followed by another three faith-filled and devoted priests. All would a part of our founding clergy.



And the word spread to the enthusiastic and optimistic post World War II young couples and their families, many who journeyed out from Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx to begin their pioneer lives in their newly purchased homes, that a church was opening, a parish forming on Hicksville Rd and Union Ave. 650 people came to celebrate the 9, 10, 11 and 12 o'clock masses, many of whom had not been to a church since they moved "out to the island." (to be continued)