

SAINT JAMES PARISH

OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 28TH 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!



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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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 | *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 | *deaconrickbrunner@gmail.com*
Deacon Chris Daniello | *deaconchrisdaniello@stjamesrcchurch.org*
Deacon John Horn | *deaconjohnhorn@stjamesrcchurch.org*

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

October 17 | 4:00pm | Fr. John
October 18 | 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:

THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Last week with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi we had the Annual Blessing of Animals with a relic of St. Francis of Assisi. This is always an enjoyable occasion for me because I have a great love for animals and enjoy watching those who care for them. The families are filled with pride and enthusiasm as they bring their pets for their blessings.

Among the pets there were about 30 dogs, 6 cats, 1 guinea pig and some fish. As each pet was brought forward, I was told their name and whether there was a special blessing that the pet needed.

SHRINE TO FR. MICHAEL McGIVNEY, THE FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: I am making final plans to erect a shrine to Fr. McGivney. While St. John Vianney is considered the patron of all priests, I personally believe that the title should be shared with Fr. Michael McGivney. The way he lived the priesthood is very similar to how we live as priests today. He was a regular parish priest who was very much involved with the people in his care, especially those in special need.

When he started inviting men to join him in this extraordinary work, he made the decision to call this group the Knights of Columbus. Believe it or not, Catholics were frequently mistreated at the time in Connecticut. If you were a Catholic, you couldn't own property and were persecuted in other ways.

He realized that there was strong admiration of Christopher Columbus, a Roman Catholic, as the discoverer of America. By naming the group the Knights of Columbus he believed that it would soften the opinion of the residents in Connecticut, giving the Catholics a sense of dignity and respect.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE SHRINE TO FR. MCGIVNEY?
The shrine will consist of a statue of Fr. McGivney mounted on a stand, surrounded by a brick walkway and three benches for prayer. I am donating the statue but the cost of the installation and all the surrounding masonry work is $4,600. Please consider making a donation towards this shrine. The picture shows the proposed plan for the statue. Donations can be placed in an envelope with your name and address and can be mailed, dropped at the parish center or placed in the collection basket. The plan is to have this project completed prior to Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity.



Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
Columbus Day

9:00am | Mistretta & Brancazio Families

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

8:00am | Vincent J. Russo
12:10pm | Daniella Rocco

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

8:00am | Virginia Kelly
12:10pm | William T. Erdmann

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

8:00am | Christopher Kelly
12:10pm | Msgr. John Nosser

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

8:00am | Ann Perkowski - BIrthday
12:10pm | Sophie Chiaino

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

8:00am | Patrick Labeck & Emily Boreyko - Living - Wedding Day
4:00pm | Aida Scalise
Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

8:00am | Joseph & Irene Bliss
10:00am | Edward & Mary McKee
12:00pm | People of St. James as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary
| Jose & Laurinda Rodrigues
| Sophie Fazio - Anniversary
| Gladys McCullagh
| Joseph Chirco

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died
IN OUR HEARTS

Arthur Merrill
Susan Park

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 NEEDS

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support of our food pantry. Our current needs are boxed milk, sugar, salad dressing, beef Ramen, vegetable oil, coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise, paper towels, toothpaste and deadorant. Thank you very much.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

October 11—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? 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: ***Saintjamessaintvincentdepaul@gmail.com*** or call 516-735-8895. Thank you.

BAPTISM

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Adrian Poppy Brandl

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

HELP POPE LEO HELP MISSIONARIES!

Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need. The collection helps priests in the missions carry out their work to spread the Gospel, like Father and later Bishop Robert Prevost, OSA, in Peru. Next weekend, October 18, 2026 is World Mission Sunday. Please be generous.

WEDDING BANNS

Week Two

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

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

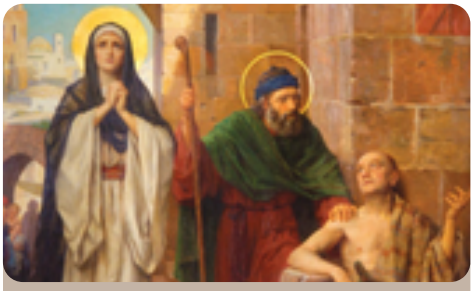
In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.



FIRST READING

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

PSALM

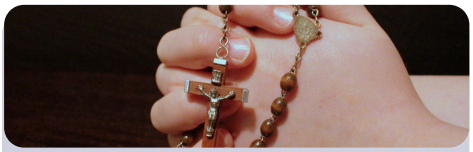
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

GOSPEL

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)



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)

Blue Mass

St. James Church

September 27, 2026

























Blue Mass

St. James Church

September 27, 2026





















Blessing of the Animals

October 3, 2026





























CLASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2026

Tues., Oct. 13th: 4:15-5:30pm

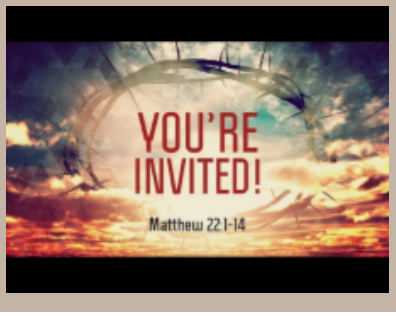
Wed., Oct. 14th: 4:15-5:30PM

Wed., Oct. 14th: 7:00-8:15pm

Thur., Oct. 15th: 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.





Sunday, October 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGISTRATION 2026-2027

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

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.

WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE CANDY FUNDRAISER

Our Level 7 and 8 students will be selling Candy Before and After the 4pm, 10am and 12pm Masses the weekends of October 10 & 11th, 17th & 18th, and 24th and 25th.

The bars are $2 each a box of 30 is $60.

Candy is on sale by the box for our Faith Formation families to participate. Highest Salesperson receives free registration for the 27/28 faith formation year.

Any family that sells 2 or more boxes is entered into a raffle for free registration.

This fundraiser helps to defray the costs of faith formation. **Please buy a bar or 2 from our students!**


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 •

Liturgical Minister Training– ENGLISH ~ Fall 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter of approval from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

You may **not** take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day – you may be registered for one or the other – not BOTH on the same day.

Dates and Locations for ENGLISH Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Monday, Nov. 16 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Monday, Nov. 30 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Nov. 21 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am – 12 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part B – 1pm – 3 pm

(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration, are NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

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

GIVE SERVE LIVE

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Collection Week of September 27, 2026

	Sunday Collection	Outreach & St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection
Mass	$7,224.00	$1,080.00
Online Giving	$2,085.35	$89.42
Mail In Envelopes	$670.00	$120.00
Total	$9,979.35	$1,389.42

Mass Attendance

4:00pm	331
8:00am	175
10:00am	321
12:00pm	383
Total	1,210

Save Time and Donate Online!

GIVE ONLINE with WESHARE

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

SUPER BONANZA

October 2026

Sunday, October 4 - Mary Keating
Monday, October 5 - Jon Sbrocco
Tuesday, October 6 - Letteria Beyrouty
Wednesday, October 7 - M/M George Colvell
Thursday, October 8 - Rosemary Kearney
Friday, October 9 - M/M Ronald Tedeschi
Saturday, October 10 - Edward Rose, Jr.

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

October 18th	Friday, October 9th
October 25th	Monday, October 19th
November 1st	Monday, October 26th

Catholic Q&A

Question: How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

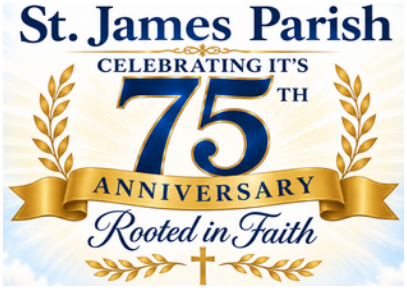
Answer: Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
October 11 OCIA - Room 112 | 10:30am	**October 12** **Building closed** Rosary - Church | 9:30am	**October 13** 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	**October 14** Rosary - Church | 8:30am Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm Faith Formation classes | 7:00pm SVDP Meeting - Room 101 7:00pm Prayer & Cigars - Shrine of Mary | 7:00pm	**October 15** Rosary - Church | 8:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall | 10:30am Faith Formation classes | 4:15pm	**October 16** Rosary - Church | 8:30am Italian Rosary - Chapel | 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall | 6:00pm	**October 17** Men's Prayer Group - Room 104 | 7:30am Rosary - Church | 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation - Room 112 | 9:00am



Rooted in Faith - A History of the Founders Part IV (continued from 10/4/26 Bulletin)

by Eileen Tucci

The two organizations (the Rosary and Holy Name Societies) often worked together on social and fundraising efforts. In 1956, Fr Delaney announced to the parish that he wanted to buy a house to serve as a convent in anticipation and hope of sisters arriving to run a school of religion. Chances were sold on a 1956 Dodge Suburban V-8 station wagon to be raffled off at the annual Rosary Holy Name June Dance. Chances were 5 for $1.00. They raised $17,000 which equates to $163,000 today. Upon the 15th anniversary of St James, a parishioner observed that, because of Fr. Delaney and the priests understanding of where the young and growing families were, because there was no real "pockets of money', they'll give til it hurts. And the branches grew.

The children of our parish were very blessed by the arrival and I would certainly consider them among the founders, of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. Fr. Bulger, with the help of two Dominican Sisters from St. Kilians parish, initially held religion classes on Saturdays for the parish children. In 1957, Fr Delaney made a request to Bishop Kellenberg of the newly formed diocese of Rockville Centre, to invite the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, whose American Motherhouse was in Rhode Island, to open a convent and religious instruction center on our property about September 15, 1957. And so they did.

(to be continued)