

Sunday, October 18, 2026

St. James Parish

CELEBRATING IT'S

75TH
ANNIVERSARY

Rooted in Faith

1951 - 2026





SAINT JAMES PARISH

OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 29TH 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!



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c**

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

8:00am | Alexander Stallone

12:10pm | Felicia Veneziano, Maria
Veneziano & Carmine Veneziano

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

8:00am | Stanley Renkas – 8th Anniversary

12:10pm | Nick & Anita Randazzo – Living

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

8:00am | Deirdre Ward – Living

12:10pm | Marigrace Lomonaco

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

8:00am | Fr. Michael Marigliano

12:10pm | Anthony & Priscilla Derasmo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

8:00am | Robert McMahon

12:10pm | Marie Lyons

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

8:00am | Michael Keller

| Julianna M. Key

| San Onofre &

Sons not born of Rosario Ajaque

4:00pm | Maurita Ossandon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

8:00am | Joseph L. & Joseph A. Scalamandre

10:00am | Patrick Adkins

12:00pm | People of St. James
| Robert Skarka – 1st Anniversary
| David C. Brehm
| James Sanseverino – 4th Anniversary
| Joseph Chirco
| Marigrace Lomonaco

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

IN OUR HEARTS

Rosanna L. DeFazio

Hugh Edward Hattrick, 3rd

Mitchell A. Sommer

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.

Joseph Giusto

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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PARISH CLERGY

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

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Deacon Chris Daniello |

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Director of Music Ministry |

Jillian Vicinanza | 516-731-3710

Facility Manager |

Thomas Galvin | 516-731-3710

Parish Office Receptionist | 516-731-3710 |

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MASS CELEBRANT

October 24 | 4:00pm | Msgr. Michael

October 25 | 8:00am | Msgr. Michael

| 10:00am | Fr. John

| 12:00pm | Fr. Benjamin

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 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ST. JAMES CHURCH: Our parish was established on October 11th, 1951. The first Mass was celebrated the next day, October 12th. I am writing my Letter on the 75th Anniversary of the First Mass. We made the decision a while back that we would have the 75th Anniversary this weekend because of several calendar conflicts. In this way, we can celebrate at all the Masses this weekend with refreshments served after the 12:00 Noon Mass.

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YOU, OUR PARISHIONERS: The strength of our parish is all of you who are our parishioners. We have a good number of ministries and activities, which take place each week, and are truthfully the ideas and suggestions made by you. I can't tell you how many times someone has approached me to share with me an idea about an event or program. While I often receive the credit, I have tried to point to the person or group that originally came up with the idea.

We are truly blessed because many people come to our parish and tell me that we have a warm and welcoming parish community. That brings a smile to my face because I am grateful that it is so obvious.

I hope that as you read this you consider participating in at least one of our programs: the Faith Formation of our children, our Adult Sacrament Programs, one of our Liturgical Ministries (as a Lector, Server, Sacristan, Usher, or Choir Member), our Parish Outreach Program and St. Vincent de Paul society which serve those in special need, etc. Perhaps, you are not presently involved but would like to do so. Please do so.

OUR PARISH HISTORY: While there are some who can identify with parishioners who were the starting members of St. James, many of you have special connection with our parish: your children were educated in our school when it was open, or received their First Penance, First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. There are those who visit and mention that they were married here as well.

Over the past 75 years so much good has taken place at St. James, forming us into a community of shared faith and friendship. I am confident that that will continue to happen because of you, our wonderful parishioners.

SPECIAL WORDS OF GRATITUDE: I want to express words of thanks to Jane Cordova and Eileen Tucci for their help in coordinating our parish celebration, taking place after the Noon Mass this Sunday. A very special word of gratitude is extended to Gus Tsiornas, the Owner of the Embassy Diner, for graciously providing our luncheon festivities. Thank you, Gus! You are always so kind and generous to St. James.

Fr. John



CLASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2026

Tues., Oct. 20th:

4:15–5:30pm

Wed., Oct. 21st:

4:15–5:30PM

Wed., Oct. 21st:

7:00–8:15pm

Thur., Oct. 22nd:

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. Levels 1 through 4 exit the doors to the left of the Blessed Mother Statue
Levels 5–8 exit the doors to the right of the Blessed Mother Statue all students should be picked up by the grade level #.

As we listen to today's Gospel we need to ask ourselves, "What am I not giving to God that belongs to him"

We pay taxes because we get things from the government. We get ALL things from God what do we give him in return.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



2ND LEVEL—FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for all families whose children will be receiving 1st sacraments in the spring. Meetings will be held at **11am OR 6:30pm** on the following days and venues:

Mon., Oct. 26th Delaney Hall (am) Room 112 (pm)

Tue., Oct. 27th Delaney Hall (am) Church (pm)

Wed., Oct. 28th Delaney Hall (am & pm)

ALL PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND 1 (ONE) OF THESE MEETINGS—SACRAMENT DATES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THIS TIME.

WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE CANDY FUNDRAISER

Our Level 7 and 8 students will be selling Candy Before and After the 4pm, 10am and 12pm Masses this weekends. 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!

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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 boxed milk, sugar, vegetable oil, coffee, soup and paper towels. Thank you very much.

BAPTISM

We Welcome to the St. James Community:

Bella-Rose Marie Auld
Addison Pearl Cannova
Michael Peter D'Amico
Andres Calderon
Emma Elizabeth Andrade
Steven Andrade Jr.
Leia Erica Reed Blomgren



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

We Congratulate the parents of the newly baptized!

WEDDING BANNS

Week One

William Stio & Danielle Frantino



SINGLES MINISTRY



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

**October 18—Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time:**

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God. 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.

A banner for St. James Singles Ministry. It features a central text area with a cross at the top, surrounded by autumn leaves and berries. The text reads: 'St. James Singles Ministry', 'Our Next Meeting', 'Tuesday, October 20th', '6:30pm', 'Room 104', and 'Refreshments will be served.' The banner has a dark blue border.

**St. James
Singles Ministry**

Our Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th

**6:30pm
Room 104**

Refreshments will be served.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.



FIRST READING

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

PSALM

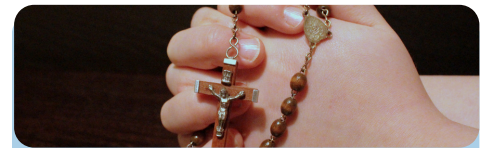
Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

GOSPEL

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)



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)

08 • PARISH LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to **Kelley Sommerville**, a St James Parishioner who was recently recognized and given a “Woman of Distinction Award” by our Assemblyman John Mikulin (also a St. James parishioner)!

Kelley Sommerville believes that the most meaningful way to make a difference is through a life dedicated to service. Over the past 11 years, she has built a successful career in the insurance industry, earning the respect of clients and colleagues through her professionalism, integrity, and steadfast commitment to helping others.

Her dedication extends well beyond her professional career. An active member of St. James Church in Seaford, Kelley serves in the Welcoming Ministry to ensure every person who enters the parish feels valued and at home. Each Friday, she volunteers preparing meals for those experiencing food insecurity, quietly demonstrating her belief that simple acts of kindness carry a profound impact.

Kelley has played a pivotal role in organizing parish events that unite a community while celebrating both faith and history – most notably the St. James Time Capsule Reveal and the parish’s 250th Anniversary celebration of our nation. Whether serving her clients, her parish, or her broader community, Kelley leads with unwavering compassion, humility, and generosity, which exemplifies what it means to be a true Woman of Distinction.



Enrolling in the All Soul's Novena

We are announcing our Annual Novena of Masses in memory and honor of all our deceased loved ones: family members, friends and co-workers. You can enroll as many deceased loved ones as you wish in this special novena. The list of names will be placed near the tabernacle in our Church starting Monday, November 2nd, for the duration of the Novena of Masses, which extends until Tuesday, November 10th. If you prefer, you can also use the special envelope which was included in your packet of envelopes, or by obtaining an All Soul's envelope at the Church or parish office during normal business hours. Donations placed in one of the All Souls envelopes should be made either in cash or by check, payable to St. James Church. You can also choose to make your donation on-line by visiting the following link: <https://stjamesrcchurch.weshareonline.org/>



Today let us honor World Mission Sunday, the Church's faithful Missionaries throughout the centuries, and the countless people who have received our Lord's word of salvation through their witness. We can commit ourselves to supporting the ongoing work of the Missions through daily prayer and financial help, especially in today's collection for the Missions.



God Bless Our Veterans!

ST. JAMES FAMILY MINISTRY

invites everyone to a

FREE HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass

Delaney Hall

We will be serving bagels, cookies, and cakes,
as well as coffee, tea, and juice.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Be the reason someone smiles today!



*Bring the children!
Crafting supplies
will be available.*



10 • LITURGICAL LIFE

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.

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 •



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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

ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS CONCERT & SING-ALONG

Friday, December 18, 2026
6:00 PM

Followed by a
CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Come sing with us!

Rehearsals begin November 11
Wednesdays at 5:00 PM
in the church

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Al Wickenheiser from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

LPI Al Wickenheiser
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Card Shark Fundraiser

Friday, November 13, 2026
7pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Delaney Hall
110 Merritts Road
Farmingdale

To reserve your spot, call Mary Ann Capparelli
(516) 293-7048
or Gina McGrath (347) 538-7262
Donation of \$25.00 (no refunds)
Make check payable to
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. A. Delaney Columbiettes
by November 6th

Coffee, tea, desserts, and snacks are included. Feel free to bring a non-alcoholic beverage.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT • 13

Collection Week of October 4, 2026

Respect Life

Sunday Collection

Second Collection

Mass Attendance

Mass	\$9,119.00	\$1,861.00
Online Giving	\$4,280.82	\$319.84
Mail In Envelopes	<u>\$832.00</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>
Total	\$14,231.82	\$2,250.84

4:00pm	354
8:00am	247
10:00am	420
12:00pm	<u>325</u>
Total	1,346

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

October 2026



Sunday, October 11 – Mikaela Tucker
Monday, October 12 – William Sohmer
Tuesday, October 13 – M/M Douglas Connors
Wednesday, October 14 – M/M Peter Manton
Thursday, October 15 – Tracey Wells
Friday, October 16 – Marilyn Berge
Saturday, October 17 – John Cusack

Catholic Q&A

Question: Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has comes to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

From the Editor: BULLETIN DEADLINES

October 25th Monday, October 19th
November 1st Monday, October 26th
November 8th Friday, October 30th

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
October 18 OCIA - Room 112 10:30am 75th Anniversary Luncheon - Delaney Hall 1:00pm	October 19 Rosary - Church 8:30am Miraculous Medal Novena - Chapel 2:00pm Apologetics Class - Room 112 7:00pm	October 20 Rosary - Church 8:30am Scripture Sharing - Room 112 1:30pm Faith Formation classes 4:15pm Alpha Meeting - Delaney Hall 6:30pm Singles Ministry Meeting - Room 104 6:30pm Mental Health Ministry Meeting - Room 101 7:00pm	October 21 Rosary - Church 8:30am Faith Formation classes 4:15pm Faith Formation classes 7:00pm Prayer & Cigars - Shrine of Mary 7:00pm	October 22 Rosary - Church 8:30am Plainedge Seniors - Delaney Hall 10:30am Faith Formation classes 4:15pm Women's Bible Study - Room 112 7:00pm	October 23 Rosary - Church 8:30am Italian Rosary - Chapel 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang - Delaney Hall 6:00pm Alpha Retreat - Delaney Hall 6:30pm	October 24 Rosary - Church 8:30am Women's Prayer & Meditation - Room 112 9:00am Alpha Retreat - Delaney Hall 8:00am



Rooted in Faith – A History of the Founders Part V (continued from 10/11/26 Bulletin)

by Eileen Tucci

With their simple black habit and badge of the passion, four sisters were sent to St. James. They had the enviable reputation as educators and work for social service. We were the only parish in the diocese whom they served and the only parish to have four sisters totally assigned for public education all day and week long. The number of students had reached 2,000. With public schools split session, and release time, the sisters set up scheduling to train volunteer teachers, dedicated religion classes for children with special needs, organize a Legion of Mary for girls and build a boy's choir.

The Sisters were forward thinking, but practical. When the women of the parish supervised the set up of renting buses to transport the students to religion classes, Sister Margaret Mary famously quipped, "what's the matter with these kids from Long Island, don't they have two feet?" In 1961, 10 more Sisters arrived to teach the 450 students first enrolled in St. James School. To anyone who attended the school, you have your own stories.

I have barely touched on the superlatives which describe the founding family of St James, but to certainly say that we were from the beginning, rooted in God's love and graces. Together, our shepherd, the priests, lay men and women, the religious sisters bore fruit and offered their good works, sacrifices and generosity, sharing a vision that one catholic faith community is where God's people meet Jesus in sacrament and scripture as we today continue to grow our branches. we remember many of our founders who have gone to their eternal reward and are welcoming the others to that St James corner of heaven. In the words of St Mother Teresa, as long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we have hope tomorrow waits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful. As long as we are rooted in our God, anything and everything is possible.

THE END – THANK YOU EILEEN.