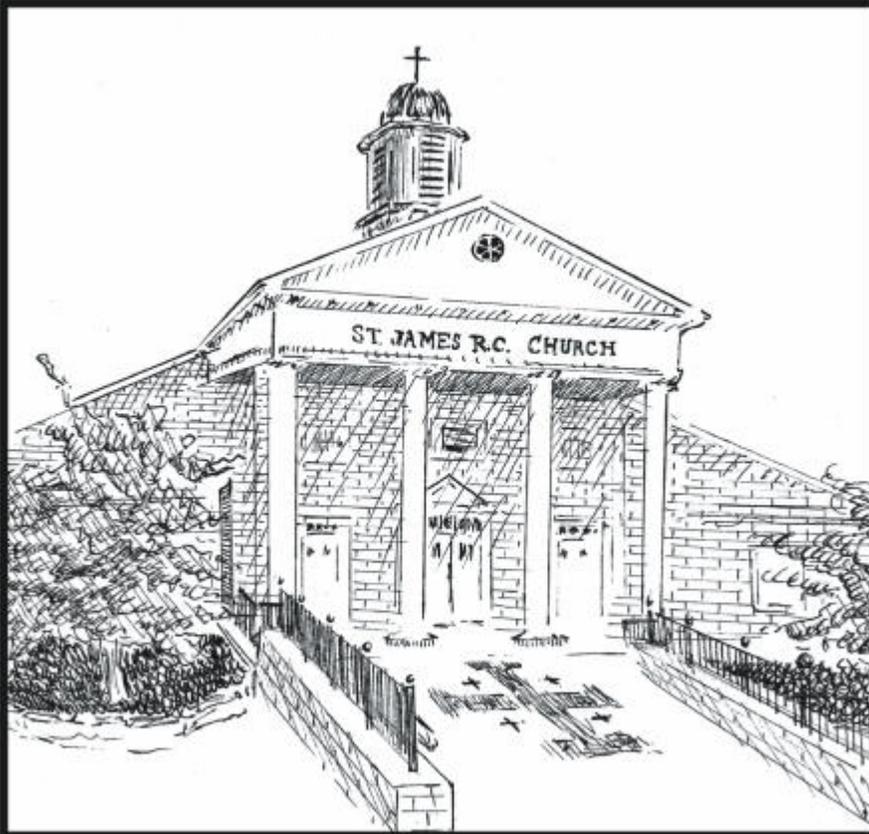


St. James R.C. Church
November 22, 2020
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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Office Hours: M-F 9am-4pm (closed for lunch 12-12:30)

Sat. 9am-2pm

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only”

2020 Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of the Three Village area, formed as the Body of Christ through the waters of Baptism, are a pilgrim community journeying toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist and formed by the Gospel.

We strive to respond to Jesus' invitation: to be faithful and fruitful disciples; to be a Good Samaritan to (our) neighbor and enemy; stewards of and for God's creation and living witnesses of Faith, Hope and Charity ... so that in Jesus' name, we may be a welcoming community, respectful of life in all its diversities.

Weekday Masses

Monday – Saturday: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Youth)*

*live streamed & taped for viewing on our website and FB pages

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Family), 11:30am (Choir)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8:00am, 12 Noon

Special Needs Mass:

Second Saturday of the month at 1:00pm

Nocturnal Adoration:

First Friday of the Month, 7:30-8:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment

Rev. James-Patrick Mannion, Pastor

frjim@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 322)

Rev. Robert Scheckenback, Assoc. Pastor

frbob@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 320)

Rev. John Fitzgerald, in residence

Rev. Mike S. Ezeatu, in residence (ext. 326)

Business Manager: Todd Bradshaw(ext.312)

Dir. of Outreach: Kathy Vaeth (ext. 313)

Dir. of Faith Formation: Louise DiCarlo (ext. 329) Admin. Asst. Joanmarie Zipman (ext. 328)

Finance Manager: Theresa Ellner (ext. 335)

Music Co-Director: Richard Foley (631) 806.1794

Music Co-Director: Miriam Salerno (516)

263.5173

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Ueli Laeng (631)941.4141

Parish Receptionists:

Megan Peters (M-F)

Nancy Gallagher (Fri and Sat) Cemetery Admin.

Parish Facilities Supervisor: Jeff Fallon

Please visit our parish website (www.stjamessetauket.org) for the latest parish information as well as weekly homilies and virtual weekly Masses. Visit the diocesan website (www.DRVC.org) for diocesan news and schedule of virtual Masses.



**Mass Intentions
for the week of
November 22, 2020**

Sunday, November 22

8am

9:30am
11:30am

Monday, November 23

8am

Tuesday, November 24

8am

Wednesday, November 25

8am

Thursday, November 26 THANKSGIVING DAY

8am

Friday, November 27

8am

Saturday, November 28

8am

5pm

Sunday, November 29

8am

9:30am

11:30am

Our parishioner living and deceased
Kimberly Marie Hoelzl
Mary & Joseph Burns,
Mario Cella, Sophie Petretti

Deceased members of the
Scalamandre Family

Our parishioners living and
Deceased

Hugh JB & Elizabeth Cassidy

Lucy Jarett
Our parishioners living and
deceased
Deceased members of the
Knights of Columbus

*Thank you for giving of your time,
talent and treasure*

COLLECTION UPDATE

**COLLECTION INFORMATION WILL RETURN
AFTER THANKSGIVING**

Please consider making your weekly donations on-line by enrolling at **faith.direct/ny997**.

Doing so enables our ministries to continue to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in our parish family as well as the larger community who have been impacted by COVID19 and related job losses.

E-giving simplifies your giving and provides consistent support to the parish. **To provide additional assistance, please select the "offset fee option" when setting up your donation, which will help reduce our expenses.**

If you require assistance with the process, please call the parish office (Tuesday 9am-1pm or Friday 9:30-12pm) and make an appointment with Megan or Nancy to set up your Faith Direct on-line giving account.

Enroll today at: www.faithdirect.net

For your continued generosity to St. James Parish of your time, talent and treasure, I offer my deepest appreciation. May God reward your generosity a hundredfold.

~ Fr. Jim



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Parish of St. James is pleased to provide a number of ways in which our parishioners can memorialize

their loved ones. In addition to the celebration of a Mass in their name, parishioners are invited to consider a memorial donation of the bread and wine or altar flowers for the week. The name(s) of your loved one(s) will appear in the bulletin for that week.

In the rear of our church (25A side), near the statue of the Holy Family, you will find a set of candles that offers a top row that can be lit for one year, and holds a plaque showing the name of the person for whom the candle is lit. The offering for a memorial candle is \$250. Please stop by the rectory office or call 631.941.4141 during normal business hours when one of our secretaries will be happy to provide you with additional information on all of these memorial opportunities.

Pope's Intention for Evangelization

Artificial Intelligence. That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



*Welcome to the
Parish of St. James*

No matter your present or past status in the Catholic Church; **No** matter your current family or marital situation;

No matter your past or present affiliation; **No** matter your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed and accepted at St. James RC Church.

If you are new to the area, we invite you to choose St. James as your parish family.

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacraments

Baptism: Two Sundays per month at 1:30 pm.
Please contact the office after the fourth month of pregnancy to make arrangements.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the office at least nine months before your desired date.

Anointing of the Sick: By request

Pastoral Council: Mrs. Roni Groth, Mr. John Holownia, Mrs. Josephine Prokop, Mr. Fred Sawicki, Mr. Michael Vaeth, Mrs. Judi Wallace

Parish Finance Committee: Mr. Edward Gutleber, Chair; Mr. Todd Bradshaw (*Business Manager*) Mrs. Theresa Ellner (*Financial Manager*), Mr. Robert Freaso, (*Parish Trustee*), Mr. Thomas Powers (*Parish Trustee*), Mrs. Judi Wallace

Prayer Opportunities

Nocturnal Adoration: First Fridays 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Recitation of the Rosary: Monday to Saturday after the 8am Mass

Ministries:

Alpha: Mrs. Roni Groth, Mrs. Barbara Jaeckel

Bereavement Ministry: Ms. Catherine Horgan,

Mr. Dennis Reardon (*please call 631.941.4141 x341*)

Camino Café Ministry: Mrs. Sallie Culloton, Mrs. Doreen Corrado

Choir: Mr. Richard Foley, Mrs. Miriam Salerno

Sat 5pm Teen, Sun 9:30am Youth, Sun. 11:30am Adult

Christ in the Marketplace: Mr. Jack Herr (*631.941.4141*)

CYO Board: Mr. Charles Arasi, Chair; Mrs. Samantha Bradshaw,

Mr. John Case, Mr. Michael (Mike) Specht,

Mr. Patrick (Pat) Tunstead

Eucharistic Ministry to Homebound Parishioners: Joan Murray
If you or anyone you know is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call 631.941.4141

Fertility Care Services: Helen McCarthy, R.Ph, PharmD, CFCPI
(htmcCarthy@optonline.net or 631.455.4137)

Knights of Columbus, Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council #12006:

Grand Knight, Mr. Jack Simpson

Laudato Si Environmental Ministry: Mr. Robert Becherer

Liturgical Committee: Ms. Louise DiCarlo

Liturgical Ministries: EMHC-Mrs. Kathy Brown, Mrs. Mary Berretta

Readers: Mr. and Mrs. Bevin and Mark Jackett

Altar Servers: Mrs. Judi Wallace, Peter Morelli, MD

Ushers/Greeters: Mr. Robert Freaso

Men's Monthly Breakfast Gathering: Mr. Tony Casale

Ministry of Consolation: Mrs. Carol Simco

Nocturnal Adoration: Mr. Eric Waxman (631) 689.9759

Our Daily Bread: (631)941.2731 ODB@stjamessetauket.org

Parish Bulletin and Website: Editor, Ms. Catherine Horgan

Contact rectory office 631.941.4141

Parish Liturgical Environment Committee:

Contact rectory office 631.941.4141

Pre-Cana Ministry: Mr. and Mrs. Diane and James Santangelo

Contact rectory office 631.941.4141

RCIA: Mr. Ueli Laeng *Contact the rectory office 631.941.4141*

Respect Life Committee of St. James: Mr. Eric Waxman

631.689.9759. *The Respect Life Committee will meet in the Parish Center each month (September – June) on Coffee Sunday after the 9:30 Mass*

Rosary Altar Society of St. James: Mrs. Patricia Raptoulis at

631.473-3561

Spiritual Direction: Mr. Ueli Laeng *Please call the rectory office*

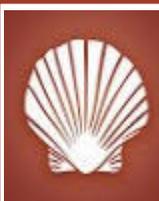
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St. James Rosary Makers: Mrs. Mary DiBenedetto 631.236.8899

St. James Vigil Ministry: Fr. Jim Mannion, Ms. Louise DiCarlo

Wedding Facilitators: Mrs. Maureen Denzler, Mrs. Chris Weisman

Women's Scripture Study: Mrs. Cathy Roberts SJA 631.689.2645



Parish Policy

Please be reminded that as a matter of policy, any and all events, conferences, meetings, plays, sporting events, fundraising efforts, etc. must have the expressed, written permission of the pastor (or his designee) before plans can be finalized. The parish is a legal entity with certain obligations that must be considered prior to approval of events. This includes the use of the name St. James in any way, shape or form, explicitly or implicitly. Contracts with outside vendors, speakers or service providers cannot be signed by anyone other than the pastor or his designee.



Join us in praying the Holy Rosary after the 8am Mass every 1st Saturday.

"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."
~Our Blessed Mother

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK of November 22, 2020

Sunday, November 22

Monday, November 23

St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr

Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, Martyr and Companions

Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 27

Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 28

Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday in Advent

In compliance with Diocesan policy from the Office for the Protection of Children & Young People, (516) 678.5800, ext. 573: If you suspect any child abuse, first contact Child Protective Services at (800) 342.3720 and then contact the Diocesan Hotline at (516) 594.9063. If you believe **someone is in immediate danger**, call Suffolk County Police at 911.



Mother Teresa Council, Knights of Columbus



"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put into that action"

~Mother Teresa



Take twenty minutes out of your day to pray the rosary and you will see the difference it will make in your life.



Greetings from the St. James Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will sell Advent Wreaths and Candles on the following dates and times:

Saturday, November 21 before and after the 5pm Mass,
Sunday, November 22 before and after all Masses

Saturday, November 28 and *Sunday November 29* after all Masses

Set of four candles: \$10.00
Wreath with candles: \$30.00.

We look forward to the Advent Season! This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the birth of the Babe Jesus, Our Savior on the Great Feast of **Christmas.**

UPDATE: Please note that our Christmas Luncheon at St. George's Golf & Country Club has been cancelled.

To become a member of the Rosary Altar Society please call Pat Raptoulis at: 631.473.3561.

"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do." St. John Vianney



Special Mass Remembrance for Deceased Council Members

As a reminder, we plan to remember the deceased members of our Council next week at the **11:30 Mass, Sunday, November 29.**

Our Council has been in existence since 1997, helping families, church, community, and people in need wherever they may be.

Our deceased brothers have accomplished enormous deeds as practicing Catholic men, demonstrating their faith as charitable doers and as protectors of the nuclear family and of innocent life, from conception to natural death.

We miss our brothers very much and continue to pray for them and their families.

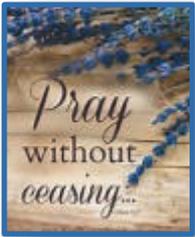
As a practicing Catholic man, if you'd like to get involved with our Council as a proud Knight, call Fred @ 631-751-7375 about joining this fraternal service organization, whose guiding principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Or, you may join the organization as an online member by visiting www.kofc.org

In a particular way, St. Joseph is a perfect intercessor **during times of trial.** His presence can help preserve unity within the Church and bring peace during difficulties.

Here is a prayer that encapsulates all of these sentiments and cries out to St. Joseph for help.

O most watchful Guardian of the Divine Family, defend the Church. Ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence. O, our most mighty Protector, look favorably upon us and from heaven assist us in this our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live virtuously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.





"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18



Pray for Our Military Personnel

Please remember in prayer all of the men and women from our parish and country who serve so selflessly in our Armed Forces.

Pray for Our Sick

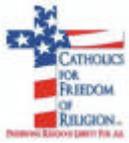
Please pray for all members of the parish family, especially :

Julia Balzarno-Maglio, Robert Banish, Mary Barretta, Roberta Brown, Glenn Buro, Keith Buro, Caroline Caggiano, Tony Casale, Michael Carpenter, Carol Cirillo, Brian Darmody, Camille DiCarlo, Arleen Gargiulo, Lauren Giordano, Emma Giuliano, Tom Giuliano, Baby Lyla Giuliano, Caleb Hernandez, Terence Hobbes, Nicole Juliano, George LaBriola, Jr., Joseph LaRosa, Mary Maio, Kayla Marianetti, Rudy Mazurczak, Diane McDonald, John McGarvey, Tom McHugh, Gianna Morelli, Brian Newman, Christine El Qadah, Gloria Ruppert, Rose Sangiamo, Debby Saunders, Linda Shannon, Brady Spennato, John Stone, Adelaide Marie Wardrope, Christine Wall, Robert Whitcomb

May they and their families, have health, strength and peace in you, O Lord. Amen.

Keep them, their families, friends and loved ones in prayer as they serve our country at home and on foreign soil.

*U.S. Marine Corp. 2nd Lieutenant Kyle Antonucci
U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Erika Holownia
U.S. Army Major Gregory C. Holownia, USA
U.S. Navy SHSN Quintin Lawrence Hurley
U.S. Army, PFC Brandon Leap
U.S. Sergeant Spec. Joseph Mandel, USA
U.S. Air Force SrA Sean T. Murray
U.S. Air Force Capt. Nicole Nowling
U.S. Army, Lt. Daniel Roberts
USMC 1st Lt. Brendan Rose, USA
USMC Lance Corp. Aeon Soler
U.S. Army Capt. Eric D. Waxman, USA*



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Focus on Religious Freedom from Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever. "

1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving Thoughts: A History

1621 Grateful Pilgrims reaped a bountiful harvest the summer following the deaths of almost half their people during their first winter in New England. The 3-day feast was to thank God and to celebrate with their helpful Native friends. "By the Goodness of God we are ... far from want," wrote Pilgrim Winslow.

1777 Continental Congress, First National Proclamation of Thanks:
"... it is the Duty of all Men to adore the ... Providence of the Almighty; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to Him for Benefits received ..." Samuel Adams



Advent..... Watch

Rejoice

Behold

Prepare

We are pleased to once again welcome Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski to present: "Advent Offerings -The Love of the Eucharist, the heart of our lives"

Wednesday, December 9th and Tuesday, December 15 at 2pm. Both offerings will be live-streamed on our parish website and Facebook pages: www.stjamessetauket.org, [Facebook.com/stjamessetauket](https://www.facebook.com/stjamessetauket) and [Facebook.com/stjamesre.org](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesre.org)

For additional information call 631.941.4141



In light of the public health emergency surrounding the COVID 19 outbreak, let us continue to pray to St. Raphael the Archangel:

Because you are the “medicine of God” we humbly pray to you to calm our fears and anxieties, and to grant healing to those suffering from the Corona virus; offer your protection and strength to those in the medical professions offering care to those so afflicted.

May we trust in the Lord, who is our Shepherd, as we walk through this valley of “fear and death”, in this time of darkness. May we be anointed in the Spirit’s love and ask that you always direct us in the way of peace, health and salvation. Amen.



Mask It or Casket! *A reminder about the importance of wearing a mask in church.*

Your cooperation is vital in order for us to publicly celebrate Mass.

Please visit our parish website (www.stjamessetauket.org) for the latest parish information as well as weekly homilies, virtual weekly Masses, and reflections from Fr. Jim and Fr. Fitz. Visit the diocesan website (www.DRVC.org) for diocesan news and schedule of virtual Masses.

Our current Mass schedule is as follows:

Weekdays: 8am

Saturdays: 8am and 5pm *

Sundays: 8am, 9:30am and 11:30am

*live streamed and taped for viewing on our website and FB page

Please remember that face masks/coverings must be worn at all times while within our church.

REMINDER.....

The 3 Village Clergy Association will offer a virtual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24 at 7pm.

Please click the link below to join the Zoom webinar:

[https://zoom.us/j/91516514202?](https://zoom.us/j/91516514202?pwd=NTk4RXkoZ29pOEx6Skc2clhyOGdGdz09)

[pwd=NTk4RXkoZ29pOEx6Skc2clhyOGdGdz09](https://zoom.us/j/91516514202?pwd=NTk4RXkoZ29pOEx6Skc2clhyOGdGdz09)

**2020 31st Annual
National Night of Prayer for Life**

**December 8th (Tuesday) at 9pm
to December 9th (Wednesday) at 1am**

**Beginning with Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament
at**

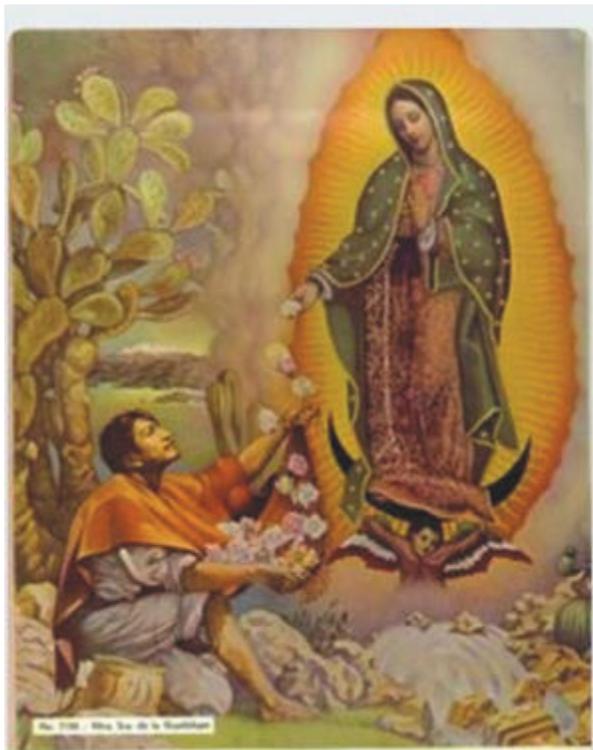
9pm in the Church on Tuesday, December 8th

The National Night of Prayer for Life is a prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns.

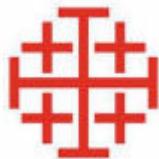
Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego to honor Our Blessed Mother, to pray through her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life and to ask Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND.

During the HOUR OF UNITY, 12 Midnight – 1 am EST, we will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion, in reparation for sins against the Gospel of Life and to restore God’s blessings on America.

**All are invited to participate!
Come pray with us!**



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



Our thanks to all who have donated online as well as at our special collection last weekend.

We are however, still \$13,500 short of our annual goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We need your continued support in order to meet our goal. Your contribution will not only help us meet our goal but help our brothers and sisters in Christ across Long Island. Simply visit :

www.stjamesetauket.org to donate.

DONATING TO ST. JAMES DURING THE COVID 19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

During this time of uncertainty surrounding the *COVID19* virus, many of us will choose to remain at home and not venture out to church or other places where large groups of people may gather. While respecting that choice, please remember that our parish still needs our financial support in order to meet regular operating expenses such as electric bills, heating/cooling, water and payroll.

We recently introduced a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: *Faith Direct*. With *Faith Direct*, you can make regular automatic contributions to St. James, using your credit/debit card or bank account, the same process that you may use to pay utility bills or make car payments.

Making your donations automatically means relief from the hassle of locating your offertory envelopes as you run out the door on Sunday morning, and guarantees that the church will receive your gifts even if you are unable to attend Mass. There is no fee to you, the parishioner, associated with the use of the *Faith Direct* program. Automatic contributions greatly benefit St. James by providing a predictable cash flow as well as decreasing the time and money the church expends dealing with the envelope system. *Faith Direct* will provide you with personalized offertory cards that you may place in the basket, as well as a year end tax statement.

We find *Faith Direct* to be a “win-win” for both parishioners and the parish.

If you’ve not yet enrolled, simply visit: **faith.direct/NY997** to securely enroll on line. For assistance, feel free to call Faith Direct customer service at: 1-866-507-8757 or contact the Parish Office for additional information.

If you prefer to not use technology, please continue to mail your donations to the rectory office.

Thank you for your continued support of St. James.

CATHOLIC DAISY and BROWNIE RELIGIOUS AWARDS

The *Jesus Loves Me* and *God is Love* awards are available for kindergarten and first grade Daisies. Each Daisy works on these awards with her family. The programs introduce her to the connection between scouting and her spiritual life.

The *Ave Maria* and *Family of God* Religious Medals are available for all Catholic Brownie Girl Scouts. Working with a parent or guardian, the Brownie learns about Mary, the Mother of God, her family and does projects to help people.

These pins are awarded at the completion of the program at our parish Girl Scout Sunday celebration.

CATHOLIC JUNIOR, and CSA RELIGIOUS AWARDS

The Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouting offers a series of special religious awards for Girl Scouts of all ages. By completing these awards, Girl Scouts learn more about God, their church, and themselves. These awards are presented at the annual Diocesan Girl Scout Convocation

Junior – Regina Coeli, I Live My Faith

CSA – Mary, the First Disciple, St. Agnes, The Spirit Alive, Mission

For information, email Bevin Jackett – iambevin@gmail.com



Environmental Club!!

Throughout the pandemic, our parish has been able to “live stream” our weekend Mass and we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

We have been truly blessed to have parishioner Jim Townsend and his partner, Corey Arnold, (Bars and Tone Media Production) provide their services during this time. We have recently installed permanent cameras in the church which will facilitate our continued broadcasting capabilities.

This provides an exciting opportunity for members of our parish to learn the technology and become part of the team that makes this happen every week! No experience necessary—just a willingness to learn and to help St. James Parish. Ongoing training and support will be provided.

All interested parties are invited to contact Business Manager Todd Bradshaw at : 631.941.4141 ext 312 for additional information.

Tune in to “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday mornings, 7:00am-8:00am on WBAB 102.3FM or 95.3FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

Next Sunday’s theme (November 29) is
“R&R 45th Anniversary”

With the completion of this year's Season of Creation, which ended on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis, we continue to make the call for the formation of an environmental club here at St James, consistent with the call for environmental stewardship set forth in the encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home" by Pope Francis.

The group would initially be looking for young participants, although not necessarily exclusively.

Please contact the parish office at parish@stjamessetauket.org as soon as possible.



St. James Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

We continue to see an increased need for support from those in the community dealing with food insecurity, and our pantry is in desperate need of non-perishable items. We especially need pasta, peanut butter, cereals, snacks, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta sauce, canned tomato sauce, rice, tuna and beans.

Your generous donations can be left downstairs in Smith Hall. Thank you!



You are cordially invited.....

Please plan to join us for Mass at 8am on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26

All are invited and welcome to bring for a blessing, any item you plan to serve at your Thanksgiving Dinner later that day. (please place these items at the foot of the sanctuary when you arrive) Join us to give thanks to our God for all of our blessings!

Annual Christmas Gift Drive

It is that time of year again! We are sponsoring the annual gift drive. The tags will be on the bulletin boards at the entrances to the church. Please take a tag and attach it to the outside of your unwrapped gift. Gifts may be brought to the sanctuary at the beginning of each Mass on the weekend of December 6th.

Due to COVID, there are a few changes to what we will be collecting this year. The biggest change is that we will collect more gift cards than in the past; we also ask that gifts not be wrapped.

This year we will be collecting for *Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen*. We will continue collecting toys for the children who come to ODB on Sundays, but for the adults we will only be collecting gift cards from Target, Walmart and Stop & Shop. Look for the **yellow tags** marked ***Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen***.

For ***St. James Parish Outreach*** we are asking for gift cards from supermarkets, gas stations, Target, Walmart, etc. Outreach gives these cards to local families to help them shop for Christmas presents for their own families. The gift cards that are left over help us to help families and individuals who come to the outreach office during the year. Look for the **green tags** marked ***St. James Parish Outreach!***

We have been collecting toys for ***Gerald J. Ryan Outreach*** (Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church) for many years and will continue once again this year. Look for the **blue tags** marked ***Gerald J. Ryan Outreach. The Baby Closet*** helps our pantry as well as other churches and organizations throughout the year. Specifically for Christmas this year we will be collecting diapers, wipes and baby clothing for ***The Long Island Life Center, St. Hugh of Lincoln Outreach*** and ***Gerald J. Ryan Outreach***. Look for the **red tags** marked ***The Baby Closet***. **Note:** Gerald J. Ryan Outreach is the outreach center for ***Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church*** located in Wyandanch. Some of you may know that the new pastor of that church is our own Fr. Bob Smith. Fr. Bob continues to be the pastor also at ***St. Hugh of Lincoln*** in Huntington Station. He is doing such wonderful work at these 2 parishes, lets help support his efforts by supporting both of his outreach programs!

2020 St. James Church Annual Gift Drive

Please take a tag off the bulletin boards **today** after Mass for our annual gift drive. Gifts will be collected at all weekend Masses on December 5th and 6th.

Please place **unwrapped** gifts in the sanctuary prior to the start of mass. Gifts will be distributed to the various agencies/parishes after the 11:30 mass on December 6th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions please call our Outreach office at 631.941.4141 ext. 313.



Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship

On Thanksgiving Day, families across our country give thanks for the goodness of God, who shows compassion and kindness towards all. In this spirit, and looking ahead to the season of Advent, the Sunday bulletin will be running excerpts from the sixth chapter of the Pope's latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. The chapter is entitled: "Dialogue and Friendship in Society."

198. Approaching, speaking, listening, looking at, coming to know and understand one another, and to find common ground: all these things are summed up in the one word "dialogue." If we want to encounter and help one another, we have to dialogue.

There is no need for me to stress the benefits of dialogue. I think of what our world would be like without the patient dialogue of the many generous persons who keep families and communities together. Unlike disagreement and conflict, persistent and courageous dialogue does not make headlines, but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine.



This past year has been hard, with the COVID pandemic and all the lifestyle changes it brought about. This past election season has been a divisive and acrimonious time with battles played out on social media and sadly, on our own community streets.

This announcement isn't to rehash or address the various and opposing political views offered by political parties, but rather to encourage us to remember, review and reconnect to who we are and what we all mean to one another in friendship and brotherhood/sisterhood.

As we remove our political lawn signs, let us consider putting up in its place a new sign of the times; a sign that reminds us of shared cups of coffee, the borrowed cups of sugar, of our being there for one another in good times and bad, offering the shoulder to cry on, the arm to lean on, the last minute emergency baby sitter, and the extra set of eyes to watch over our kids, pets and homes. A sign that speaks of the HEART of friendship, love, respect ... a sign that represents the best of who we are as Americans, as a people of faith.

Did not Jesus command us to love one another, as He loved us; to love our neighbor as ourselves? And how appropriate for Advent; a season of new beginnings, a season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, a season anticipating the birth of Love in Jesus.

Make this sign a part of your Advent decorations, place it near your nativity scene or among the 'presents' you might use to decorate your lawn.

The cost is \$10 dollars and can be purchased after Mass or in the rectory during the week. Let's read the signs of the times-Love and let's witness Love in anticipation of the Lord's coming.

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Good liturgy depends not only on the pastor or the choir, it depends on you and me. So speak up; what works and what doesn't in your parish? Does the music move you to sing? Does the homily inspire you to go and glorify the Lord with your life? The liturgy is the "work of the people" so let's get to work, fully, consciously, and actively worshipping our God.

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