

St. James R.C. Church
January 16, 2022
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (Sept-May)

Nocturnal Adoration:

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

Reconciliation

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

Rev. Robert Kuznik, Pastor

frrobert@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 322)

Rev. Robert Scheckenback, Assoc. Pastor

frbob@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 320)

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Music Co-Director: Miriam Salerno (516)

263.5173

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Ueli Laeng (631)941.4141

Parish Receptionists:

Carol Modugno (M-Th)

Nnebundo Obi (Sat)

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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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

Sat. 9am-2pm

2022 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 16, 2022**

Sunday, January 16

8am
9:30am Luz Ledey
11:30am Our parishioners living and deceased, Dorothy Pulliam, Paul Jakupcionis, Christina Aiello, Maria Aloisio

Monday, January 17

8am

Tuesday, January 18

8am Dino DelGaudio

Wednesday, January 19

8am Mary Jane Detwiller

Thursday, January 20

8am Sue Spadafora

Friday, January 21

8am Ruby Biondi

Saturday, January 22

8am Margaret Creane
5pm Jennie Tarantino, Dick Brady, Frank Giannone, Robert Mulcahy

Sunday, January 23

8am Maria Aloisio
9:30am Anthony Casale
11:30am Our parishioners living and deceased, Kevin M. Hewitt, Jessica Connors, Baby Destiny Bloom Schroeder, Rosemary O'Connor

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.

Thank you for giving of your time, talent and treasure

COLLECTION UPDATE

January 2, 2022: \$8595 + 5498 (FD)=\$14,093
January 3, 2021: \$14,853
January 5, 2020: \$13,959

January 9, 2022: \$8257 + 8833 (FD) = \$17,090
January 10, 2021: \$19,938
January 12, 2020: \$20,685

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 to set up your Faith Direct on-line giving account.

Enroll today at: www.faithdirect.net

Pope's Intention for Evangelization

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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: Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for further information.

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*), Mr. Matthew Berger, Mr. Christopher McGeever, Mrs. Judi Wallace

Prayer Opportunities

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

Recitation of the Scriptural 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. Patrick (Pat) Tunstead

Eucharistic Ministry to Homebound Parishioners:

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
(*hnmccarthy@optonline.net or 631.455.4137*)

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

Grand Knight, Mr. John Yantz

Laudato Si Environmental Ministry: Mr. Robert Becherer

Liturgy Committee: Ms. Louise DiCarlo

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

Readers: Mrs. Peggie McHugh Eletto

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

Ushers/Greeters: Mr. Robert Freaso

Men's Monthly Breakfast Gathering:

Ministry of Consolation: Mrs. Carol Simco

Nocturnal Adoration: Mr. Eric Waxman (631) 689.9759

Our Daily Bread: (631)941.4141 x 350 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. and Mrs. Lorraine and Ueli Laeng

Contact the rectory office 631.941.4141

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

631.689.9759.

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

631.473.3561

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

631.941.4141

St. James Rosary Makers: Mrs. Mary DiBenedetto 631.236.8899

St. James Vigil Ministry: 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."

Sunday, January 16

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK of January 16, 2022 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19

1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20

St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr/St. Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 22

2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

"Be faithful in the small things, because it is in them that your strength lies"
~ 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 updates:

The Rosary Altar Society wishes everyone a Blessed, Healthy and Happy New Year !

The Rosary Altar Society is an organization that primarily promotes devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. This goal is achieved through a variety of ways, the most important of which is the regular recitation of the Rosary at 12:00 pm in the church on the first Tuesday of the month (or at 12:30 pm on the Tuesdays that fall in the Season of Lent). Members of the Society also maintain a long-standing tradition of caring for the altar and sacred linens used during our celebration of the liturgy.

The Society offers a number of social opportunities throughout the year such as a Communion Breakfast, Christmas luncheon, a spiritual retreat and the Crowning of the Blessed Mother. Monthly meetings include recitation of the Rosary, as well as a number of informative guest speakers throughout the year. Meetings always conclude with refreshments and conversation. New members are welcome to join at any time during the year.

Where/When: First Tuesday of the month (except January, July and August) in the church and Parish Center room 101/102. Our officers are planning our Meetings and Events Calendar for the 2022 season. We welcome membership ideas and suggestions for the new season.

There will be **NO** meeting in January. **Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.** You will be updated as to upcoming Meetings and Events. Be sure to keep updated through this RAS bulletin announcements and emails.

To become a Rosary Altar Society member, please call Pat Raptoulis @ 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

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 (January 23, 2022)

"Searching for a Meaning"



Family and Friends Annual Raffle Sales in Full Swing

Our popular annual Mother Teresa Council raffle (18 years or older) that supports our many religious and charitable outreach programs is now in the ticket buying stage. Tickets are available after Masses or in the rectory office. Don't miss out on this year's prizes!

What does the Council do with its share of the Raffle income? We will let you know over the next month and a half. As to 'assisting those in need' we have, over the last several years:

- ◆ Collected over 1,000 units of blood during parish blood drives (each unit can save 3 lives)
- ◆ Held fundraisers allowing donations of \$10,500 to veterans' organizations and homes
- ◆ Collected over 4,800 lbs. of food to help stock the parish food pantry
- ◆ Donated \$500 in gift cards for parish food pantry
- ◆ Donated \$500 to help restock a needy Brentwood area food pantry
- ◆ Donated \$400 and assisted Branch Long Island with food distribution to the needy
- ◆ Purchased and distributed 288 new winter coats to children of needy families
- ◆ Donated \$500 to Stony Brook Children's Hospital
- ◆ Donated \$500 to assist a chronically ill child and her family
- ◆ Donated \$500 to a police widows and children's fund
- ◆ Donated \$264 to a special fund to assist veteran and first responder families
- ◆ Donated several hundred dollars in gifts to a handi-capped child
- ◆ Donated \$200 to a needy woman recovering from a kidney transplant
- ◆ Donated \$100 to help a neighbor Knight and his family with medical costs

One ticket, good for all drawings during the year, costs only \$30. You may purchase 4 tickets for \$100.

Call Jack at: 631.981.6389 for further information on getting your ticket(s).

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 and elect to join into our Council at a later date.



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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray for Our Sick

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

Elvira Aliota, Julia Balzarno-Maglio, Robert Banish, Mary Barretta, Ronald Blasius, Roberta Brown, Glenn Buro, Keith Buro, Michael Carpenter, Carol Cirillo, John Dahl, Brian Darmody, Camille DiCarlo, Baby Charlotte Dwyer, Mary Fredericks, Arleen Gargiulo, Lauren Giordano, Emma Giuliano, Tom Giuliano, Lettie Graham, Steven Gynp, Kevin Hammer, Caleb Hernandez, Nicole Juliano, Baby Kennedy, Geraldine Ketteridge, June Klein, Allan Krotz, Sr., George LaBriola, Jr., Marty Lindblad, Mary Maio, Kayla Marianetti, Rudy Mazurczak, Diane McDonald, John McGarvey, Tom McHugh, Gianna Morelli, Brian Newman, Dcn. Wayne Padula, Christine El Qadah, Gloria Ruppert, Rose Sangiamo, Debby Saunders, Linda Shannon, Brady Spennato, John Stone, William Sullivan, MaryAnn Trombetta, Anya Vulpis, Adelaide Marie Wardrope, Christine Wall, Robert Whitcomb

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



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.

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. 1st Lieutenant Kyle Antonucci
U.S. Army, SPC Patrick Buckley
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 Major Eric D. Waxman, USA*



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.



Long Island Coalition for Life

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on **Saturday, January 22, 2022**, from 2pm-3:30pm. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow).

Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631.243.1435, [in-fo@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

CHANGE TO HEALING MASS SCHEDULE

The Healing Mass will resume in 2022 with a new schedule on the third Wednesday of the month, beginning on January 19, 2022.

All are welcome to join us. Fr. Robert will be available for a private anointing of the sick for those facing surgery or serious illness.



A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the Marianists, Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation, and the Department of Education launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools

DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to tomorrow’s Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- *Tuition assistance for underserved students*
- *New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers*
- *Internet connectivity for 300 school families*
- *The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools*
- *Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools*

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

“I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future.” Michael Pascucci, MSI Donor

GET INVOLVED

Contact kbill@thfny.com or call 516.745.7640



To make a tax deductible donation, complete this form and mail your check to Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation with “MSI” written in the memo line.

**Morning Star Initiative
Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500 Uniondale, NY 11553**

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NEW YORK STATE MASK MANDATE

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives.

Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through February 1, 2022.

We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.

Diocese of Rockville Centre



SCHEDULE OF PARISH SECOND COLLECTIONS

2022

Jan 1	New Year (Solemnity)
Jan 9	Maintenance and Improvement
Feb 13	Snow & Heating Collection
Mar 2	Ash Wednesday
Mar 6	Church in Need
Mar 13	Maintenance and Improvement
March 20	Easter Flowers
March 27	Catholic Relief Services
April 3	Easter Mass Remembrance
April 15	Holy Land
May 1	Catholic Elementary Schools
May 8	Mother's Day
May 29	Communications
June 5	Maintenance & Repair
June 19	Father's Day
June 26	Peter's Pence
July 25	Feast of St. James
July 31	Air Conditioning
September 4	Soup Kitchen
September 11	Catholic University
September 18	Retired Priests
October 2	Respect Life
October 16	Maintenance & Improvement
October 23	World Missions
November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Souls Day
November 6	Military Services Collection
November 13	Catholic Ministries Appeal
November 20	Human Development & Home Mission
November 24	Parish Outreach Ministries
December 4	Christmas Mass Remembrance
December 11	Religious Retirement



***Retrouvaille Weekend
You Can Help Heal Your
Marriage***

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. It is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille Program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, January 21st**, please visit our website: www.helpourmarriage.org or call **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY
440 West Neck Road
Huntington, NY 11743





Outreach Corner—a Special Note of Thank

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

Wow! What a busy, wonderful holiday season!

THANKSGIVING

Thank you to everyone who put together Thanksgiving baskets and donated food, turkeys' money and gift cards to our Outreach programs! This includes our Faith Formation classes; Three Village Dads who delivered so much food again; the Rosary Altar Society, Theta Tau from Stony Brook University; families, teachers and staff from the North Shore Montessori School; Setauket Auxiliary Fire Department who ran a coat drive and collected tons of coats! A food drive by Pack 333 from Minnesauke Elementary School; hand-made paper flowers from a Daisy Troop; bags of candy from Nassakeag Student Council; 30 pies and food for our pantry from Bryant Funeral Home, food from 3 Village Community Trust; gift cards, etc. from North Suffolk Garden Club and Smithtown Rotary.

CHRISTMAS

Meanwhile our Christmas programs were also another great success! Thank you to those who donated toys and gift cards to our gift drive program.

Thank you to all of the generous families (and faith formation classes) who participated in our adopt-a-family program and those who donated money and food to our Outreach program.

Thank you to: The Knights of Columbus who donated over 60 new children's coats; The Lost Hat Co. who knitted and donated tons of hats to Outreach for the soup kitchen and pantry; Gelinas Jr. High Red Cross Club who ran a food drive; Mr. Petruzzis 5th grade class from Minnesauke donated a gift card; Alice Sabbatino who knitted baby hats; the Rosary Altar Society once again generously donated money raised at their luncheon; All Star Physical Therapy who donated food; Arrowhead Elementary who donated lots of gently used coats and Giana LaRosa's Level 7 Faith Formation class who made candy bags for ODB's Christmas party and did a wonderful job helping us out at the party; and to Apple Bank, who continues to support us year round with food donations.

Wishing you and your families a Happy New Year with many blessings to come!

Kathy Vaeth-Director of Outreach

A Note from the Laudato Si Ministry

POLYSTYRENE FOAM BAN UPDATE

Effective January 1 2022, no covered food service provider or store (retail or wholesale) will be allowed to sell, offer for sale, or distribute disposable food service containers that contain expanded polystyrene foam in New York State. In addition, no manufacturer or store will be allowed to sell, offer for sale, or distribute polystyrene loose fill packaging (commonly referred to as packing peanuts) in the State.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press.html>
<https://dec.ny.gov/regulations/123704.html>

This regulation should greatly reduce, if not completely eliminate, the use of expanded polystyrene in New York State.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS: SEASONAL DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS

General clean up of all sections takes place periodically throughout the year. During these times, all grave planting and decorating violations are subject to removal. The placement of all items is regulated for the common good of all owners. No placed item is permanent to the site. Potted plants may be placed on graves; cut flowers are permitted when placed in an approved container in the planting area.

Any item placed in violation of the planting and decorating regulations is subject to removal and disposal without notice or compensation. Permitted items are subject to removal and disposal without notice when such items are damaged unsightly, out of season, or placed outside of the permitted planting and decorating area.

Below please find the schedule of recognized holidays along with the approved dates for placement of decorations as well as the dates by which the decorations will be removed.

HOLIDAY	PLACEMENT OF DECORATIONS	REMOVAL OF DECORATIONS
Valentine's Day	February 7	February 25
St. Patrick's Day	March 9	March 25
Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday	April 2	May 2
Mother's Day	May 2	June 1
Father's Day	June 13	July 8
Independence Day	June 27	July 12
All Saints/All Souls	October 24	November 7
Thanksgiving Day	November 19	December 3
Christmas Day	December 10	January 15

Thank you for your assistance in maintaining the neat, clean appearance of our cemetery.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP!



OUR MINISTRY OF USHERS/GREETERS IS IN NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES.

The ancient and critical role of ushers at religious services dates back to the earliest days of organized religion. While the original intent was to assist in keeping order within houses of worship, it has (thankfully!) evolved into a more supportive ministry of welcoming fellow parishioners, ensuring their safety and comfort, and guiding the congregation during the reception of Holy Communion.

Your help is needed at all weekend Masses! Schedules are flexible and you will reap the rewards of helping your fellow parishioners. All women, men and youth of the parish are encouraged to join us.

**Interested? Please contact Bob Freaso at:
rfreaso@gmail.com**

The Life Center of Long Island would like to extend it's deepest thanks to the St. James Parish Respect Life Committee and all parishioners who participated in the recent poinsettia sale. As a result of your support, we were able to contribute \$428 to the Life Center of LI.

In their letter of acknowledgment, the Life Center noted that they endeavor to be the best stewards possible in making this donation work to benefit the lives of those they serve.

As always, your generosity towards others in our extended community is greatly appreciated. May you all enjoy a blessed New Year!



NEW BAPTISM SCHEDULE FOR 2022

Please note that baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month. Parents are encouraged to complete and submit the new *Petition for Baptism* which can be found on our website.

For further information, please contact the office.

Thank you to all donors to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal which enables our "One Family in Mission" to evangelize the Gospel and "Go and Proclaim the Gospel with your Life" to the four corners of Long Island.

Mr. Joseph Abramo	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Farrell	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kolodzinski	Ken and Gina Pedrol
Ms. Alice Alessio	Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell	Frank and Lorraine Konen	Mr. Andrew Pelosi
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ambrosino	Mr. and Mrs. James F. Farrell Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. William Koster	Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Peritore
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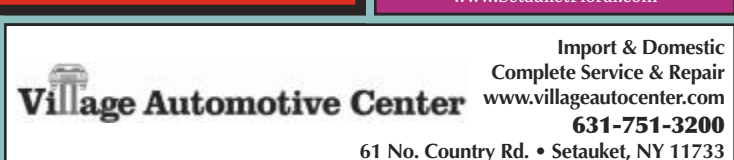
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