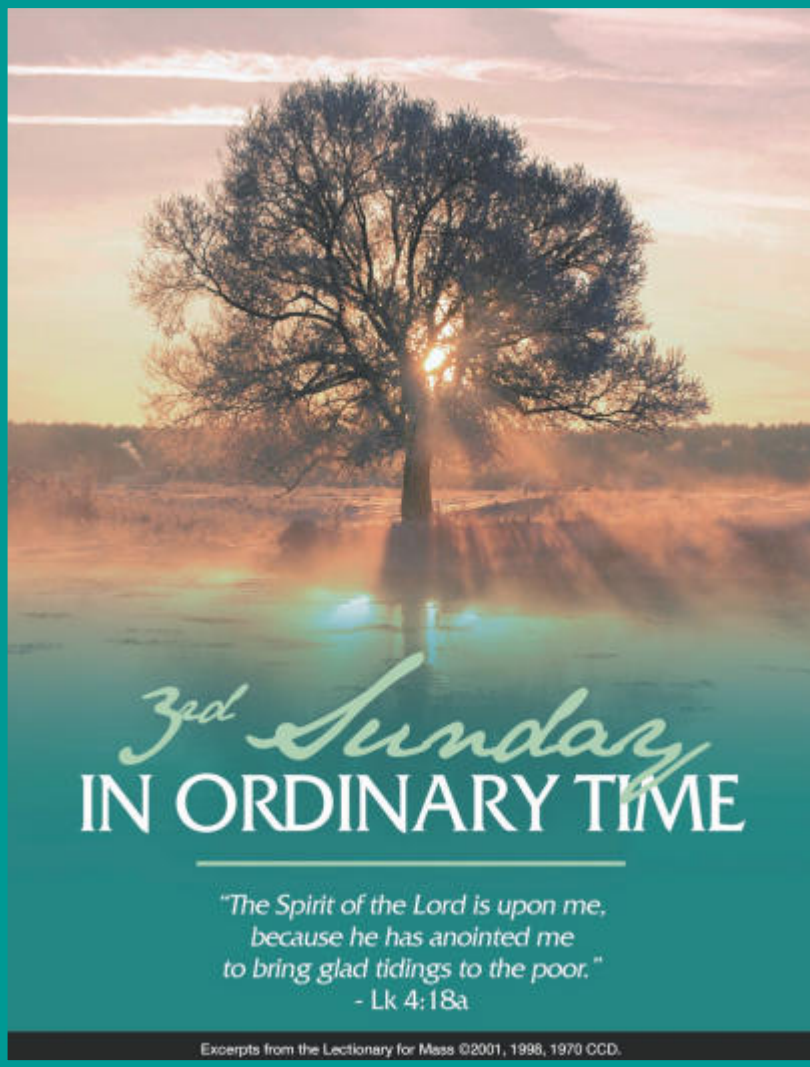


St. James R.C. Church
January 23, 2022
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a

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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)

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frbob@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 320)

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Rev. John Fitzgerald, in residence

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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

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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 23, 2022**

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

Monday, January 24

8am Forgotten souls in purgatory

Tuesday, January 25

8am James Buckley

Wednesday, January 26

8am Joan Carey

Thursday, January 27

8am Kevin Dorney Jr.

Friday, January 28

8am Clement Quinlana

Saturday, January 29

8am Tricia Voigt
5pm Terence Hobbes, Dick Brady
 Christine M. Morrell,
 Victoria Scarfogliero

Sunday, January 30

8am Donald "Don" Misuraca
9:30am Florence N. Leavy
11:30am Our parishioners living and deceased, Patrick O'Hara, Jessica Connors, Marion Milner Diane Beadle

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

COLLECTION UPDATE

*January 16, 2022: \$8473+ 8834(FD) = \$17,307
 January 17, 2021: \$12,468
 January 19, 2020: \$8429*

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.

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.



*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 (*htmccarthy@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
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Parish Liturgical Environment Committee:
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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

Sunday, January 23

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK of January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk3:22-30

Tuesday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday, January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm1:1-8/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin
2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/ Mk 4:26-34


Saturday, January 29

2 Sm 12:1-7a.10-17/Mk 4:35-41


Sunday, January 24

Fourth 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
"Good works are links that form a chain of love"
 ~ 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.



Youth Basketball Free Throw



Our annual basketball free throw contest was held on January 14th and resulted in winner **Christopher Zenaty** (13 years old) who will move on to district competition and possibly county, regional and State and national competitions. Congratulations to Christopher and to all who have participated in this competition.

Get Your Family and Friends Annual Raffle Ticket(s)

Our annual Council raffle (18 years or older) supports our many religious and charitable outreach programs. The first monthly drawing will be in March.

One ticket, good for all drawings during the year, costs only \$30 or 4 for \$100.

Tickets are available after Masses or in the rectory office. Don't miss out on this year's prizes.

Call Jack at: 631.81.6389 for further information or to purchase your tickets.

Christmas Poster Contest



Our Council's 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest, which focuses on the true meaning of Christmas, was held during the Christmas season.

This year's winner was **Morgan Mullen** (11 years old). Congratulations to Morgan for her excellent poster depicting the message of Christ as Christmas. Her winning poster will next compete at the district level.

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.



Greetings from the St. James Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society Officers for 2022 are as follows:

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| President: | Pat Raptoulis |
| Vice President: | Hilda Alicastro |
| Treasurer: | Terry Hughes |
| Recording Secretary: | Helen McCarthy |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Margaret McAdorey |
| RAS Publicity Chair: | Arleen Gargiulo |

We look forward to members and guests attending our first meeting of the season on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 12 noon in the Parish Center rooms 101-102. We will have the recitation of the Rosary followed by our meeting.

At this meeting, Jack Simpson of the K of C will be selling the special K of C Raffle Tickets, and Pat will review our upcoming meetings & events agenda.

For our March meeting, Catholic Health Services promises an exciting topic & guest speaker. Stay tuned by keeping up to date through the RAS bulletin announcements and emails.

The ladies of our parish are cordially invited to our meetings. By joining you will have the opportunity to meet new friends, longtime friends and enjoy our special hospitality.

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 30, 2022)

"Spirituality"



"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.

It may be 2022, but we still need a little Corona Wedge Humor now and then!



THE STATUS OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Some of you may be aware that solid waste (paper, cans, food waste, cardboard, etc.) generated by homeowners on Long Island is gathered up by haulers, on contract with the Town of Brookhaven, and brought to the Town's landfill on Horseblock Road, at the intersection of Horseblock Road and Sunrise Highway, in Yaphank, on the south shore, near North Bellport. This has been the disposal destination for solid waste generated by Brookhaven residents for the past 50 years. If you have ever traveled along Sunrise Highway you can't miss this very impressive mountain of trash but perhaps, because you haven't had the window of your car open, you may not have noticed the stench emanating from this mountain of trash. The residents in the area, however, especially those living in North Bellport, have suffered from the environmental and health effects of the landfill for years and continue to do so.

The Laudato Si Environmental Ministry has, from time to time, brought issues to the attention of the St James Parish since the promulgation of Pope Francis' encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home," more commonly known as *Laudato Si*, issued May 24, 2015. Previously, the Ministry has focused primarily on the issue of climate change and did not discuss issues "closer to home." However, the solid waste crisis on Long Island and in the Town of Brookhaven, our home, needs attention **NOW**. In the coming weeks, the Ministry will be bringing forward inserts to the bulletin, with permission of the parish, on this subject.

As an introduction to this subject, I invite all to watch a very instructive video on a "garbage crisis" that actually took place in 1987 involving a garbage barge that traveled with over 3000 tons of Town of Islip garbage, first to North Carolina, then to Mexico, Belize, New Orleans, Texas, Florida and finally back to Islip and New York City for 187 days before the New York State judicial system mandated that the garbage be burned at a New York City incinerator and the ash residue returned to the Town of Islip for disposal. It is a wonderful, entertaining and informative video and should provide food for thought for all of us. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We invite anyone interested in this matter to contact us at robert.becherer@gmail.com

Blessings to the parish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xb3bXKAkeek>



Sunday, Jan 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Those aren't fighting words Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day. *TODAY'S READINGS*: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Monday, Jan 24, 2022 MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

God, our shield and our strength We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times. *TODAY'S READINGS*: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022 FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Harden not your heart. Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance? TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022 MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Stay the course Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith. Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). "[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022 MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Wise counsel for the overwhelmed On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"

Friday, Jan 28, 2022 MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Root yourself in honesty G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). "*Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.*"

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022 Sea of hope. Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in! TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."



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**January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled.

Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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**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

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
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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.

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.

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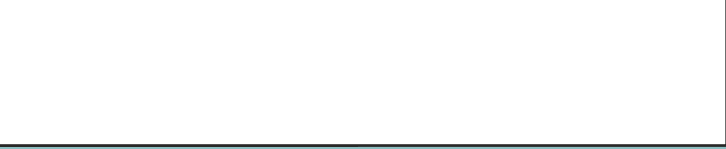
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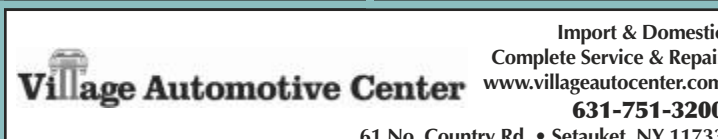


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