

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



July 19, 2026 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

** Parish founded in 1822 * Designated Cathedral in 1853 * Elevated to Minor Papal Basilica in 1982*



The CATHEDRAL BASILICA of SAINT JAMES

MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon
Weekday Solemnity: 11:00 AM
Saturday : Closed
Sunday : 11:00 AM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 11:00 AM
(Temporarily paused due to construction)

CONFESSION

Friday: Immediately after the Noon Mass

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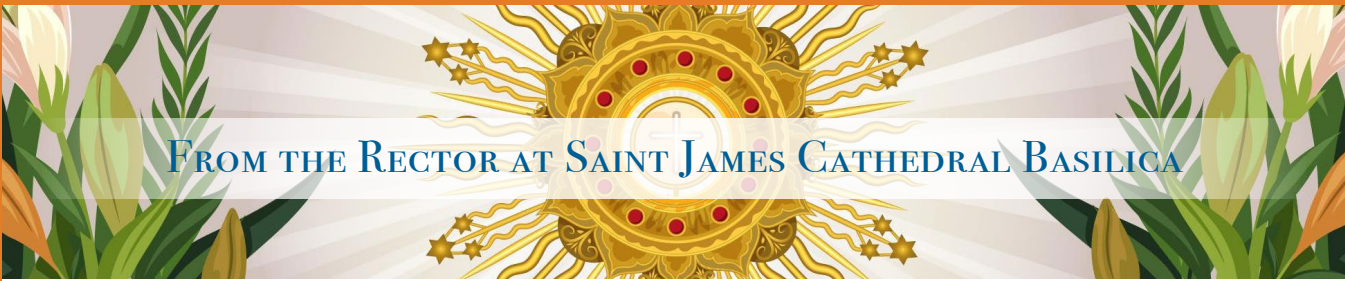
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Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(Closed on Holidays & For Special Events)



FROM THE RECTOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To the faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

Last week we began a discussion of the relationship between the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX) and the Roman Catholic Church. As was noted, this relationship represents one of the most complex theological and canonical challenges of the years following the Second Vatican Council. Founded in 1970 by French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, the SSPX became a divisive movement against the liturgical and theological reforms of Vatican Council II. What began as a pious society dedicated to preserving the traditional Latin Mass and classical priestly formation has become a decades-long impasse characterized by violations of canon law, mutual suspicion, and various attempts at reconciliation. The ongoing attempts at reconciliation of the SSPX is not only the work of Vatican officials; but also it touches upon the very nature of our Catholic unity, the authority of the Pope, and the interpretation of Church tradition.

To understand how important reconciliation is, we must look back to the foundational crisis of 1988. Tensions between Archbishop Lefebvre and the Holy See ended when Archbishop Lefebvre, fearing for the future of SSPX, consecrated four bishops without a papal approval. St. Pope John Paul II declared that this action was clearly a schismatic, resulting in the automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*) of Lefebvre and the four newly ordained bishops.

For the SSPX, these consecrations were justified by a “state of necessity,” arguing that the post-Vatican II liturgical changes and theological shifts threatened the survival of the Catholic faith itself. The Vatican viewed the act as a direct assault on the principle of hierarchical unity and papal authority. This formal separation created a situation where millions of traditional Catholics worldwide found themselves attending chapels administered by priests who, while validly ordained, possessed no authorized faculties from the local diocesan bishops.

Over the last two decades, serious efforts have been made by successive popes to pave a road toward reconciliation. Pope Benedict XVI made significant pastoral gestures to bridge this gap. In 2007, his apostolic letter *Summorum Pontificum* affirmed that the traditional Latin Mass had never been abrogated, fulfilling a primary precondition long requested by the SSPX. In 2009, Benedict XVI went a step further by lifting the 1988 excommunications of the four surviving SSPX bishops. While this act removed a major psychological and canonical barrier, it did not grant the Society a regular canonical status, as many disagreements over Church doctrine still remained unresolved.

Pope Francis continued this pastoral outreach from a different angle. Rather than focusing strictly on doctrine, Francis extended concrete pastoral faculties to SSPX priests. During the Year of Mercy in 2015, he granted SSPX priests the faculty to validly absolve sins in the Sacrament of Confession, permission he later extended indefinitely. He also allowed local bishops to grant permission for SSPX priests to validly witness marriages. These moves demonstrated a desire to guarantee the validity of the sacraments for the lay faithful, even while the formal status of the clergy remained unresolved.

Despite these pastoral attempts, the path to formal recognition remains blocked by fundamental doctrinal disagreements. The core disagreement rests on the SSPX’s refusal to fully accept certain documents of the Second Vatican Council. Specifically, the Society objects to declarations regarding:

- **Religious Liberty (*Dignitatis Humanae*):** The SSPX argues that the Council’s teachings on religious freedom contradict previous papal encyclicals that condemned indifferentism.
- **Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*):** The Society contends that modern ecumenical practices dilute the dogmatic claim that the Catholic Church is the sole church founded by Jesus Christ.
- **Collegiality:** They fear that an overemphasis on episcopal conferences weakens the absolute authority of the Pope.

For the Holy See, full reconciliation requires the SSPX to accept a “Doctrinal Preamble,” which affirms that the Second Vatican Council must be understood in continuity with prior Church tradition, but firmly asserts the authority of the living Magisterium to interpret that tradition. The SSPX, however, views certain texts of Vatican II not as a development of doctrine, but as a disruption of it.

Our own Bishop of Brooklyn, Robert J. Brennan, alongside the Catholic bishops of New York State, issued a joint statement following the Vatican’s declaration that the Society of Saint Pius X is in formal schism. The bishops stated that clergy of the SSPX are now schismatic and urged the faithful not to attend SSPX services. The Brooklyn Diocese and regional bishops are actively encouraging attendees and members of the SSPX to return to full communion with the Catholic Church. Those wishing to attend the traditional Latin Mass will find it available at St. Josaphat Oratory, 34-32 210th St, Bayside, NY 11361, 718) 229-1663, at 9:30 AM.

True reconciliation will require a delicate balance of clarity and charity from both sides. The Holy See must continue to show pastoral flexibility, recognizing that the SSPX’s desire to preserve traditional liturgy and theology stems from a love for the Church’s heritage. At the same time, the SSPX must recognize that ecclesial unity cannot exist without full submission to the Roman Pontiff and the recognition of the legitimacy of Vatican Council II.

The reconciliation of the Society of Saint Pius X remains an unfulfilled hope for the Catholic Church. It serves as a reminder that true unity cannot be achieved through administrative decrees alone, but requires a deep, shared understanding of faith and authority. Healing this fracture not only blesses the sacramental lives of hundreds of thousands of faithful but also enriches the universal Church by integrating a tradition of spirituality, liturgy, and catechesis back into the heart of the universal Church.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino

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Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

JULY 19 - JULY 26

SUNDAY

July 19

16th Week in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

MONDAY

July 20

16th Week in Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Matthew 12:38-42

TUESDAY

July 21

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Matthew 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b

John 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY

July 23

16th Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Matthew 13:10-17

FRIDAY

July 24

16th Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 3:14-17

Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY

July 25

Saint James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Matthew 20:20-28

SUNDAY

July 26

17th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16



16th Sunday in OT A - Gloria

Open: 772 - Bring forth the kingdom vv 3, 4

Offertory: 921 - As the grains of wheat

Communion: 907 - O breathe on me, O Breath of God

Recession: 629 - To Jesus Christ our sovereign king

Erbarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19th, 2026

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought."

Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office contact, Fr. Christopher J. Bethge, at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 7/19/2026	People of St. James Parish
MONDAY 7/20/2026	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother
TUESDAY 7/21/2026	Patricia Cole and Venable White
WEDNESDAY 7/22/2026	Innaiah and Mariamma Karnati
THURSDAY 7/23/2026	Robert Paulsen
FRIDAY 7/24/2026	Orlando Aiello

LECTORS

7/19/2026 Diane Wilson
Mireyda Reyes

7/26/2026 Chul Lee
Elina Cruz

COFFEE HOURS

**No Coffee Hour
(Summer Break)**

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(Summer Break)**

New York
Blood Center

Blood Drive

Sunday, July 26th

11:00am to 5:00pm
St. Anselm RC Church

Basement - Meletia Hall
365 83rd Street Brooklyn, NY 11200

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**POPE'S PRAYER
INTENTION**
Month of July

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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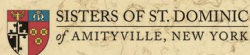
August 1, 2026 Mother Josepha Hall
9:30 am to 11:30 am Amityville Dominicans

A Gathering of Friends

Did you attend or teach in the Pastoral Formation Institute (PFI) or School of Missionary Disciples (SMD)? Do you remember sharing hopes and dreams for the future as you grew together in faith and knowledge?

"We Move Forward Together" (WMFT), an initiative of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, invites you to come together at the Motherhouse on Saturday, August 1 from 9:30-11:30 AM and once again touch into your desires for vibrant faith communities. Come talk with each other and help shape WMFT offerings into the future.

If you are not familiar with us, check out our website at WMFT.org and then register for *A Gathering of Friends*. A light breakfast will be served. For more information email: Reservations@WMFT.org.



Festival OF ST. JAMES

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
JULY 25, 2026

Mass Time: 9:00 AM

Festival Start At 11:00 AM

Celebrate with us for a day
of fun and festivity
in honor of St. James the Apostle!

Following the Mass with —
FOOD • VENDORS • GAMES • FAMILY FUN

LOCATION:
CATHEDRAL PLACE
(BTW JAY ST. & FLATBUSH EXT.)

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA
250 CATHEDRAL PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11201



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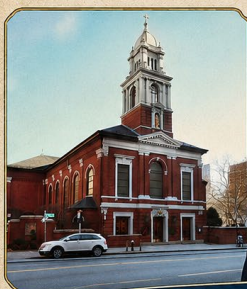
FAITH IN ACTION
Strengthening
our relationship
with God.

SERVICE TO OTHERS
Answering the call
to serve those in
need.

UNITY IN FRATERNITY
Building lifelong
friendships and
brotherhood.

CHARITY IN OUR COMMUNITY
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community.

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YOUR DAILY CAMINO

19th JULY- SUNDAY

"Let them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First gather the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; but gather the wheat into my barn."

~**Matthew 13:30**

20th JULY- MONDAY

"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts."

~**Saint Vincent De Paul**

21st JULY- TUESDAY

"I will not let my Lord suffer alone; I will wipe his face."

~**Saint Veronica of the Veil**

22nd JULY- WEDNESDAY

"If I were to die within a few hours, I would do nothing more than I do now. For now I am actually giving to God all that I have. I cannot give more unless God in his mercy bestows it on me."

~**Blessed Gregory Lopez**

23rd JULY- THURSDAY

God is love and all His operations proceed from LOVE..."

~**Saint Laurence of Brindisi**

24th JULY- FRIDAY

I have seen the Lord!"

~**Saint Mary Magdalene**

25th JULY- SATURDAY

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you"

~**Saint James the Greater**



WEEKLY PRAYER (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINT JAMES

O Glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of your fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; you, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PRAYER TO THE LORD

they may feed the hungry; Touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing; Teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers; Let me share my possessions with people in need; Give me the care that strengthens the sick; Help me share in the quest to set prisoners free; In sharing our anxieties and our love, Our poverty and our prosperity; We partake of your divine presence. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JEROME EMILIANI

O my Jesus, Saint Veronica served You O St. Jerome Emiliani, our country is in such need of your powerful intercession before the throne of God. So many children are orphans of broken homes, some are missing and others have been used for evil purposes on our city streets. Even worse than this, people are killing children before they are even born. Inspire parents to adopt orphans. Help us to have your fervor for all children, especially those in most need. Finally, we ask you to transform us into children so that we may one day enter the Kingdom of Heaven and with you praise the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PRAYER TO GOD

death of no one, deign, we pray, to help us effectively through the intercession of Saint Marguerite, whose virtues and sufferings have glorified your name. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Saint Marguerite, so favorable to pregnant women who seek your protection, pray for us and continue to be our advocate in difficult and unexpected events. Amen.

Celebrate ST. JAMES FEAST DAY

PARISH **BBQ** INVITATION

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

Following the

11:00 AM MASS

Location: Pavilion across Jay Street



Join our parish community as we honor our Patron Saint Feast Day and give thanks for God's abundant blessings. Come ready for great food, joyful fellowship, and a wonderful time together.

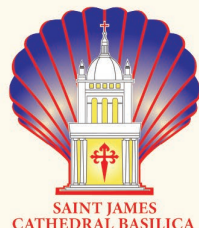
A suggested contribution of \$10 or more per person is appreciated. Your kind offering helps sustain our parish hospitality and fellowship ministries.

Full Name: _____

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To help us prepare,
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requested by
July 23, 2026