

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



July 26, 2026 | Seventeenth 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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Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon
Verizon FiOS: channel 48 | Spectrum: channel 97
Optimum: channel 30

LIVE-STREAMED ON THE INTERNET

<https://netny.tv>

OFFICE HOURS

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,

The Medical Aid in Dying Act was signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul on February 6, 2026, and officially goes into effect on **August 5, 2026**. This legislation allows mentally competent, terminally ill New York residents with a life expectancy of six months or less to legally request medication from their physician to end their lives peacefully. The New York State Catholic Conference, which serves as the public policy and lobbying arm of the Catholic bishops in New York, strongly opposes the Medical Aid in Dying Act. **Bishop Robert Brennan has strongly condemned the New York State Medical Aid in Dying Act**, calling it a “grave moral evil” and an unacceptable option that “devalues human life”. Throughout the legislative process and up until the bill was signed into law, the Bishop of Brooklyn continuously urged Catholics to oppose the measure.

Bishop Brennan, alongside the New York State Catholic Conference, has outlined several key objections to the legislation:

- **Slippery Slope:** He warns that the law places vulnerable populations at risk, arguing that legal frameworks like this tend to steadily expand over time.
- **Coercion and Inequality:** He stated that assisted suicide disproportionately threatens the poor, the sick, and individuals struggling with mental illness, who might feel pressured or coerced into ending their lives due to financial limitations or insurance decisions.
- **Contradiction to Suicide Prevention:** Brennan emphasizes the hypocrisy of a society funding public youth suicide prevention programs while simultaneously legalizing assisted suicide for the elderly and sick.
- **Distortion of Medical Ethics:** He contends that there “is no place for physicians in suicide” and that the act fundamentally conflicts with a doctor’s normal duty to do no harm.
- **Promotion of Palliative Care:** Instead of self-administered lethal drugs, Brennan asserts that society must respond with “incredible compassion” by vastly expanding and investing in high-quality hospice and life-affirming palliative care.

In his public statements, media responses, and pastoral letters, Bishop Brennan has continuously advocated for life-affirming alternatives. Rather than legalizing state-sanctioned suicide, he argues that New York should respond to pain with “incredible compassion” by heavily investing in underutilized hospice and palliative care systems. He has consistently reminded the Catholic community that the Church’s teaching on the sacredness and dignity of all human life allows for “no compromise” on the taking of a life.

The current status of the legislation must be a concern for all Catholics, not just those living in New York State. As of this writing, the Medical Aid in Dying Act now stands:

- + **Passed and Signed:** After passing the state legislature in late 2025, Governor Kathy Hochul signed the measure into law in February 2026, making New York the 13th state to allow medical aid in dying.
- + **Active Implementation:** The law went into effect in mid-2026. The New York State Department of Health began conducting public comment periods on the state’s draft regulations to establish built-in protections and clinician rules.
- + **Ongoing Advocacy:** Bishop Brennan and the New York State Catholic Conference continue to vocalize their opposition. They are currently targeting the draft regulations—such as criticizing provisions that require doctors to list the underlying illness rather than the self-administered drugs as the primary cause of death.

Catholics and other opponents of the New York State Medical Aid in Dying Act can voice their opposition by participating in the letter-writing campaigns organized by the New York State Catholic Conference. The NYS Catholic Conference, which is the public policy arm of the state’s bishops, maintains an online portal where you can send pre-written, editable messages directly to state lawmakers and the governor. You can also take action and send messages through the NYS Catholic Conference Action Center.

Additionally, local dioceses across the state often provide specific local contact information, sample letters, and resources. You can typically find these through your local parish office or the website of your specific diocese (e.g., the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse or the Archdiocese of New York).

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino

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Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

JULY 26 - AUG 2

SUNDAY

July 26

17th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

MONDAY

July 27

17th Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY

July 28

17th Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 14:17-22

Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and

Lazarus

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

John 11:19-27

THURSDAY

July 30

17th Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY

July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Jeremiah 26:1-9

Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY

August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

Matthew 14:1-12

SUNDAY

August 2

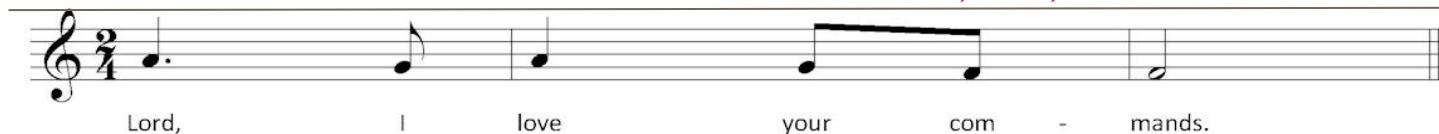
18th Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18



17th Sunday in OT A - Gloria
Open: 775 - The Kingdom of God
Offertory: 772 - Bring forth the kingdom
Communion: 758 - Eye has not seen
Anthem: *I want Jesus to walk with me*
Recession: 669 - Joyful, joyful, we adore you
Erbarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26th, 2026

"Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to 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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Thank you to all who have already pledged to the **2026 Annual Catholic Appeal** at Cathedral Basilica of St. James. If you have not yet made your gift, we warmly invite you to participate. Reaching our parish goal of **\$14,297.00** is essential to supporting vital ministries across Brooklyn and Queens while helping those most in need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 7/26/2026	Dan Balsamo
MONDAY 7/27/2026	Joseph R. Lyons
TUESDAY 7/28/2026	Shouriah Karnati
WEDNESDAY 7/29/2026	Anne Karnati
THURSDAY 7/30/2026	In honor of St. Catherine of Sienna
FRIDAY 7/31/2026	Anandamma Karnati

LECTORS

7/26/2026	Chul Lee Elina Cruz
8/02/2026	Lindia White Candida Perez

COFFEE HOURS

**No Coffee Hour
(Summer Break)**



Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

Sunday, July 26th

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

To make an appointment:
Please scan QR code



For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Basement - Meletia Hall

365 83rd Street Brooklyn, NY 11200

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Donors 76 years and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.



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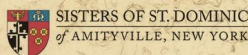
August 1, 2026 Mother Joseph Hall
9:30 am to 11:30 am Amityville Dominicans

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.



Please Save the Date

The Diocese of Brooklyn

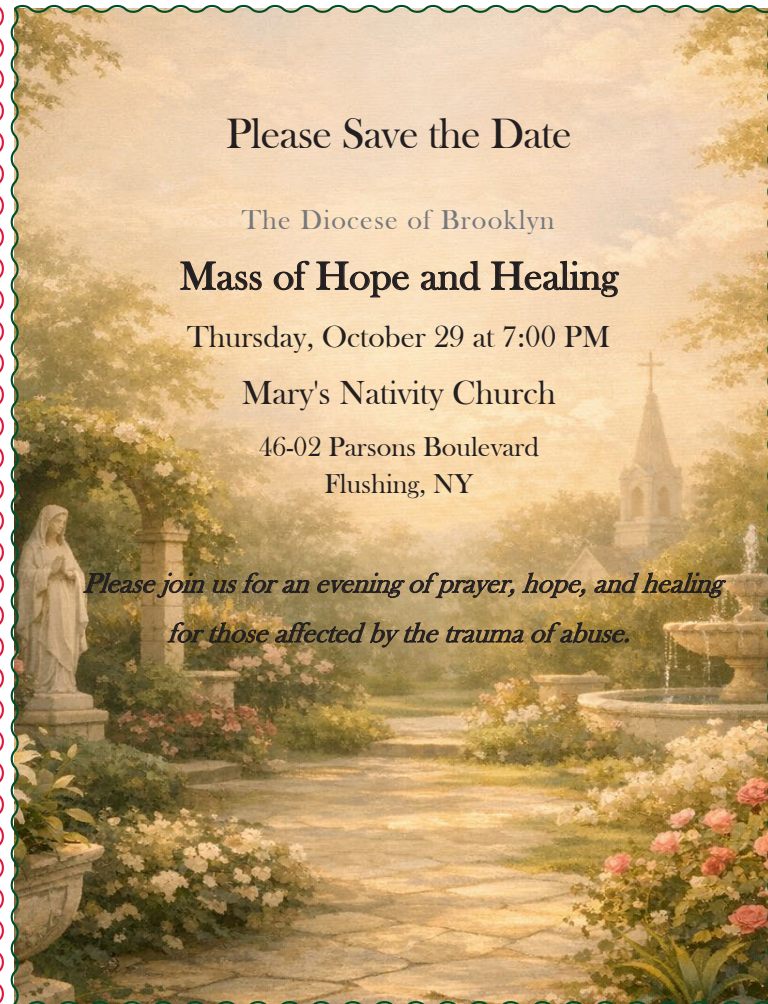
Mass of Hope and Healing

Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM

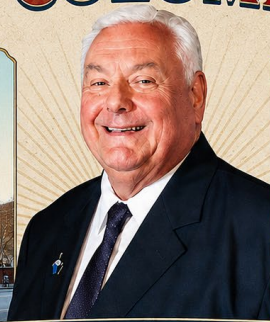
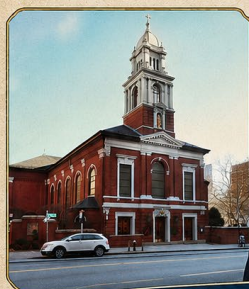
Mary's Nativity Church

46-02 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, NY

*Please join us for an evening of prayer, hope, and healing
for those affected by the trauma of abuse.*



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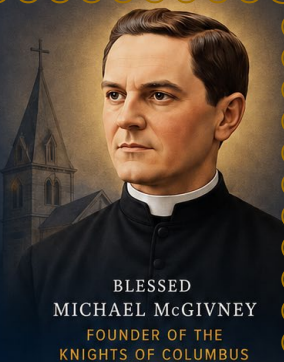
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AND HIS OFFICERS

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and unwavering commitment
to Faith, Service, and
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YOUR HARD WORK AND
LEADERSHIP MADE THIS
A GREAT YEAR!



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IN ACTION**
Strengthening
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with God.



**SERVICE
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Answering the call
to serve those in
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**UNITY IN
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Building lifelong
friendships and
brotherhood.



**CHARITY IN
OUR COMMUNITY**
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parishes and
community.

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

26th JULY- SUNDAY

"The kingdom of heaven is like a very precious treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again; then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field securing the treasure for himself."

~**Matthew 13: 44**

27th JULY- MONDAY

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

~**Saint James the Greater**

28th JULY- TUESDAY

"In patience and faith, we await the fulfillment of God's promise, trusting in His divine plan."

~**Saint Anne**

29th JULY- WEDNESDAY

"The God Whom I adore is Jesus Christ. He created heaven and earth, He raised the dead to life, made the blind see and healed the sick, all through the power of His word."

~**Saint Pantaleon**

30th JULY- THURSDAY

"We are deservedly to blame if we encourage error by silence."

~**Saint Pope Celestine I**

31st JULY- FRIDAY

"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

~**Saint Martha**

1st AUGUST- SATURDAY

"It is dangerous to make everybody go forward by the same road: and worse to measure others by oneself."

~**Saint Ignatius of Loyola**



WEEKLY PRAYER (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA PRAYER TO THE LORD

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRISTOPHER FOR TRAVELLING

Dear Saint Christopher, protect me today in all my travels along the road's way. Give your warning sign if danger is near so that I may stop while the path is clear. Be at my window and direct me through when the vision blurs from out of the blue. Carry me safely to my destined place, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen.

GRANDPARENT'S PRAYER OF SAINT ANNE

O Good Saint Anne, help me to recognize the great dignity of being a grandparent. Direct my paths to understand and experience all the graces God wishes for me in this vital role within my family. When all is well, grant that I may fully share in the joys and accomplishments of all my loved ones. When life is difficult, lead me to be a source of encouragement, support and hope for everyone. During times of illness and suffering, give me the strength to guide my family to firmly trust in God's loving care and kindness. Amen.

MIRACLE PRAYER OF SAINT MARTHA

O glorious Saint Martha, I have recourse to your protection and aid. As proof of my affection and faith, I offer this light, which I shall burn every Tuesday. Comfort me in all my difficulties and intercede for my family that we may always hold God in our hearts and be provided for in our necessities. I beg your supplications, especially on behalf of the favor I ask of you. (Mention your request here) I ask you, Saint Martha, by your intercession to help me in overcoming all my difficulties. As you did overcome the dragon which you had at your feet, help me to triumph over the trials of this life. Teach me to become great in the Kingdom of Heaven by becoming as humble as you. Amen.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA?

Here are six facts about his life that will surprise even many Jesuits:

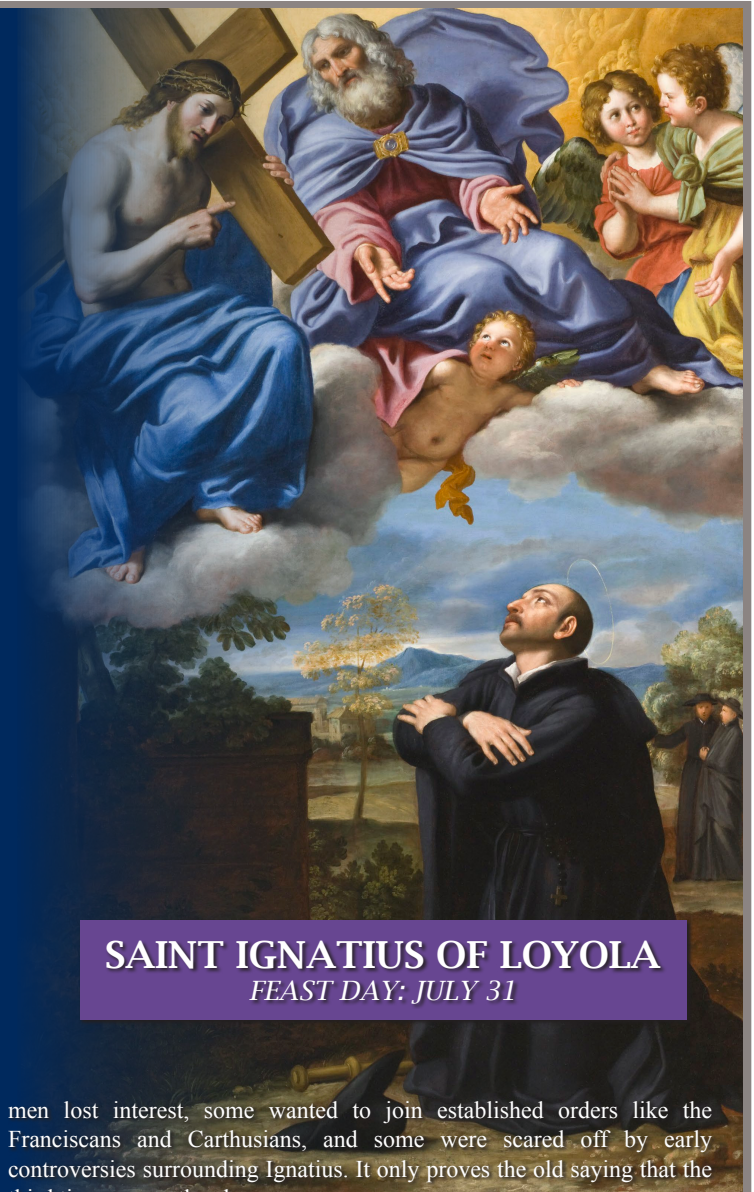
1. Ignatius had a crush on his sister-in-law. When Ignatius was a boy, his older brother Martin and his sister-in-law Magdalena Araoz became lord and lady of Loyola Castle. Magdalena was renowned for her beauty, and it was she who owned the books that Ignatius read during his recuperation from injuries incurred at Pamplona. Many years later, as superior general of the Society, Ignatius admitted to a novice that memories of her beauty sometimes distracted his prayer! It makes one wonder: when Ignatius relates in his autobiography, *The Pilgrim's Journey*, that he had daydreamed about a "certain noble lady" during his convalescence, was he really talking about Magdalena?

2. Ignatius probably didn't live in a cave. Everyone hears that Ignatius lived several months in a cave near Manresa, praying and writing the *Spiritual Exercises*. But Ignatius never mentioned a cave. He seems to have divided his time between a Dominican monastery, a hospice and the homes of benefactors. In 1556, the year of Ignatius' death, a lay German writer mentioned the cave, and a Jesuit began to repeat it. But another Jesuit who knew Ignatius well denied it. In the 16th Century, Catholics were fascinated by stories of Christian hermits in ancient Egypt, so the idea of Ignatius in a cave would have been a little seductive.

3. Ignatius wanted to be a martyr. In his autobiography, Ignatius writes that he went to Jerusalem in order to spend his life "helping souls." He further states that the Franciscans there ordered him to go back home, much against his will. What Ignatius didn't say was that he was hoping to be martyred by the Muslim authorities who were ruling the Holy City at this time. They permitted Christians to visit, but they threatened to execute anyone who tried to convert them. That's why the Franciscans were jittery about Ignatius staying there: They were afraid he would get them martyred too!

4. Did Ignatius have an illegitimate daughter? In 1988, a document was discovered in which the daughter of the duke whom Ignatius had served for three years mentioned a María Villarreal de Loyola. It fired speculation that María was Ignatius' child. The *New York Times* even ran a story on Aug. 24, 1991. But circumstantial evidence suggests that she was the daughter of another man. Given the massive documentation that exists on Ignatius, written by innumerable people who knew him personally, is it possible that no one would have mentioned a child?

5. Ignatius tried three times to form the Society of Jesus. Everyone knows that Ignatius and nine friends, including St. Francis Xavier and St. Peter Faber, formed the Society in 1540. Less well-known is that he had recruited two earlier groups, both of which failed to persevere. Some



SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
FEAST DAY: JULY 31

men lost interest, some wanted to join established orders like the Franciscans and Carthusians, and some were scared off by early controversies surrounding Ignatius. It only proves the old saying that the third time proves the charm.

6. Ignatius died on the same date that the *Spiritual Exercises* were vindicated. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. A coincidence? Similarly, Ignatius died on July 31, 1556, eight years to the day that Pope Paul III formally approved the *Spiritual Exercises* for publication. Furthermore, the evidence suggests that Ignatius had experienced his famous mystical illumination at the Cardoner river in the month of July 1522. You don't suppose that it happened on the 31st?

~ Courtesy of Barton T. Geger; S.J (medium.com)

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds, I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given. Help me to use them. then. as You would have me. Help me to live according to Your invitations.
Amen.

Devotions, Explained!

The daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.