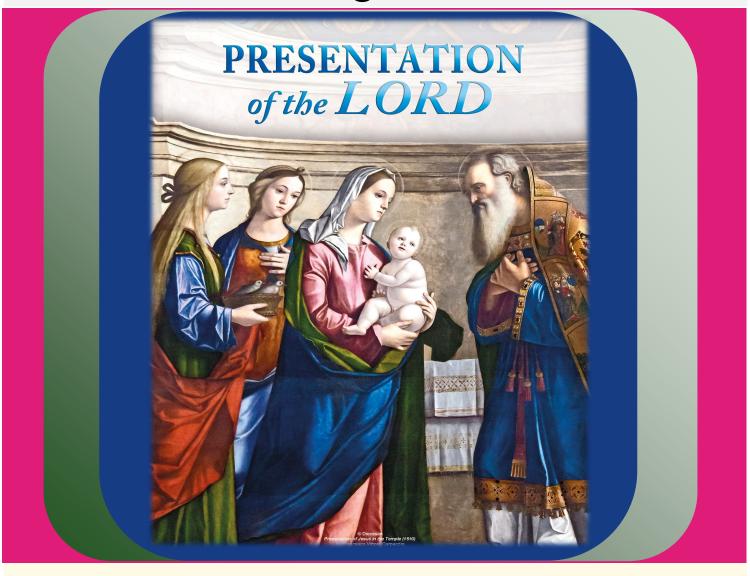
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

February 2, 2025 • The Presentation of the Lord

Catholic Neighbors In Faith Parish Happenings

Saturday, February 1

JMS: Confessions 3-3:30pm

Sunday, February 2

Faith Formation Classes all sites JMS: OCIA Class, 9 - 10:15am Hall

Monday, February 3

JMS: St. Vincent DePaul - 4pm Hall
JMS: LTMTP 6 - 7:10pm Hall Classroom

Tuesday, February 4

SPP: Handbell Choir rehearsal 6:30pm **JMS**: Women's Bible Study 6:30 - 8pm

BAM - Be A Man Ministry Bible Study - 6:30pm - 7:30pm , Church Hall classroom

Wednesday, February 5

JMS: Adoration in the Chapel 9am-7pm Conf. 6 -6:30pm St. James School Reunion Mtg Church Hall 6:30pm

Thursday, February 6

JMS: Choir Rehearsal Church

JHN: Jubilate Singers Rehearsal Church 6:15pm

Friday, February 7

Liturgy of the Hours - Christian Prayer on Zoom 9am Call the central office for ID & passcode to join

SPP - Benediction 11:15am

Saturday, February 8

JMS: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library 10am
Faith Formation - Children's 4pm Mass - 9th Grade
Confessions 3-3:30pm

Sunday, February 9

Faith Formation: Classes all sites **JMS:** *OCIA* Class - 9 - 10:15am Hall

CPR & AED Training Update

WHEN: Saturday, February 15

WHERE: St. James Hall
TIME: 9:00 AM

COST: \$20.00 Per Person

You can pay at the door or if you would like to pay ahead please submit payment to the Central Office. Any checks, please make payable to St. James.

Thank you.

Please pray for our Parish Family members who are ill...

Jim Wirges Edw. Bruce Zunner Joe George

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Please Note: You must have the permission of the person you want listed before we can add them to this list.

Please let us know when someone can be taken off the Prayer List. Thank you

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1 JMS - 4:00PM † Cynthia Bjork	Thursday, February 6 - St. Paul Mike & Companions JMS -8:00AM † Pauline Paduano	
By Dr. James Scarpino & Family OLS - 4:00PM † Louise McAndrews	By Jeff & Mary Goodwill	
By The Westcott Family	OLL - 9:00AM † Souls of the Faithful Departed By Parishioners	
PAT - 5:30PM † John J. Hoffman & Mikki Hoffman Arrance	Friday, February 7 - First Friday	
By Your Sisters	JMS - 8:00AM † Bill de la Cerda	
Sunday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord	By Valerie Scarpino	
JMS - 8:00AM † Dolores Lennon (10 yr Anniversary) By Mike & Kathy Lennon	SHR - 9:00AM † Peter & Genevieve Buckley (Anniv.) By Daughter, JoAnn Silk	
JHN - 9:00AM † Peter Indriolo (Birthday) By Children & Family	SPP - 11:15AM 1st Friday—Benediction 12:10PM † Mary Hendirckson	
SHR - 9:00AM † Ann Mary Damon By Family	By Family	
OLL -10:00AM † Living & Deceased Fathers	Saturday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani	
By Parishioners	JMS - 4:00PM + Cindy Bjork	
SPP -11:00AM † Lisa McNeil (Anniversary) By Parents, Jim & Lavina Elardo	By John Ciancio, Sandy Nelson, Paul & Gina Wetzel	
PAT -11:00AM † Barbara Graham By Russ Riddell Family	OLS - 4:00PM † Blaine Michael Wescott By Mom & Dad	
Monday, February 3 - St. Blaise	PAT - 5:30PM † Walter Andrews (Birthday)	
JMS - 8:00AM † Bill de la Cerda	By Andrews Family	
By Skip & Renee Sperry	Sunday, February 9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SHR - 9:00AM † Martina Briano By Morning Mass Group	JMS - 8:00AM † Connie Riolo By St. James Altar & Rosary	
SPP - 12:10PM † Jim & Cynthia Gallagher By Family	JHN - 9:00AM † Carol Blose By Morning Mass Group	
<i>Tuesday, February 4</i> PAT - 8:00AM † Pro-Popolo - For the Parishioners	SHR - 9:00AM † Hank Abraszek By the Hendrix Family	
By Priest	OLL -10:00AM † L & D Mothers	
OLL 9:00AM † L & D Mothers	By Parishioners	
By Parishioners	SPP -11:00AM † Charles Walsh	
Wednesday, February 5 - St Agatha	By Bruce Widen & Family	
JHN - 8:00AM † Robert L. Heffern (Anniversary) By Daughter, Valerie Scarpino & family	PAT -11:00AM † Barbara Graham (Birthday) By Family	
JMS - 7:00PM † Jane Theodore		

JMS—St. James OLL—Our Lady of Loreto SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul
JHN—St. John OLS—Our Lady of the Snows PAT—St. Patrick SHR—Sacred Heart

By The Nutt Family



Wine for February

Holy Apostles - St. John Church

Frank & Josie Marcello (Wedding Anniversary)
By Daughters, Joan & Diane

Hosts for February

St. James Church

Mary Beth Palermo (Birthday & Anniversary)
By Joe & Josie Palermo & family

A Gift of Intentions

If you would like to make a donation to the church "In Memory Of..." or "In Honor Of..." someone special, consider the Wine, or Hosts. A month donation for Wine is \$40 and the Hosts are \$25. This is a great way to honor someone when a Mass date is not available. Call the Central Office at 716.487.0125 to schedule your gift today.

Easter Cantata

Light, Camera, Action and mark your calendars for an Easter Cantata called "COME WALK WITH ME" on April 13; Palm Sunday at 3pm and Tuesday April 15 at 7pm at St. James Church. The performance will be by the drama by the Family Worship Theater and the St. James Choir.

Our hope is to do this Cantata as a CNIF joint project. Anyone who would like to sing, or play an instrument should contact Cathy Gagliano. The choir and the cantors are working on the music now.

Rehearsals for the Easter Cantata will be on Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm in the St. James Church Hall. The dates are as follows: February 20, 27, March 6, 20, April 3, & 10. Those who would like to be a part of the drama, should contact Tom Franco at 716-397-1188 or email tfranco@stny.rr.com. We are in need of 15 reading parts (Lectors from any of our worships site are WANTED). There are also up to 20 non-speaking parts. We will also need a stage crew, to help make the scenery, ushers, costume aids, special effects crew to help with sight and sound for the overhead projection. What a great way to make new friends and prepare for Easter.

Memorial Donations Were Presented To:

Holy Apostles Parish, St. John

In Memory of Pauline E. Paduano

By Frances P. Marchiando By Angie Loverme

In Memory of Concetta A. "Connie" Ríolo

By Frances P. Marchiando

St. James Church

In Memory of Salvatore Sabino

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Our Stewardship for January 19, 2025

St. James: Offertory \$5,055.22, Parish Improv. \$487,

Fuel \$199, Dec. Online E-Giving \$836

Holy Apostles: Offertory 4,653

Our Lady of Loreto: Offertory \$ 1,081

St. Patrick: Offertory \$1,160

Thank you for your support of our parishes & ministries!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is exposed every Wednesday in the chapel at St. Jamesfrom 9am until the 7pm Mass. Come visit Our Lord! One hour Guardians are needed throughout the day, so please call the central office if you feel called to this ministry, 716.487.0125.

CALLING ALL SINGERS...

Do you want to sing? Can you carry a tune?

If the answer is yes, come sing with us. If you are in the choir and your



The St. James Choir will be performing a Lenten Cantata, "COME WALK WITH ME" BY Pepper Choplin, on Sunday, April 13 at 3pm and Tuesday April 15 at 7pm.

If you would like to sing with the choir, please see Cathy

Gagliano after Mass or call the rectory ASAP. We will begin Thursday evenings at 6pm in the church.

Altar & Rosary - St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary will have a meeting Feb. 8th at 10am in the parish hall. We invite anyone interested to come.

St. Patrick's Parish Drive Fund Disbursement

Here is an update on the use of our St. Patrick's parish drive funds.

The security system has been installed.....\$1,712.47

The hole caused by water leakage is fixed.....492.00

The remaining funds will be used to do cosmetic repair to areas damaged by the roof leak in the back of the church.

We thank you for your support!

Lord Teach Me To Pray (LTMTP)

"The Parables"

WHEN: Mondays - January 27 to May 19

WHERE: St. James from in the "Frucella Memorial

Classroom"

Back parking lot, door on the *RIGHT* closest to the garage.

TIME: 6PM to 7:10 PM

WHAT: The study follows the Ignatian Spirituality

Format

All you need to bring is your Bible, a note pad for journaling and your love for Jesus.

We will cover the purpose of Parables; starting with Aesop's Fables, to Parables in the Old Testament, and to all the Parables of Jesus.

WE will have HANDOUTS for you to study between

You can come to as many as you like.

COST: FREE! Just 70 minutes of your time to spend with

God

Catholic Men's Conference of WNY

The Catholic Men's Conference of WNY will take place on March 29 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Feature speaker will be Fr. Larry Richards. Along with the speakers, confessions, adoration and breakout discussions will be offered. Priests that can be available to hear confessions between 11 am-1 pm.

13th Annual Valentine Cookie Sale

The Jubilate Singers will be hosting their 13th Annual Valentine Cookie Sale on Sunday, February 2, at the 9:00am Mass at St. John

Church and at the 11:00am Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul. The proceeds from the sale will continue their sponsorship of Daniela Mae & family from the Philippines, through Unbound; formerly the Catholic Federation of Children and Adults.

The baker's dozen of mixed cookies, will sell for \$10. Nut-free plates will be available.

In 2024, the Jubilate Singers were pleased to pay for their annual sponsorship of \$550, and also present a check of \$250 to Options Care. Thank you all for your generosity!

Peer Navigator - Chautauqua Community

Hillside Family of Agencies, has received a grant in partnership with Chautauqua County to help provide Family and Youth Peer Support Services under the Children's Mental Health Initiative. The goal is to partner with youth, families and providers to enhance families experience navigating and utilizing community support and services. There is a short Survey for caregivers of youth ages 0 - 21 who live in Chautauqua County and have experienced concerns with their child(ren) mental, emotional, and 'or behavioral health. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about family and youth peer support services at Hillside call 585-256-7500 or email FEN@hillside.com

Men's Faith Sharing Group

Men's Faith Sharing Group Started on January 18. The group started the second "semester" of the men's faithsharing group, Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am. (Note the new starting time.) All adult men in the CNIF family of parishes are invited to join the group in the St. James church hall.

This program has been a blessing for the men who have been attending, and their families — as we strive to become better men, husbands and fathers.

We hope to see you Saturday mornings! For more information, text or call Jon Harmon (630) 815-6586.

St Vincent DePaul

The St. Vincent DePaul Society meets on the 4th Monday of the month at the St. James Church hall at 4pm. Anyone who is interested in joining is welcome to attend.

REFLECTIONS

The Word In Our Lives - Unwavering Fidelity to God's Will

In the old tradition of the Church, the Christmas season was celebrated up until this day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This allowed for 40 days of bringing to mind the glorious day of Christ's birth on earth, similar to the 40 days we celebrate from Easter Sunday until the Feast of the Ascension. While current calendars have us taking down our trees at the Baptism of the Lord, just three short Sundays after the Nativity, today's Feast still holds great significance. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, was born into a humble Jewish family. His parents were faithful to God's will, whether it be agreeing to a supernatural conception, following instructions given in dreams or fleeing to a foreign land. On this day, they were called to carry out a religious custom. 40 days after birth, the family was to bring their child to the temple to dedicate him to the Lord. A sacrifice was brought for the ritual offering, normally a lamb, but since Mary and Joseph were of humble means, they brought either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

But perhaps the most surprising element of this event is the fact that the Holy Family falls into the background. They are not the main characters in this story, but rather two elderly individuals who seemingly come out of the woodwork when the Christ Child is brought into the temple. Simeon and Anna, two righteous and devout people who were awaiting the redemption of Israel, were chosen as some of the first people whose eyes lit up upon seeing our Savior! In fact, Simeon even got to hold Him in his arms!

And that is why some still call this day "Candlemas" as well. They bless candles that symbolize Jesus as the Light of the World. Simeon and Anna experienced first hand the splendor of the Lord and went on to give thanks to God and speak about the child to all who would listen. The light that shone forth from the tiny Babe, went on to shine forth through them, for Jesus illuminates all the nations.

As we gaze upon the unwavering fidelity of Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, what will our response be? Let us ask for the intercession of these saints to imitate their prayerful faithfulness. May we always be ready to follow God's will in our lives and present all that we are to Him in love. Tami Urcia

Inspiration Daily - Our Response to Jesus' Unexpected Ways

I cannot imagine what the wait for Jesus must have been like for the Israelites. A redeemer who was going to change everything for them: set them free from oppression, cast down the mighty and fill up the hungry. But we know the rest of the story, and how what people imagined was very different from how Jesus carried these things out.

In the Gospel, Simeon reveals: "Behold this child is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35)

Simeon's words tell us how God shows up in your life might look very different than how you imagined. The question is, when life looks different than we imagined or is not what we felt we've been promised, are we going to grip so tightly to our own vision of life that we lose sight of God and His perfect plan?

The Jewish people imagined being set free from Roman oppression, but Jesus came to set them free from the oppression of sin and the devil and to lead them into a life rooted in love of God and one another. Some people listened to Jesus and changed their ways, but others felt what He preached was too much, too hard and walked away. Our hearts are revealed in how we respond to what God offers in our life, whether it looks the same or very different from what we had planned. We can choose to rise or fall in faith. Do we turn toward God and follow Him or do we turn away from Him?

The outcome is based on if we limit ourselves to see things the way we want to see them. We need to let go of long-held habits that give us a false sense of control if the Lord is calling us to change. The infinite and all-powerful God is always trying to draw something deeper out of us than we could ever imagine with our limited minds. He asks us to trust in Him.

Simeon trusted, waited and was rewarded. We don't learn whether Simeon is surprised to meet the Messiah as a baby. We only hear how he believes that he is holding the Messiah in his arms and he is thanking God for the opportunity. We see in him and in Anna hearts totally open, ready to receive whatever answer God was going to provide to their prayers.

The more we resist and say this could not possibly be how Jesus is showing up in my life, the more we will miss the opportunity to engage, learn and become more like Him. When we challenge Him on what He is or is not providing in response to our prayers, we must not refuse to listen to His response, but instead be ready to receive Him in the most unexpected ways. Nicole Berlucchi

ST JAMES SCHOOL REUNION MEETING

Did you, or someone you know, attend St. James School?

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30pm at St. James Church Hall.

We're planning a St. James School Reunion and would love to have as many former students, faculty or staff as possible, come to help plan and add ideas.

Please share this info. with anyone you know who attended the school!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION AND SAINT OF THE WEEK



The Presentation of the Lord (February 2)

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world." Rev. James Field

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal were the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure. Peter Scagnellii



KIDS CORNER

Saint Jerome Emiliani's Story

A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood.

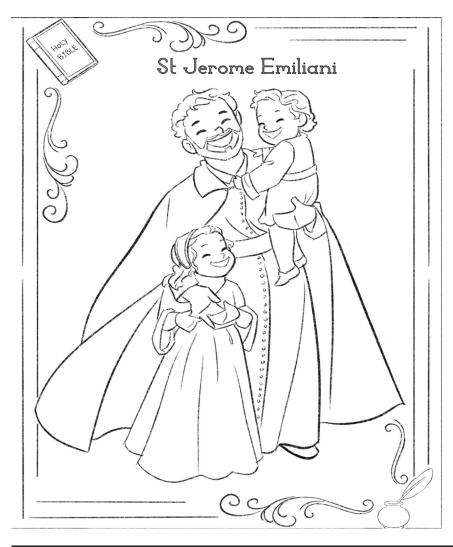
In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital.

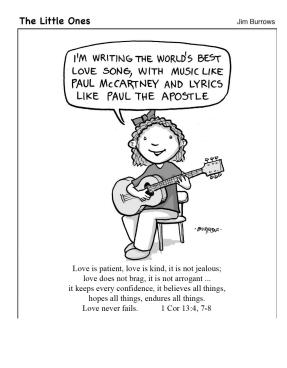
Around 1532, Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children. St. Jerome Emiliani shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8.

Reflection

Very often in our lives it seems to take some kind of "imprisonment" to free us from the shackles of our self-centeredness. When we're "caught" in some situation we don't want to be in, we finally come to know the liberating power of Another. Only then can we become another for "the imprisoned" and "the orphaned" all around us.

Saint Jerome Emiliani is the Patron Saint of: Orphans, and Abandoned Children





Memorial Page Listings

We will once again be offering the opportunity to have your loved ones remembered on a Memorial Page each week in the bulleting. We had a great response last year and are hoping for the same this year.

Your loved one's name (s) will be listed each week on a page in the bulletin. A yearly donation of \$50 is asked per line. This offering goes to help support the parish community.

There are two options. 1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or 2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." 3) Multiple names may be listed; "Tom Smith and Mary Jones." The cost is \$50 per line.

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ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES

If you have moved or changed your phone number, it is very important that you update your information. You can call the central office with your new information at 716.487.0125. Please help reduce the cost of returned mail to your parish. Also, if you do not currently receive offertory envelopes and would like to, please let the central office know.

Please make sure that any mail you send is directed to:

Your Parish Name 27 Allen Street Jamestown NY 14701.

Thank you for your assistance!

In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen

Robert "Bob" McDowell

Charlie Heggarty

Dawn Henderson

Mary Ann Pappalardo

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Ruth H. & William J. Radack

DMO the Heffern & Scarpino Families

DMO the O'Brien Family

DMO Letro Family

DMO Plunkett Family

DMO Lou Family

DMO Shepherd Family

DMO Plummer & McGraw

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Theresa Tran Kim Loan

Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo

Dr. Anthony Floccare,

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James Patti

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William, & Georgia Hoy

DMO Hendrickson & Twichell Families

Ann Marie Galati Phillips

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Christopher Joseph Baczynski, Alexander Gil

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Marcello & Miraglia Families

Karg & Kurtzhals Families

James R. Rusiniak

Tammy A. Yezzi

Charles E.J. Cassidy,

Marie F. MacNamara,

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Nina Claire Marsh

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Hutchinson & Truax Families

Hedrich & Peterson Families

The Soul of Judas Iscariot

Beaver & Stearns Families

Linda J. Wadsworth

Swanson & Regan Families

Cora Bonfiglio

L&DMO the Pappalardo Family

DMO the Belluz & Shay Families