



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

APRIL 24, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
Hours: Mon-Thu 8AM-3PM
Fri: 9AM-3PM
Office: (973) 376-3044
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 30th:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, May 1st:

- 8:00AM - Fr. Santos
- 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
Livestream Available Online
- 12:00PM - Fr. David

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

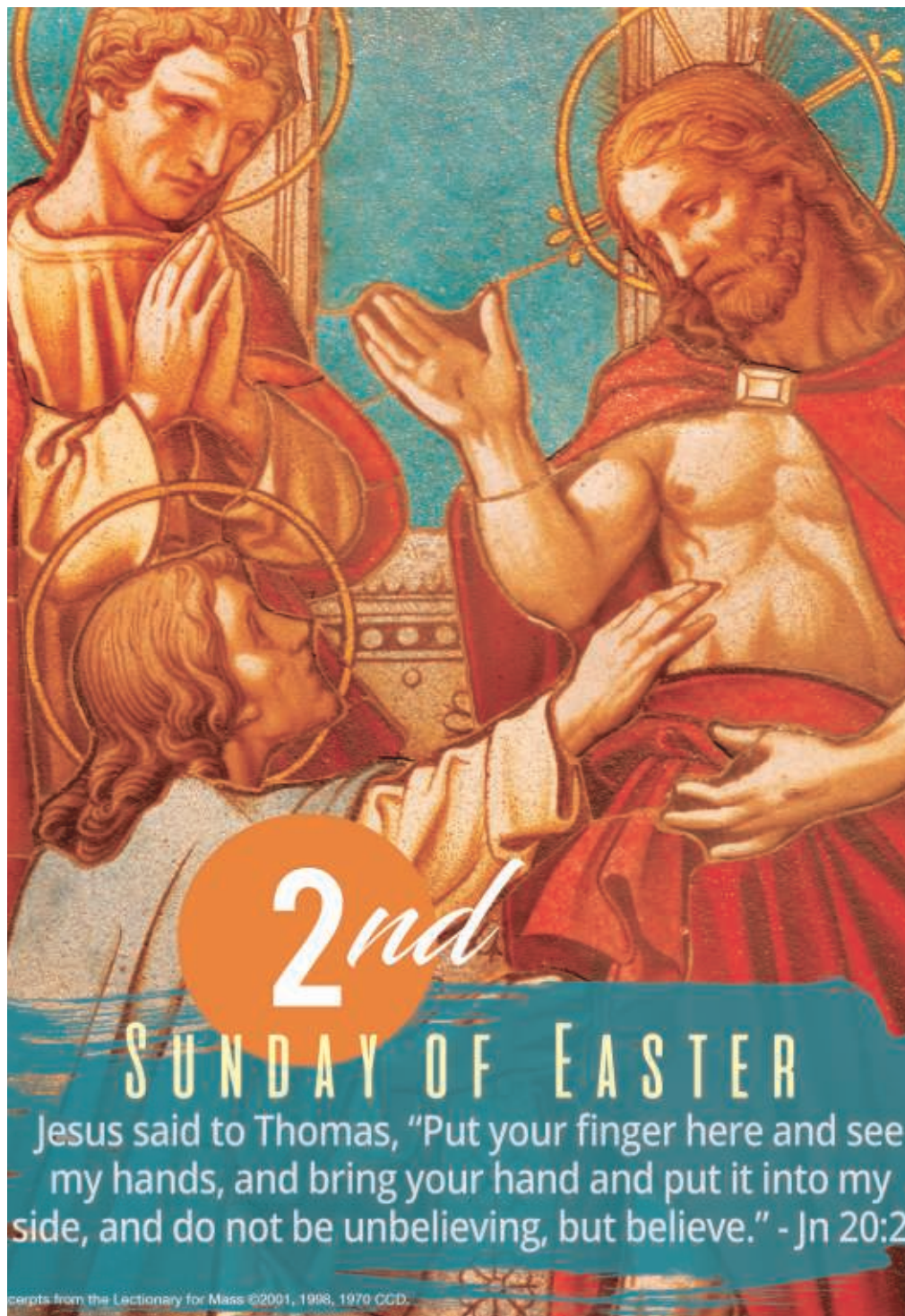
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM
*or by Appointment;
Please call the Office.*

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Second Saturdays at 3PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



Annual Appeal 2022

The Finance Council and I are delighted to share with you that St. James has reached our 2022 Annual Appeal goal!

Thank you for your generous support of this important annual appeal. As you are aware, the annual appeal goal is guaranteed, which means if we do not reach our goal in funds collected the shortfall would have been added as an expense in our Fiscal Year 2023 budget. And because we have exceeded our goal, the extra funds will be used to refinish the wooden exterior church doors in time for this summer's 20th anniversary of the church building.

FORWARD IN FAITH – Continuing the Conversation

It's hard to believe that it's been 7 months since our Forward in Faith Listening Sessions. The objective of the Listening Sessions was to invite parishioners to one of two in-person sessions at which the parish leadership (parish staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and myself) were present, or participate via an online survey or a paper survey. Both the in-person listening sessions and survey were meant to provide an opportunity for the parish leadership to hear parishioners' assessment of the state of the parish. The process was facilitated by an external consultant, Dennis M. Corcoran.

While the in-person sessions and survey feedback echoed a positive outlook and showed the love parishioners have for Saint James Church, the overall participation was low (approximately 8% of registered parishioners). As such, the parish leadership and I would like to offer another opportunity for parishioners to provide feedback not only on the state of the parish but also on your hopes and dreams for our future.

For the next 3 weekends (April 23-24, April 30-May 1, and May 7-8) members of the parish Pastoral Council will be available in the narthex/gathering space after all the Masses (Saturday and Sunday) to hear from you.

Take some time to reflect on the following questions and share your thoughts with a member of the Pastoral Council after Mass or via email (pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org).

How do we do as a parish sharing faith with others – both inside and outside the parish?

Are our parish liturgies relevant, inspiring with welcoming participation?

Does our parish have a sense of life-long formation and learning about our faith?

How does our parish do at fostering a sense of unity – “many gifts one Spirit”?

Does our parish reach out consistently to those in need, the hurting, disenfranchised, poor?

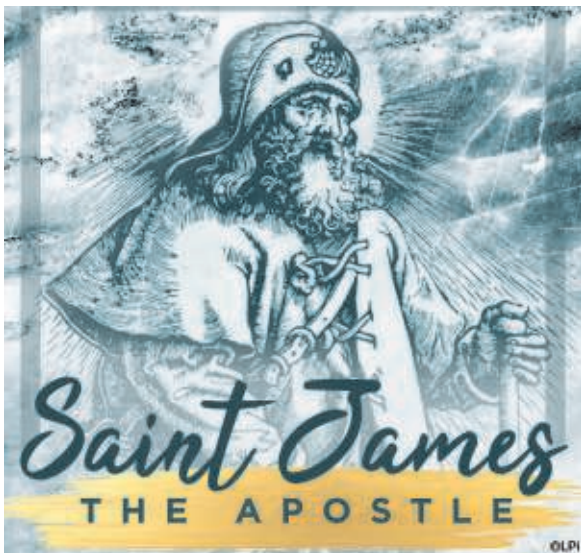
Is there a system of leadership in our parish that addresses the needs of the parish and clearly plans for a successful future?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God.

—Saint John Vianney





SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

Responsorial Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

"I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I have sent you."

Visit www.usccb.org to access Mass readings online.

Spotlight ON PRAYER



One of the greatest attributes of God is his mercy! In the 1930's, Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun named Sr. Faustina and asked her to share the message of God's great mercy and love with the world as well as the prayers we know today as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Through these prayers, which are often prayed with Rosary beads, we ask God's mercy for ourselves and for the world, seeking to trust more deeply in the mercy of our loving God. Consider trying out this prayer today - it only takes about 7 minutes to say!

OPENING PRAYER

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you! (x3)

On the first three beads after the cross, pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS

For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

COMING SOON TO SAINT JAMES...

SAVE THE DATE

Saint James the Apostle Parish

SPEAKEASY

*Casino
Night*

May 14, 2022 • 7:00 - 11:00 pm
at Springfield Knights of Columbus

Buffet Menu • Cash Bar • \$75 per person

Blackjack, Roulette, 3 Card Poker, and more
Play Money ••• 50/50 ••• Prizes

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH





The Centennial Committee has started planning for our Parish Centennial Anniversary in 2023. The year-long celebration will be centered around our 3 themes of:

*Remember our Past
Celebrate our Faith
Lead the way into the Future*

Look for periodic updates throughout this year and ways you can get involved in planning for this exciting and significant milestone for our parish.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

ST. BERNADETTE RELICS TOUR



From April to August 2022, the relics of Saint Bernadette will tour the United States for the first time, bringing the grace of Lourdes to parishes across the country. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is organizing the pilgrimage of the relics in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, North American Volunteers, Hospitalite of Miami and the Order of Malta.

The Relics of Saint Bernadette will visit the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen, NJ, on May 19, 2022. More details to come at diometuchen.org.



MOUNT SAINT MARY
House of Prayer
An Oasis of Peace, Contemplation & Hospitality

VIRTUAL COMFORTABLE CUP OF TEA

Join us on Zoom for an hour of lectio divina, prayer, conversation and small group sharing.

First and Third Thursdays of each month from 3-4pm on Zoom. Free-will offering.

WEEKEND SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet.

Friday, May 13th at 7PM - Sunday, May 15th at 1PM.
\$180/weekend; non-refundable deposit \$80

Proof of COVID vaccination is required at time of registration

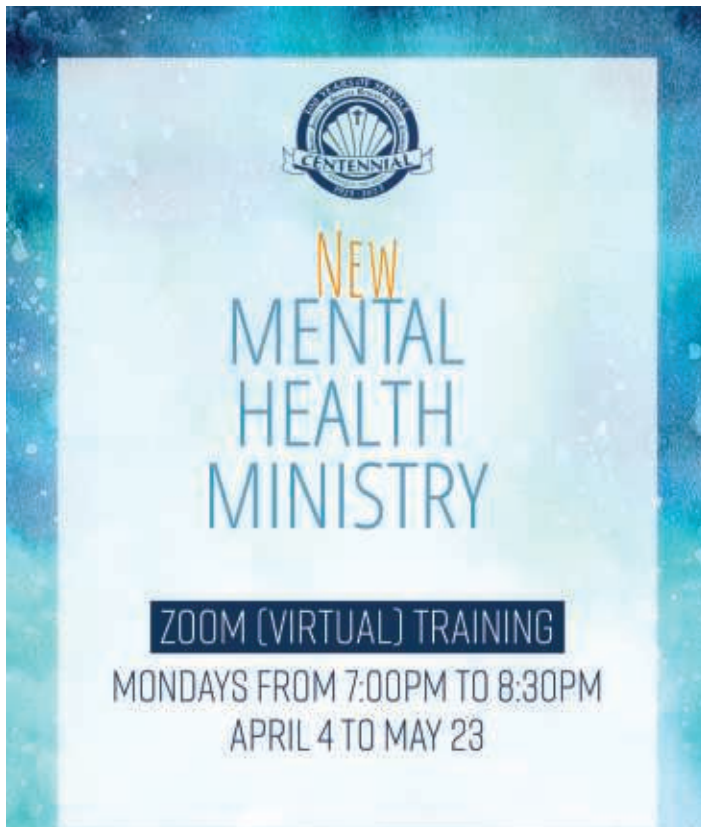
GOD'S ON-GOING CALL

God calls in different ways at different times in our lives. How do we hear the call, and how do we respond, no matter how old we are?

Wednesday, May 18th from 7-9PM
\$20-\$30 as you are able

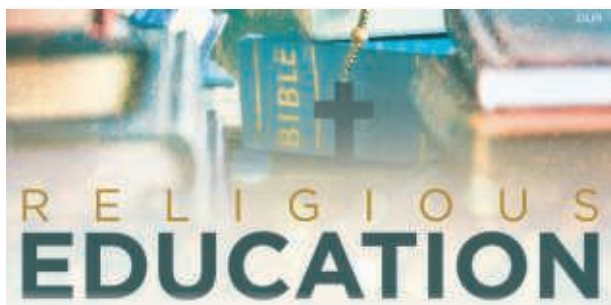
Presenter: Barbara Lee
Barbara Lee is a spiritual director, author and retired lawyer who has served as a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

Information and registration at www.msmhope.org, or call 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org.



The goal is to recognize the pastoral need to care for those who deal with mental health issues themselves or within their families. Team members will serve as "prayerful companions" for fellow parishioners experiencing mental illness, provide spiritual support to families and provide parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness in order to break down the stigma and discrimination of people with a mental illness.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact wellnessministry@saintjamesparish.org



OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

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Happy Easter, Alleluia! Many thanks to the children and adults who helped in the Stations of the Cross last Friday.

Our 8th graders have two more classes before starting to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our children preparing to receive First Eucharist will attend their retreat day in two weeks as part of their final preparation for the sacrament. Please continue to keep our children in your prayers.

Spotlight ON SAINTS

Catherine of Siena: April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena (March 25, 1347–April 29, 1380) had a deep love for Christ from a young age, so much so that when her family tried to persuade her to get married at the age of 16, she cut her hair short and began fasting in protest.

Her family relented, allowing her to spend much of her time secluded in prayer in her bedroom. At the age of 18, she joined the Dominican Third Order.

Gradually, her reputation for holiness and personal charisma attracted a circle of followers. Before long, she was employing multiple scribes to keep up a lively correspondence with an ever-widening circle of influential Church and secular leaders, including kings, queens, and even the pope.

When she wasn't resolving international crises, Catherine helped care for victims of the Black Plague in the city's hospitals, caring for the worst patients and even burying those who had died. Today she is one of the patron saints of nurses.

Her rigorous abstinence may have contributed to her death at the age of 33. She is one of two patron saints of Italy (the other is St. Francis), one of six patron saints of Europe, and a Doctor of the Church.

SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

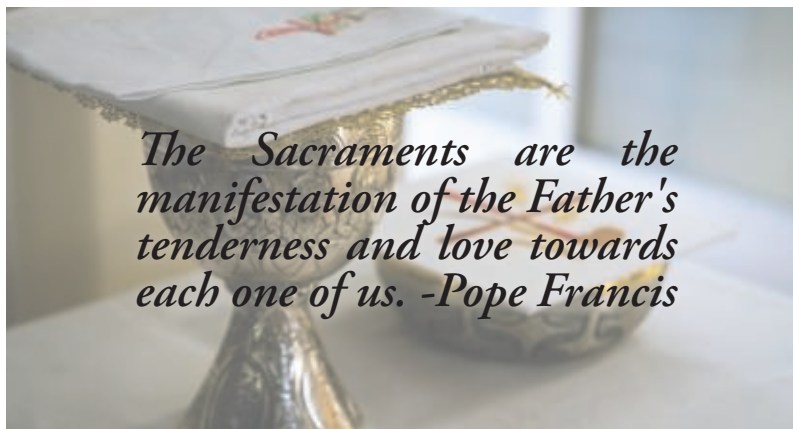
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life?
Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office:
(973) 497-4365.



*The Sacraments are the
manifestation of the Father's
tenderness and love towards
each one of us. -Pope Francis*

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:00PM John Montana
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00AM For the People of Saint James
Mark Weber
r/b Family

10:00AM Ed Spillman
r/b Saint James Religious Education
Lillian & John Rendiero
r/b Margaret Meixner

12:00PM Michael Sangregorio
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale
Rose & Orlando Cicales
r/b Family

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Feast of Saint Mark

7:30AM Anne Dolan Lofredo
r/b Gary & MaryEllen Capron

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:30AM Richard Quagliato
r/b John & Cindy O'Reilly

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:30AM Charles Ziegler
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:30AM Elizabeth Ann Scarillo
r/b Son, David

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

7:30AM Rosalie Yannazzone
r/b Yannazzone Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:30AM Toni Marie Irwin
r/b Maria Chavarriaga
5:00PM Teresa Melleno
r/b Children

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Anthony DeSantis
r/b Angela Ragonese
10:00AM Ed Spillman
r/b Roethlin Family
Hannah Jane Bernstein
r/b Family
12:00PM Bernie LoMacchio
r/b Patty & John Carney

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

Joseph A. Ficchi, Jr.
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Christopher Waryn, Peggy Wysock

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and home-bound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO DIE

Eleanor Jengeleski
Diane Johnson
Paul Macciachera

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Philip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson

FOR THE KIDS

Easter Sunday - Jesus is Risen!



Gospel

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them that He was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness. Have you ever been so afraid that you wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid too.

Prayer

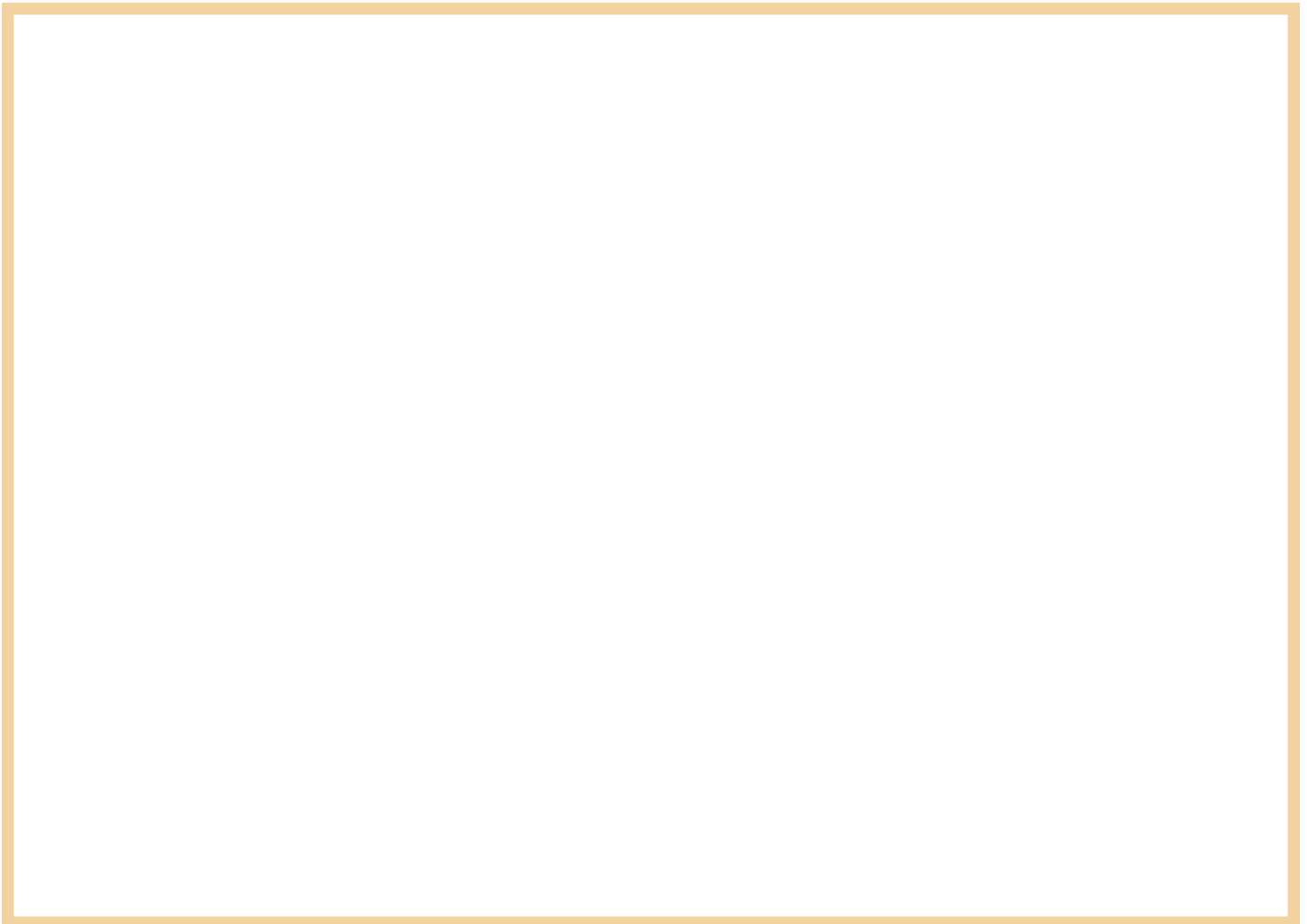
Dear God, thank you for being with me when I am afraid.

Mission

I will talk to God whenever I am afraid.

Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus next to you when you are afraid.



EASTER MEMORIALS 2022



THE EASTER CANDLE

Will burn in Loving Memory of
the members of the
Bernstein & Butler Families
r/b The Family

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b Battaglia Family

THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
The Ragosa/Fischer/Dondero Families
r/b The Fischer Family

THE SHRINE EASTER ARRANGEMENTS

In Loving Memory of Max Porto
r/b Battaglia Family

Carmela Zara
r/b Battaglia Family

THE GATHERING AREA WREATHS

Bernard and Susie LoMacchio
James and Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty & John

Susan Sullivan
r/b Pat Sullivan

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE MARIAN SHRINE

In loving memory of
Tony Graziano
r/b Wife, Anne & Family

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE ST. JAMES SHRINE

In Loving Memory of
Battaglia and Zara Families
r/b Battaglia Family

EASTER "LITTLE WHITE BOOKS"

In Loving Memory of
John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri
r/b The Pflug Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for Easter are still being counted and will be listed as soon as they are available.

We also accept online credit card donations.

Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamestheapostle.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



FINANCE
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Easter is the season of hope, new beginnings and new opportunities to share the many gifts God has given us. Wishing our parish community a Blessed Easter!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

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Everyday Stewardship

"THE WORLD IS WATCHING"

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice. When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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