



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 21, 2021

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

NEWS AND UPDATES

MENTOR COUPLE MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

As a Church, we can do a lot better when it comes to preparing newly engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Our new marriage preparation program will pair the newly engaged couple with a mentor couple from St. James. In addition to working with me, the engaged couple will meet with their mentor couple throughout their year of preparation. Not only will this program provide the newly engaged couple with a better understanding of the Sacrament, it will also enable the sharing of experiences, while at the same time creating a greater connection between the engaged couple and our local parish community. I am super excited to launch this new program here at St. James.

New 'APOSTLE IN ACTION' Charity Fund

In an effort to provide support to families and individual parishioners in need, we are initiating a new charity fund, ***Apostle in Action Charity Fund***. This parish-based fund will provide parishioners and members of our local community with some financial assistance. Whether it be rent, utility bills, unforeseen medical expenses, or mental health expenses, I feel it is important that our parish support those who are in need. 100% of the funds donated to the ***Apostle in Action Charity Fund*** will be used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood.

This Thanksgiving, as you thank God for your many blessings, please consider donating to this special fund.

While anyone can donate to this fund at any time, we will take up a special collection every Thanksgiving Day at Mass and every Holy Thursday at Mass. In the future, the envelope company that we use will provide a special envelope for this special collection for every Thanksgiving Day and Holy Thursday. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do to help those in need.

*Anytime a donation is made via personal check, be sure to write "Apostle in Action Charity Fund" in the memo section.

*When a donation is made via our online giving service, Parish Soft Giving, be sure to look for the *Apostle in Action Charity Fund*.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Baseball legend Yogi Berra, who died at the age of 90 after a long and storied career, was revered for his wisdom-filled malapropisms as much as his baseball prowess. Among his more memorable observations: "If you don't know where you're going, you might wind up someplace else."

Berra didn't want to end up anywhere else but playing the game of baseball. He reportedly told his dad: "I can't ever have a job because I love to play ball too much." Although he did have a few odd jobs and a stint in the Navy—including being part of the largest amphibious invasion in history: D-Day, the June 6, 1944, assault on the beaches of Normandy—his focus remained on playing ball.

That dedication paid off when at age 17 he signed with the Yankees. He became a mainstay on the Yankees lineup in the 1950s and '60s, went on to coach and manage the Yankees, Mets, and Astros, was named into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and became one of the most beloved characters in baseball.

Jesus, too, was a beloved man of focus who knew where he was going: "For this I was born," he tells Pontius Pilate, "and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

Friends, Christians are called to listen to the voice of Jesus **so that they know where they are going**; otherwise, they're sure to end up someplace else.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A man who was completely innocent offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

—*Mahatma Gandhi*



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection totals

\$9,419.00

\$5,947.00 Mass Collection

\$3,472.00 Online Collection

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org*

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

FRAUD ALERT: 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ~ 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.



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/

Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Facebook Page to join us on YouTube.

All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

This weekend the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist received a blessing and welcome from the parishioners. We ask that you keep these young children in your prayers that the Lord guide them and nourish them through His word.

The families supported by Family Promise of Union County were thrilled to receive the beautiful Thanksgiving baskets created by our Family Faith families at our last gathering.

On behalf of Fr. David Santos, Colleen Tyra and the entire parish staff, we wish you and your family a very
Happy Thanksgiving!

No classes for 1st through 8th grades on Tuesday, November 23rd

Classes for 8th grade resume on Tuesday, November 30th.

Sunday, November 28th at 5:00PM



Take 2: First Parish Youth Event of the year!
Join us to roast marshmallows and have pizza!
All high school students are welcome!

Bring a friend and a lawn chair!

Meet in the lower parking lot behind the school building.
Please RSVP to jocelyn.duallo12@gmail.com if you are attending.
Thank you in advance!



Giving Tree 2021

We will be participating in providing gifts for the needy during this holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. If you can purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can leave your gift(s) under the tree in the Gathering Area.

**Place the UNWRAPPED gift with tags attached in a gift bag
with tissue paper.**

**Please attach the tag you selected from the tree to the outside
of the gift bag.**

Return your gift to Church **after Mass ONLY** on: November 28-29,
December 4-5, and December 11-12.

***If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they
are also needed at the Center.***

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity.

Please contact Gianna Hayes with any questions: pafumig@gmail.com



Advent Memorials!

If you would like the opportunity to remember a loved one this Advent consider memorializing either the parish Advent Wreath or one of the four candles. Please call the Rectory as soon as possible.



St. James is conducting a Toy Drive to benefit the children of Mercy House.

New unwrapped toys will be collected the weekends of November 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28.

Suggested items from Mercy House include:

- Newborn Toys
- Melissa & Doug Wooden Toys
- Lego's for girls and boys
- Anything with Paw Patrol
- Play Doh Kits
- Nerf Guns
- Ethnic Dolls (Barbie and larger similar to American Girl)
- Basketballs
- Craft Kits for Girls
- Tee Turtle Reversible Plushies
- Dimple Pops (Fidgets and Boards)
- Toy Cars
- Little Tykes T-Ball Set for Girls and Boys
- New Nova Flying Spinner
- Gift Cards for teens- Amazon, Walmart, Target, iTunes

Please place your unwrapped gifts in the 'Toy Box' in the Gathering Space.



If you have any questions, please contact Jill Vecchione at jettajill@verizon.net.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



TODAY!!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SAINT JAMES PARKING LOT

Community Food Bank Annual Turkey Collection

Boy Scout Troop and Pack 73 will be on site to help with the collection.

DONATE A FROZEN TURKEY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Breakfast with Santa

Reserve your seat by November 22!

Continental Breakfast Games & Crafts

\$10 Adults/\$5 Children 3 & up

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fill out BELOW and return to Rectory or Religious Education Office with payment by **November 22**

Questions: Janet Dellasala @ Cruella@Comcast.net

Saint James Gym

Saturday, December 4

10:00 am – 12:00pm

Name: _____

of Adults: _____ # Children _____

Phone Number: _____



**Springfield
Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service**

Participating Congregations:
 Antioch Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield,
 Great Shepherd Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church,
 Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Temple Sha'arey Shalom


**Monday, November 22nd, 2021
7:30 pm**

**In-Person at
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
and online via Zoom**

Vaccinated individuals are welcome to attend in person.
COVID Protocols will be observed.

To attend in person, register at
<https://tinyurl.com/Springfield-TGiving-IN-PERSON>


To attend online, register at
<https://tinyurl.com/Springfield-TGiving-Svc-ONLINE>




Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. Because of you, Saint James Church has received **\$33,239.00 in pledges** from **113 families** which represents **66.93% of our goal**. Our parish goal is **\$49,665.00**.


Saint James Church will receive **100%** of all funds collected over our goal. This is beneficial to our parish because we will be able to make some of the much needed repairs to our aging buildings. To date, **we have collected \$32,134.00**. We invite you to read the complete 2021 Annual Appeal Impact Report by going to: www.rb.gy/jv5dlr or by scanning the QR Code.





SAINT JAMES MUSIC MINISTRY

**The Children's Choir will soon begin rehearsals
for the Christmas Eve 4:00PM Mass on
December 24th**



Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, December 1st at 4:00PM in the church.

If your child is in 3rd through 8th grade and would like to join our Children's Choir, please complete and return this form as soon as possible to either Dan Palko, Director of Music Ministry, in the rectory mail slot, or by email: dpalko@saintjamesparish.org or Nancy Caputo, Director of Religious Education when your child comes to class or by email: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org.

Family Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____ Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade: _____ /Age: _____

The men of the parish are invited to participate in Mass,
breakfast and reflections by

Colonel Michael Manning and Master Sergeant Michael Cutone

Servant Leadership

“Who among us will answer the call?

Who among us will pick up and labor under the weight, the ridicule, the hardship and the glory of carrying your cross towards Christ Crucified?”

Using the principles learned while serving our country, such as planning, competency, humility and courage, Col. Manning and Msg. Cutone will talk about what leading from the front looks like with respect to continued faith formation, leadership and service to the Church and one another.



Col. Michael Manning



- Prof. of Practice Leadership at the Gordon Institute of Engineering Leadership, Northeastern University
- Director of Planning for the Rhode Island National Guard
- Command Assignments include: Commander 173rd Infantry Detachment (long Range Surveillance); 42nd Infantry Division and Commander, Recruiting and Retention Division, Rhode Island National Guard.
- Served in both Iraq and Afghanistan

Msg. Michael Cutone



- 33 year veteran of the United States Army Special Forces (Green Berets)
- Served in both Iraq and Afghanistan
- Served 21 years as a Massachusetts State Trooper
- Founder and Principle of the Trinity Project (C3 Policing)

Saturday, December 11, 2021

The program kickoffs off at 8:30 am Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle and will run to approximately 12:00 including breakfast

Please RSVP to Keithguarnuccio@yahoo.com (908-447-0168)

There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering will be accepted

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DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers by the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

Frederick Bollmeyer ~ *Nancy Caputo*



BREAD

Mildred Bollmeyer Genco ~ *Nancy Caputo*

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, 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, Sergio Evangelista, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, 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 Rendeiro, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, 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 homebound 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

Manuel J. Barbosa, John C. Finnigan
 Edward Lucas

For all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & 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, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, November 21 Christ the King

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Tony Bagnato, Ann Ann Petrignani and Carmella Frio ~ *Ann & Family*

7:30AM

Angela Raimondo
~ *Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh*

9:00AM

Mary & Vincent Inneo ~ *Inneo Family*

10:30AM

Francesco Ruggiero ~ *Santarella Family*

12:00PM

Karen Rose ~ *Rose Anne Turiano*

MONDAY, November 22 Saint Cecilia

7:30AM

Concepcion Hautea ~ *Gaston Family*

TUESDAY, November 23

7:30AM

Carol House ~ *Irvin & Mattei Curran Family*

WEDNESDAY, November 24 Saint Andrew

7:30AM

Lorraine Dowling ~ *Deborah Del Viscovo*

THURSDAY, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

8:30AM

In Thanksgiving for the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, November 26

8:00AM

Dorothy & Vincent DeGaetano ~ *Elena Tosti*

SATURDAY, November 27

8:00AM

Arcangela D'Agostini ~ *Family*

SUNDAY, November 28 First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Jeffrey Hunrath & John & Sandy Lyna

7:30AM

Daniel Raimondo

~ *Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh*

9:00AM

Francesco Ruggiero ~ *Rodolfo & Reino Families*

10:30AM

John Clark ~ *Cherly & Pat DiLeo*

12:00PM

Tom Walsh ~ *Rossomando Family*

Please note:

Thanksgiving Day Mass is celebrated at 8:30AM

Friday, November 26th Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00AM

Advent begins next Sunday, November 28th!

TODAY'S READINGS:

November 21, 2021

Our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings
(click the link to access the readings)

FIRST READING: [Daniel 7:13-14](#) ~ SECOND READING: [Revelation 1:5-8](#)

GOSPEL: [John 18:33b-37](#)

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,
We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**
Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth**.