



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday-Friday: 8:30AM~3:00PM  
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

[www. SaintJamesTheApostle.org](http://www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org)

First Week of Advent

Hope



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Luke 21:36  
Stay Awake

November 28, 2021

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

### NEWS AND UPDATES

It's almost hard to believe that Advent has arrived. To be honest, I almost always begin the Advent season with mixed emotions. While the excitement of Christmas does stir the heart and comfort the soul, I just can't shake off the fact that another year is almost over. If I don't focus my attention on the here and now, I can easily be swayed to reminisce about days passed or daydream about what's to come. The power of Advent can help us to focus our attention on the here and now. After all, isn't that what the Lord exhorts us to do in our Gospel this weekend?... "*Be careful...Be on watch and pray.*"

Farmers hope for lots of rain right after they plant their corn. Once it sprouts and gets a good start, they hope for a "dry period." The reason is to force the corn's roots to grow downward in search of water, rather than stay on the surface. Unless the tap root of the corn grows downward to the "water level," the corn will wither and dry when the heat of summer sets in – it will have no way to draw up water.

Friends, our prayer life is like that. God usually gives us a good start. Then God lets a "dry period" set in to force our prayer roots to grow downward to the *faith* level, rather than stay on the surface at the *feeling* level.

**What will you do this Advent to help your *prayer root* grow strong for when the *heat* of doubt and spiritual dryness sets in?**

May this Advent be the best Advent ever!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do.

—Dorothy Day



### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** *sacrament of healing*

Anyone who is physically or emotionally in need of this sacrament is encouraged to  
join us

Saturday, December 4th at 12:00PM

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection totals from Nov. 20/21  
will be posted next week due to the  
Thanksgiving holiday.

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD  
DONATIONS

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://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.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00~ 4:00PM

Next Adoration is Saturday, December 11th  
Confession every Saturday at 4:00PM



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Welcome to the first week of Advent! As we begin this Advent Season, a time of waiting; let us remember to set aside time to pray with our family by either using your family Advent Wreath or some other cultural custom. This time of waiting is a great way to center and quiet ourselves to focus on preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of our Lord. Wishing you a blessed and peace-filled Advent!

*No classes for 1st through 6th grades on Tuesday, November 30th.*

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

**TONIGHT: 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# This is the last weekend to drop off your toy donations!



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](mailto:jettajill@verizon.net).

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

# ADVENT MEMORIALS

THE ADVENT WREATH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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

THE ADVENT CANDLES WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF .....

Mr. & Mrs. B. LoMacchio and  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Carney  
~ *Patty & John Carney*

Bollmeyer, Bava, Belnavis & Genco Families  
~ *Family*

## ADVENT "LITTLE BLUE BOOKS"

In Loving Memory of .....

John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri  
*r/b Pflug Family*



## SAINT JAMES MUSIC MINISTRY

The Children's Choir will soon begin rehearsals  
for the Christmas Eve 4:00PM Mass on  
December 24<sup>th</sup>!



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

If your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dpalko@saintjamesparish.org) or Nancy Caputo, Director of Religious Education when your child comes to class or by email: [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org).

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_


Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ /Age: \_\_\_\_\_



## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS




**PROACTIVE PLANNING:  
Q&A with an Elder  
Law Attorney &  
Funeral Director**

- Learn how to protect your assets, what legal documents are important, and the difference between estate planning and elder law.
- Learn how to get organized, ways to pay for a funeral or cremation, and why the gift of preplanning can be one of the greatest gifts you leave for your family.

**LIVE INTERACTIVE Q&A FREE PLANNING RESOURCES**

**RAFFLE OF 2 \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARDS!**

**Zoom Webinar  
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021  
10:00 to 11:00am**



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QR CODE BY NOV. 30**  
For more info call: (973) 635-2428 ext. 140

Church of the Assumption, 113 Chiego Place  
Roselle Park, New Jersey

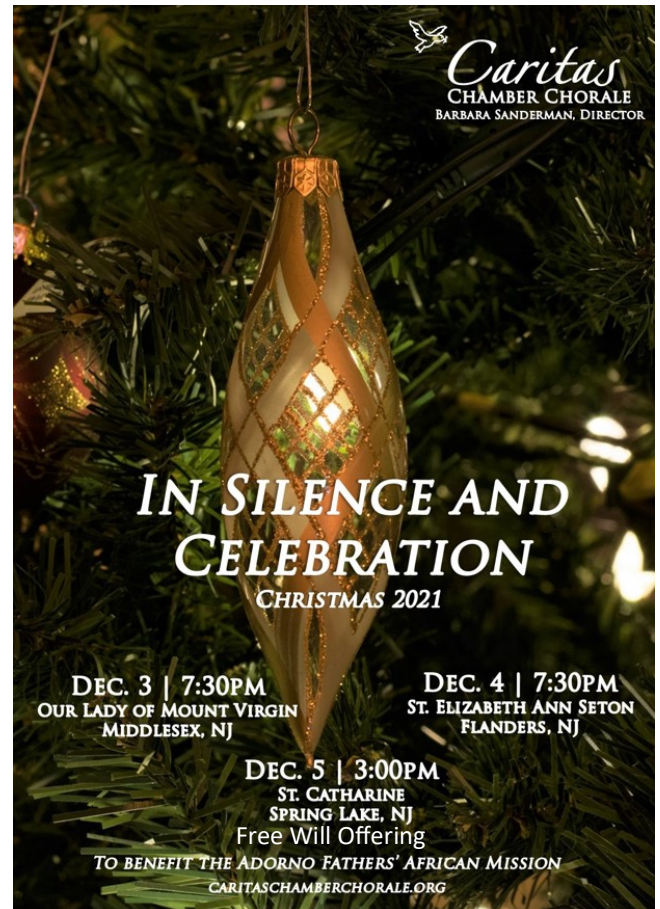
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Location: in the Lower Chiego

Knights of Columbus Msgr. Loretta Council #3240 in Roselle Park is sponsoring a blood drive.

**Walk-ins are allowed but appointments are suggested.**

For details, please contact Brother Greg Demeter at [gdemeter07@yahoo.com](mailto:gdemeter07@yahoo.com)



**Caritas  
CHAMBER CHORALE**  
BARBARA SANDERMAN, DIRECTOR

**IN SILENCE AND  
CELEBRATION**  
CHRISTMAS 2021

**DEC. 3 | 7:30PM**  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN  
MIDDLESEX, NJ

**DEC. 4 | 7:30PM**  
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
FLANDERS, NJ

**DEC. 5 | 3:00PM**  
ST. CATHARINE  
SPRING LAKE, NJ  
Free Will Offering  
TO BENEFIT THE ADORNO FATHERS' AFRICAN MISSION  
CARITASCHAMBERCHORALE.ORG



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](http://www.rb.gy/jv5dlr) or by scanning the QR Code.



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 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Detachment (long Range Surveillance); 42<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Keithguarnuccio@yahoo.com) (908-447-0168)

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

Sponsored by the Parishes of St. Bartholomew the Apostle & St. James the Apostle





## 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

Tom Walsh ~ *Rossomando Family*



### BREAD

Marie Philantropo ~ *Micheline Philantropo*

## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Melisandre Anaya Jorvina, Kiera Osei, Aleksander Paczos

## 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



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 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

**MONDAY, November 29**

**7:30AM**

For the People of Saint James

**TUESDAY, November 30 Saint Andrew**

**7:30AM**

Dolores & Pio Salle ~ Gene & Nieves Salle

**WEDNESDAY, December 1**

**7:30AM**

Anna Singleton ~ Kenter Family

**THURSDAY, December 2**

**7:30AM**

Josephine Angele ~ Fe & Pete Guilas

**FRIDAY, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier**

**7:30AM**

Willie Corbett ~ Kevin & Maureen Corbett

**SATURDAY, December 4**

**8:00AM**

Tila Martinez ~ Kenter Family

**SUNDAY, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent**

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Amelia Montana & John & Sandy Lyna

**7:30AM**

Angela Raimondo

~ Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

**9:00AM**

For the People of Saint James

**10:30AM**

William Bataille ~ Michelle Sblendorio

**12:00PM**

Orlando & Rose Cicalese ~ Family

O Jesus,  
Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works,  
joys and sufferings of this  
day in union with the  
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
throughout the world.



### TODAY'S READINGS:

**November 28, 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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

**FIRST READING:** [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#) ~ **SECOND READING:** [Thessalonians 3:12-4:2](#)

**GOSPEL:** [Lk 21:25-28, 34-36](#)

## **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.**