



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

MAY 15, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thu 8AM-3PM

Fri: 9AM-3PM

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 21st:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, May 22nd:

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

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
May 21st



WELCOME TO THE

Table of the Lord!

Elizabeth Alfaro, Camryn Blasco, Jack Breen
Brandon Byrne, Dante Catania, Dylan DeSarno
Makayla Finer, Isla Fonseca, Samuel Gamarekian
Sadie Gonzalez, Mia Hand, Lillian Kennard
Michael LaBoo, Summer Lane, Camila Mahnken
Victor Mariano, Josefina Martinez, Gabriella Mastrella
Robert Morales, Arabella Muguerza, Liliana Mullman
Kasandra Perez, Richard Quartier, Emma Riolo
Cameron Rivera, Aramis Rodriguez, Ayden Rodriguez
Olivia Rodriguez, Frida Sanchez, Paul Anthony Santangelo
James Schroeck, Alexander Sebastian
Declan Tennant, Aria Vizcaya

State of THE Parish MID-YEAR UPDATE

- MAY 2022 -



Message from **Father David Santos**

The Finance Council and I would like to provide a financial update to the State of the Parish report that was presented this past fall. Overall, as you will see in the updated State of the Parish report, there is good news to share.

One VERY IMPORTANT piece of information that you should keep in mind as you read the report is that the positive trend we are seeing could not have happened without you! As I said to you a few weeks ago in my Continuing the Conversation remarks, our successful future state can't be achieved without successful partnership.

With this good news is the very important and critical step that needs to be taken to ensure the successful future state of our parish and that is to address our large legacy debt. Currently the parish has an approximate \$800,000 obligation of prior year indebtedness that needs to be managed. While zero interest is being incurred because our debt is to the Archdiocese of Newark, we have, nonetheless, a moral and stewardship obligation to address this huge amount.

For some time now the Finance Council and I have been exploring options that would tackle the debt and address the deteriorated convent building and the vacant school building. The school building is of particular concern. Short-term tenancy for use as a school does not resolve the long-term problem with a building that has a non-working heating system and windows that also need to be replaced. As you can imagine, the resources required to address just these two issues alone is beyond our resource capacity and a major deterrent for potential short-term tenants.

With two deteriorating buildings and a legacy debt of hundreds of thousands of dollars, creative solutions are called for. The Finance Council and I have been hard at work, creatively exploring our options. At the top of our list has been to create a plan to prudently develop this property that not only addresses our debt obligation but also would provide potential future revenue for the parish. The Finance Council and I have been in steady communication with the Archdiocesan Office of Property Management Administration to explore school and convent property options and to assist us in soliciting proposals for future development. More information will be shared with parish members as plans mature.

Please keep me and the parish lay leaders who have been actively involved in this exploratory process in your prayers. My hope is to provide additional information to you in the upcoming weeks.

Thanks to the hard work of our Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Parish Staff, and you, the wonderful people of St. James, we have made great strides in laying the groundwork for a successful path forward for our parish.

I can hardly share how excited and optimistic I am about what we are going to accomplish together.

Thank you and God bless you!

Rev. David C. Santos



FINANCE
Parish Finance Council



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**POSITIVE STEPS TOWARDS IMPROVING
OUR FINANCIAL POSITION...**

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES | Annual Appeal
AS OF 04/27/2022 178 DONORS PLEDGED



\$62,521

RECEIVED: \$51,014 GOAL: \$49,665



AVERAGE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

CURRENT YEAR - \$9,323*

LAST YEAR - \$7,538

*thru 9 months



CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

CURRENT YEAR - \$55,075

LAST YEAR - \$37,782



EASTER COLLECTIONS:

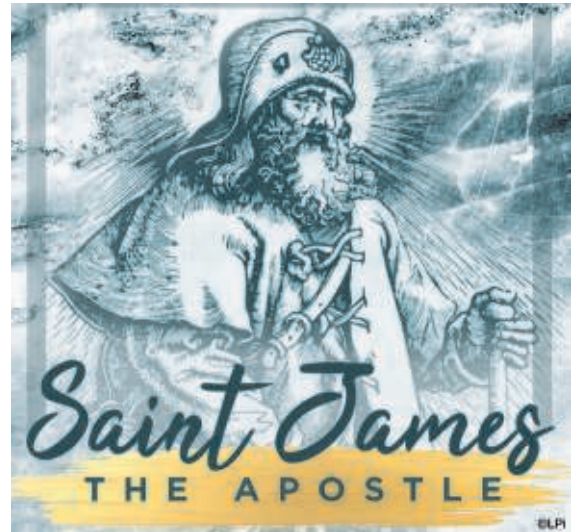
CURRENT YEAR - \$43,368

LAST YEAR - \$28,753



ONLINE GIVING THROUGH ParishSOFT

Use our Online Giving option to help St. James meet the needs of our community and the parish. Visit our website to set up your account for automatic offerings donations.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

They called the Church together and reported what God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm 145

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Gospel: John 13:31-33, 34-35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

May 21st at 3PM

Come enjoy some time of peace and prayer in God's presence!



ACTION ALERT: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STATE FUNDING

Please Advocate for Catholic School Students in the New Jersey State Budget!

State lawmakers are negotiating the FY23 State Budget. Two issues in the budget that are important to Catholic schools are requests for increases in transportation aid – so students can get to school safely – and compensatory education – extra help for struggling students. Many of our families rely on these programs.

The NJ Network of Catholic School Families and the NJ Catholic Conference ask that you use the Voter Voice system online to email your local State Legislator to request these modest increases in the State budget.

Click here to find the Action Alert highlighting the issues and the link to the Voter Voice system. Please share the Action Alert with your community and post the Action Alert on your website until the end of June.

Thank you for supporting the students and families of our archdiocesan Catholic Schools. For more information, contact Mary McElroy in the Office of Catholic Schools at mary.mcelroy@rcan.org.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



St. James Adopt-A-Plot Planting/Mulching Day Saturday, May 21st after the 8:30AM Mass

A few years ago, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down the street from our parish. The parish is responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the euonymus shrubs, and weeding. A small team of parishioners has been working to maintain the island throughout the Spring and Summer months. We could use more help this year.

All are welcome to join in service! If you are able to help that day, or if you would like to be a part of the maintenance team, please send an email to: pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org (subject: Island). Thank you for your consideration!

HELPING THE HUNGRY



May Sandwich Collection and Ice Cream Thank You Monday, May 23rd from 5:00-6:30PM

On May 23, from 5:00-6:30PM Helping the Hungry will be collecting bagged and labeled sandwiches along with some additional lunch items. We are asking our donors to please use the SignUp Genius to only donate what they sign up for due to space constraints at the receiving food pantries. Please scan the QR code here with the camera on your mobile device. In addition, we will have an ice cream treat to thank all of our generous parishioners who have faithfully supported this ministry each month. Even if you can't donate this month, stop by for some ice cream!



Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, May 22nd at the 12:00PM Mass

All First Holy Communion children are welcome to join the procession dressed in their Communion attire!



Fr. John Dennehy's 40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration Sunday, May 29th after the 12:00PM Mass

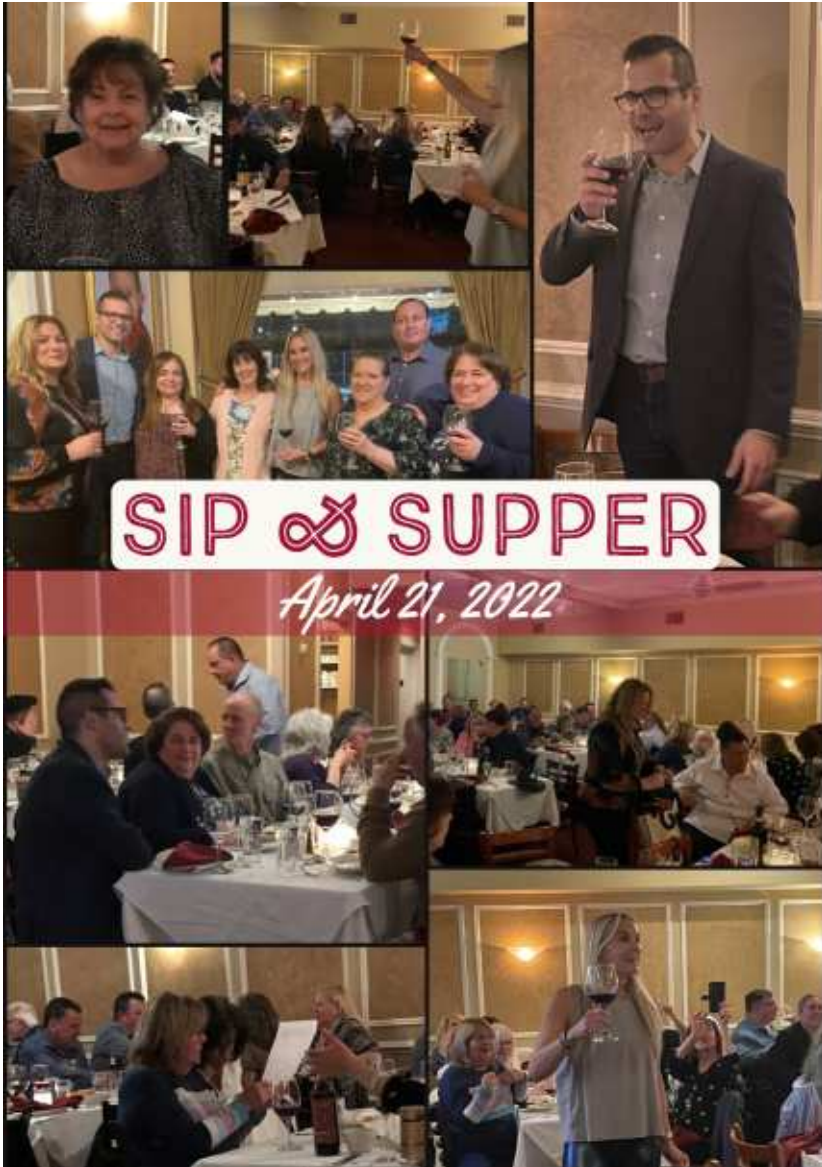
Let's celebrate!



Fr. Joe Barbone's 50th Anniversary Mass Sunday, June 12th at 2:00PM

Mass and light reception at Saint James Church.

FUN TIMES AT SAINT JAMES



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

FAX: (973) 376-4079

Congratulations to all the children who received First Holy Communion this weekend! We are so proud of you and look forward to sharing this sacrament with you as you continue your faith journey. We hope you will join us next Sunday in your communion attire for the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 12:00PM Mass.

2022 Confirmation families will be receiving information regarding Confirmation Preparation Classes soon. Even if your child currently attends a Catholic School, they are still required to attend these special classes.



Saint James the Apostle Church

June 27 ~ 30, 2022

Children entering Kindergarten ~ 4th Grade

Call: 973.376.2061 or

email: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org



**Vacation
Bible Camp**



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.



Easter Memorials



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

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00PM Kathleen Ryan Noonan
r/b Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Connor McTernan
r/b Saint James Religious Ed.
Ernie Reedy
r/b Wife & Children

10:00AM Giuseppe & Domenico Mazzacuva
r/b Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva

12:00PM Amelia Montana
r/b Janice Montana

MONDAY, MAY 16

7:30AM Sally Aufiero
r/b Anthony Battaglia Family

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:30AM For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:30AM Juan Flores
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:30AM Peter Szewzek
r/b Bratsch Family

FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:30AM Carmine Apicella
r/b Keffer Family

SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:30AM Richard Quagliato
r/b Kim & John Pflug

5:00PM John Montana, Sr.
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Robert Hunrath
r/b Sue & Bob Hagenbush
For the People of Saint James

10:00AM Margaret Furner
r/b Sam & Family

12:00PM Siegfried Roethlin
r/b Roethlin Family

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Memory of Jose Garcia & Clotilde
Martinez, r/b Ramiro Martinez & Family



BREAD & WINE:

In Memory of Jose Garcia & Clotilde
Martinez, r/b Ramiro Martinez & Family

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 BAPTIZE

James Noah Lopez
Killian Pado
Nailah Alikea Beckles
Mia Penelope Velasco
Gabriel Xavier Charleston

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

Love One Another



Gospel

Jesus gave His disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like He loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with His friends. He forgave His friends when they let Him down. Jesus comforted His friends when they were afraid. Most of all, He gave His own life for them!

Prayer

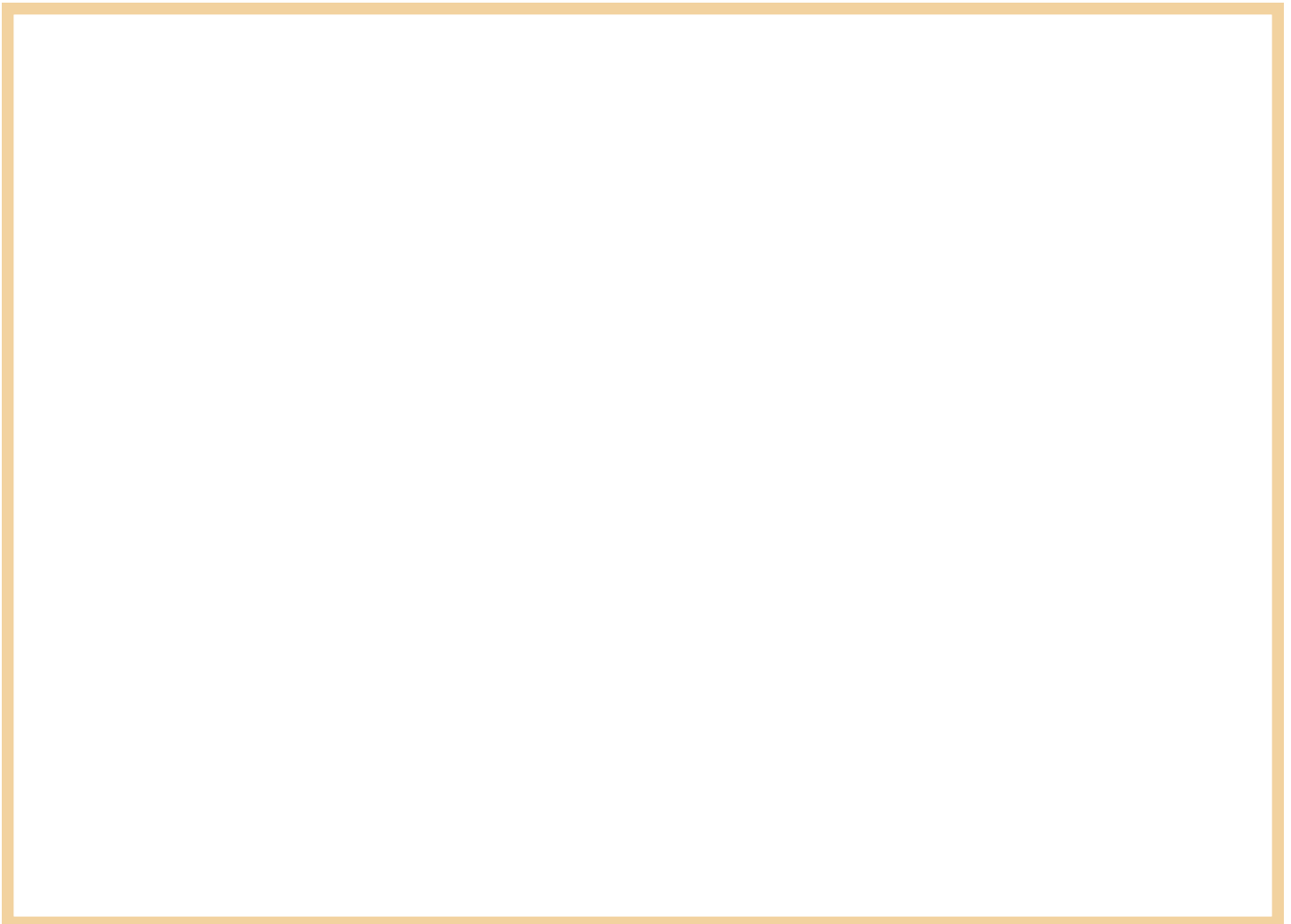
Dear God, please help me to love my friends like Jesus did.

Mission

I will follow Jesus and forgive others who have hurt me.

Draw

Draw a picture of yourself talking to a friend who is afraid.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for May 7/8

Regular Collection:	\$6,585.00
Online Giving:	\$2,500.00
Total:	\$9,085.00

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.

Everyday Stewardship

"LOVING AS NEW CREATIONS"

"There's something different about you." Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

The Finance Council members would like to convey a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all the parish community for your continued giving of your time, talent and treasure to Saint James.

Remember... "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

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