



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 30, 2022 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 5th:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday, February 6th:

- 8:00AM
- 10:00AM
- 12:00PM

DAILY MASS:

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

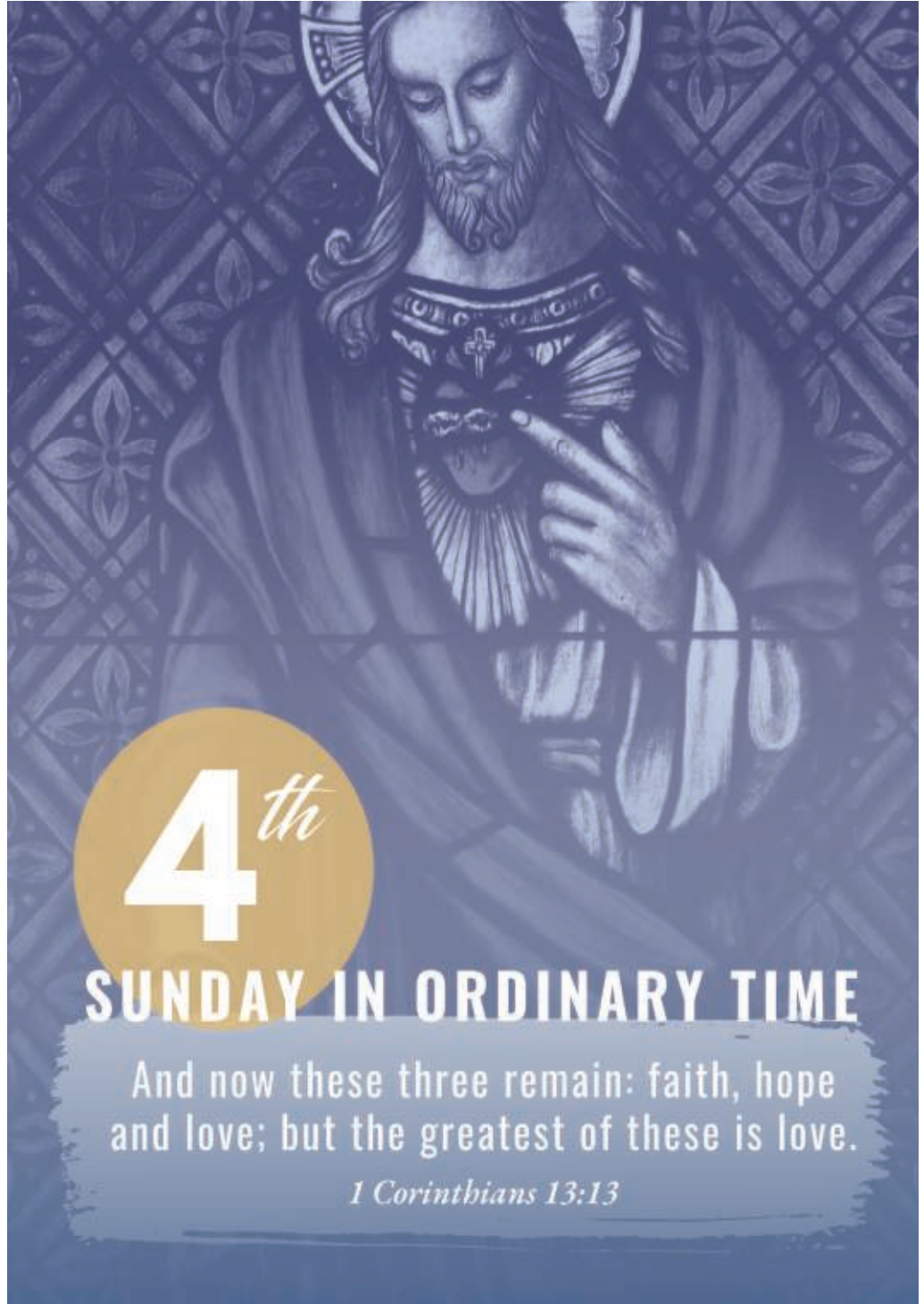
RECONCILIATION:

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 Saturday of the
Month: February 12th at
3:00PM



4th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And now these three remain: faith, hope
and love; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



NEWS AND UPDATES

Farewell to Fr. Tony

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Tony has been asked by Cardinal Tobin to take a new assignment as Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, West Orange, beginning February 1st. We are grateful to Fr. Tony for his service to us since July 2019.

After the 10:30am and 12pm Masses this Sunday (Jan. 30th), parishioners are invited to gather in the narthex/gathering space to greet Fr. Tony and offer him thanks for his priestly service and to wish him the best of luck as he embarks on his new assignment. Let us pray for Fr. Tony and the people he has been called to serve as he prepares for this new chapter in his priesthood.

St. James Music Ministry

We once again thank Mr. Dan Palko for his work among us as the Director of Music Ministry and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

It is with deep sadness that I am forced to place the parish choir on temporary hiatus. Unfortunately, our current situation limits our ability to have a choir. My hope is to conduct a comprehensive search for a music minister this spring who will join our parish staff.

This weekend we welcome Mr. Philip LaGala as our interim weekend music minister.

Update to Sunday Mass Schedule

With Fr. Tony's departure, many are wondering if we are receiving a parochial vicar who will replace Fr. Tony. For many reasons this will not be the case, at least not in the near future. Consequently, this will mean some changes to our pastoral and sacramental ministry here at St. James going forward, particularly our Sunday Mass schedule.

Friends, please be assured that I will continue to minister to this wonderful parish community with zeal and love and work hard to ensure that the sacramental needs of our parish are adequately provided for. Here are the most relevant reasons why my options are limited and how this will impact our parish:

Priest Shortage – An emerging reality is the decline in young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood, in addition to the limited pool of available priests. I serve on the Seminary Admissions Board, the archdiocesan board that reviews applicants for the seminary, and currently there are only two men entering the seminary for the Archdiocese of Newark this year. The numbers are quite disheartening and sobering. What this means is that there will be fewer and fewer priests available for the over 200 plus parishes within the Archdiocese of Newark. I earnestly implore you to pray that young men may courageously discern a call to the priesthood.

Deficit Reduction – One of my top priorities has been to work closely with our parish finance council to tackle our budget deficit and our debt. While we have already made great strides to improve our financial situation, simply put, our budget cannot support an additional priest.

Sunday Mass Schedule Adjustment – While the parish will not be receiving a parochial vicar, I am happy to say that Fr. John Dennehy will continue to assist me regularly on the weekends. I am grateful for his priestly ministry among us, as I am sure you are as well. However, even with the continued assistance of Fr. John, we will adjust the Sunday Mass schedule beginning the first weekend in February. Having consulted my staff, the parish pastoral council, and parish finance council, we all agree that a new Sunday Mass schedule is needed at this time. Therefore, our new Sunday Mass schedule, beginning February 6th, is as follows:

New Sunday Mass Schedule

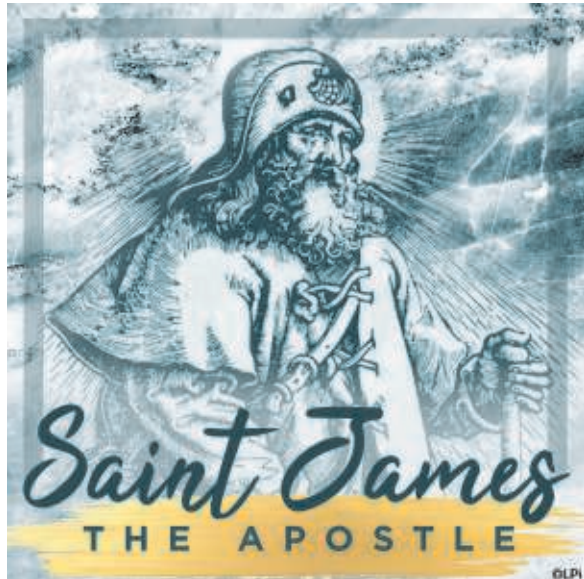
8:00AM Mass
10:00AM Mass
12:00PM Mass

Saturday 5:00PM Mass will remain the same and **Saturday Morning Mass will now be held at 8:30AM.**

Empowered Lay Faithful – We are blessed to have here at St. James such faithful and competent lay men and women. The future of St. James – indeed, the future of the Church – must be the increased involvement and leadership of empowered, talented lay men and women in the church's pastoral ministry. I believe the Holy Spirit, in this time of fewer priestly vocations, is emboldening and inviting the Church to acknowledge the important role lay leaders have in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Friends, while I understand that this news and new Mass schedule may be received by some with trepidation, I assure you that my confidence in our successful future-state has not waned one bit.

Thank you for your prayers, patience, and support.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Farewell Fr. Tony!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

Please join us in sharing your well-wishes to Fr. Tony after the 10:30AM or 12:00PM Mass!

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jer. 1:4-5

The word of the Lord came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

Responsorial Psalm 71

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13

So faith, hope and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

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

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LENT

JOURNEYING TOGETHER
LENT SMALL GROUPS

LENT is an opportunity to **DECLUTTER** our lives, to make **SPACE** for **GOD**, to **GATHER** and **GROW** with each other...

We hope you will journey with us!

Beginning the Week of February 28th
Sign-Up the Weekend of February 12 & 13

For information, contact:
smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org

PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you don't have to travel alone. We invite you to take part in our grief support program.

Grief is unique to each person, and journeying through it can be painful, lonely, and confusing, but it can be comforting to share this journey with others. Our group will meet at 8:00PM every other week. The sessions include learning about grief and understanding the grieving process, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually.

The meetings will be held at 8:00PM on:
February 9 & 23,
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20

For more information,
contact Jo Ann Andrasko
jahocswim@gmail.com
or call 973-768-6222

Because of Covid concerns, all meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Please email Jo Ann directly for the Zoom link.

*Blessed are those who mourn
for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4*



Coming Soon: SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

Saint James is preparing to launch a Saturday morning Men's Group. The group will be meeting monthly on Saturday morning to share in fellowship and discuss the Gospel passage for that weekend. The informal gatherings will provide any adult male an opportunity to connect with other guys while at the same time connecting with his faith through Scripture.

If you are interested in participating or want more info, please reach out to John Prescott via email at prescottjw11@gmail.com.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



**Mount Saint Mary
House of Prayer Presents:
"What's Love Got to Do With It?"**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
5:30-9:00PM**

Spend an evening enjoying dinner, talking about relationships and renewing your marriage vows. Led by Deacon Peter D'Angelo. Cost is \$50-\$60 per person.

Space is limited. Register by January 31st online at www.msmhope.org



YOUNG ADULT book club

HOSTED BY THE
YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRIES OF
ST. HELEN & ST.
BARTHOLOMEW

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AND FOR MORE
INFORMATION:



(OPEN TO YOUNG ADULTS AGES 20-35)

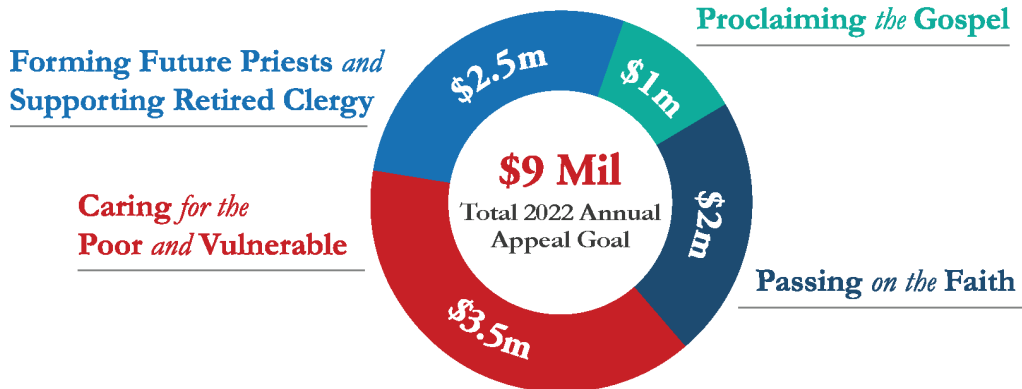
The End of the Affair by Graham Greene
Monday nights at 8-9PM on ZOOM

January 31 (Book I)
February 7 (Book II & III)
February 21 (Book IV)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BRIANA AT
BQUIGLEY@STBARTHOLOMEWCHURCH.ORG

ANNUAL APPEAL - HOW ARE THE FUNDS USED?

Your gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:



Annual Appeal the 2022



To make a gift online,
visit rcan.org/sharing

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: "A LISTENING CHURCH"

Pope Francis has called for the people of God and clergy to convene and work together to listen and discern a vision for the future of the Church. Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road together. The Synod on Synodality is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be.

There are three questions that we are asked to pray over and consider. The Synod Prayer is on the back of the flier:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in your parish?
- How are we "walking together" as a Church, what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?
- How are we "walking together" as the Archdiocese of Newark, and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

There will be a number of ways for you to share your answers:

- The different ministries here at Saint James will be working together to answer the questions.
- You can share your answers on our website: stjamestheapostle.org.
- You can reach out to one of us with your answers at: pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org.
- You can send a written response to the Rectory in care of "Synod."

Additional information regarding the Synod, as well as a video message from Cardinal Tobin can be found on the Archdiocese website at: www.rcan.org.

As we begin our listening and sharing, we invite you to consider what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do, reflect and prepare your thoughts on each question. We are asking that you send us your responses by March 15th, 2022.



Robin Melleno | Ana Prescott | Nancy Starzynski
pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org



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Last Sunday the 7th graders from Saint James & St. Bartholomew's Church's met in Scotch Plains for an explanation of the Mass. This was a great collaboration between the two parishes and by the responses we received, may likely happen again in the future!

This weekend our children preparing to receive First Communion received the healing sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We ask for your continued prayers as these children continue their journey to the Table of the Lord.

There are classes for grades 1-6 this week.

Spotlight ON FAITH

Q. What is Eucharistic Adoration?

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

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SACRAMENTS AT ST. JAMES



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

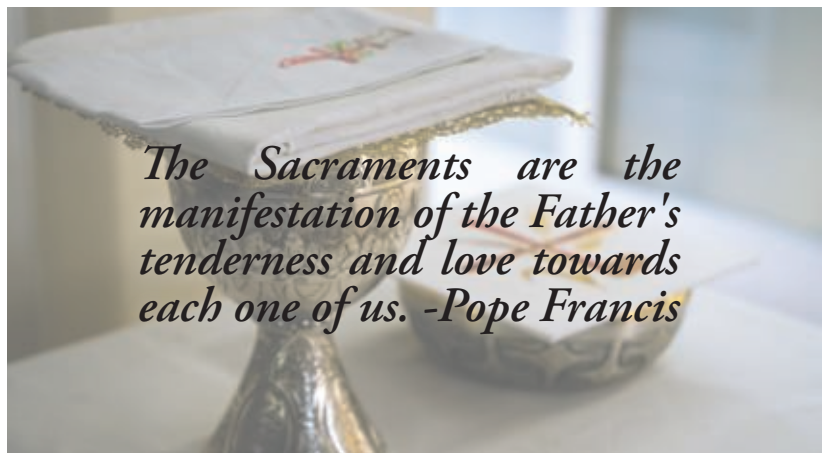
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

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, JANUARY 29

5PM Vigil: Ernie Reedy & Donald Ralph Reedy
r/b the Reedy Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30AM: Carl Quick
r/b the Keffer Family
9:00AM: Irene Villanova
r/b Daughter, Carol
10:30AM: John Clark
r/b the Clark & DiLeo Families
12:00PM: Barbara Germinder
r/b Cerreto Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco

7:30AM: Helen Haberschaden
r/b the Yannazzone Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30AM: Escolastica Aguinaldo
r/b the Aguinaldo Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

7:30AM: Ates Vigilante
r/b Ed & Ann Fanning

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30AM: Sally Aufiero
r/b Francisca & Joseph Voorhees

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

***NEW MORNING MASS TIME

8:30AM Theresa Blasi
req. by Family
5PM Vigil: Alicia Aguinaldo
r/b the Aguinaldo Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

***NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00AM: Betty Amend
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly
10:00AM: Susan Sullivan
r/b Pat
12:00PM: Tony Bagnato
r/b Wife, Ann & Family

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL:

In Memory of Natalie Vital
r/b the Vital 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, 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 Muguera, 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, Rose Sinopoli, 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

Raymond Alberti
All who have died from Covid-19.

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



Gospel

If Jesus lived next door to you, do you think you would believe in him? People who lived in his hometown did not believe that Jesus could heal people. "He's just a carpenter's son," they said, "he cannot heal." Jesus got tired of hearing those words. He left his hometown to go where people believed in him. Believe in Jesus and he will always be with you, even when you are sick. If you believe, Jesus will help you.

Prayer

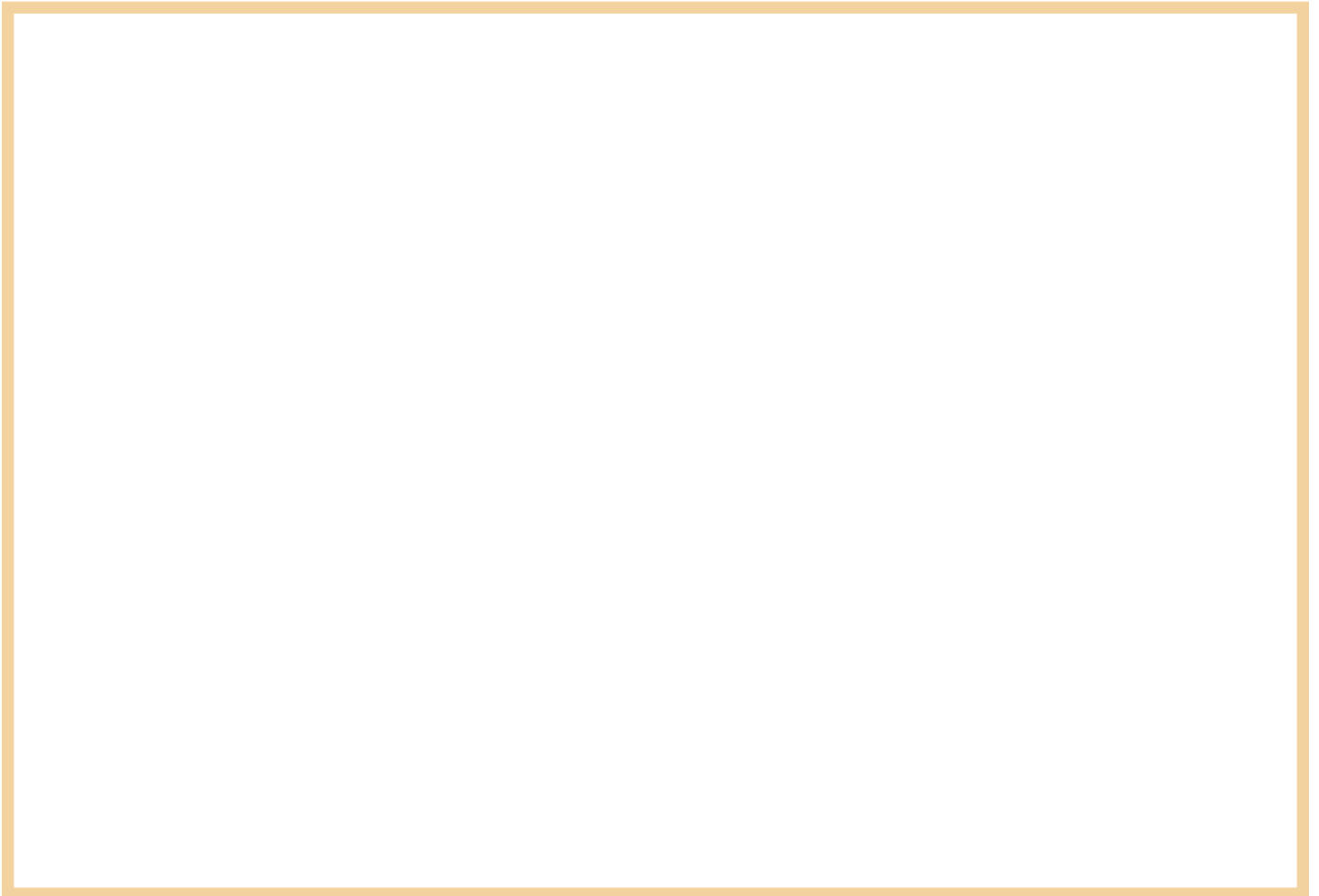
Lord, I believe. Help me to always believe in you.

Mission

Make a card for someone who is sick in your family or neighborhood.

Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus healing someone who is sick.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for January 22 & 23

Church Collection:	\$4,850.00
Online Collection:	\$3,410.00
TOTAL:	\$8,260.00

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.



Annual Appeal the 2022

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting this year's Annual Appeal. 100% of every gift will support the various ministries across the Archdiocese that help continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church today.

EVERYDAY Stewardship

January 30th, 2022

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

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Parish Finance Council

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