



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

#### **Saturday, March 5th:**

- 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### **Sunday, March 6th:**

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

### DAILY MASS:

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

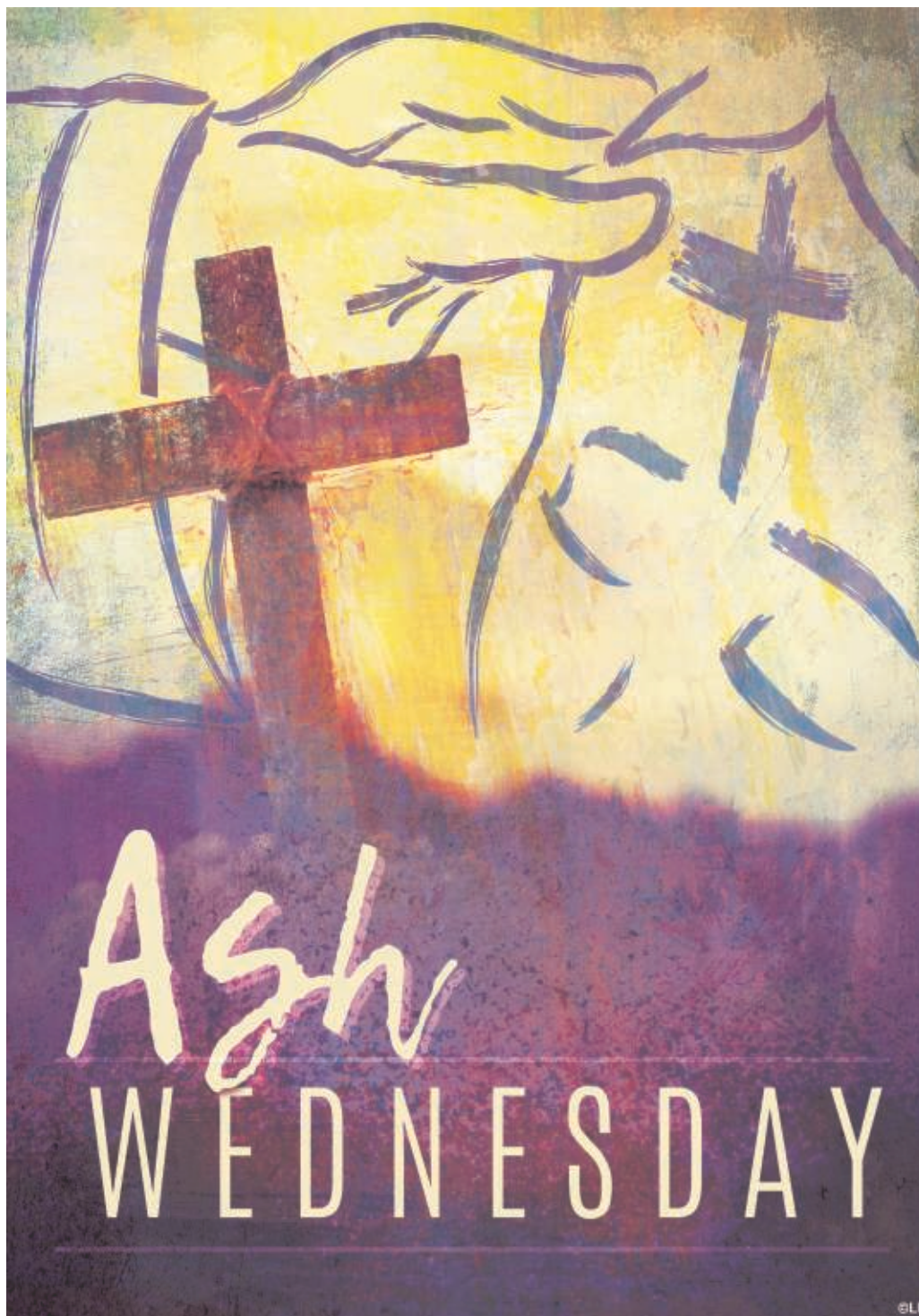
### RECONCILIATION:

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 at 3:00PM



## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



### NEWS & UPDATES - The Hallow Mobile App

I am super excited to share with you a gift from St. James parish that will hopefully be useful in your prayer lives and those of your families this Lenten season.

Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps people from all faiths deepen their relationship with God through audio-guided prayer sessions. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app in the world and has over 3,000 prayers to choose from. The app has been downloaded more than 1.5 million times worldwide and adds new content all the time! Hallow is designed so that no matter where you are on your faith or spiritual journey, you will find something to help you connect with God.

There are prayers specifically written for families, kids, podcast-style talks answering questions of faith, mental health meditations, and more.

***Hallow is free to download and has tons of content.*** This Lent, we have partnered with the Hallow team to provide Hallow Plus access to all parishioners for FREE through Easter. After Easter, you can opt into keeping a subscription to Hallow Plus for a 20% discount or continue on with the free content. No credit card required!

***To get started, scan the QR code on page 4 in this bulletin (or go to [www.hallow.com/holydaypackage](http://www.hallow.com/holydaypackage))*** and select our parish in the search bar. From there, you can either create a new account or log into your existing free account to be able to access Hallow Plus. We hope you'll use Hallow this Lent to help you get to know God through the last words of Jesus.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

When I hear the phrase, "The blind leading the blind," I think of the story of the two brothers on a park bench who were arguing about religion. The younger brother said to the older one, "You claim you know all about religion. I'll bet that you don't even know the Lord's Prayer." The older brother opened his wallet, put down ten dollars, and snapped, "This says I do."

The younger brother matched him, saying, "And this says you don't."

The older brother began, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep..."

The younger brother handed him the 10 dollars, saying, "You fooled me; I didn't think you knew it."

What happens when the one you look to for guidance is himself lost?

We would be hard-pressed to find better readings for the Sunday before Lent begins. These teachings of Jesus—on judging others and the fruitfulness of our lives—invite us to reflect on the movements taking place within our minds and hearts, particularly regarding those we consider our role models.

In our Gospel, Jesus shows himself to be the unparalleled practical philosopher, giving us sound wisdom for how to live our lives. Jesus can, in a real way, become for us a beacon, a role-model, who offers us the best example of what it means to have a fully integrated life where words correspond with actions, and actions correspond to words.

Hopefully, we all want to live good lives.

Hopefully, we all want to make a difference in our world and in the lives of others for the good. But the fundamental question to ask is: who's going to help us do this? Who is showing you the way? Who will be your beacon?

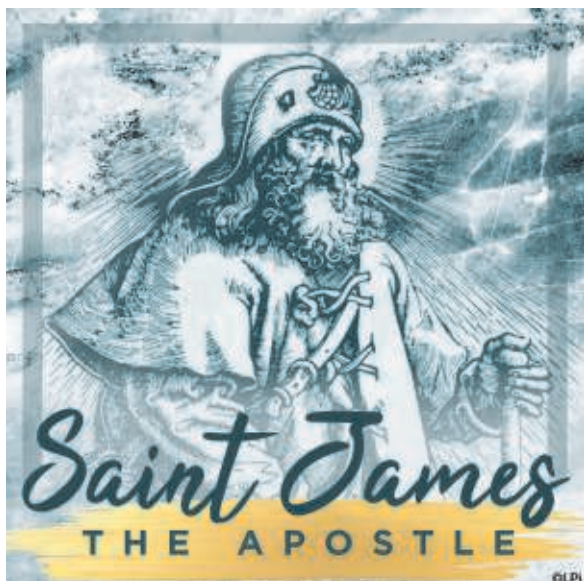
### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Our chief want in life is somebody who will make us do what we can.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. David". The signature is stylized and fluid.





## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

*The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.*

### Responsorial Psalm 92

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

### Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:54-58

*Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

### Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

*A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.*

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access Mass readings online.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

# LENT 2022

*Reflect. Repent. Restore.*

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org))

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**7:30AM Mass**

**3:00PM Liturgy of the Word**

**7:00PM Mass**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays in Lent at 12:00PM and 7:00PM**

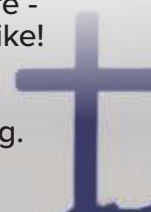
## LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

# JOURNEYING TOGETHER

One-hour weekly gatherings of 6-10 parishioners during the 6 weeks of Lent. There will be a variety of days/times offered as well as an opportunity to meet virtually.

Groups will read, discuss, and engage with the Gospel for the coming Sunday. We will provide some basic questions to spark conversation, as we explore together how the Word of God is speaking to us and operating in our lives. There is no pressure to share - we welcome talkers & listeners alike!

To sign up, please reach out to [smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org).



# INTRODUCING... Hallow

the Catholic Prayer  
& Meditation app!

St. James has partnered with the Hallow Catholic app this Lent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the #Pray40 Challenge featuring daily Lenten meditations on Jesus' Last Seven Words from His Cross.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 3,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God. Hallow Plus includes prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more. You can download the app from this landing page: [hallow.com/holydaypackage](https://hallow.com/holydaypackage). Search for "Saint James the Apostle in Springfield" to gain access to all the features of the app. You can also scan the QR code here with the camera on your mobile device to sign up and join in the #PRAY40 Challenge!



## #PRAY40



**Jonathan  
Roumie**  
The Chosen



**Jim Caviezel**  
The Passion  
of Christ

**FATHER,**  
forgive them; for they know not  
what they do.

**AMEN,**  
I say to you, today you will be with  
me in paradise.

**WOMAN,**  
behold thy son! Behold thy mother!

**I THIRST.**

**MY GOD, MY GOD,**  
why have you forsaken me?

**IT IS FINISHED.**

**FATHER,**  
into thy hands I commend my spirit.

## The 7 Last Words of Christ

### Overview

Join Jonathan Roumie, who portrays Jesus in The Chosen, and Jim Caviezel, who portrayed Jesus in The Passion of the Christ, for Hallow's most powerful #Pray40 Challenge yet, a journey through The 7 Last Words of Christ. Each week, we'll meditate on one of the last seven words Jesus spoke in his final hours before his death upon the cross. Enter into the mystery of these simple yet profound words, and grow closer to Jesus during this season of Lent.

### Includes

- Daily Lenten Sessions on The 7 Last Words of Christ with narrators, Jonathan Roumie and Jim Caviezel
- Writings on The 7 Last Words from Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen
- Meditations on the Sunday Gospels to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of The 7 Last Words
- The Stations of the Cross, adapted from St. Alphonsus Liguori's Way of the Cross
- Weekly Litanies, such as The Litany of Humility and The Litany of Trust
- Collections of Psalms and Petitions to lift each other up in intercessory prayer
- Brand new Lenten music for contemplation
- Reflections from Mother Teresa, St. Faustina, and more!

Visit [hallow.com/pray40](https://hallow.com/pray40) to learn more

## ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.** On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional Abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

\*Canon 920 §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



## 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, and 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: [saintjamestheapostle.org](http://saintjamestheapostle.org).
- You can reach out to one of us with your answers at: [pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org).
- You can send a written response to the Rectory in care of "Synod."

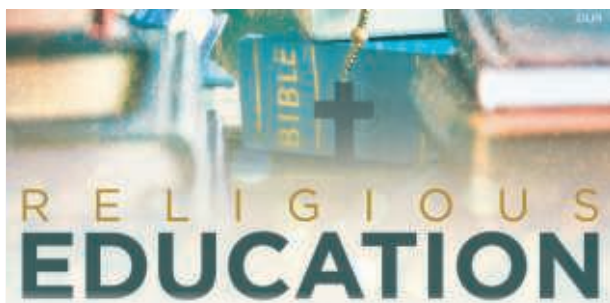
Additional information regarding the Synod, as well as a video message from Cardinal Tobin can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

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**  
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Welcome to Lent! Our parish provides many opportunities to enrich and deepen your family's faith, and some can be done in the comfort of your own home! Please see the Lenten section of this bulletin for more information.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. As a reminder, I will be in the church at 2:30PM to greet your children and wait with them for your arrival for the 3:00PM Service.

This week all of the children received their Lenten Rice Bowls. The bowls include a Lenten Calendar with ideas for things to do and suggestions on things to abstain from. Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more Lenten information.

Children preparing to receive First Eucharist are reminded that their Gift of Eucharist workbooks are due soon. Classes resume this Tuesday for grades 1-6 and 7th graders are reminded that we will meet in the church at 7:00PM.

## Spotlight ON FAITH

### **Q. Is Ash Wednesday a Day of Obligation?**

A. Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

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## SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



### **BAPTISM**

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

### **RECONCILIATION**

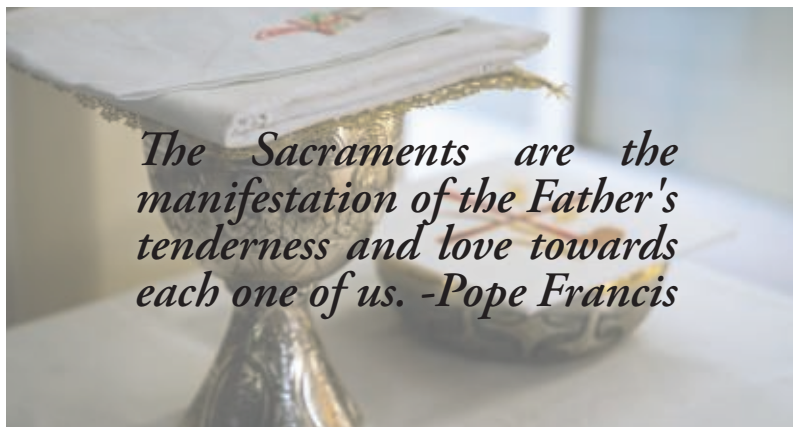
4:00PM on Saturdays  
or by appointment.

### **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, FEBRUARY 26

5PM Vigil: Jose Aguinaldo  
*r/b the Aguinaldo Family*  
Maria Del Mauro  
*r/b Family*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM: William Sincowitz  
*r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly*  
Barbara Germinder  
*r/b Mary Albright*  
10:00AM: Pasqualina Pacifico  
*r/b Daughter & Family*  
12:00PM: Paul Mendelsohn  
*r/b Silverio Baranda*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30AM: Bernard Cunningham  
*r/b Mary & Patrick Corbett*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 1

7:30AM: Modesto Butalid  
*r/b Gene & Nieves Salle*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

### ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30AM: Thomas & Barbara Graziano  
*r/b Linda Graziano*  
3:00PM: (Liturgy of the Word)  
7:00PM: Edward & Josephine Graziano  
*r/b Linda Graziano*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:30AM: Mary Matthew  
*r/b Daughter*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:30AM: Joanne Bollaro  
*r/b Mother, Sister & Family*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:30AM For the People of Saint James  
5PM Vigil: Antonio & Giovannia Circelli  
*r/b Carmela Fusco*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM: Mary & Vincent Inneo  
*r/b the Inneo Family*  
For the People of Saint James  
10:00AM: James J. Carney  
*r/b Patty & John Carney*  
12:00PM: Alfonso Cacciatore  
*r/b Children*

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

## BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL:

For the People of Saint James



*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, 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, 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

Armand Galluccio  
Sister Patricia Mahoney  
Rev. William McKenna  
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

FOR THE KIDS

*Be Merciful as God is Merciful*





## *Gospel*

Jesus wants you to look carefully at your own words and behavior. If you call your sibling selfish, Jesus wants you to make sure you are not selfish. If you tease your brother because his room is messy, Jesus wants you to make sure your own room is not messy. Jesus teaches us not to judge others. Remember that everyone makes mistakes! God forgives you and wants you to show forgiveness to others too.

## *Prayer*

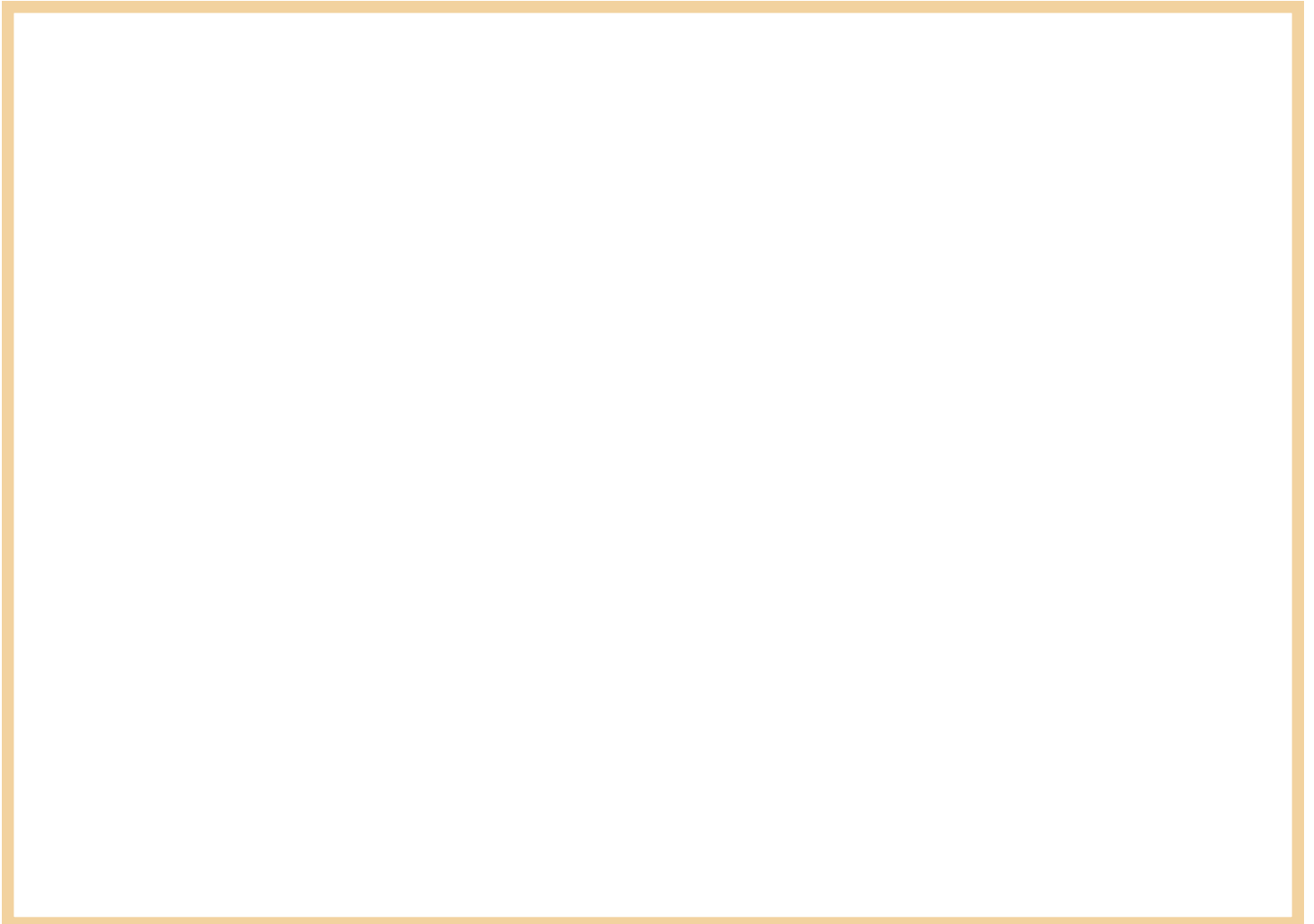
Holy Spirit, help me to be loving and forgiving. Give me a good heart.

## *Mission*

I will help and encourage, rather than judge others.

## *Draw*

Draw yourself helping someone who cannot see.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals for February 19 & 20

Church Collection:	\$5,142.00
Online Collection:	\$3,145.00
TOTAL:	\$8,287.00

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](http://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.



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TO MAKE  
A GIFT  
ONLINE

## the 2022 Annual Appeal

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* 

February 27th, 2022

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Please consider supporting Saint James through our new partnership with...



Saint James has recently partnered with Amazon Smile! Please remember that while you shop and consider using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). **The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to our church.** It's no additional cost to you! Choose Saint James the Apostle via this link: <https://smile.amazon.com> and start shopping or scan the QR code with the camera on your mobile device. Thank you for your support!



**P.F.C.**  
Parish Finance Council

### FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... During the pandemic, weekly collections fell by more than 25%, leaving the parish with a deficit. It's a new year, if you haven't already, please consider increasing your weekly giving to help offset this loss of revenue.

Remember... "Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." - Kathy Calvin, President of the United Nations Foundation



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