



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

MARCH 6, 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

#### Saturday, March 12th:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

#### Sunday, March 13th:

- 8:00AM - Fr. Santos
- 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
*Livestream Available 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: March 14th at  
3:00PM



## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



### NEWS & UPDATES

Lent invites us once more to special observances of prayer, fasting, and generous giving.

As we continue to lift-up our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine, I invite you to reflect on Pope Francis' words from his General Audience, February 23, 2022:

"Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. [...] I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting [...]. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war." – Pope Francis, General Audience, February 23, 2022

### HALLOW APP FOR MOBILE DEVICES

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 3,000+ audio-guided prayer sessions. 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. This Lent, we have partnered with the Hallow team to provide Hallow Plus access to all parishioners for FREE through Easter. We hope you'll use Hallow this Lent to help you get to know God through the last words of Jesus. See below for more information on how to sign up for free.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Lent is a very special time – a time of preparation for Easter. The power of Lent forces us to confront two important truths, truths we are very good at avoiding and ignoring.

First, it reminds us that, like Jesus, who died on Good Friday, we too are destined to die. Second, it reminds us that if we want to rise to new life after death, as Jesus did, WE MUST REPENT. That is, we must turn from our sins and follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Friends, I pray that as you begin this Lenten journey, you may at least carry with you this important question:

What is one way that you might follow more closely in Jesus' footsteps during the season of Lent?

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves. — Leo Tolstoy

**PRAY EVERY DAY  
THIS LENT WITH**

# Hallow

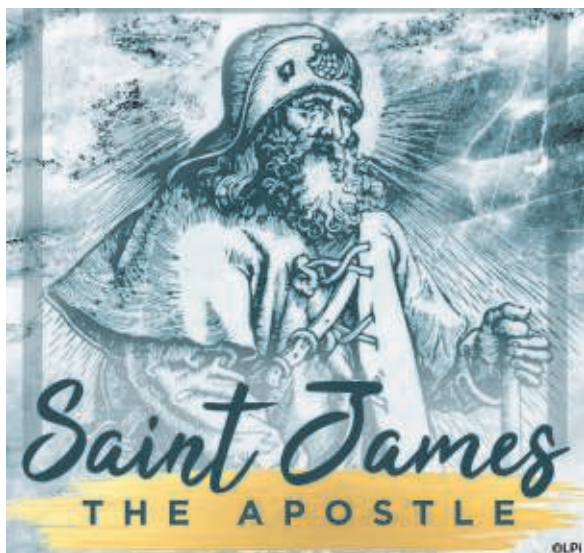
**the Catholic Prayer  
& Meditation app!**

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 Catholic prayers and meditations, mental health content, spiritual and uplifting music, prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more.

You can access our parish subscription at [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!







## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

*"We cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry."*

### Responsorial Psalm 91

*Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.*

### Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

*For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

### Gospel: Luke 64:1-13

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.*

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Saturday, March 14th at 3:00PM**



## 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))

## LENTEN SCHEDULE & EVENTS

### Lenten Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday at 7:00PM

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 12:00PM and 7:00PM

### Holy Rosary

Every Monday at 7:00PM

### Feast of Saint Joseph

with Bishop Elias Lorenzo

Sunday, March 20th at 12:00PM Mass

St. Joseph's Table and Town Hall with the Bishop

### Lenten Evening for Families

Pray - Fast - Give

Friday, March 25th at 6:00PM

(More information on the following page)

### Lenten Confessions

Monday, March 28th at 7:00PM

(No Rosary on this Evening)

## PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES



### PRAY



#### LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE • 6:00-6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of prayer, music and reflection ~ geared for families of all ages, with a Lenten craft for each family to take home.

### FAST



#### PRE-ORDER MEATLESS SOUP • 6:30-7:00 PM

Take it to-go for a simple Lenten supper. \$5 per 16 oz. cup of soup  
Pick up in the Gathering Area

### GIVE



#### DONATE DIAPERS AND/OR WIPES • 6:00-7:00 PM

Drop-off in the Gathering Area  
Supporting ABC Diaper Distribution, serving local families in need

### SOUP PICKUP INFO:

*Order a simple Lenten Supper to go!*

Soup will be provided by Cosimo's Restaurant in Westfield. Each 16-ounce cup of soup will come with bread. The cost is \$5 per soup. You can also order a small garden salad for an additional \$5 per salad.

Please return orders and payment in the Sunday collection basket or to the Rectory. Make checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Church.

*Pickup on Friday, March 25 in the Gathering Area between 6:30-7:00PM.*

Contact the following with any questions:  
Claire Bernstein: [clairebernstein@gmail.com](mailto:clairebernstein@gmail.com)  
Joanne Roethlin: [jroethlin@yahoo.com](mailto:jroethlin@yahoo.com)

## A LENTEN EVENING: SOUP ORDER FORM

Name:

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Phone Number:

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Email Address:

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Item:	Quantity:	Cost:
Minestrone Soup:		
Pasta Fagiloi Soup:		
Escarole and Bean Soup:		
Small Salad:		
TOTALS:		

## 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:  
**March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20**

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

**All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Please email Jo Ann directly for the Zoom link.**

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



### **You Are Mine: LGBTQ Parents & Allies Support Group**

Find a space for respectful conversation that allows parents, family members and allies of LGBTQ Catholics to share their joys, concerns and faith.

**Thursday, March 17th  
and every 3rd Thursday at 7:00PM**

Little Flower Church Lower Level (park behind church) at 310 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights

Questions or more info?  
youaremine.lf@gmail.com

## 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.

- 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."

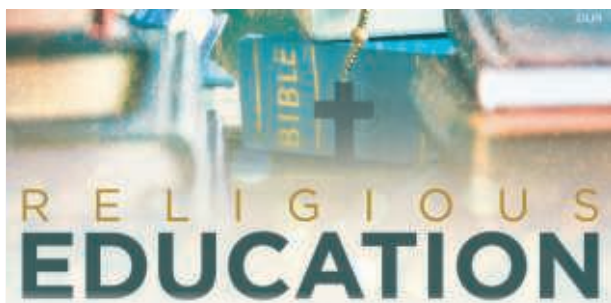
**A Synod Listening Session will be held on  
Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00PM in the school gym.**

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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org)





**OFFICE: (973) 376-2061**

**FAX: (973) 376-4079**

Lent is here! What are you doing to enhance your Lenten experience? Our parish offers many opportunities for you and your family, some even in the comfort of your own home. Please check out the Lenten section of this bulletin for more information.

Our Tuesday second graders are reminded that their Gift of the Eucharist books are to be returned this Tuesday. Seventh graders will meet in the church Tuesday at 7PM and the Eighth graders are busy working on their Confirmation assignments.

Next Sunday, the Emmaus Group and Family Faith families will meet. The children preparing for First Eucharist are reminded to return their workbooks when we meet after the 10AM Mass.

## Spotlight ON FAITH

### Q. Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

A. The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. It was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people pray the Stations often. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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## SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

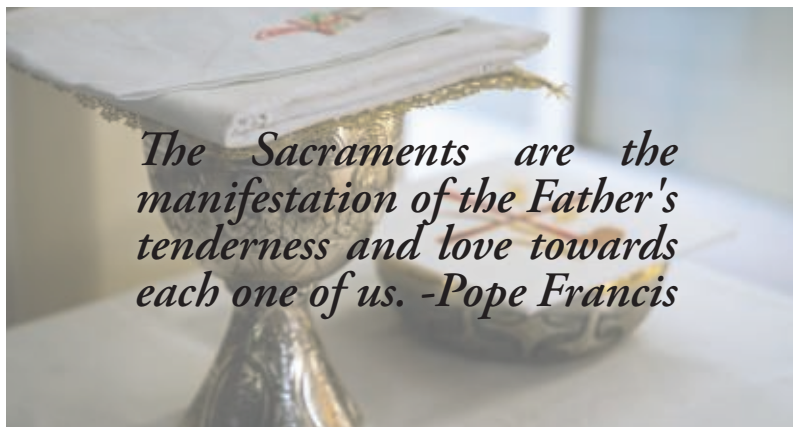
4:00PM on Saturdays  
or by appointment.

### 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, MARCH 5

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

7:30AM: William Michael  
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

7:30AM: Carl Quick  
r/b Francine Foscatto

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:30AM: John Dilly III  
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:30AM: Maria & Onorio Silvestri  
r/b Family

5PM Vigil: Eileen Cunningham  
r/b Mary Patrick Corbett

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM: George & Louise Mikedes  
r/b Linda Graziano  
Joe Fusco  
r/b Carmela Fusco

10:00AM: Gerardo DiLeo  
r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

12:00PM: Alfonso Cacciatore  
r/b Wife

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Memory of Al Van Havere  
r/b the Cerreto Family

#### BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL:

In Memory of Al Van Havere  
r/b the Cerreto 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, 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

Deacon Anthony Balestrieri, Rev. Bill Halbing, Sr. Mary Anne Katlack, Marilyn Lang, Rev Msgr. Francis LoBianco, Deacon Guillermo Valladares, and 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

# *Jesus in the Desert*





## *Gospel*

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, lands to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what his Heavenly Father wanted.

## *Prayer*

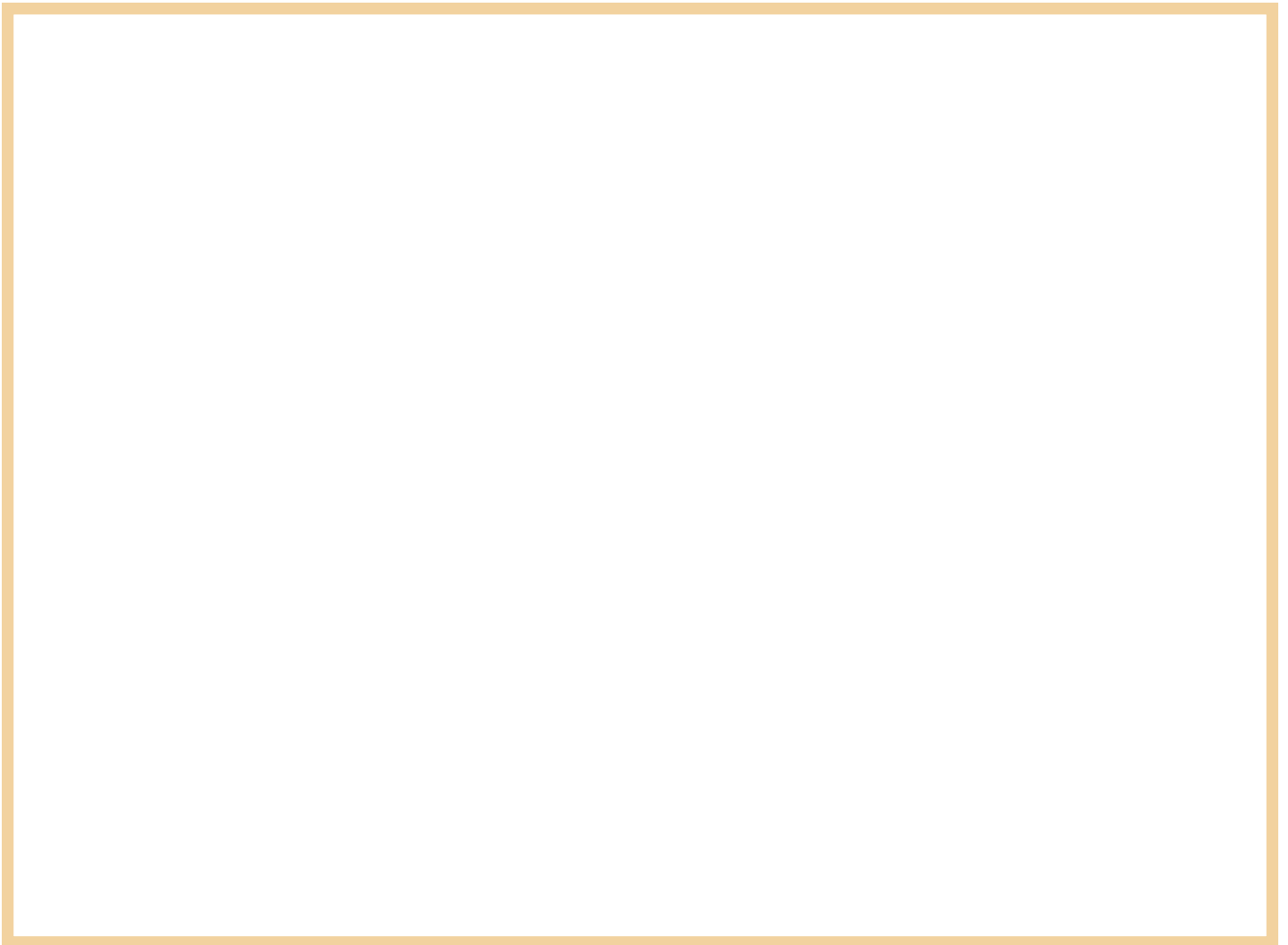
Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

## *Mission*

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

## *Draw*

Draw Jesus praying in the desert.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals for February 26 & 27

Church Collection:	\$ 7,719.00
Online Collection:	\$2,642.00
TOTAL:	\$10,361.00

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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## 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



March 6th, 2022

*"I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)*

*This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "firstfruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.*

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

Think of what you can give rather than give up during this Lenten Season.

Remember... Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.  
- St. Catherine of Siena

**STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES | Annual Appeal**  
02/26/2022 90 PLEDGES



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