



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

BLESSED IS HE  
WHO COMES IN THE  
NAME OF THE LORD!

**MATTHEW 23:39**

**PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2, 2023**

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,  
Springfield, NJ 07081  
(973) 376-3044

### Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-3PM  
(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

### Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM  
Sat: 9AM-1PM

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, April 8:**  
**EASTER VIGIL MASS:**  
7:30PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, April 9:**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:00AM - Fr. Santos  
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
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:**  
Wednesday Holy Hour at  
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### NEWS AND UPDATES



### Holy Communion

The outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020 required a temporary reduction of liturgical practices in the celebration of the Eucharist and administration of the sacraments. Until now, the only liturgical restriction remaining within the archdiocese is the prohibition regarding the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice. The archdiocese has asked all parishes to begin offering Communion under both kinds (bread and wine) beginning as early as Holy Thursday, April 6th, but no later than Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.

Here at St. James, before offering Communion from the chalice, I'd like to have some time for catechesis and preparation for the reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice. This will also be a time to foster the full participation of the faithful in the Mass.

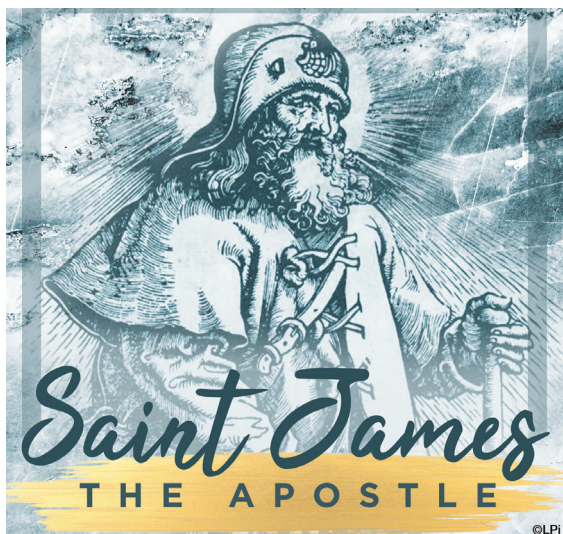
It has been close to three years since Communion from the chalice has been offered at Mass. Rediscovering the sign value of Communion under both kinds (bread and wine) is important for us as a community of faith. Why? Because, as our Church teaches us, every effort is to be made to ensure that "the faithful should receive the Body of Christ from hosts (bread) consecrated at Mass and partake of the chalice (wine), so that even by means of the signs, Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 55, and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 85).

Over the next few weeks, you'll find in our parish bulletin a series of articles which have been prepared by the Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. These articles will help to catechize and prepare our community for the full participation of the faithful in the Mass. Our Eucharistic Ministers will be receiving careful training as we prepare for the reintroduction of the Communion chalice this Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.

While many communicants have waited in anticipation for the reintroduction of Communion from the chalice, there are others for whom Communion from the chalice is not desirable. Please know that while it is necessary for the church to provide the option of receiving Communion under both kinds (bread and wine) so that participation in the sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood is manifested, communicants are not obligated to receive both kinds (bread and wine).

As we continue to emerge from a period of necessary adjustment resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, we welcome this liturgical step forward which affords the lay faithful the opportunity to receive both the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass.





## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

*If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.*

**Gospel Acclamation: John 11:25**

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

*"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."*

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

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

**Saint James Campus Redevelopment Project**

Since my last communication to the parish with an update on the campus redevelopment on February 12th, we have received one additional proposal for the school and convent properties. This brings the total number of proposals received to 6 (six)!

Members of the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee and I have been back and forth with the top contenders. At this point in time, it is still too earlier to schedule a parish townhall meeting. Stay tuned for more news.

**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as today. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into remembrance of the Lord's passion. His royal entrance into the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Pay particular attention to the Gospel narrative. Matthew's passion story stretches from the plot of Judas to the stone placed before Jesus' tomb, offering a wealth of details in its portrait of Jesus during this crucial sacrificial act. It's as if Jesus has the whole of humanity's miserable condition thrown at Him – He is betrayed by a close friend, abandoned by all His friends, unjustly apprehended and sentenced to death, brutally tortured and nailed to a cross all while His mother watches. In spite of his human fears, Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is unyielding in his obedience to the Father. Today we are invited to stand in awe and gratitude for the gift of salvation.

As we enter this holiest of weeks with Christ, may our participation in each solemn liturgy draw us into deeper union with him and with one another.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*I can say that I never knew what joy was like until I gave up pursuing happiness, or cared to live until I chose to die. For these two discoveries I am beholden to Jesus.*

—Malcolm Muggeridge

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## LENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

**Holy Rosary and Novena**

Monday, April 3 at 7:00PM

**Lenten Holy Hour**

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00PM

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**HOLY THURSDAY** | April 6th  
Morning Prayer: 9:00AM  
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30PM  
Night Prayer: 10:00PM

**GOOD FRIDAY** | April 7th  
Morning Prayer: 9:00AM  
Children's Stations of the Cross: 10:00AM  
3:00PM: The Lord's Passion

**HOLY SATURDAY** | April 8th  
Morning Prayer: 9:00AM  
Easter Vigil: 7:30PM

**EASTER SUNDAY** | April 9th  
Mass Times: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM  
(NO SATURDAY 5PM MASS)



St. James has partnered with Hallow this Season to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the Lent #Pray40 Challenge.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 5,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer.

Hallow includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more!

Register today by selecting our parish at:  
[www.hallow.com/holyday](http://www.hallow.com/holyday).

There are a few St. James on the list. Ours appears as:

St. James the Apostle - 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield NJ 07081

**SIGN UP  
HERE:**





## SAINT JAMES CENTENNIAL YEAR



As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish, the Centennial committee invites you to save the date for the following special events to gather as a parish family!

**June 12:** Saint James the Apostle Golf Outing

**July 22:** Parish Day of Service

**September 9:** Centennial Mass with His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin

**September 10:** Parish Family Picnic

Please visit our Centennial website page at [saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial](http://saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial) for more information. There you can also check out the Centennial Boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items.

***Remember Our Past.  
Celebrate Our Faith.  
Lead Boldly in Our Future.***



### PRAYER FOR OUR *Centennial Year*

Heavenly Father,  
with grateful hearts and a steadfast spirit,  
we jubilantly commemorate one hundred years  
as a community of faith,  
under the patronage of Saint James the Apostle.  
Remembering the past, we honor the dedication  
and faithfulness of our forebearers,  
those who have built our community  
on the solid rock of faith in Jesus Christ.  
We will never forget the sacrificial love  
on which they built this church.  
In gratitude, we celebrate  
your ever faithful presence among us.  
In Word, in Sacrament, and in each other,  
you continue to fill us  
with many graces and blessings.  
Finally, through intercession of Saint James  
the Apostle,  
who was first called to follow your son,  
Jesus Christ,  
before being sent to lend others to Him,  
we beg for the grace, courage, and wisdom  
needed to lead the next generation of faith.  
Good and Gracious God,  
may your goodness and love,  
which has guided us those one hundred years,  
continue to sustain us in the present  
and lead us into the future.  
Amen.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



# Knights of Columbus®

### 2023 Annual Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus are offering their annual school scholarships for family members of the 5560 Council and children of Saint James parishioners. Scholarships are available for:

- Knights Family Members going into 1st year of High School
- Knights Family Members going into 1st year of College
- St. James Parishioners going into any year of Catholic Elementary School
- St. James Parishioners going into any year of Catholic High School or College

Please visit the link below for details and the online application:

[springfieldkofc.org/annual-scholarships](http://springfieldkofc.org/annual-scholarships)

### Mental Health Ministry Support Groups in Our Area

Organized by NAMI NJ (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

- **Online Family Support Group**  
Every Wednesday at 7PM  
Offered on Zoom

NAMI Family Support Group is a 60-90 minute support group for adult friends and family members (18+) of people with mental health conditions. Participants gain support from peers who understand their experience and gain insight into others' challenges and successes. Visit [naminj.org/support/affiliates/union](http://naminj.org/support/affiliates/union) for more information.

- **In-Person Family Support Group**  
Coping and support from 6:30–8:00PM  
1st Thursday of the month  
Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center  
North Bridge Street, Bridgewater, NJ  
Participation is free.

Contact Sue Ferranti at (908) 296-3732.

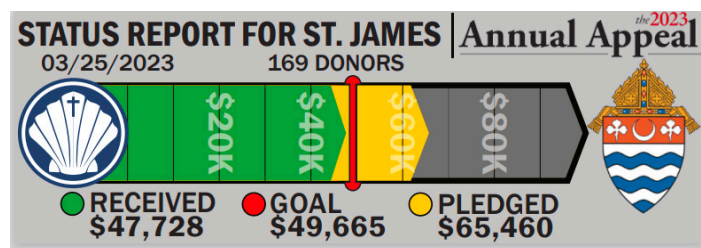
# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2023</sup>

The Annual Appeal is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Thank you to all who have already made a gift!



Please prayerfully consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

A gift can be made online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or by scanning the QR code here.



### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself." -Miriam Toews' All My Puny Sorrows*

Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church is offering a 6-Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

**Thursday nights 7:00-8:00PM**  
**April 13th, 20th, 27th & May 4th, 11th, 27th**

Meetings will gather in the Rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield New Jersey.

Participation is free, however registration is required. Please email [Bereavement@saintjames-parish.org](mailto:Bereavement@saintjames-parish.org) or contact the parish office at (908) 687-3327

There is also an ongoing bi-monthly Bereavement meeting offered every other Wednesday at Saint James the Apostle at 7:30PM in the Rectory. Contact the parish office for more information.

# Online Giving Guide

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. Here are some step-by-step instructions to give online and access your account. Below are a few basic guides to help you get started!

## How to Access Our Online Giving Portal

1. Go to our website: [www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)
2. Scroll across to the “Give” tab at the top of the page and click it
3. Then, scroll down and click the blue tab that reads, “Online Giving Portal”



*Scan with your phone  
to access our Online  
Giving Portal*

## How to Make a One-Time Donation

1. Once you have clicked the “Online Giving Portal” tab (see instructions for How to Access Our Online Giving Portal), the page defaults to the one-time donation section
2. Click the drop-down to select the fund type. For example, weekly offertory, Easter gift, flowers, etc.
3. Add the amount you would like to contribute
4. Note, you can add more than one donation, if you so choose. Click “Add Donation” (located below your first contribution), select another fund type, and add the amount you would like to donate. This gives you the opportunity to contribute for various purposes.
5. You will then be prompted to fill out the information requested for the type of payment you choose from the options provided. For example, credit card, debit card, google pay, etc.
6. Click Submit

## How to Set Up a Recurring Donation

1. Once you have clicked the “Online Giving Portal” tab (see instructions for How to Access Our Online Giving Portal), select “Recurring” on the page
2. Click the drop-down to select the fund type. For example, weekly offertory, Easter gift, flowers, etc.
3. Add the amount you would like to contribute
4. Note, you can add more than one donation, if you so choose. Click “Add Donation” (located below your first contribution), select another fund type, and add the amount you would like to donate. This gives you the opportunity to contribute for various purposes.
5. Under “Recurrence,” click the drop-down to select the frequency for your contributions. For instance, do you want to contribute weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
6. You can type in how many gifts (this is optional)
7. Then select the start date (this is the date the donation will be withdrawn from your selected form of payment)
8. You will then be prompted to fill out the information requested for the type of payment you choose from the options provided—for example, credit card, debit card, google pay, etc.
9. Click Submit

## How to Sign In to Your Account/Edit Frequency or Payments

1. You can edit your donation amount or change the frequency of your contributions at any time
  2. Once you have clicked the “Online Giving Portal” tab (see instructions for How to Access Our Online Giving Portal), select the “Sign In” tab
  3. Enter your email address or phone number and click next
  4. If you already have an account, you can enter your password
  5. You can also sign in easily with a one-time code by selecting the tab, “Sign in with one-time code”
  6. This code will be emailed or texted to you (depending on if you have added your email address or phone number—in step 3)
  7. You will be prompted to add the six-digit code
  8. When you access your account page, go to the tab “Scheduled”
  9. You will see your recurring contribution amount and frequency
  10. To make any changes click the pencil icon (if you hover over it, it will say edit payment)
  11. There you will be able to make changes including, replacing the card used or editing the type of payment, the donation amount, the frequency, or stopping the contribution if needed
  12. There is also a “History” tab where you can review your past online giving contributions, both one-time and recurring contributions
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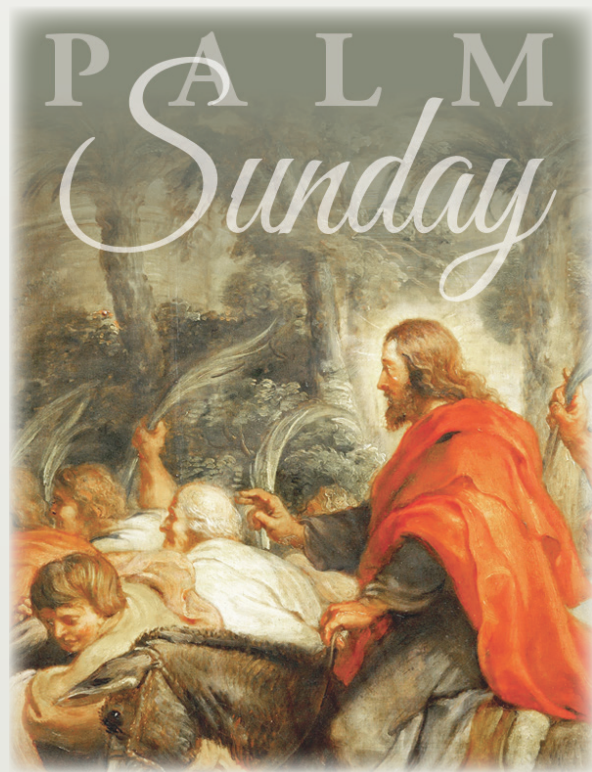
Welcome to Holy Week! There are so many opportunities to come together this week starting with Morning Prayer at 9:00AM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please read the bulletin and email I sent for the full schedule for Holy Week.

We especially hope you will join us in the church at 10:00AM on Good Friday for children's Station of the Cross led by our Peer Leaders and 8th graders!

Our last 7th grade class for the year is Tuesday, April 11th - all 7th graders are expected to attend for our wrap up class.

The Emmaus Group II meet for the final time before beginning the preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 16.

There are no classes schedule this week - enjoy Spring Break!



## SACRAMENTS



### 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

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations.

Call: 973-313-6190. Email: [info@newarkpriest.com](mailto:info@newarkpriest.com).

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: [newarkpriest.com](http://newarkpriest.com)

### ***Do you know someone who...***

**Was never baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination, and has expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?**

Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

*For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.*



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**5:00pm** Mary & John Ostrowski  
r/b Family  
Patria Figueroa  
r/b Maria Sanagustin

## PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

**8:00am** Matthew Swajkowski  
r/b Cynthia  
Susan Sullivan  
r/b Sister, Pat

**10:00am** Michael Vespa  
r/b Tony & Angela Russillo  
Rosemarie Marucci  
r/b Alberta Phillips

**12:00pm** Paul Macciachera  
r/b Rossomando Family  
Ronnie Fusco  
r/b Carmela Fusco

## MONDAY, APRIL 3

**7:30am** Gloria Madrid  
r/b Priya T.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4

**7:30am** Daniel DiBernard  
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

**7:30am** Christina Ward  
r/b Kevin & Maureen Corbett

## HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

**7:30am** For All the Priests

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - EASTER VIGIL

**7:30pm** For the People of Saint James

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

**8:00am** For the People of Saint James

**10:00am** For the People of Saint James

**12:00pm** For the People of Saint James

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



## BREAD & WINE:

Dolores Guaida  
r/b Victoria Pedicini

*To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.*

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Antoinette Agrillo, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Beverly DeMarzo, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., 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., John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Erin Wade, Anne Wallis, MaryEllen Warren, Elisa Warshall

*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

Joan Kelly  
Sister Maria Agnes Karasig

## 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, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, 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, 2LT Raymond Williamson

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

# DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUNTY AND NEED HELP WITH:

**Housing Insecurity?**  
**Rental Assistance?**  
**Legal Representation?**  
**Credit Counseling and more?**

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately:  
[jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

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

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of March 25/26

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,101.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,718.00
Total:	\$ 8,819.00

*We 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 [saintjamesparish.org](http://saintjamesparish.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.



**FINANCE**  
Parish Finance Council

## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... 100% of the funds donated to the Apostle in Action Charity Fund are used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood. You can donate to this parish-based fund at any time but look for a special collection Holy Thursday.

We reached our 2023 Annual Appeal Goal! THANK YOU for your generous support and participation.

Remember... There's still time to participate in the 2023 Annual Appeal. Amounts pledged by June 30th over our Goal are eligible for a 50% rebate to the Parish.



## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Father David C. Santos  
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Hugh A. Keffer  
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### **TRANSITIONAL DEACON**

Deacon Thiago Menezes Santos  
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### **WEEKEND ASSISTANT**

Father John Dennehy

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

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