



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE
LORD HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

alleluia!

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9, 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 15:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, April 16:
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
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:
Wednesday Holy Hour at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN



It used to be that on Easter everyone would put on their best clothes, new ones if they could afford them. It was a sign of new beginnings and a fresh start. No matter what had happened in people's lives, Easter remained a sign of hope. And so it remains, regardless of what you wear.

While I won't knock those who are thinking about what new suit or new Easter hat to wear this Easter morning, the miracle of Easter should lead us to ask questions that go beyond our wardrobe and deeper than skin-deep. Here's the kind of question we are invited to ponder when faced with the Easter Resurrection of Jesus Christ: ***What will you put on to be a new and better follower of our Lord Jesus Christ?***

Dear parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church - whom I feel so blessed and privileged to serve – **thank you** for your steadfast witness of the Resurrection and generous support of this parish community.

I would also like to **THANK** the St. James staff, coordinators of our liturgical ministries, our wonderful choir, and all of our liturgical ministers who helped make this year's Holy Week and Easter Vigil such an inspirational experience of faith. **THANK YOU!!!**

My prayer for you this Easter is that the new life given by Jesus in His Resurrection may burst into the dark "tombs" of your life and from you go out into the world!

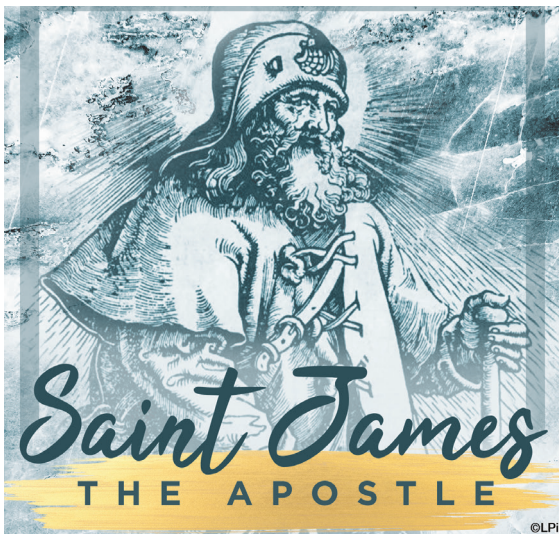


- Fr. David Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise. - Carl Knudsen





SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Cor. 5:7

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

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

UPDATE ON 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).

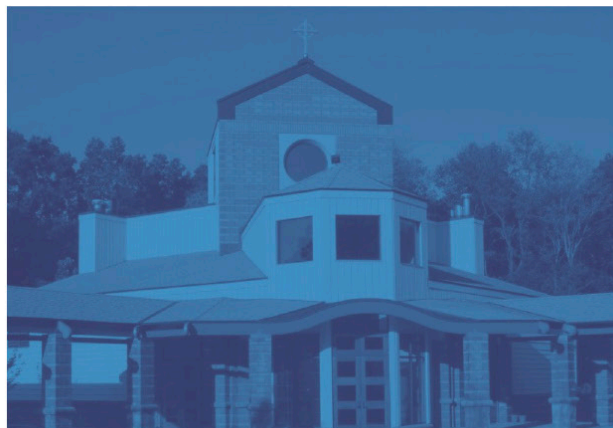
Over the next few weeks, you'll find in our parish bulletin a series of articles which have been prepared by the Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. These articles will help to catechize and prepare our community for the full participation of the faithful in the Mass. Our Eucharistic Ministers 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.

Welcome to Saint James Parish!

Thank you for celebrating Easter with us at Saint James the Apostle Parish! We are glad that you are here. We invite you to stay connected with us if you'd like to get involved or stay up to date on parish news and events through the following links:



FACEBOOK: [saintjamestheapostle](#)



INSTAGRAM: [@saintjamestheapostle](#)



YOUTUBE: [Saint James the Apostle Church](#)



WEB: [saintjamestheapostle.org](#)

You are welcome here!

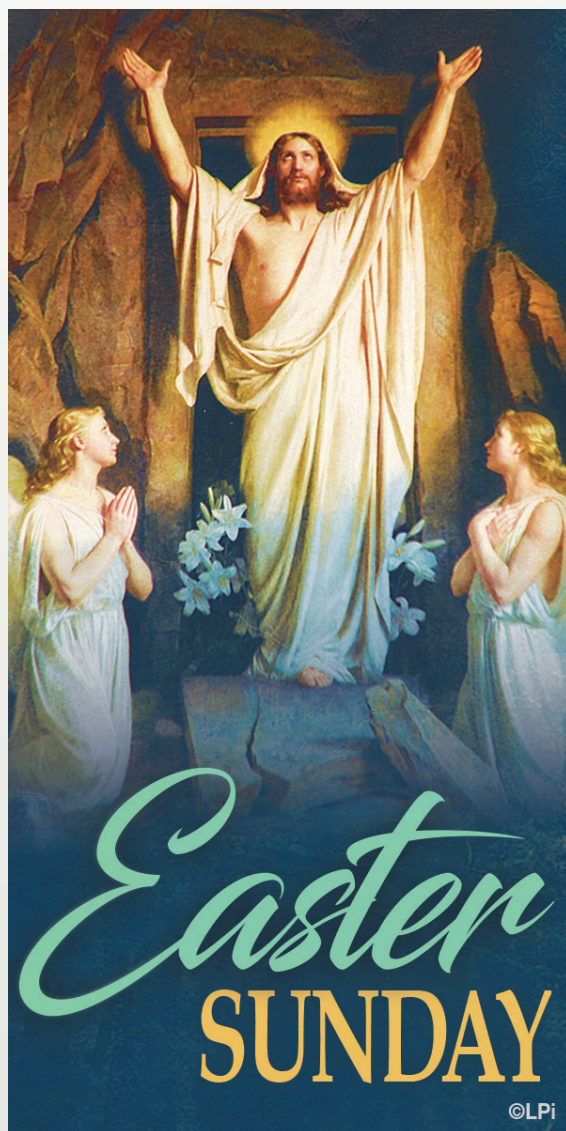
There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, and maybe you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Church. Maybe you are seeking purpose, meaning, or direction in life and hope to find answers through a life of faith. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. Welcome home!

Questions about Catholic Faith, Sacraments, or Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church?

We welcome you! If you are interested in learning more about Catholic life and faith, becoming Catholic, or receiving any sacraments for the first time as an adult (Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist), please reach out to **Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061**. We welcome your questions and would be happy to walk with you no matter where you are at on your journey of faith!



Easter Memorials

THE EASTER CANDLE
will burn in Loving Memory of

The Bernstein & Butler Families
r/b The Family

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b The Battaglia Family

THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Jose Garcia & Clotilde Martinez
r/b Ramiro & Connie Martinez and Family

THE EASTER WREATHS AT THE SHRINES
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Max Porto and Carmela Zara
r/b The Battaglia Family

THE NARTHEX WREATHS
will hang in Loving Memory of

Bernard & Susie LoMacchio and James & Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty & John

Susan Sullivan
r/b Pat Sullivan

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE MARIAN SHRINE
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Tony Graziano
r/b Wife, Anne & Family

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE SAINT JAMES SHRINE
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Battaglia & Zara Families
r/b The Battaglia Family

LENT "LITTLE BLACK BOOKS"
Donated in Loving Memory of

John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri
r/b The Pflug Family

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 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.

SUPPORT SAINT JAMES THROUGH ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera, or follow the instructions below:

1. Go to our website:
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"
4. Follow the prompts from there to either set up a one-time donation or a recurring gift.

**Scan the QR code
here with your
mobile device to
access our Online
Giving Portal**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
OF OUR COMMUNITY!**



Keep in Touch with Flocknote!

Have you signed up for our Flocknote yet? We keep our parishioners up-to-date on parish news, event updates, and much more through text and email newsletter updates. Here's how you can sign up:

- > Text **NEWSLETTER** to **84576**
- > Visit saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com
- > Fill out a card at the info center in the church narthex

If you signed up but haven't received emails or have found the newsletter in your spam folder, be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contacts list and/or choose the option "Mark as Not Spam," or similar when you open the email.

MORE NEWS & EVENTS



HELP SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE

Many of our emergency shelter families are waiting on their SNAP benefit (food stamp) recertifications. During the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, recertifications were waived. Now that the pandemic is waning, social services must recertify everyone's benefits which has resulted in a backlog of applications. The majority of families in our shelter program have not had any benefits for months. We have supplemented them with ShopRite gift cards, which you all have provided so generously! Thank you!

We presently have a shortage of ShopRite gift cards. If your congregation is able to donate ShopRite gift cards, we would be very grateful! As the price of nearly everything has increased, we know our emergency shelter guests need this help more now than ever before. We really appreciate your support. If you are able, you may drop your gift card in the mail slot on the rectory door or contact Nancy Caputo in the rectory. 973-376-2061. Thank you for loving our families!

JOIN US FOR THE SAINT JAMES SPEAKEASY CASINO NIGHT!

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!
April 29, 2023 | 7:00-11:00PM
in the Saint James School Building

Buffet catered by Sophia's Restaurant
Cash Bar | Play Money | 50/50
Cigar Tent | Instructions on how to play

Tickets are sold in advance, \$90 per person. All proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Parish. Please email specialevents@saintjamesparish.org with any questions. Scan the QR code here or visit our website for more information!





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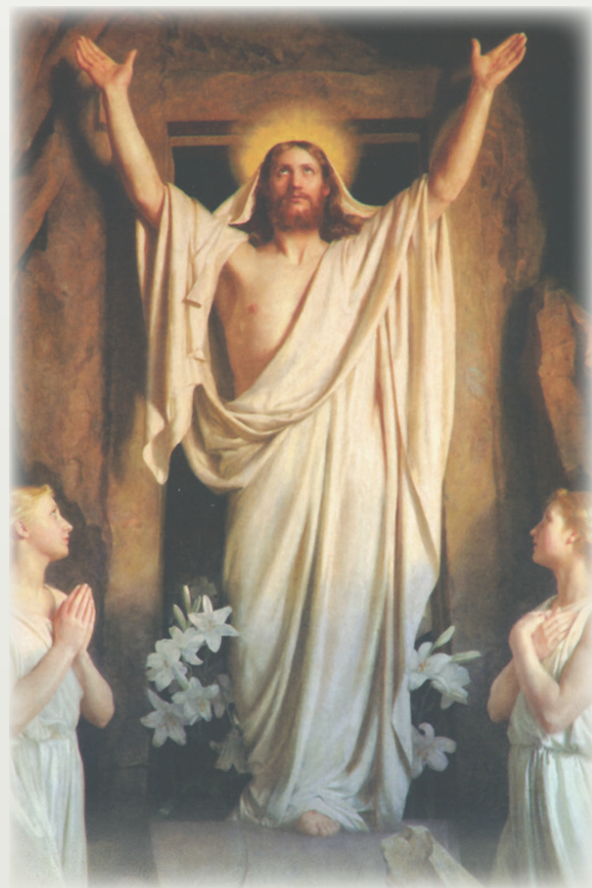
Happy Easter! Happy Resurrection of the Lord! We hope you enjoyed Spring Break!

Family Faith families are reminded to send photos of their completed activities, all 6 activities need to be completed before our final session on Sunday, April 30th.

Registration for next year will be available the end of June. If your child has had a "gap" year (missed a year or two of catechesis) please contact me so we can begin the next phase of faith formation.

Just a reminder, 7th graders have their last class this Tuesday. All 7th graders are expected to attend.

He is Risen. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!



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.

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: 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 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

MONDAY, APRIL 10

7:30am Protection of the Unborn
r/b Fernandez Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

7:30am Anthony DeMarzo
r/b Beverly DeMarzo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:30am Frank Criscitiello
r/b Angela Ragonese

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:30am Aida & Leonido Salle
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:30am Angelina DiLeo
r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:30am Archangela D'Agostini
r/b Children
5:00pm Frances Quartier
r/b Ramiro Martinez & Family
Paul Bongiovi
r/b Carmela Fusco

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:00am Kevin Morris
r/b Carmen Lombardi
Lawrence Kaufherr
r/b Donato & Filomena Ruggiero
10:00am Paul Macciachera
r/b Gorgia Family
William Wilkie
r/b Moragas Family
12:00pm Rose & Orlando Cicalese
r/b Family
Ernest Reedy
r/b Wife & Children

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Lucille Wetzel
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

BREAD & WINE:

Louis R. Puopolo
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

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 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

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 April 1/2

Collection totals not available at time of printing.
Please check back next week.

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 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

Easter is the season of hope, new beginnings and new opportunities to share the many gifts God has given us. Wishing our parish community a Blessed Easter!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

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

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

Father David C. Santos
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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

PERMANENT DEACON

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Father John Dennehy

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