



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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## Roman Catholic Church

WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE  
SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.

PSALM 100

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JUNE 18, 2023**

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### Office Hours:

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

### Church Visiting Hours:

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, June 24:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, June 25:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Santos  
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
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



### News & Updates

Happy Father's Day!

I hate to be a Debbie-downer, but did you know, according to LifeWay Research Group, that Father's Day is the holiday with the single lowest average church attendance – statistically lower than Labor Day, Memorial Day and even the Fourth of July. This is interesting, especially when you consider that Mother's Day tends to be the day with the third highest church service attendance, after Easter and Christmas. So, Mother's Day is one of the most highly attended Sundays of the year, and Father's Day is one of the lowest. What does this tell us? Either churches are less effective in affirming fathers, or families believe Christian fathers don't value their participation in worship services. Surely there are other factors involved, but the fact remains – **THERE'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH HOW FATHERS, HUSBANDS, AND MEN IN GENERAL LIVE OUT THEIR ROLE WITHIN THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND THE HOME.**

I'd like to use this week's Pastor's Column to share some pointers with all you Catholic dads out there who are looking to turn things up a notch when it comes to your role as a spiritual leader in the household (the info below is helpful for any Catholic man, by the way).

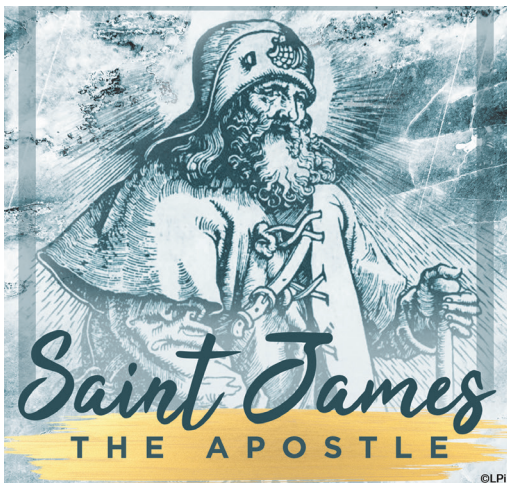
As Catholic men, we have a responsibility to be strong fathers and husbands, leaders in our parishes, good stewards in our communities and humble followers of Christ. Why? Because the Church needs you! Today's kids face significant challenges and strong fathers, without a doubt, are part of the solution. I invite fathers, husbands, and just plain old God-loving men to take a few minutes to reflect on how you are doing. Most importantly, I invite you to commit to make the necessary changes to be the man of faith that we all need.

I have had numerous conversations over the years with Catholic dads about the challenges of raising kids in today's world. The discussions usually center on the bad cultural influences affecting our children, our hectic schedules, and our well-intentioned desire to be better fathers. The stakes are high, and this generation of children desperately needs fathers to step up to their responsibilities.

Here are 4 actions that will help:

**1. Surrender.** We have to surrender on an ongoing basis to Christ for his will to be done in our lives. Guys, we are not in charge ... as much as we want to be! St. Ignatius of Loyola once said: "Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to him and if they were to allow his grace to mold them accordingly."

**2. Be a Man of Prayer.** Your children will be much more likely to pray if you do. Work on developing a daily prayer routine with the goal of at least an hour a day devoted to prayer. Sound difficult? Think about how much TV we watch a day or time spent answering email. Consider how much time we spend in our cars each day and how much time we devote to exercise. We have more than enough time for prayer if we schedule it and integrate it into our day. Also, imagine the powerful influence we can have on our children if they see us on our knees in prayer each night at family prayer time.



## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

*Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.*

### Responsorial Psalm 100

*We are his people: the sheep of his flock.*

### Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

*But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.*

### Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15

*The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.*

### Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

*At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."*

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

## PASTOR'S COLUMN (cont)

**3. Be Courageous.** Christians are meant to stand out, not blend in. Blending in speaks to conforming so that our faith becomes part of the mainstream ... and we need to fight the culture of death and disbelief. These are difficult times, and we have a responsibility to love and defend Christ and His Church, be great role models for our families and stand up for our faith.

**4. Love Our Wives.** Husbands, you must love and cherish your wives, plain and simple. Your children will learn to love others by how they see Mom and Dad love each other. You need to say, "I love you" to your wives and your children as often as possible. Don't hesitate to show your wives respect and cherish the critical role they play in your families. "The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." So said Rev. Theodore Hesburgh.

### Quote of the Week:

*The greatest hindrances to the evangelization of the world are those within the church.* —John R. Mott

## STAFF UPDATE

We are happy to welcome Ana Serra-Prescott to our St. James staff as our new Director of Family Faith Formation, beginning July 1st. Read more about her in her bio here:

*Ana Serra-Prescott is a native of Figueres, Spain. She came to the United States to attend Caldwell College, where she obtained her Bachelors in Business Administration. She went on to earn her Masters in Adult Education and Human Resource Development from Fordham University. While a student at Caldwell College, Ana met her husband John. They have been married for 26 years and live in Springfield with their two sons. Ana has been a parishioner of St. James the Apostle Parish for the past 25 years where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a Catechist, and along with her husband, is a member of the mentors group that helps engaged couples prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Ana has worked in the education field as a teacher, professor, and an administrator for the past 29 years. On her free time, Ana enjoys walking and being outdoors, especially when it is sunny, traveling, listening to music, crocheting, and spending time with family and friends. Ana considers the St. James the Apostle community her second family and is looking forward to working with our families in bringing their children up in the practice of the Faith and developing a close relationship with Jesus.*



Congratulations and welcome, Ana!





# MEATLOAF AND FROZEN FOOD COLLECTION

This month, we are pleased to present another great way to benefit those in need.

Currently, there is a need for frozen meals and 2-pound frozen meatloaves. Frozen meals must be already prepared meals such as TV dinners, Pot pies, prepared manicotti, stuffed shells, Gorton's frozen sea food meals, etc.

ShopRite gift cards are also always needed and greatly appreciated.

COLLECTION DATES:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

We will collect items after each mass.  
There will be a cooler in the Narthex  
and a sheet to record what you have  
donated.



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Caputo at [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org)



## Centennial Corner



### 100 YEARS OF SERVICE!

In recognition of our parish's centennial anniversary and 100 years of serving our community, the month of July will be a month of service. Throughout the month of July, look here for messages of service and opportunities and ideas to serve our community, serve our parish and serve each other.

**Saturday, July 22nd** will be a parish-wide dedicated day of service. Information to be provided soon on how you can participate along with your fellow parishioners in various service projects that day throughout our surrounding community.

### MORE CENTENNIAL NEWS

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!

**September 8:** Saint James School Alumni Reception

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

**September 10:** Parish Family Picnic

#### Centennial Page

Please visit the Centennial website page: [saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial](http://saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial) for more information about these events. You can also view current Centennial videos featuring Fr. David Santos, Fr. Bob Stagg, and Deacon Hugh Keffer. Be sure to visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) on this page for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. Scan the QR code below to check out all our merchandise!



## AROUND OUR PARISH



**Congratulations to the Graduates  
in our Parish Community!  
May God Bless your Next Steps!**

#### AARON TYRA

COLLEGE GRADUATE  
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY  
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS WITH A HISTORY MINOR

#### JULIA GAGE

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE  
JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### LAUREN BUJNOWSKI

COLLEGE GRADUATE  
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY  
HISTORY/EDUCATION

#### GIA BUJNOWSKI

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE  
MOUNT SAINT DOMINIC

#### THOMAS BUJNOWSKI

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATE  
CEDAR DRIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### JOHN RYAN

COLLEGE GRADUATE  
NJIT ARCHITECTURE

#### AVA GINEFRA

COLLEGE GRADUATE  
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

#### JULIA GUZ

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE  
JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### BELLA GRAZIANO

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE  
GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL

# SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The rectory and offices will be closed on Fridays beginning July 3rd through September 4th. Office hours remain the same Monday through Thursday: 8:30AM-3:00PM.

## FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH ANYWHERE!

There really is a app for everything... It's that time of year - Summer vacations are upon us! As we make time to rest and relax, let's remember to continue to make time for God! It can be difficult to coordinate when and where to go to Sunday Mass while you're out of town and travelling, but MassTimes makes it easy! Simply visit **WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG**, type in the zip code of the area that you are searching, and MassTimes will give you the locations of all Catholic Churches nearby and when Mass is celebrated. Or check out the Mass Times app!

## SUPPORT SAINT JAMES THROUGH ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. This is an easy way to continue your contributions over the summer. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera, or follow the instructions below:

1. Scan the QR code or visit 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:**



## STAY IN TOUCH WITH US OVER THE SUMMER!

Saint James uses FLOCKNOTE as our communication management tool to reach all of our parishioners through emails and text messages. As a member, you'll be in the know of the latest happenings at St. James through our weekly newsletter. You'll get reminders on important church activities and communication within the ministries or groups that you are a part of. You may unsubscribe anytime. No spam, we promise.

We  love  
having you as part of our *flock*



Keep in touch  
with us via  
email & text

Three ways to join:

- Text **STJAMES2021** to 84576
- Online at <https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com>
- Fill out the signup card and drop in the collection basket

Fill out this form and drop in the  
collection basket.



NAME:

EMAIL:

CELL PHONE:



## MINISTRY UPDATES

*We are hoping to restock our supply and would love your help!*

### Prayer Shawls:

- Typically 60 x 20, but flexible
- Any color

### Baptismal Blankets:

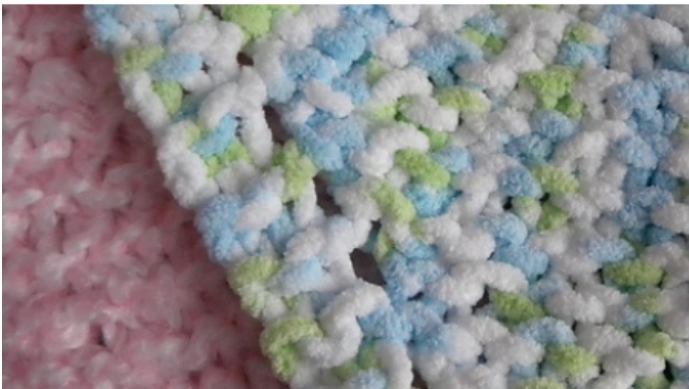
- Ranging from 18-24 inches square
- White only

### Common features:

- Method of creation: Knit, Crochet, Loom, Loop Knitting ... and more!
- Patterns: we have several to share, or use your own!

Questions? Want more info?  
Maybe you have yarn to donate?

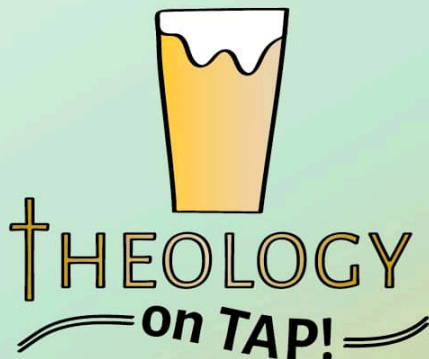
Contact us at  
[prayershawlministry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:prayershawlministry@saintjamesparish.org)



Completed shawls and blankets can be dropped off at the Rectory or we can arrange pick up. They will be blessed, packaged and delivered to those in need (prayer shawls) and the newly baptized (blankets).

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### YOUNG ADULT GATHERING:



Join us  
for a young adult outing and talk  
led by Josh Rosa on  
Theology of the Body

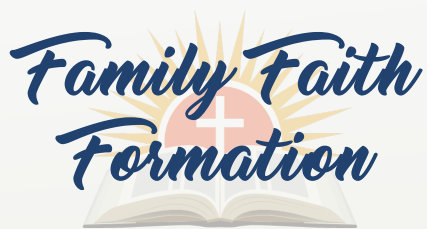
**June 21**  
**6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**TWIN ELEPHANT BREWING COMPANY**  
13 Watchung Ave | Chatham

PLEASE RSVP BY 6/16/23:  
[joshuar@stteresaavila.org](mailto:joshuar@stteresaavila.org)

ST TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH | SUMMIT





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

Happy Father's Day to all of the male role models in our lives. We also congratulate all of the students graduating and wish them well as they begin their next academic journey.

The Family Faith Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be available beginning July 1st. If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered your family please call the Faith Formation Office at 973-276-2061.



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

### 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.*

## UPDATE FROM MS. NANCY CAPUTO

Dear Parishioners,

Marc Anthony said, "When you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life" this is so very true! I have been blessed to serve our parish for 15+ years as the Director of Family Faith Formation. Preparing the children to receive their sacraments and partnering with their parents on their journey has been a true honor.

It is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that I share with you my intention to retire on December 31, 2023. As we say in our Centennial Prayer, "we remember our past, joyfully celebrate our faith, and courageously lead the next generation into the future," it is in that spirit that I will step down as Director of Family Faith Formation on June 30th and remain on staff in a different full-time position until the end of the year.

There is still much to do before the end of the year and I look forward to using the time to ensure there is a smooth transition for the families we serve as well as for the new director of the Family Faith Formation Program.

Thank you all for your support over the years, I am truly blessed!

Your Sister in Christ,



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**  
5:00pm For All Fathers

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am For All Fathers

10:00am For All Fathers

12:00pm For All Fathers

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**  
Juneteenth Day  
8:30am Matthew Joseph  
r/b Daughter

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**  
7:30am Michael Patuto  
r/b Wife

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**  
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga  
7:30am Jose Lambao  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**  
7:30am Martin DeMarzo  
r/b Beverly DeMarzo

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**  
7:30am Abelardo Ramos  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
8:30am Helen Fittin  
r/b Ellen & John Kearns  
5:00pm John Montana  
r/b Janice Montana  
Andrew Foscatto  
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am Agnes McConway Mahoney  
r/b Rajs Family  
Mary Dolan  
r/b Ed & Anne Fanning  
10:00am Ronnie Fusco  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
Antoinette Agrillo  
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly  
12:00pm Virginia Carollo  
r/b Daughters  
Ernest Reedy  
r/b Wife

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



**SANCTUARY LAMP:**  
for the People of Saint James

**BREAD & WINE:**  
for the People of Saint James

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

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Emilio Camilo, Alessia Grace Dooley,  
Sadie Elizabeth Flockhart, Cara Phillips

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, 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, Diane Deitz, 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., Erin Pado, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Carol Wade, Anne Wallis, 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

Carmine DiCosmo

## 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 June 10/11

Regular Collection:	\$	5,726.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,113.00
Total:	\$	8,839.00

*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?... The second collection for the weekend of June 24/25 is for Building Maintenance. This special collection supports our ability to address facility maintenance needs.

The Finance Council members would like to convey a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all the parish community for your continued giving of your time, talent and treasure to St. James.

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38



## 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*

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Father John Dennehy

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