



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH • SERVING SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY SINCE 1923

JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Jan. 8th:
5:00PM - Fr. DENNEHY

Sunday, Jan. 9th:
7:30AM - Fr. Dennehy
9:00AM - Fr. Kuizon
10:30AM - Fr. Dennehy
12:00PM - Fr. Kuizon

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:00AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

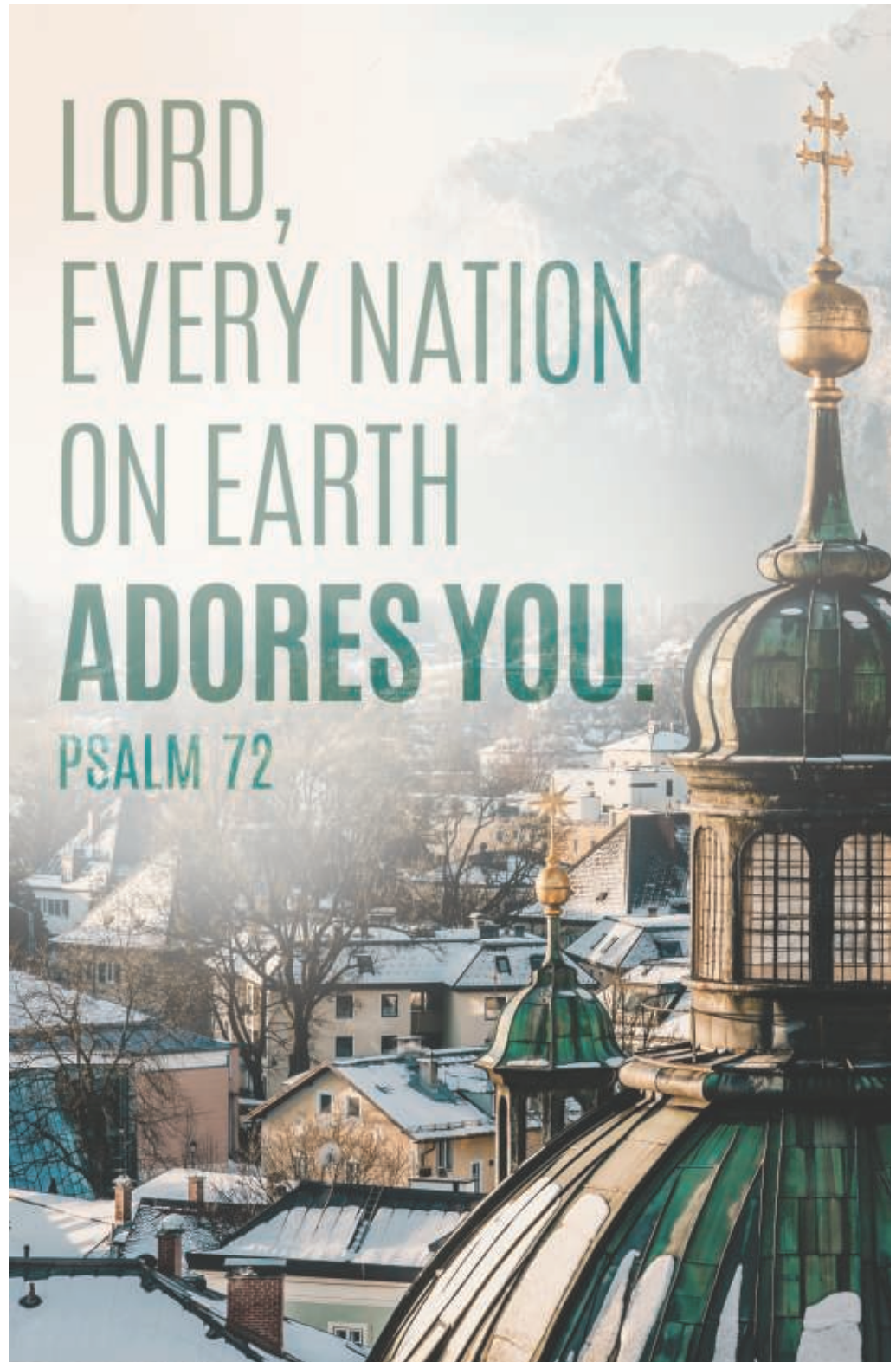
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM
or by Appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM
in the Church and on
Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Second Saturday of the
Month: January 8, 2022
3:00PM-4:00PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



News and Updates:

This weekend's celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord grips our attention with the flickering light of a star. A star, as we hear in the Gospel of Matthew, that led the magi to the newborn king, the infant Jesus.

The invitation in this week's Feast should be obvious – ***to allow the light of Christ to shine through us as to draw others to Him.***

We are blessed here at St. James to have so many bright lights abounding in our parish. **THANK YOU** to all those "bright lights" who have helped make this Christmas Season one for the books!

Thank you to the choir members and musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Liturgical Environment volunteers, altar servers, deacons, parish staff and the many volunteers who have helped our community grow closer to our Lord through the worthy celebration of His Nativity!

Thank you for allowing your light of faith to shine brightly so others can see our Lord more clearly!

Quote of the Week:

Myrrh signified that he, for our mortal human race, would die and be buried; gold, that he was the King whose reign would be without end; incense, that he was God who came to make himself known . . . and to show himself to those who had never sought him. —Irenaeus of Lyon

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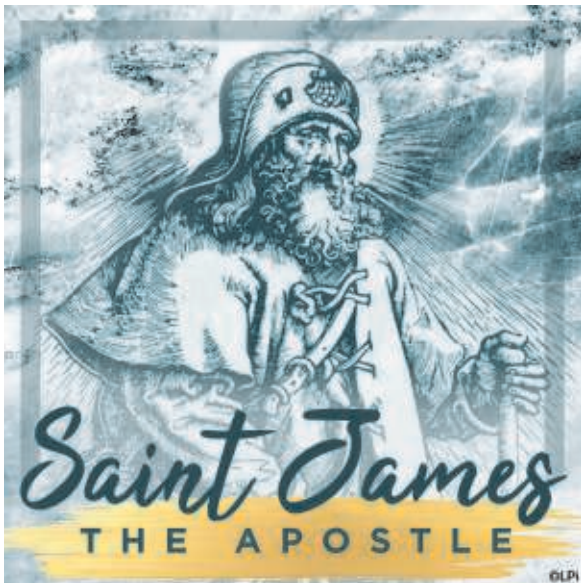
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Mrs. Janet Petino and Mr. John Pflug



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm 72

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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

A Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



We will be participating in providing new and gently used coats for those in need for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

If you can participate it would be greatly appreciated. We will collect the coats using the donation box in the vestibule.

New and gently used coats for men, women and children are requested.

Return coats to Church after Mass ONLY starting Saturday, January 8th but no later than Sunday, January 16th.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity.

Please contact Gianna Hayes at 908-209-1811 with any questions.



COLLECTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD

The second collection next weekend, January 8 & 9, will be taken to support the Catholic Communication Campaign to bring the message of the Gospel to people from all walks of life, locally and around the world.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Second Saturday of
each Month
January 8, 2022
3:00-4:00PM

Come spend an hour of peace
with the Lord!



WELLNESS MINISTRY

New Health & Wellness information sheets have been placed in the Wellness Ministry brochure holder on the table in the gathering area. This quarter topics that are discussed are the following:

- **Bereavement Services:** provided is a list of area parishes that offer Bereavement Groups, included are schedules of meetings and contact information. In addition are details on programs the Archdiocese offers for parents who are grieving the loss of their child.

- **Healthy Recipes:** Three Immune System Boosting Soup recipes plus two other healthy soups. One is a beet Soup and the other is a Garlic and Spinach Soup. All five recipes are a great way to get vegetables into the family's diet.

- **Best Ways to Combat Seasonal Affective Disorder:** During the winter months, especially here in the northern areas of our country, the shorter days of sunlight can affect a person's mood or give them a sense of lethargy. On average about 4% to 6% of the American population suffer from this disorder, with more people experiencing a milder form. About three out of every four cases belong to women. The handout will give you additional information on symptoms and approaches researchers have found to be beneficial.

If you have any thoughts on subject matters you would like to see featured in the future, or if you would like to write an article to be included as a handout or would like to be part of the ministry, please contact the ministry at nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*Blessed are those who mourn
for they shall be comforted. Mt 5:4*

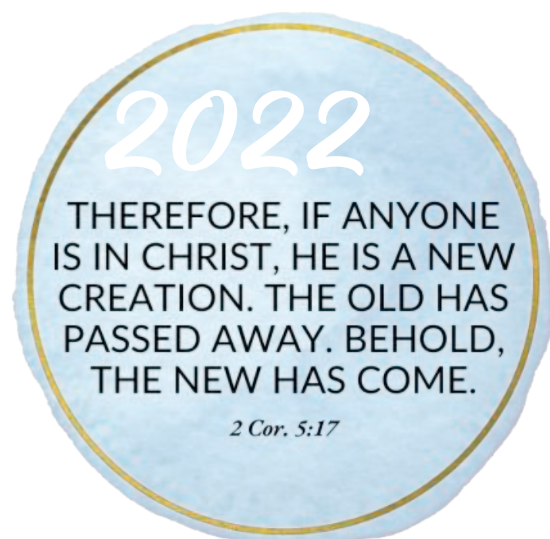
Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you don't have to travel alone. We invite you to take part in our grief support program.

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:
**January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23,
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20**

For more information contact Jo Ann Andrasko
jahocswim@gmail.com or call 973-768-6222

Because of Covid concerns, there is an option to meet in person at St. James or via Zoom.



Happy New Year!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

FAX: (973) 376-4079

Colleen and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

Classes resume Tuesday, January 4th for Grades 1-7 and Tuesday, January 18th for 8th Grade.

Saint OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Feast Day: January 4



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family

of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

SACRAMENTS AT ST. JAMES



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

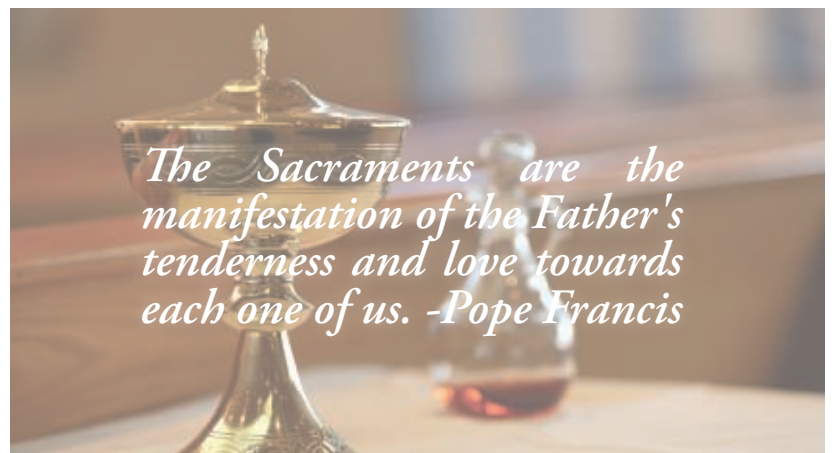
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

5PM Vigil: For the People of Saint James

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30AM: Mimi & Sal DeNichilo
r/b Inneo Family

9:00AM: Joe Driscoll
r/b Nancy Mahoney-Rajs

10:30AM: Amelia Montana
r/b Janice Montana

12:00PM: Francis Congema
r/b Gary & Mary Ellen Capron

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30AM: Virginia Ann Carollo
r/b Pat, Donna & Phillips Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30AM: Giovanni Frataroli
r/b Raffaella Conta & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30AM: Joseph Camaligan Dorneo
r/b Vincenta Ilagan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30AM: Joseph Camaligan Dorneo
r/b Vincenta Ilagan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM: Anthony Lofredo
req. by MaryEllen & Gary Capron

5PM Vigil: Florence Impellizzeri
r/b Michael & Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30AM: Adriano Cafuir Sobretado
r/b Resplandar Sobretado

9:00AM: Salvatore Zotti
r/b Wife & Children

10:30AM: Lorenzo & Anna Senatore
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale

12:00PM: Barbara Germainder
r/b Enid & John DeLuca

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, Sergio Evangelista, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, 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, Carmen Lombardi, 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, 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 BAPTIZE

Frank Costa
Gwendoline Caillault
Allen Santiago Rojas
Ava Taylor Fonseca

A TIME TO DIE

Gus Solazzi
For 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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY IN THE
SANCTUARY IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b the Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY IS
DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Matthew Swajkowski
*r/b Cynthia & Matthew Vincent & Alison
Swajowski*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE
SANCTUARY ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Ann Marie Bentivegna
r/b the Bentivegna Family

Deceased Members of the DelMauro Family
r/b the Battaglia Family

Tony Graziano
r/b the Family

Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey
r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis

Susan Sullivan
r/b Sister, Pat

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Marie & Ettore Vecchione
r/b Daughter, Jill

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF
SAINT JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Philip & Rose Ann Citro
r/b Daughters and Family

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE GATHERING
AREA IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY
OF**

The Swajkowski & Feligi Families
r/b Cynthia Swajkowski

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS INSIDE
THE CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Pete Petino
r/b the Family

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR
COLUMNS ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Deceased Members of the Battaglia Family
r/b the Battaglia Family

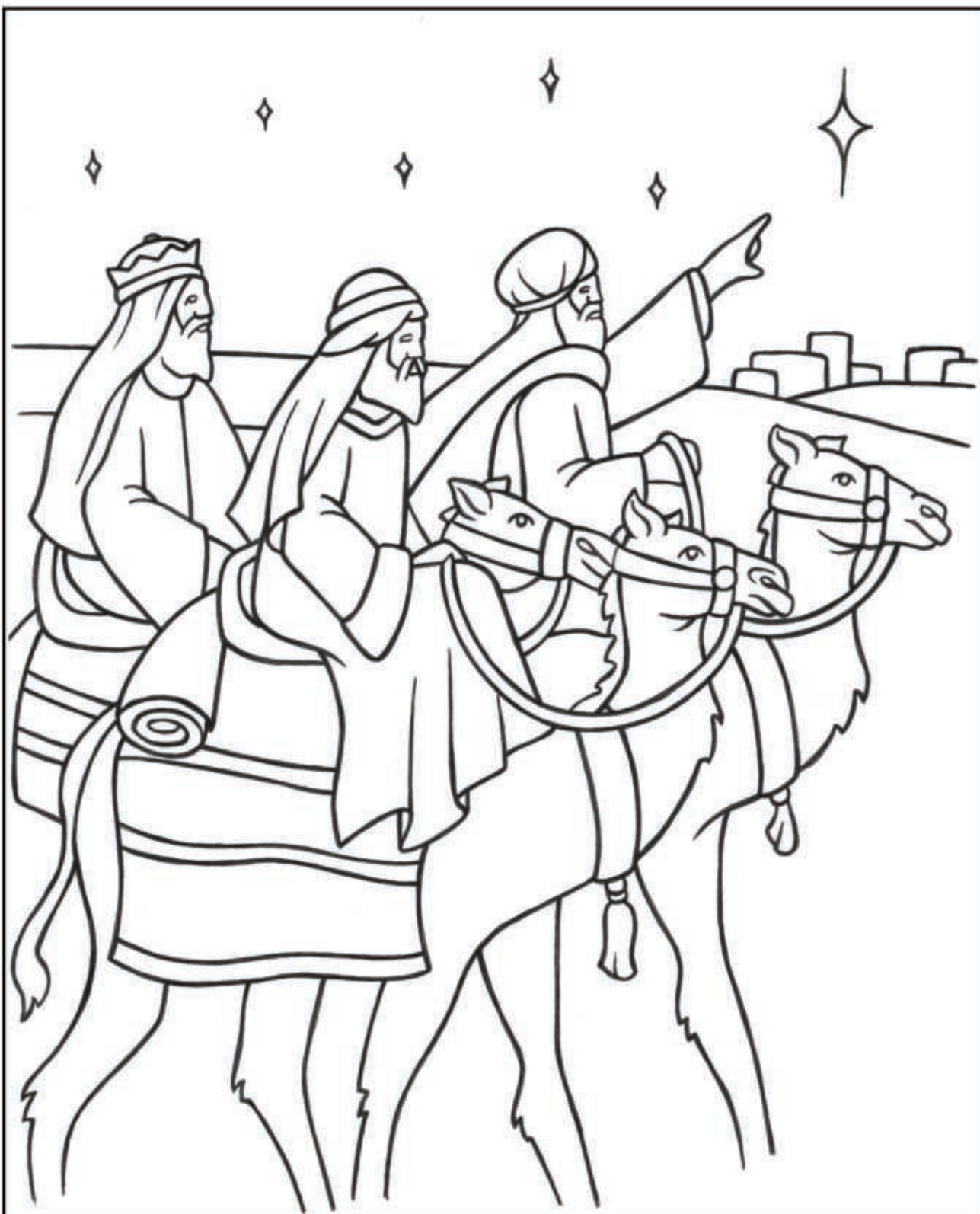
Hanna Grasso
r/b Niece and Family

Angela & Daniel Raimondo
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
Maryann VanVolkenberg*

Deceased Members of the Zara Family
r/b the Battaglia Family

FOR THE KIDS

We Three Kings



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Sharing the Gospel

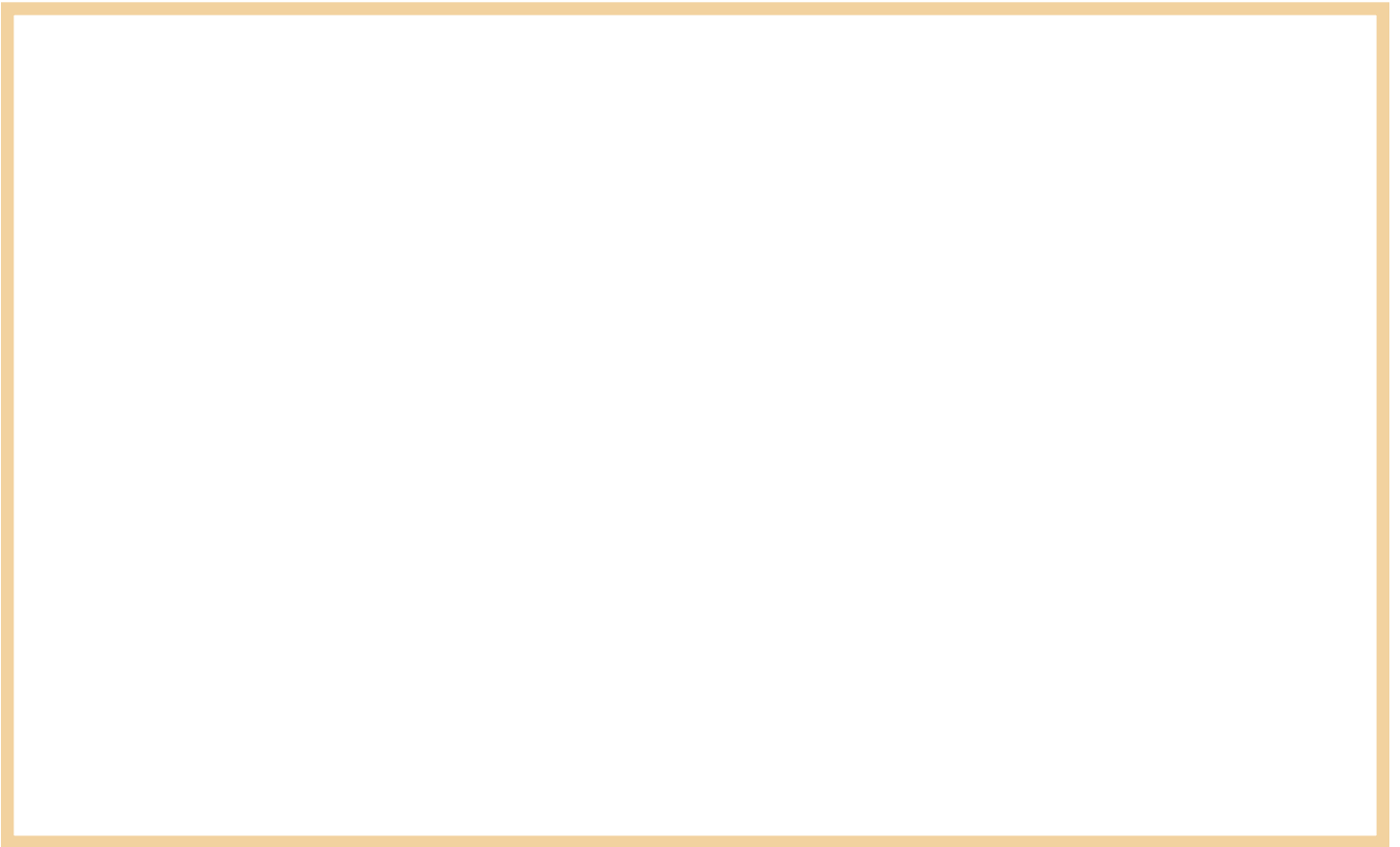
Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars
so the wise men could find Jesus.

Draw

Draw a picture of the stars and planets that guided the Wise Men to Jesus:



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

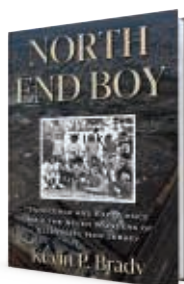
NORTH END BOY



A parishioner of St. Bartholomew's, Kevin Brady, has written a book called ***North End Boy***, a memoir set in Elizabeth, N.J. Proceeds from book sales will be donated to St. Benedict's in Newark, which is featured in the book.

North End Boy tells the story of seven friends coming of age in 1978 against a backdrop of urban crime, abandoned factories and political corruption. Over a thirty-six hour period, the young friends struggle to find their place in a changing city and a changing nation. One gets into the family business. One moves out. One finds redemption in the Catholic Church. Another doesn't.

An intensely local book, North End Boy is also a larger meditation on post-war America, as seen through the eyes of a first generation American with immigrant sensibilities and working-class roots. It is also a story of Catholic conversion and redemption that takes place on the gritty streets of Elizabeth and Newark.



You can purchase North End Boy on Amazon or visit the book website at www.northendboy.com or scan the QR code with your smartphone or mobile device.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals December 11-12

*(Collection Totals for December 18-19
not available at time of publication)*

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| Church Collection: | \$7,265.00 |
| Online Collection: | \$2,460.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$9,725.00 |

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| Immaculate Conception: | \$1,679.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious: | \$1,377.00 |

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 or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!



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Annual Appeal^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Dear Parishioners, Thank you to all those who have contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. Because of you, ***Saint James Church has received \$33,239.00 in pledges from 113 families which represents 66.93% of our goal. Our parish goal is \$49,665.00.*** Saint James Church will receive 100% of all funds collected over our goal. This is beneficial to our parish because we will be able to make some of the much needed repairs to our aging buildings. To date, we have collected \$32,134.00. We invite you to read the complete 2021 Annual Appeal Impact Report by visiting www.rb.gy/jv5dlr scanning the QR code.



Thank you for your support!

