



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
Roman Catholic Church



Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!

PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | APRIL 13, 2025

www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

Office Hours:

(Closed 12PM-1PM for Lunch)

Mon-Tue 8:30AM-3PM

Wed 8:30AM-7PM

Thu 8:30AM-12PM

Fri CLOSED

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 19:

7:30PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, April 20:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:00AM - Fr. Paladino

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 6:30PM
in the Church and on
Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration*:

Wednesday Holy Hour
at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

**The First Rosary and
Wednesday Adoration of
the month are for Priestly
and Religious Vocations*

PASTOR'S COLUMN



NEWS and UPDATES

CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT

To continue the flow of information to parishioners regarding the campus redevelopment project, we've added a Campus Redevelopment Plan page to the parish website. You can easily access the page via a button on the main page. There you'll find a slide show outlining our Goals, Sub-Division Site Plan, New Parish Center preliminary design schematic, and Estimated Timeline.

As I've mentioned before, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly or any of the Campus Redevelopment Committee members if you have any questions or comments.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

When we look out into the world, it's hard to avoid seeing dysfunction and brokenness. And from all of that, it can be hard to derive meaning. Yet, in the Christian view, and despite its brokenness, this is a **good world that has gone wrong** yet still retains the memory of what it ought to have been.

To better understand this, G.K. Chesterton offers us the helpful image of a shipwrecked sailor who awakens from a deep sleep and discovers treasure strewn about, relics from a civilization he can barely remember. One by one he picks up the relics – gold coins, a compass, fine clothing – and tries to discern their meaning. Well, fallen humanity is in such a state. There are good things on earth – the natural world, beauty, love, joy – that still bear traces of their original purpose, but amnesia mars the image of God in us and around us.

Friends, each and every one of us – each and every person on earth – has been made in the **image and likeness of God**. The sad part is that we have forgotten this solemn truth. I feel like more and more people have been asking "what's going on with the world?" The grimness of life and its dysfunction is all over the news and it is also echoed in our readings. As we confront this darkness, both in life and in the liturgy as we begin Holy Week, a question comes to mind: **Why are we immersed in all of this darkness?**

The biblical approach to the mess in our lives and in the world is clear – **God sets about a rescue operation!** In God's rescue operation, **Jesus leads the charge**. God's plan caught everyone by surprise because Jesus was the most unlikely of heroes. Yet, He's the kind of leader who commands His troops not from above but instead stands in the trenches and fights alongside us. He confronts head-on everything dark, dysfunctional, and evil that humanity had to offer, and He took it upon Himself, swallowing it up with God's divine mercy.

In His Passion and death on the cross, something changed in the world; the world was given a NEW WAY. A solution to the great dysfunction and grimness of life is laid out for us. Jesus, with His suffering and death, and ultimately in His resurrection, reminds us of God's original plan for us.

Like that shipwrecked sailor who has forgotten where he's from and where he's going, the same has happened to us. We, too, have a hard time seeing things for what they are and believing in what could be.

Father David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
—Traditional African American spiritual



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

Our next and last Family Faith session for this year is on Sunday, April 27.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Children's Stations of the Cross** this coming Friday, April 18 at 10AM!

NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group – Don't forget to complete all your requirements by May 31. Submit your essay by June 9.

Confirmation Year 2 Group – On Tuesday, April 29 from 7PM to 8:30PM. This will be our last session of this school year. A reminder that we have our meeting about Confirmation for parents and candidates on June 10 and all your requirements must be completed by no later than May 31. Your Works of Mercy reflection and your letter to the pastor is due April 22. (Please check your emails for details.)

SUNDAY READINGS

AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Luke 19:28-40

They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."
He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 22

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14—23:56 OR 23:1-49

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscgb.org

Family Faith 2025-2026 Registration is now open.

If you are seeking to grow in faith as a family, Family Faith Formation is the place for you.

It's a partnership between our parish and parents of the children we teach. Our goal is to support each family in the spiritual development of their children. This partnership works best when we work together, each doing our part to ensure the children are receiving the foundation they need to develop a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. Together, we are one family, one body of Christ, and a true sign of His presence in the world.

All are welcome at St. James, and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our parish program!

Please use the QR code to access the Registration form and fee payment.

(The form is to register 1st to 9th graders – One form per family)



Early Registration and payment received **on or before July 31** will have a \$50 discount.

Families currently registered in the Family Faith program should have received an email with the link and QR code to register. If you did not receive my email, please let me know.

Confirmation candidates in Year 2 (this year 2024-2025), do not need to register for next year; this year's registration & fees include the preparation process until your Confirmation in the Fall 2025.

Confirmation candidates Year 1 – Need to register for their second year of preparation for Confirmation using the QR code above or the link you received in the email.

Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office
(973) 376-2061 | aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

New Ministry! **Saint James Vocations Ministry!**

The goals of the Vocations Ministry are to:

- Encourage everyone to pray for an increase in priestly and religious vocations
- Invite young men and women to consider God's call in their lives
- Connect those discerning their vocation with Father David and the Vocations Office

Join us in prayer every month!
The first Monday Rosary and Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration will be offered for vocations.

Pray for vocations anytime:
Lord, send us priests!
Lord, send us holy priests!
Lord, send us many holy priests!
Amen.

Check here weekly for events, prayer days, and vocations information. Email vocationsministry@saintjamesparish.org for more.

SAINT JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or have been in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any "Special Intention" (Restored Health).

If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor by e-mail: PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

SAINT JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

The men of the Parish are invited to gather for hospitality and discussion of the Sunday gospel readings.

The next meeting will take place **Saturday, April 26 at 9am** in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory.

If interested, please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

JUBILEE 2025

Saint Helen's Church in Westfield has been chosen as a designated pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year in Union County. Pilgrims are welcome to come here to pray, reflect, and deepen their relationship with God, preparing their hearts to celebrate this extraordinary Holy Year of grace and spiritual renewal. Please scan the QR code to visit the website and stay up-to-date on celebrations throughout the year. All are welcome!



Visit Saint Helen:
A Pilgrimage Church for 2025



APRIL JUBILEE EVENTS AT ST. HELEN'S CHURCH:

"Music of Hope" Concert with Dan Schutte
Saturday, April 12th, 7:00 PM

Adoration Holy Hour and Conference for Priests
Holy Thursday, April 17th, 11:00 AM

Divine Mercy Mass and Devotions
Sunday, April 27th, 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

THE CREATION
FRANZ JOSEF HAYDN

Commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si'

A Jubilee for Musicians
The Archdiocesan Festival and Cathedral Choirs
The New Jersey Symphony

Lorraine Ernest, soprano
Theodore Chletsos, tenor
Jorge Ocasio, bass
John J. Miller, conductor

Friday, May 2, 2025 • 8:00pm

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart • Newark, New Jersey
No Tickets required • www.cathedralbasilica.org

CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST. JAMES



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

All events take place in the Church except where noted

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 12
Saturday 5:00PM

APRIL 13
8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00PM

DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 7:30AM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

APRIL 14

Chrim Mass 8:00PM at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 17

Morning Prayer - 9:00AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00PM
Night Prayer at the Repository - 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18

Morning Prayer - 9:00AM
Children's Stations of the Cross - 10:00AM
The Lord's Passion - 3:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 19

Morning Prayer - 9:00AM
Blessing of Easter Food - 10:00AM
No Reconciliation and No 5:00PM Mass

EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 19, 7:30PM

This special vigil Mass begins in front of the Church with the blessing of the New Paschal Candle and Fire

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20

8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00PM



Easter Rememberance

THE EASTER CANDLE

Will burn in Loving Memory of

The Bernstein & Butler Families
r/b Family

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b Battaglia Family

THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT

Will be displayed in Loving Memory of

**Jose Garcia, Tila Martinez,
and Maria Martinez**
*r/b Ramiro & Connie Martinez
and Family*

THE EASTER WREATHS AT THE SHRINE

Will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Max Porto & Carmela Zara
r/b Battaglia Family

THE NARTHEX AREA WREATHS

**Bernard and Susie Lo Macchio
& James and 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

Anne & Tony Graziano
r/b Family

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE ST. JAMES SHRINE

Will be displayed in loving memory of

Battaglia & Zara Families
r/b Battaglia Family

LENT "LITTLE BLACK BOOKS"

In Loving Memory of

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

**Children's Stations
of the Cross**

Friday, April 18th
10:00am

Led By Our
Parish Youth

All Families Are
Invited To Attend!

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DONATE THIS FRIDAY!

**Good Friday
FOOD COLLECTION
April 18**
9:30 - 11:00

Drop off donations at the church

Items Needed:
Pasta
Boxes of Oatmeal
Canned Tuna & Chicken
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Granola/Protein Bars
Bars of Soap
Diapers (size 5 & 6) and Wipes
Shop Rite Gift Cards

Donations support Family Promise and the OLS Food Pantry

RSVP TODAY!

**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY**

**LAST BLAST FOR THE
blue
and
gold**

4th ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025
*Saint James Hatcher Hall
41 South Springfield Ave., Springfield NJ*

Doors open after the 5:00^{PM} mass | Dinner at 6:00^{PM} | Casino Play at 7:00^{PM}

\$75.00 PER PERSON
Buffet catered by Sofia's Restaurant in Springfield

**DRESS IN YOUR
BEST BLUE & GOLD ATTIRE**
Cash Bar • Play Money • 50/50
Cigar Tent • Cork Pull

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
SAINT JAMES PARISH

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ALL ALUMNI, STAFF, AND PARISHIONERS

**Celebration of
Memories
and a Fond Farewell**

Come walk the halls, revisit memories, take photos, and maybe even take some memorabilia.

MAY 31, SAT.
3:00pm - 7:00pm

JUNE 1, SUN.
After each Mass
until 3:00pm

**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
SCHOOL AND FORMER CHURCH**
41 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ, 07081

**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY**

**GOLF
OUTING**

JULY 7, 2025
MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Save the Date!

Catholic Charities
of the Archdiocese of Newark
*Mount Carmel Child Behavioral Health Services
Mount Carmel Child Schools*

In Your Easter Bonnet

“In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it” are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels and children’s books to the Donation Bin(s) located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

There is only **ONE** Anniversary Liturgy this year honoring couples in our Archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversary

This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on **Sunday, June 1st at 3 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Please use the QR code to register online or visit our website www.rcan.org/family-life.



Once we receive a registration form, the couple will be contacted by our office directly with important information regarding the liturgy and directions to the Cathedral Basilica.

Couples please register by May 10th.



Rectory Office Hours

**Holy Thursday, April 17th
8:30am - 12:00pm**

**Good Friday, April 18th
CLOSED**

**Monday, April 21st
CLOSED**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary.

(Ezekiel 47:12)

In the month of March, we have been traveling in the desert with Jesus. Yet with Our Lord, even the season of the desert is fruitful! On campus this year, we have reached **over 300 students** who attended a Bible study at least once, with **nearly 200 students attending regularly!** There are also currently **79 students in discipleship!**

Jesus has also grown our student-athlete outreach tremendously this month! In addition to our student-athlete Bible study with the women's track and field and volleyball teams, I have encountered many new student-athletes. I am excited to continue mission with you all and share the fruit of our labor together - this mission is not possible without your support. Truly, thank you!

There were so many events and activities that took place this month, it was hard to capture them all! Included are some highlights that I hope you enjoy!

In Christ,
Cheyenna

For the month of April, I would kindly ask prayers for:

- My NEW disciple, Ev from women's volleyball and Abi, who just said yes to the High Call, becoming a commissioned disciple!
- For Chiara as she prepares to transfer from GMU after this semester and Rachel as she discerns where the Lord is calling her next after she graduates.
- Our next student-athlete event on April 23, that the Lord brings 3 different teams
- For our team, to love others with the very same love the Lord loves us, and to satiate His thirst for our love by bringing more souls to His pierced Side

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Know of my prayers for you! Please respond to this email or reach out to me via cell with any special prayer intentions I can pray for you. I continually pray in praise and thanksgiving for you all, and hope you continue to draw closer to the Lord even deeper than ever before in the remainder of this Lenten season!

Thank you and may God bless you!

In Christ,

**Cheyenna
Cook**



✉ cheyenna.cook@focus.org

🌐 <https://focus.org/missionaries/cheyenna-cook/>

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

**MSGR. Francis X. Coyle Council
Columbiette #5560
Springfield, NJ**

STUDENT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

The award is being offered to a High School Senior Catholic Girl by the New Jersey State Council of Columbiettes.

To be eligible for the award, the student should demonstrate leadership, service, dependability and patriotism at home, school and the community.

The application deadline is **April 15th**.

Please see your high school guidance counselor for an application.



You are not alone
DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY



Annulment Information Night
April 30
7:30 - 9:00 PM

FROM DESPAIR TO DIVINE CALLING

Join Deacon Raj Srinivasa for an insightful session with Q&A.

Join us in the Parish Center Upper Level Albergue Room

RSVP at divorceministry.lf@gmail.com

Church of the Little Flower
290 Plainfield Ave. Berkeley Heights 908-464-1585

Springfield Knights of Columbus Scholarships Available for St. James Parishioners

Scholarship Types:

Going into Any Year of Catholic Elementary School:	\$1,500
Going into Any Year of Catholic High School or College:	\$1,000

To apply please visit:

<https://springfieldkofc.org/annual-scholarships>

Application and backup documents due:
May 15, 2025

**Awarding committee has total discretion to rearrange the awards based on the applications received.*

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 about the priesthood? Are you being called? Reach out to Father Patrick Seo and the Office of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark! Visit www.NewarkPriest.com, email NewarkPriest@rcan.org, follow @NewarkPriest on social media, or call (973) 313-6190.

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 call
(973) 376-2061*

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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. Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

5:00pm **John and Mary Ostrowski**
r/b Family
Seymour Kahn
r/b Terry Schmidt

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00am **Cornelius Sullivan**
r/b Judy and Tom Spera
Manuel and Julieta Heleno
r/b Joanne Pedalino and Family

10:00am **Maryann Bujnowski**
r/b Patricia, Daughter
Celeste Crosser
r/b The Hyman Family

12:00pm **Angelina DiLeo**
r/b Marie Clark
Edward P. Drummond, Sr.
r/b Mary, Tom, and Julia Walsh

MONDAY, APRIL 14

7:30am **Deceased friends and relatives
of the Brodeur family**

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:30am **Edward Aszkler**
r/b Angela Ragonese

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:30am **John D. Pflug, Sr.**
r/b Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Holy Thursday
7:00pm **For All Priests**

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Good Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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

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

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



SANCTUARY LAMP:
For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Sabino and Raffaele Battaglia
r/b Battaglia Family

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Rita Jane DosSantos Almonte,
Rania Jade DosSantos Almonte, Sophia Victoria Drake,
Ellie Rae Figueroa, Emma Sofia Ruiz

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, M.D., Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, John Mannarino, Angie Mazzarisi, Thomas McGarvey, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Anna P., Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, 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 homebound 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, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, Sean Curran, Maj. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Capt. Brian Jacobs, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson



*Lord,
Hear Our Prayer*

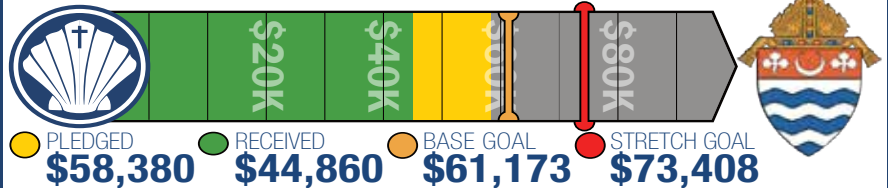


FINANCE
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES
04/05/2025 139 DONORS

ANNUAL APPEAL



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.

Annual Appeal: As a result of St. James surpassing our Annual Appeal stretch goal last year, the parish recently received a \$24,000 rebate check from the Archdiocese of Newark, which we used for debt payment. The parish also received a \$13,000 credit to our 2025 Archdiocese Assessment charge for the rate reduction.

Thank you to all who have made their **2025 Annual Appeal** gift so far. We're more than halfway to our stretch goal! Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Not only does your gift support essential programs and ministries within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish, but it may also lead to potential savings for our parish. Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

St. James Church is enrolled in the ConnectOne Bank Affinity Program. Customers of ConnectOne Bank can support St. James Church through this program. See the ConnectOne Bank ad in the bulletin for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of April 5 & 6:

Regular Collection:	\$	7,274.00
Online Giving:	\$	5,198.00
Total:	\$	12,472.00

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 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.



What if you could change lives doing something you do every day?

Through the Affinity Program, you choose your not-for-profit organization and donations will be made on your behalf at no cost to you. The more clients who participate, the more money your not-for-profit can raise each year!

Here's how you can help:

- Open an account with ConnectOne Bank. It can be a checking account, savings account or even a business account.
- Ask your banker to make your new ConnectOne account a supporting account for your organization. No account information is shared; it is completely confidential.
- Donations will be made by ConnectOne Bank on your behalf based on your average balance. This will not impact your earnings - everyone wins!

Your bank account can make a difference!

To learn more, contact us:

844-266-2548 | ConnectOneBank.com



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Text NEWSLETTER to 84576
OR Sign up on the website:

saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

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