

## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### Office Hours:

*(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)*

Mon-Tue 8:30AM-3PM

Wed 8:30AM-7PM

Thu-Fri 8:30AM-3PM

### Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

### MASS SCHEDULE:

#### Saturday, April 13:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, April 14:

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

10:00AM - Fr. Paladino

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 6:30PM**

in the Church and on  
Facebook Live

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesday Holy Hour at  
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### Message from Fr. David Santos



### THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all of those who helped bring the inspiring and *joy-filled* announcement of Easter to our worshipping community. Thank you to the parish staff, music ministers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and ministers of hospitality for making Lent and Easter so meaningful. Thank you for announcing the Easter message of the Resurrected Christ with your faithful service.

I would also like to thank those who came in droves to hear the message of Easter so beautifully proclaimed. Your witness to Christ and His Church is inspiring.

Thank you, also, for the generous Easter donations to our parish. Your contributions serve as a reminder of your friendship and love for this faith-filled community.

Our prayer for you as we enter the holy season of Easter, is that you may experience in your life and in your home the joy of the Risen Christ...for *truly the Lord is risen!*

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

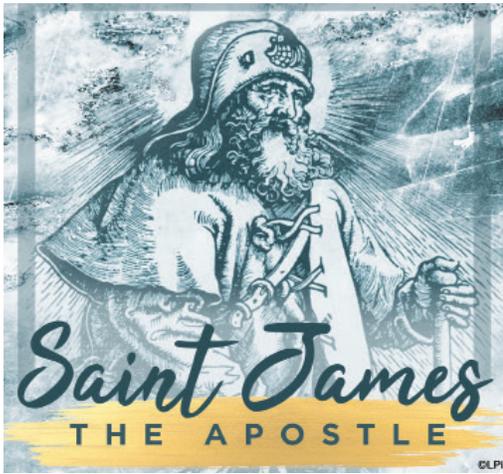
Souls that make an appeal to my mercy delight me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask.

—*Words of Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska*

### **St. James Prayer-Line Ministry**

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who 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](mailto:PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org)





## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

**Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35**

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 118**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

### SECOND READING

**1 John 5:1-6**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

### GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### Family Faith 2024-2025 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 below to access the Registration form and fee payment. *(The form is to register 1st to 8th graders – One form per family)*



**Registration and payment are due July 31.**

Registrations received after July 31 will require a \$50 late fee.

Families currently registered in the Family Faith program should have received a flyer with the QR code last Sunday and an email with the link to the Registration form.

**Confirmation candidates in Year 2** do not need to register for next year; this year's registration includes the preparation process until your Confirmation in the Fall.

**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.

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### Currently in grades 8 through 12?

Interested in a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ?

We are organizing a trip to the

**Steubenville Youth onference (July 12th to 14th)**



**"Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your journey of discipleship with thousands of Catholics from around the world"**

*If interested, contact Ana Serra-Prescott*

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**Confirmation Year 1 Candidates**, our next and last session of this school year is on **Tuesday, April 9th**.

**Confirmation Year 2 Candidates**, our next and last session of this school year is on **Tuesday, April 23rd**.

Confirmation Candidates, come to **Holy Hour** on **Wednesday, April 10th at 7PM!** Everyone is welcome!!

We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!

Ana Serra-Prescott, Director of Family Faith Formation  
[aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org) | (973) 376-2061

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# *Easter Remembrance*

## **THE EASTER CANDLE**

Will burn in Loving Memory of

**The Bernstein & Butler Families**

*r/b The 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 LoMacchio & 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

**Tony Graziano**

*r/b Wife, Anne & 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 The Pflug Family*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT JAMES



APRIL 7, 3:00 PM

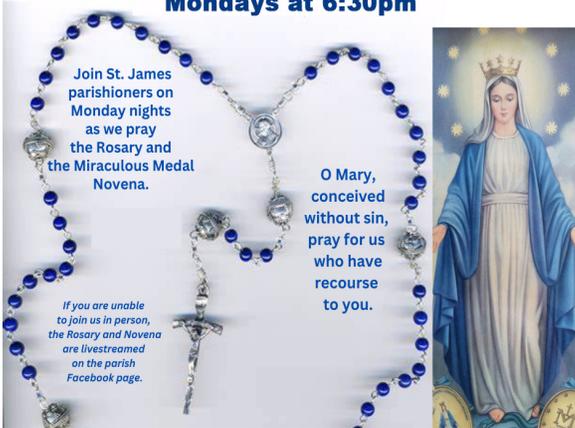
## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME PRAY AND SING THE  
CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY



## ROSARY AND NOVENA

Mondays at 6:30pm



## Bereavement Ministry

6 Weeks ~ Thursday Nights

7:00 PM to 8:30

April 11th, 18th, 25th

May 2nd, 9th, 16th



Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Support Group

Spring 2024

To register call 973-376-3044 or email [Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org)

We meet in the rectory at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church  
45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ

## Pastoral Council Corner

Each month the council will present a question for parishioners to consider. We hope to connect with parishioners on a personal level to support the spiritual health and growth of St. James.

Bring your thoughts and suggestions to the council members after Mass or you may email the council at:

[pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org).

Check out the new Coffee with the Council banner in the narthex! There is a QR code you can access to respond to the monthly question at your leisure.

This month's question:

**"How can we improve our outreach and engagement with senior congregants to better meet their spiritual and practical needs?"**



## Non-Perishable COLLECTION

In April, we are having a non-perishable food collection for Family Promise.

Currently, there is a need for non-perishable food items. Rice, cereal, canned soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, ramen, cooking oil, salt/pepper, coffee/tea, pancake mix and anything that can be cooked in its container like soups, mac & cheese, or ramen cups.

ShopRite gift cards are also always needed and greatly appreciated.

**Collection Dates:**  
**Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>**



We will collect items after each mass. There will be a bin and sign in the Narthex area.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory

**Family Promise**



## Gip & Supper

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 AT 6:30 PM



WE INVITE YOU TO BRING IT BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL WITH AN EVENING DEDICATED TO OLD WORLD WINES AND CLASSIC DISHES. MULTI-COURSE, FAMILY STYLE MEAL WITH WINES CURATED BY WINE 'EDU-TAINER'

**SANDRA ZOTTI**

**SOLD OUT**



272 MORRIS AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

All proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church

## MORE NEWS & EVENTS AT SAINT JAMES

### 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**

Due date for receiving the application and backup documents is **May 15, 2024.**

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

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

### 2024 Saint James Photo Directory Photoshoot

Saint James the Apostle Parish cordially invites your family to an exclusive, wonderful opportunity to create lifetime memories.

Join us for a family Portrait (*FREE, no sitting fee*)

We offer seven flexible dates:

**Friday, 4/12 or 4/26: 4p-9p**

**Saturday, 4/13 or 4/27: 9a-3p**

**Sunday, 4/14, 4/28 or 5/19: 9a-3p**

Spots are limited and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the photo studio directly at **201-681-5004** or scan the QR code to secure your place!

Plus, enjoy the option of a full family photoshoot and the opportunity to purchase portraits or digital images at a discounted fee.



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH PRESENTS:

### The Catholic Understanding of Suffering and Death

**Speaker: Deacon Michael Guiliano, MD**  
Archdiocese of Newark

**Saturday, April 27**  
11:30AM in the Church

#### PROGRAM:

Prayer

Presentation

Q&A

Light Refreshments

#### Topics include:

- ✓ Dignity of Life/Dignity of Death
- ✓ Care of the dying/Help for families
- ✓ Living Wills/Healthcare Proxies
- ✓ Ordinary vs. Extraordinary care
- ✓ Hospice/Palliative Care
- ✓ Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
- ✓ Cremation and Burial

*Deacon Guiliano has been a clinical neonatologist for 40 years, serves on the faculty of Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, and is an ordained Deacon in the Archdiocese of Newark.*

R.S.V.P. <https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/160199>

Questions? Send email to: [smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org)



A Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For Our Catholic Community, Serving Catholic Families for over 160 years

Join us for an enlightening Meet & Greet with a memorial planning advisor from Catholic Cemeteries after the Masses

**May 18th and May 19th**

The Meet and Greet is a chance to gain insights, ask questions, and understand the spiritual journey of a Catholic funeral.

While there's no obligation whatsoever, the recommendations will be invaluable. For those who may miss it, and for more information, don't hesitate to visit our website: [www.rcancem.org](http://www.rcancem.org)

Blessings and peace be with you all.

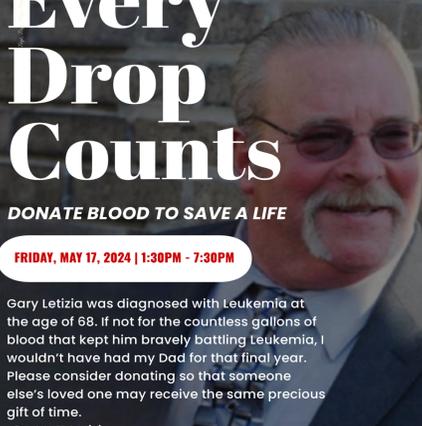
The Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive



# Every Drop Counts

DONATE BLOOD TO SAVE A LIFE

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 | 1:30PM - 7:30PM**



Gary Letizia was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 68. If not for the countless gallons of blood that kept him bravely battling Leukemia, I wouldn't have had my Dad for that final year. Please consider donating so that someone else's loved one may receive the same precious gift of time.

-Dr. Matt Letizia



Chisholm Community Center  
100 South Springfield Ave.  
Springfield, NJ  
Make an appointment, visit  
<http://nybc.org/letizia>  
Appointments Encouraged,  
Walk-Ins Welcome!



 New Jersey Blood Services

# UPDATE ON CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT: FEBRUARY 2024

I am happy to report that much has been happening behind the scenes to achieve the established objectives set by the Campus Redevelopment Committee. As a reminder the established objectives that any sale of the property must meet are to:

- Produce an end use for the property that would be in synergy with the mission of the parish community.
- Provide a means for the parish to extinguish the parish debt to the Archdiocese.
- Provide an on-going revenue stream for the parish.
- Assist in building a new parish center and replacement of the rectory (in conjunction with funds from a parish capital campaign).

Listed below are bullet points of some of the many things that have been accomplished to date behind the scenes. I urge you to take the time to read them since they will answer some of your immediate questions.

## **1. Agreement Established for the Sale of the School/Convent Property**

An agreement has been reached between St. James the Apostle Church and The Winston School of Short Hills for the sale of a portion of St. James property that includes the school and the former convent. The Winston School is a private special education school for children grades 1-8. Their intended plans are to renovate the existing school building and to raze the former convent building for use as recreational space and parking.

## **2. Parish Capital Campaign**

Over the summer of 2022 a capital campaign feasibility study was conducted to determine the parish's potential giving capacity and to test the Capital Campaign Case Statement (i.e. construction of a new parish center). The result of the feasibility study, which was presented to the parish in the fall of 2022, reflected a positive giving capacity and a substantial and enthusiastic support among respondents for the case statement. Our goal is to launch a capital campaign in the very near future with the goal of constructing a new parish center.

## **3. The Proposed Plans for the new Parish Center**

Our Architect has been updating the plans for the new parish center now that its exact location has been defined based on the property subdivision line. Besides event space on the main floor with a kitchen and parish office space being defined, plans for the second floor for optional classroom space as well as potential classroom space on the lower level plus a food pantry location have been defined. Additionally, the plan includes the creation of an open air plaza which will be located in the space between the church and the new parish center. Our engineer has moved forward with the site work and water drainage design that is required as part of the subdivision approval.

## **4. Approval from the Archdiocese of Newark**

The sale of the property and initiation of a capital campaign to construct the Parish Center require obtaining the approval from the Archdiocese of Newark. There are numerous steps involved with this process. We've presented the information of the potential sale of the property, the proposed parish center, cashflow projections, and the details and tentative timeline for a parish capital campaign to the requisite archdiocesan boards and officials. This approval has been obtained subject to a perfunctory approval needed from the Vatican that is currently in process.

Please know that from the onset of the campus redevelopment project, we have actively engaged and collaborated with local and archdiocesan officials to ensure due diligence and responsible and realistic planning. I can say confidently that we have explored all reasonable and available options for achieving our goals (listed above). Given the scope of this project and its lasting impact, it is incumbent on me to discern and develop, with the assistance of committed and skillful parish lay leaders, a vision for the parish that not only meets our present needs but also sets a trajectory for the successful future state of our parish. We are nearly at the point where we can more clearly convey and share that vision at a scheduled Parish Town Hall meeting. My goal is to schedule two Town Hall meetings (a weekday evening and a Sunday afternoon) that will also be a time to answer questions about the proposed vision for our St. James community going forward. I expect to announce the dates of the two Town Hall meetings in the coming weeks.

Friends, a lot of work has been done, and still more is expected. It has been and will continue to be a privileged labor-of-love for me and all the lay leaders who have been involved in this project. Thank you for your confidence and thank you for your support, but most especially, thank you for your continued prayers!



Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

# UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024  
7:00 PM

### Ready, Set, Soar!

In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential. Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special!

Visit our website to reserve your seat or call us at **908-889-1600, ext. 302**

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

A Grief Unveiled:  
One Father's Journey Through the  
Death of a Child  
with Gregory Floyd



## ETERNAL BONDS

CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER, BERKELEY HEIGHTS



Gregory is the author of  
A Grief Unveiled: One Father's Journey Through  
the Death of a Child, and  
Unforgettable: How Remembering God's Presence  
in Our Past Brings Hope to Our Future.

April 11 - 7 pm  
Parish Center Albergue Room  
290 Plainfield Avenue  
Berkeley Heights, NJ  
908.464.1585  
Scan the QR code to register



## Easter Joy



How intense was your joy in this Easter season? Sharing Easter joy with a meal and the support of family and friends is a yearly celebration that most of us cherish. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the sufferings 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, knickknacks, tools, toys, 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.

## 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 call  
(973) 376-2061*

### 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.

# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:00pm **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana, daughter  
**Mary & John Ostrowski**  
r/b Family

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am **Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Valerie Matera**  
r/b Camille Mitarotonda

10:00am **Judith Natale**  
r/b Carol & Howard Balfour  
**Ronnie Fusco**  
r/b Carmela Fusco

12:00pm **Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**  
r/b Marion Rivano  
**John Garibaldi**  
r/b Sandra Pryer

## MONDAY, APRIL 8

### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:30am **Christine Ferrie Jablonski**  
r/b Hugh & Maggie Keffer

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11

### SAINT STANISLAUS

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:30am **Aurora & Ceferino Gozo**  
r/b Ave Gozo

5:00pm **Julie Moore**  
r/b Karen & Paul Sanders  
**Eric Henrichs**  
r/b MaryAnn Benedetti

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am **Valerie Speller**  
r/b Claire Bernstein

10:00am **Mary Fossella**  
r/b Paul Dlugosz  
**Jack Degnan**  
r/b Roethlin Family

12:00pm **Angelina DiLeo**  
r/b Clark & DiLeo Families  
**Daniel & Angela Raimondo**  
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Marianne Van Volkenburgh

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Gaetano Botte  
r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

## BREAD & WINE:

Paul Conway  
r/b Elaine Conway



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

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, 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, John Mannarino, 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, 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, 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 Patricio, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson





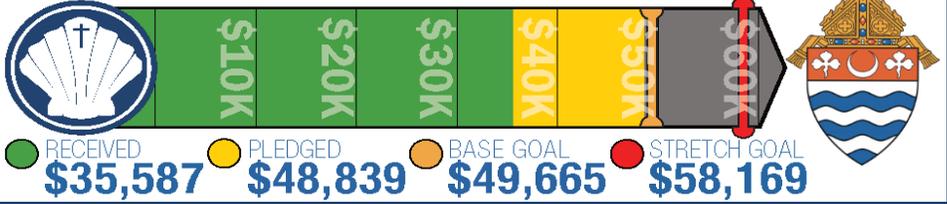
# FINANCE

Parish Finance Council

## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES  
03/23/2024 127 DONORS

ANNUAL APPEAL 2024



Did you know?... The **2024 Annual Appeal** is in full swing. As you consider your gift amount, please remember the funds you give support essential ministries and programs within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish. Each parish is assigned two goals: a **Base Goal**, that must be met by the parish, and a **Stretch Goal**, that if exceeded the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction.

Thank you to all who have made their **2024 Annual Appeal** gift so far. We are getting close to reaching our goal! Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Pledges made by **June 30th** that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a parish 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*



As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, we have an e-newsletter through a platform called Flocknote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more. Sign up today!

- Text NEWSLETTER to 84576
- Visit [saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com](http://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)

\*Be sure to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your email contact list

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals Weekend of March 23 & 24

Regular Collection:	\$	8,156.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,335.00
Total:	\$	12,491.00

*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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SAVE THE DATE

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH

BACK TO THE 80'S  
*Casino Night*

MAY 18, 2024

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH  
STRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF  
OUTING

JULY 8, 2024

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Save the Date!

## ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

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