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I baptise
with water

HE WILL
BAPTIZE YOU
WITH THE
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December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

News and Updates

* You may have noticed an upward trend in our Sunday Collections over the past few weeks...THANK YOU! Thank you for responding so generously to our appeal for your increased financial support. Your response to our appeal is humbling. Without exception I see my role as leader of our parish community to be one that is necessarily tied to responsible stewardship of treasure. Along with the Parish Finance Council, we take seriously our need to maintain good management of the parish's finances. As such, we are currently pursuing public and private grant opportunities to lessen the financial strain on you, our faithful parishioners, and to maximize the impact of every dollar that is generously given. **If you have experience working in the "grant world" or with grant writing, and would like to support our efforts, please contact me directly.**

* I had a great meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council Monday, December 6th. It is wonderful and exciting to see your talented and faithful lay-leaders at work!!! Wow! Here are a few things we discussed, some of which is a preview of what's to come!

- ♦ **Flocknote** is a parish communication tool that the Pastoral Council is exploring to launch here at St. James in the near future! This spectacular platform is super easy to use and will work to help keep parishioners - like you - connected and informed with all that's happening here at St. James...more to come in the new year!
- ♦ The formation of a new **Parish Life** group that will brainstorm, plan, and organize community building and social events for the parish community.
- ♦ The **St. James Centennial Committee** is taking shape. The three co-chairs (Joan Bratsch, Maggie Keffer, and Rita Lombardi) and I will be meeting to discuss the formation of the Centennial Committee and the committee's first steps in organizing this momentous milestone in the life of our parish.

* **FORWARD IN FAITH Listening Sessions Report**

The Pastoral Council and I have decided to wait until after the Christmas season to share the report and our response to the report. Stay tuned for more to come in the new year!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Division is always a sign of the dwarfed soul, the heart which has yet to grow up enough.

—Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

\$10,148.00

\$6,926.00 Church Collection

\$3,222.00 Online Collection

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

To sign up for Online Giving go to:

www.saintjamestheapostle.org

*Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their
weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are
welcome to do so.*

FRAUD ALERT: 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ~ 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.

2nd Collection~ Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend: December 11/12, 2021

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sister gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to this week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be as generous as your means allow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079



We are looking forward to welcoming the Family Faith families and the parish community to the Festival of Lessons and Carols this afternoon at 3:00PM in the church followed by the lighting of the parish Christmas Tree!! Wishing you a blessed and peace-filled remainder of Advent!

The Sign-up Genius for First Eucharist Masses was emailed to parents last week. If you didn't receive it, please call the Religious Ed Office.

No classes Tuesday, December 21st

*Classes resume Tuesday, January 4th for
Grades 1-7 and*

Tuesday, January 18th for 8th Grade

Breakfast with Santa Claus Dec. 4, 2021



TODAY: FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Hear the Christmas story told through the Old and New Testaments and expressed in beautiful seasonal music sung by our parish choir.

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Join us for the lighting of the outside Christmas Tree afterwards!

Facebook and YouTube Links will be available on the Parish website



St. James the Apostle Church

Food Collection

Sunday, December 12

Drop off in the Gathering Area from 9:00-12:00

Due to space limitations at the receiving pantry
we can **ONLY ACCEPT** the following items:

PASTA

PEANUT BUTTER

1/2 lb. BAGS OF RICE

BEANS

SOUP



Small boxes of Tea, Hot Chocolate and Cookies

LAST WEEKEND TO RETURN YOUR GIFTS FOR THE GIVING TREE

We are participating in providing gifts for the needy during this holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

Place the **UNWRAPPED** gift with tags attached in a gift bag with tissue paper.

Please attach the tag you selected from the tree to the outside of the gift bag.

Return your gift to Church after Mass **ONLY** this weekend, December 11-12.

Please contact Gianna Hayes with any questions: pafumig@gmail.com

TRANSMITTING OUR FAITH THROUGH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



The Christmas tree is full of symbolisms:

Lights - Symbol of Christ, who is the "light of the world" and of His divine and human characteristics and virtues.

Green - The green color of the Christmas tree is a sign of eternity.

Star - The star on top represents the star which guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem.

Decorations - Bright decorations represent God's glory and the joy of Christ's birth.



This year's theme for our parish Christmas tree in the Narthex is **JOY!** All parishioners are welcome to place an ornament representing the **JOY of Christmas** on the tree starting **Saturday, December 18th**. Ornaments will be returned at the end of the Christmas season. Please save all family heirlooms to be enjoyed at home.



50th Candlelight Carol Sing at the Cathedral Basilica
Wednesday, December 15th & Thursday, December 16th at
8:00PM.

Doors open at 7:00PM and masks are strongly encouraged.

Free-will donation. For information call 973-484-2400 or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org



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Free Brunch & Learn Event

"Everything You Need to Know About Preplanning a Funeral or Cremation" on **Wednesday, December 15 at 10:30am** at Bradley, Smith & Smith Funeral Home located at 415 Morris Ave. in

Springfield. Learn how to get organized, ways to pay for a funeral or cremation, and why the gift of preplanning can be one of the greatest gifts you leave for your family. All guests will enjoy a complimentary brunch, receive free resource materials, giveaway items, and a chance to win a \$25 *Dunkin Donuts gift card raffle prize*. **Seating is limited! RSVP by 12/14** by calling (973) 635-2428 ext. 140.

PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for the people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor at:

973-376-5934 or email your request to: mcbcb926@comcast.net

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

'SIMBANG GABI' (ADVENT NOVENA MASS & FELLOWSHIP/RECEPTION)

In anticipation of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ & in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Filipino Apostolate of Union County, NJ is hosting the celebration of 'SIMBANG GABI' in 9 parishes on December 15 - 23, 2021.

On Friday, December 17, 2021 at 8:00pm, the 'Simbang Gabi' will be at St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield. Please join us in this celebration.

For additional information, please call Gene 516-225-1616, Nene Salle 516-225-5757, Lisa Veloso 908-838-6980 or Ken Fernandez 201-486-7557.





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00~ 4:00PM

Next Adoration is Saturday, January 8, 2022

Confession every Saturday at 4:00PM



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Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Facebook Page to join us on YouTube.

All are welcome!



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 going to: www.rb.gy/jv5dlr or by scanning the QR Code.



ADVENT MEMORIALS

THE ADVENT WREATH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Angela & Daniel Raimondo ~ *Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh*

THE ADVENT CANDLES WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mr. & Mrs. B. LoMacchio &
Mr. & Mrs. J. Carney
~ *Patty & John Carney*

Gene Melleno
~ *Wife, Robin*

Bollmeyer, Bava, Belnavis & Genco Families
~ *Nancy Caputo*

Barbara Germinder
~ *Daughter, Robin*

ADVENT "LITTLE BLUE BOOKS"

In Loving Memory of

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

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Lighting of Parish Christmas Tree immediately following

Advent Confessions

Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Simbang Gabi: Filipino Novena Mass

Friday, December 17, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m., (livestream) 6:00 p.m. & Mass at Midnight (Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Noon

Feast of the Holy Family ~ Blessing of families at all Masses

Sunday, December 26 at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

*To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers by the Tabernacle*



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

For the People of Saint James

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



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 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 TO DIE

For all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & 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, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carol House ~ Bob House

7:30AM

Gloria Munoz ~ Mr. & Mrs. James Bonacorda

9:00AM

Francesco Ruggiero ~ Rodolfo Reino & Family

10:30AM

Elisabetta Iannelli ~ Family

12:00PM

John Clark ~ Kenny & Denise Coyle

MONDAY, December 13 St. Lucy

7:30AM

Anita "Nancy" Tabao ~ Fe & Pete Guilas

TUESDAY, December 14 St. John of the Cross

7:30AM

Fr. Thomas Roberts ~ Friends

WEDNESDAY, December 15

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

THURSDAY, December 16

7:30AM

Sally Aufiero ~ Anthony Battaglia & Family

FRIDAY, December 17

7:30AM

Fallon McGough ~ Deborah, Alex Mezzo & Family

SATURDAY, December 18

8:00AM

Anna Maria Villanova ~ Family

SUNDAY, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Tillie Catenacci ~ Granddaughter, Rose

7:30AM

José Gavilanes ~ Kenter Family

9:00AM

James Russo ~ Carmela Fusco

10:30AM

Tony Bagnato, Carmella Frio &

Ann & Vincent Pettrignani ~ Ann & Family

12:00PM

Suzie LoMacchio ~ Patty & John

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~*



TODAY'S READINGS:

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings:
(click the link to access the readings)

FIRST READING: [Zephaniah 3:14-18a](#) ~ **SECOND READING:** [Philippians 4:4-7](#)

GOSPEL: [Luke 3:10-18](#)

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,
We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**
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