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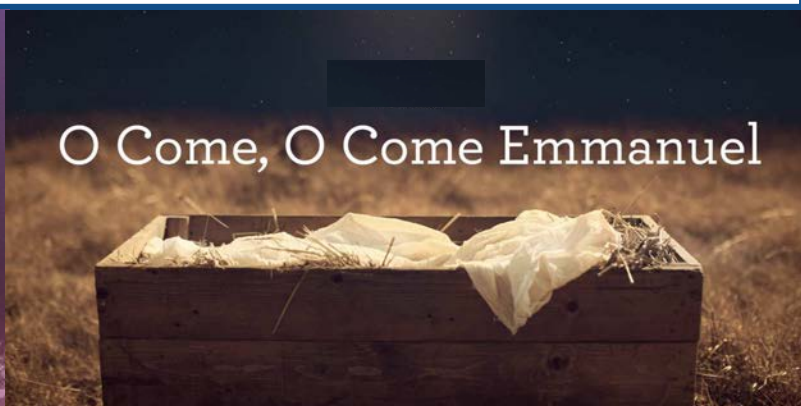
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December 5, 2021

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Advent is here and well underway. I hope you notice this year that the environment in the church will slowly develop as we progress further and further into the Season of Advent, ultimately culminating at Christmas. This slow yet methodical development is what's called *progressive solemnity*. With each passing week of Advent you should notice a more visible anticipation of the Solemnity of the Nativity of Jesus. Christmas is just around the corner...but not here yet. Don't worry; it'll get here. For now, focus on the person of John the Baptist in this Sunday's Gospel who tells us **to turn away from our sins**.

Legend says that while painting *The Last Supper*, Leonardo da Vinci had a terrible fight with someone. Afterward, he went to his studio, picked up his brush, and prepared to paint the face of Jesus. To his dismay he couldn't make a single decent stroke. He put down his brush, went to the man he had fought with, and asked his forgiveness. Leonardo returned to his studio and resumed painting the face of Jesus.

I love this legend of Leonardo da Vinci (whether it's true or not) because it hits home a common experience we all have. You see, sin disrupts and can even rupture our relationship with God.

Seeking reconciliation with God, that is, the forgiveness of sins through the Sacrament of Confession, helps heal and restore our relationship with God so we can do our part in "painting" the face of Jesus in the world with our words and actions.

Friends, do you find it hard to "paint" the face of Jesus in your life? The truth is, we all do to varying extents. That's why the Church encourages us to participate in the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation during the Season of Advent. Whether it's been 10 days or 10 years, will you consider going to Confession this Advent?

Please know that Confessions are offered every week here at St. James in the church on Saturdays at 4pm. You can also call the rectory office or send an email to one of the priests requesting an appointment for Confession.

I hope you're having a spiritually fruitful Advent Season!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*It is one thing to mourn sin because it exposes us to hell...and another thing to mourn it because it is wrong and offensive to God. It is one thing to be terrified, another, to be humbled.*

-- Gardiner Spring



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection totals from Nov. 20/21, 2021

**\$10,974.00**

**\$8,469.00 Church Collection**

**\$2,505.00 Online Collection**

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD  
DONATIONS**

Collection totals from Nov. 27/28

**\$9,573.00**

**\$6,833.00 Church Collection**

**\$2,740.00 Online Collection**

**\$1,882.00 Thanksgiving Charity Collection**

*To sign up for Online Giving go to: [www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)*

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



## 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      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 next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be as generous as your means allow.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00~ 4:00PM

Next Adoration is Saturday, December 11th

Confession every Saturday at 4:00PM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Welcome to the second week of Advent! As we continue the time of waiting, hopefully your family Advent Wreath is being used as the focal point for your family worship time, or there is some other cultural custom which you observe during Advent. Wishing you a blessed and peace-filled Advent!

*Classes resume for 1st through 7th grades on Tuesday, December 7th.*

### 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



### Giving Tree 2021

We will be participating in providing gifts for the needy during this holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. If you can purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can leave your gift(s) under the tree in the Gathering Area.

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** on:

December 4-5, and December 11-12.

*If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they are also needed at the Center.*

*As always, THANK YOU for your generosity.*

Please contact Gianna Hayes with any questions: [pafumig@gmail.com](mailto:pafumig@gmail.com)





# 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

## *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Vigil: Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8

Masses celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m.

## *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.

# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Mrs. Claire Bernstein & Mrs. Joanne Roethlin

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**



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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](http://www.rb.gy/jv5dlr) or by scanning the QR Code.





On October 17, Cardinal Joseph Tobin opened in our Archdiocese the worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for this synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." The word "synod" literally means "walking" or "journeying together." Pope Francis has called on each of us, as the People of God guided by the Holy Spirit, to help shape the future of the Church in the Third Millennium. The purpose of this synod is not simply to create more letters or encyclicals, rather it is an opportunity to dream about what our Church can become, what we are called to be as a Church of the poor, to bind up wounds, and learn from one another. Please consider joining fellow parishioners for Synod information and listening sessions. Each one of our voices matters; let your voice be heard. For Vatican resources, messages from Cardinal Tobin, our Synod leaders, and more, visit the Archdiocese of Newark's Synod webpage at [www.rcan.org/Synod2023](http://www.rcan.org/Synod2023) (English) or [www.rcan.org/sinodo6467](http://www.rcan.org/sinodo6467) (Spanish).



November 18, 2021

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will soon take place in our Archdiocese. In thanksgiving for the service and witness of our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, I encourage your heartfelt support of the appeal.

As you likely know, this collection has been taking place for over 30 years, and the generosity of Catholics has been unparalleled. Since 1988, when the collection began, the support of the Catholic laity has been most generous. The collection for last year totaled \$12,253,996.00. The generosity in our own Archdiocese in last year's collection totaled \$282,460.62.

Generosity to the Annual Appeal has helped many religious communities address their retirement deficits, yet hundreds of others continue to face a troubling gap between the needs of aging members and the funds available to support them. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

I urge you to share this need with parishioners along with the contributions religious have made and continue to make to our Church and world. Please announce the collection during Mass and include a notice in print or electronic parish communications. If your parish offers online giving, please add the Retirement Fund for Religious as a gift option. Remind parishioners that they can mail offertory envelopes to the parish office if they are not yet able to attend Mass in person.

Across the Church, these are difficult times. Many are hurting, and parishioners may feel overwhelmed by the need. Please ask only that they give what they can. Most importantly, ask parishioners to join in praying for God's protection over all our nation's elderly religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Newark

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The men of the parish are invited to participate in Mass,  
breakfast and reflections by

**Colonel Michael Manning and Master Sergeant Michael Cutone**

# Servant Leadership

*“Who among us will answer the call?*

*Who among us will pick up and labor under the weight, the ridicule, the hardship and the glory of carrying your cross towards Christ Crucified?”*

Using the principles learned while serving our country, such as planning, competency, humility and courage, Col. Manning and Msg. Cutone will talk about what leading from the front looks like with respect to continued faith formation, leadership and service to the Church and one another.



Col. Michael Manning



- Prof. of Practice Leadership at the Gordon Institute of Engineering Leadership, Northeastern University
- Director of Planning for the Rhode Island National Guard
- Command Assignments include: Commander 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Detachment (long Range Surveillance); 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and Commander, Recruiting and Retention Division, Rhode Island National Guard.
- Served in both Iraq and Afghanistan

Msg. Michael Cutone



- 33 year veteran of the United States Army Special Forces (Green Berets)
- Served in both Iraq and Afghanistan
- Served 21 years as a Massachusetts State Trooper
- Founder and Principle of the Trinity Project (C3 Policing)

## Saturday, December 11, 2021

The program kickoffs off at 8:30 am Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle and will run to approximately 12:00 including breakfast

Please RSVP to [Keithguarnuccio@yahoo.com](mailto:Keithguarnuccio@yahoo.com) (908-447-0168)

There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering will be accepted

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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 stgronly encouraged.

Free-will donation. For information call 973-484-2400 or visit: [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)





## DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

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



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### BREAD

For the People of Saint James

## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Melisandre Anaya Jorvina, Kiera Osei, Aleksander Paczos

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, 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

John Rendeiro, John Seifert  
and  
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 5 Second Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana & John & Sandy Lyna

7:30AM

Angela Raimondo

~ Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

William Bataille ~ Michelle Sblendorio

12:00PM

Orlando & Rose Cicalese ~ Family

## MONDAY, December 6

7:30AM

Valerie & Richard Mayr ~ Sister

## TUESDAY, December 7 Saint Ambrose

7:30AM

Mateo Apicella ~ Wife, Angela

7:00PM

Daniel & Angela Raimondo

~ Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

## WEDNESDAY, December 8

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM

Marie Guthrow ~ Mom

12:00PM

Bernie & Suzie LoMacchio ~ Patty & John

7:00PM

Mary Yobbi ~ Saint James Adult Choir

## THURSDAY, December 9

7:30AM

Sheila Fanning White ~ Linda & Bob Donnelly

## FRIDAY, December 10

7:30AM

Sharon Pfaffer ~ Sister-in-law

## SATURDAY, December 11

8:00AM

George & Agnes Ondish

~ George & Arlene Ondish

## 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

*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 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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

FIRST READING: [Baruch 5:1-9](#) ~ SECOND READING: [Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11](#)

GOSPEL: [Luke 3:1-6](#)

# 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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