

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY

LUKE 21:27

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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, December 7: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, December 8: 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 12:00PM - Fr. Santos

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri:7:30AMSaturday:8:30AMU.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



RELECTION ON THE READINGS

"The days are coming ..." This is how today's first reading starts. We're beginning a season of waiting, of anticipation. Four weeks of waiting to celebrate the birth of Christ. And four weeks of anticipating Jesus' coming again in glory at the end of time. Four weeks to prepare ourselves; to get ready. This is what **Advent** is about **listening to all that God promises us and waiting for**

those promises to be realized.

The Church gives us the reading from St. Luke's Gospel to start this Advent season in part so that we might call to mind the "end times" and the coming of the Son of Man.

When our minds are drowning in lists, shopping, groceries, and gifts, we're reminded to pause, raise our head above these pressing concerns, and reflect from another point of view.

In the end, what does it all mean?

What is driving your actions and behaviors?

Is it the things of this world that come and go like the wind and that change from day to day?

While it is true that this liturgical year begins by bringing us face-to-face with the *arrival* of the end, it's also meant to signal a new beginning; something eternal, something lasting.

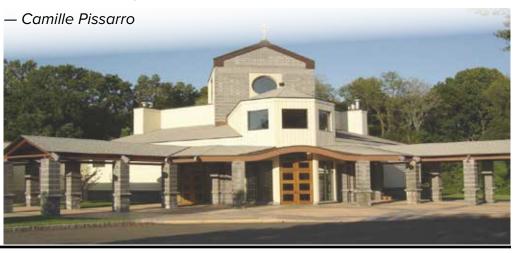
Advent literally means "approaching" or "arrival."

We, therefore, begin this holy season of Advent with the question: *WHAT ARE YOU PREPARING FOR?*

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing.





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot ; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



I hope everyone had a beautiful Thanksgiving and were able to have some down time to spend with family and friends. I am very thankful for the gift of my wonderful family, but also of the gift of our church family.

Our next Family Faith session is on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 8</u>. That day, at the 8AM, 10AM, and 12 noon Masses, the children who will be receiving their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this year, will receive their enrollment blessing. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare for such an important time in their lives.



On <u>Friday, December 6th</u>, it is the feast of St. Nicholas, and we will be having a special event in the church at 6PM to celebrate this special saint. We invite all our Family Faith families to attend as it will be a fun event for all children, and I am sure the adults will enjoy it too. After all, who doesn't love St. Nicholas!

NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 group – (2 sessions this month) Next sessions are this <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 3</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM in church AND the following <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 10</u> at 7PM in church (this second session will begin in church but will conclude with a service project in the school gym. We will finish at our usual time, 8:30PM).

Confirmation Year 2 group – <u>Tuesday, December 10</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM (the session will be for both Confirmation groups together. It will start in church, but we will move to the School gym after our presentations so that we can work on a service project).

The calendar dates for both Sunday Family Faith and Confirmation preparation sessions can be found on the Family Faith Formation page of the parish website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ana.

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

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**

ADVENT PRAY25 WITH HALLOW

This year, our very own pastor, FR. DAVID SANTOS will be featured on Pray25!

Join our parish this Advent season for Hallow's Pray25: For God So Loved The World. We'll journey through the powerful memoir A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Vanauken and be joined by some incredible guides, including Fr. David!

To sign up:

- Join St. James Parish's page on the app.
- Visit the Community tab, search for our parish (zip code is fastest), and join!
- Be sure to join the Pray25 challenge on our parish page to take part.

Never used Hallow before? Visit hallow.com/parish & watch the brief tutorial. We look forward to praying with you!



JOIN THE ADVENT PRAY25 CHALLENGE

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us encounter Christ through daily prayer.

Your parish is an official Hallow Parish Partner. Join us in prayer this Advent!



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PARISH GIVING TREE 2024

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. We will collect gifts under the tree in the vestibule.

Place the UNWRAPPED gift with tags attached in a large gift bag with tissue paper. Please attach the tag you selected from the tree on the outside of the gift bag.

Return your gift to Church after Mass ONLY until Sunday, December 15th.

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

Not able to shop in person?

Please consider purchasing from the Amazon Holiday Wish List by scanning the QR code.



THANK YOU for your generosity.



"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself." Mirian Toews' Al My Pung Sorras Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church is offering a 6 Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Thursday nights 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

December 5, 12, 19

Meetings will be in the parish rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield

Participation is FREE but registration is required. Please email Bereavement a saintjamesparish.org or contact the parish office at (973) 376-3044.

Let us be your companions for the journey. Our goal is to provide a process for healing within a safe and supportive environment.

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CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JAMES

Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule

Advent Evening Prayer Monday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills

Monday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint James the Apostle

Saint Nicholas Prayer Service Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, December 7 at 12:00 noon

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Monday, December 9 at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

> Blue Mass (Mental Health Ministry) Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday, December 14 after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Comfort and Joy Advent Concert with Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Simbang Gabi: Filipino Novena Mass Tuesday, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Advent Confessions Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE Tuesday, December 24 4:00 p.m. Family Mass, 6:00 p.m. Mass *Mass at Midnight Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday, December 26 8:00 a.m., *10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 29 8:00 a.m., *10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

* Live Stream Masses



Advent Memorials

The Advent Wreath is displayed in Loving Memory of

Angela & Daniel Raimondo r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

The Advent Candles will burn in Loving Memory of:

Bollmeyer, Bava, Belnavis & Genco Families r/b Nancy Caputo & Family

Mr. & Mrs. B. Lo Macchio and Mr. & Mrs. J. Carney r/b Patty & John Carney

> Gene Melleno r/b Wife, Robin

Barbara Germinder r/b Daughter, Robin

Advent "Little Books" in Loving Memory of:

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

Advent Evening Prayer

Advent is a time of promises and waiting. Christmas is the promise fulfilled. Our scriptures during Advent teach us about waiting and what happens when we wait for Christ. Advent waiting is expectant and purposeful. Come celebrate the Advent season with us as our two parishes join together in song and prayer.



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	# OF ADULTS: Phone number:	# OF CHILDREN	using the QR code or fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory office with payment by		
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FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE RECTORY AT (973) 376-3044 OR E-MAIL PARISHLIFE@SAINTJAMESPARISH.ORG

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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ADVENT CONCERT WITH SARAH HART AND STEVE ANGRISANO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 4:00PM - 5:30PM

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH 45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE. SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

Featuring award-winning Catholic composers and musicians Sarah Hart (This Winter's Eve) and Steve Angrisano (God With Us (Emmanuel)), the popular event will center around the music of Advent and Christmas. Don't miss this sought-after duo and their uplifting storytelling and songs of hope and joy! Sing along, pray, be uplifted, and truly enter into the season!

Concert Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$10 students (Ages 5-18)



Concert + Dinner at Sofia's with Sarah and Steve: \$100



Please use QR codes to purchase tickets or send a check to Saint James Rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Questions? Please call the Parish Rectory or send an email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today, her award winning songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. She has been nominated for a Grammy award for the song "Better than a Hallelujah" recorded by Amy Grant, and has performed in Saint Peter's Square for Pope Francis. Based in Nashville, Tennessee she spends much of her time on the road – juggling a busy songwriting, recording, concert and event schedule.

Steve Angrisano is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. For over two decades, Steve has traveled worldwide, sharing his unique blend of humor, story, and song. Connecting head to heart, renewing faith, and inspiring young and old alike, his daily work is dedicated to presenting parish missions, and composing music for Oregon Catholic Press.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Presented by Karen Scott, Community Educator/YWCA

Intimate Partner Violence Intervention & Prevention



Chisholm Community Center 100 South 100 South Springfield Avenue Springfield, NU

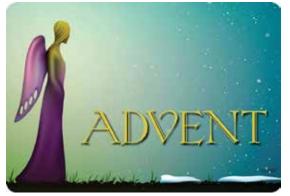
<u>Monday 12/2/24</u> <u>Parents</u>: How to Talk to Your Teens & Tweens About Teen Dating Violence



Monday 12/16/24 Teens: Teen Dating Violence & Discussing Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships

Questions? Email erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us

Register at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield



UNION CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2029 Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 12 noon.

> There is a **\$35 fee** to take the exam; there is no makeup date.

Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam.

To register scan this QR Code:



Contact the Admissions Office: **908-889-1600** 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

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

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

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	Maria Santos	
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	r/b Mary Ellen and Gary Capron	
	Orlando and Rose Cicalese	
12:00pm	r/b Family Caesar and Edward Rivano	
	r/b Marian Rivano	Pat Anne
	Constantine "Gus" Solazzi	Bion, V Dolores
	r/b Mary Solazzi	Phyllis Co
MONDAY, DE 7:30am	CEMBER 2 Maria Santos	Crosby,
7.50am	r/b Theresa and Michael Quick	Jean Del
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7:30am	Dolores and Pio Salle r/b Gene and Nieves Salle	Kennedy, Dina Led
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	r/b Janice Montana, Sister	Luther, To Mannarine
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	r/b Janice Montana, Sister	
	Garrett Gurrieri r/b Pflug Family	
SUNDAY, DEC		Tim Aren
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8:00am	Nick D'Achille	Fenton, S P. Garriga
	r/b Lisa, Daughter Concetta Parlavecchio	Jacobs, L
	r/b Bruno and Maria Genova	Aric Patte
10:00am	Bruce Neely	Capt. Stac Williamso
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12:00pm	Bernie and Susie Lo Macchio	25
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SANCTUARY LAMP:

Irene Garruto r/b Donna Blasi

BREAD & WINE: Irene Garruto r/b Donna Blasi

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Emily Grace Fumero Lorenzo Santana Ribeiro

A TIME TO HEAL

elli, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina 'ictoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, olosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie James Curry, Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Pasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, uerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, ernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Steven aura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, ogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Angelina Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., ordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica oni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, John o, Angie Mazzarisi, Thomas McGarvey, Leonard Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Norgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, r, 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 Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson



FOR THE KIDS





As part of our effort to with you, we have launched an e-newsletter through a platform

called Flocknote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more. Here's how you can sign up: Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 OR Sign up on the website: saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection totals not available at time of printing. Please check back next week for updates.

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.



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

The Finance Council would like to say THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Your gifts, whether of *time, talent* or treasure, enable the parish to expand on the great work that we are doing in spreading God's word and offering service to the community.





ST JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Please support Troop 73 during our annual Christmas Fundraiser. Once again we are selling wreaths and grave blankets.

PreOrders will be collected at mass beginning Nov 30th Products will be available for pickup beginning Dec 7th

You can visit the scouts at the table outside of the church to place your order, or you may visit https://troop-73-fundraising square site



Decorated Wreaths: \$35 Large (2' by 3') Grave Blankets - \$50 Small (2' by 2') Grave Blankets - \$30

Pricing:

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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