



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

*Prepare the  
way of the Lord.*

MARK 1:3



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 10, 2023  
[www.saintjamesparish.org](http://www.saintjamesparish.org)



## 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, December 16:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, December 17:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

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 7:00PM in the  
Church and on Facebook  
Live

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday Holy Hour at  
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS



You may be familiar with the movie **We Were Soldiers** (2002). The movie depicts the first major battle between Americans and the North Vietnamese Army in the battle of Ia Drang.

Mel Gibson plays Lt. Gen Harold Moore. Part of the significance of this battle is that it was one of the first times that Americans employed the use of UH-61 Helicopters "Huey". These helicopters were integral in jungle combat.

Early in the battle, it became clear that casualties would be mounting and that fresh supplies would be needed sooner rather than later. Almost immediately, a top priority for the command was to prepare a landing zone. They begin to tie detonation "det" cord around trees to bring them down. They clear the brush and remove debris, all so that the helicopter can land. The soldiers swarm around actively preparing the ground for the helicopters to bring in supplies and ammunition and evacuate the wounded.

**In Advent – as in our spiritual life - I think we are like those soldiers who prepare the landing zone, and God is the helicopter that's trying to land.** The Advent Season is a time when we clear the ground and make-way for God to land.

Friends, God desires so much to be with us and to land in our hearts, but He won't take the chance unless the ground is made ready...unless the landing zone is prepared.

Brothers and sisters, today is a good day to wrap spiritual "det" (detonation) cord around those things that keep us from prayer, works of charity, from seeing the importance of having a personal relationship with God. Today is a good day to begin separating yourself from the influences of **ideas, things**, and even **people** that turn you away from God rather than draw you closer to Him

Fr. David C. Santos

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Advent increases our hope. A hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

—Pope Francis

**Hallow**

# ADVENT

JOIN THE ADVENT  
PRAY25 CHALLENGE

Deepen your prayer life this Advent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.

Your parish has gifted you  
Hallow access through Easter!  
[hallow.com/holyday](http://hallow.com/holyday)



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalms 85**

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

### SECOND READING

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

### GOSPEL

**Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access Mass readings online.

## SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



## Family Faith Formation

**Confirmation** preparation **Year 2** group – Our next session is **Tuesday, December 19th from 7PM to 8:30PM** in the Church. Make sure to complete the reflection on The Chosen (episodes 2 & 3).



Join us for the **Youth Rosary** this **Tuesday, December 12th at 7PM** in the Church. Come pray the rosary together as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Everyone is welcome** to attend.

Next **Saturday, December 16th**, the children preparing for their sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist will receive their **Sacramental enrollment blessing** at the **5PM Mass**. We ask that you please pray for them and their families in this important time of their lives.

*A big Thank You to all the Confirmation candidates who volunteered this past Sunday to make sandwiches for Family Promise. Through your time, generosity, and love, you were able to feed many people by making more than 240 sandwiches.*

If you need any information or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org), (973)376-2061.

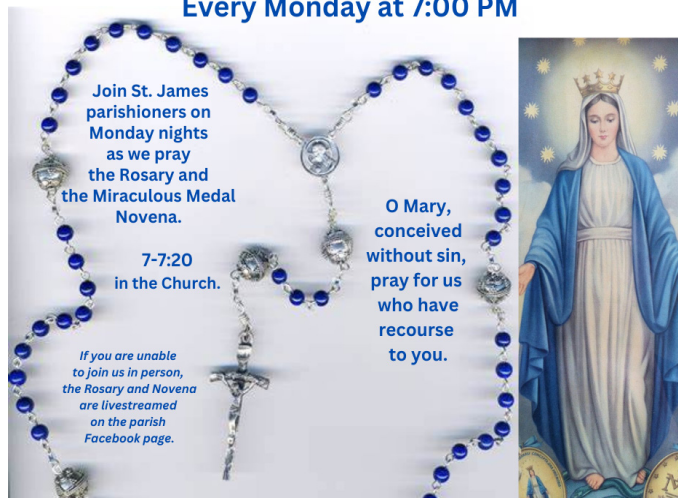
## Saint James Prayer-Line Ministry

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 a "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 by e-mail: [PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org)

## ROSARY AND NOVENA

Every Monday at 7:00 PM





## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



### Saint James Christmas Tree Lighting

**Saturday, December 16th after 5:00pm Mass**

**Ornament Theme:**

The tradition continues here at Saint James for parishioners to participate in the decorating of the narthex Parish Christmas Tree. Tying into the Synod on Synodality ["journey together"] the theme for our parish Christmas Tree this year is **HOPE**.

Please share an ornament on our tree that represents a place you **hope** to travel to or a place/symbol that brings you **hope** for the future.

Ornaments are welcome to hang on the Christmas Tree until January 8th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas Season. Please feel free to take your ornament home and save it to hang on your home Christmas Tree.



FESTIVAL OF  
*Lessons and Carols*

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 17**  
**3:00 PM**

at Saint James Church  
and Live-Streamed

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

Free-will offering will support Saint James' Music Ministry.  
Livestream will be available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Bereavement Ministry and The Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry  
personally invite you to join our special

### *Blue Christmas Mass*

**Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.**



#### **A light shines in the darkness**

The intention of the Blue Mass is especially for those for whom the Christmas season is a profoundly sad and lonely time, a reminder of loss and brokenness. The death or impending death of a loved one, loss of health or employment, family crises, and depression are some of the many reasons that Christmas can be painful and isolating.

One can grieve knowing they are not alone and be comforted and strengthened by the love of Christ and those present. Join us for yourself, for someone you love or for those who suffer around the world. ***All are welcome.***

Refreshments will be served after the mass. For more information please contact:

**[Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org)**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

# SIMBANG GABI

MASS AT 8:00 PM

Simbáng Gabi (*lit. Night Mass*) is a devotional nine-day series of Advent Masses practiced by Filipino Roman Catholics in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas.

Everyone is invited to attend.





## CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JAMES

### *Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule*

#### **Advent Confession**

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

#### **Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Simbang Gabi: Filipino Novena Mass**

Friday, December 22 at 8:00pm

#### **Sunday, December 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Mass only

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE:**

##### **Sunday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. (Family Mass) and 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mass at Midnight

Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

##### **Monday, December 25**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Sunday, December 31 at 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., 12 noon

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Monday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.



### *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 burn  
in Loving Memory of:**

#### **Bava, Belnavis, Bollmeyer & Genco Families**

r/b Nancy Caputo

#### **Mr. & Mrs. B. LoMacchio and**

#### **Mr. & Mrs. J. Carney**

r/b Patty & John Carney

#### **Gene Melleno**

r/b Wife, Robin

#### **Barbara Germinder**

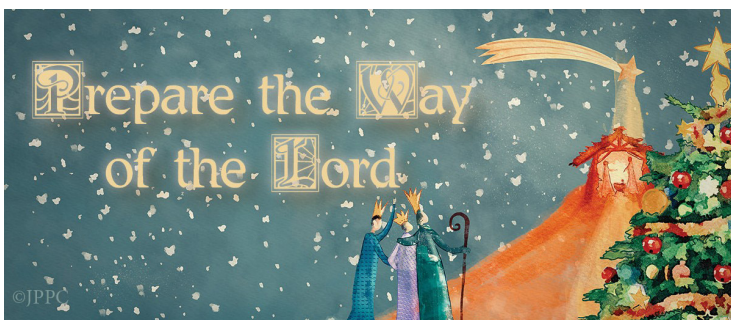
r/b Daughter, Robin

#### **Advent "Little Blue Books"**

**In Loving Memory of:**

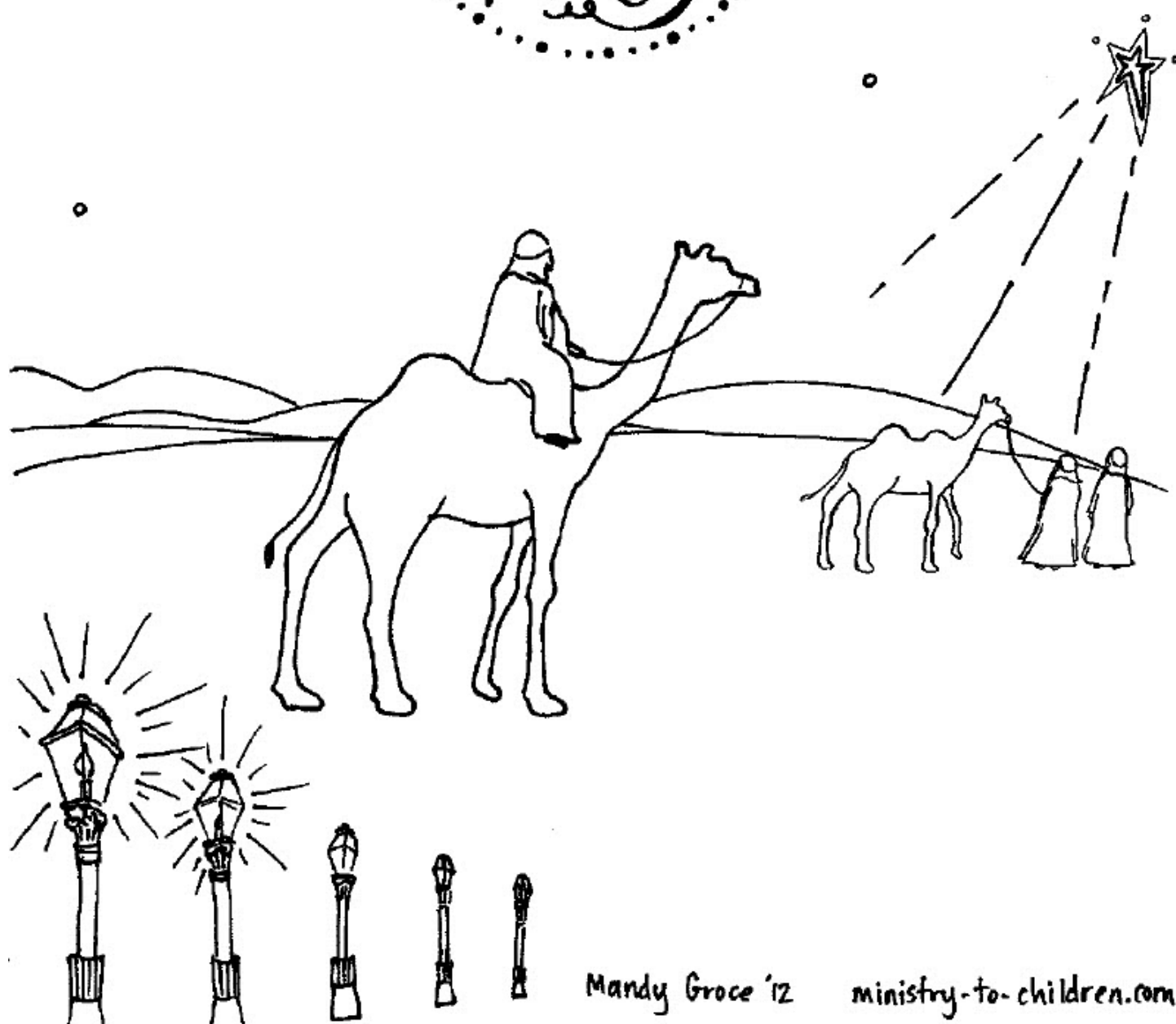
#### **John D. Pflug, III & Garrett Gurrieri**

r/b Family



FOR THE KIDS

Jesus  
IS OUR  
Way



Mandy Groce '12

[ministry-to-children.com](http://ministry-to-children.com)



**Sunday,  
December 10th**

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., of the Archdiocese of Newark will welcome Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University seminarians to the Rite of Admission for Candidacy for Holy Orders at the **12:00pm Mass.**

Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology for our annual daily Advent reflection series on **"The Hospitality of Advent"** as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

**Meditations are sent by email through December 24.**

*How might this year's Advent be a journey of an ever-deepening hospitality of the heart?*

Please register at  
[www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm](http://www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm)

The Cathedral Concert Series Fifty-Second  
**Candlelight Carol Sing**  
Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble  
*John J. Miller, conductor*  
*Kristin Johnson, organist*  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**  
and  
**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
Performances Begin at 8 PM  
Doors Open at 7 PM  
Ramped Entrance on Ridge Street  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
Park and Clifton Avenues, Newark  
For more information call 973-484-2400  
[www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

## 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, DECEMBER 9

**5:00pm** **Nick D'Achelli**  
r/b Lisa  
**Diane Johnson**  
r/b Lena Johnson

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

### Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00am** **Mary Ann Bujnowski**  
r/b Tom & Patricia  
**Barbara Garbey**  
r/b Bernstein Family  
**10:00am** **Jimmy Russo**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Anthony & Pasqualina Pacifico**  
r/b Daughter  
**12:00pm** **Bernie & Susie LoMacchio**  
r/b John & Patty Carney  
**Betty Macciachera**  
r/b Bernard & Louise

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

**7:30am** **Saror Chum**  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

**7:30am** **Kathryn Morella**  
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

### Saint Lucy

**7:30am** **Joseph Jurczak**  
r/b Raffaella Conetta

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

### Saint John of the Cross

**7:30am** **John Sullivan**  
r/b Daughter, Meghan Palestis

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

**7:30am** **John Montana, Jr.**  
r/b Janice Montana

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

**8:30am** **Alfred Weismantel**  
r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron  
**5:00pm** **Betty Macciachera**  
r/b Mary, Tommy & Julia Walsh  
**Stephen F. Colligan**  
r/b Frances Hui

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

### Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00am** **Mary Ann Bujnowski**  
r/b Tom Bujnowski & Patricia Kuzma  
**Nicolaos Cacouris**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**10:00am** **Tony, Carmella, Ann & Vincent**  
r/b Ann & Family  
**Anselmo Gabriele**  
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Pasquarelli  
**12:00pm** **Susie LoMacchio**  
r/b John & Patty Carney  
**Eleanor Carney**  
r/b John & Patty Carney

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

John Mannarino  
r/b Mannarino Family

## BREAD & WINE:

Nick D'Achille  
r/b Lisa



*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, 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, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson

## A TIME TO DIE

Father Richard Carrington  
Arthur Sikula

*Lord,  
Here Our Prayer*



## THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. JAMES FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

The 2nd Annual 5k For Thanks held on Thanksgiving morning had 375 participants. Proceeds from the event were **\$11,542.92**. A donation of **\$1,154.30** was made to the Springfield First Aid Squad.

Thank you to the members of Parish Life, the fundraising committee and all the volunteers who made this event a success!



Thank you to those who made free will offerings for the Babies in the Womb Feel Pain car magnets. A donation of **\$120.00** was made to LifeNet to carry on their Pro Life mission.

GRATEFUL • THANKFUL

*blessed*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of November 25 & 26

Regular Collection:	\$	5,740.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,083.00
Total:	\$	9,823.00

*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.



**FINANCE**  
Parish Finance Council

## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... Your gifts of time, talent and treasure show your love for Jesus. During this season of giving, what will your gift to St. James be?

Remember...

Give, and it will be given to you.  
Luke 6:38

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place this weekend.

If you have questions, please contact Sr. Patricia Wormann at [sr.patricia.wormanno.p@rcan.org](mailto:sr.patricia.wormanno.p@rcan.org)

## CENTENNIAL CORNER

Be sure to visit the Centennial website page:



[saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial](http://saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial) to see photos of past events, view Centennial video interviews, and visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. We have hoodies, quarter-zips, polos, and more! Scan the QR code to check out all of our merchandise!





## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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