



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



WE WAIT IN
Joyful Hope

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 11, 2022

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-3PM
(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM
Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 17:
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, December 18:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
Livestream Available Online
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:
Wednesdays at 7PM
Second Saturdays at 3PM

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL



Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days

brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

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Staff Update: Welcome, Katie!

We are pleased to welcome Katie Hyman to the parish staff as our new bookkeeper. Please note her new email address for all business and financial correspondence: BusinessOffice@SaintJamesParish.org

From the Archdiocesan Office of Development & Stewardship:

"Dear Friends: We'd like to express our gratitude to the 25,000 individuals and families who helped us meet and exceed our Annual Appeal goal of \$9,000,000! Whether it was through prayer, service, and/or financial support, your commitment has helped raise the necessary funds for the vital programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. Thank you for your personal investment in the mission of this local Church. We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to serving God's people."

Please take a moment to watch the video from Cardinal Tobin sharing his thanks!"

Visit this link to view the message: www.bit.ly/3unnCU1

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



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

**Today, Sunday, December 11th
at 3:00PM at Saint James Church
and Livestreamed**

Free-will offerings will support Saint James' Music Ministry. Livestream will be available at saintjamestheapostle.org.

**Simbang Gabi
Wednesday, December 21st at 8:00PM
at Saint James Church**

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 from December 15 to 23, 2022. Please pick up a schedule of these Masses in the gathering area.



**Today (Sunday, December 11th) is the last day
to return Giving Tree gifts!**

We are 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 large gift bag with tissue paper under the tree in the Narthex. Please attach the tag you selected from the tree on the outside of the gift bag. As always, **THANK YOU** for your generosity.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.

Responsorial: Psalm 146

Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:2-11

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Visit www.usccb.org to access Mass readings online.

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JAMES



CHRISTMAS EVE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00PM
6:00PM
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00AM
10:00AM
12:00PM

*O Come, Let us
Adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Advent Memorials

**The Advent Wreath is displayed
in Loving Memory of:**

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

**The Advent Candles will burn
in Loving Memory of:**

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

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 and Garrett Gurrieri
r/b Family





Advent Movie Night

Friday, December 16

7:00-9:00pm

Saint James School Gym

CHRISTMAS WITH
THE CHOSEN
"THE MESSENGERS"

Featuring musical performances by some of the top names in Christian music, followed by a special episode of the series told through the eyes of Mary.



Bring your family, friends, and a comfortable lawn chair, we'll provide the popcorn, snacks and drinks!

Feel free to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share.
(A limited number of folding chairs are available)

To RSVP please use the link at saintjamestheapostle.org or scan this QR Code.





COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • Matthew 11:2-11



GOSPEL

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.



PRAYER

Dear God, show me ways to help my friends follow God, too.



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

We hope you can join us at 3:00PM today for Lessons & Carols. This is a beautiful way to slow ourselves down to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare our hearts for His arrival! Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for our Helping the Hungry collection.

Family Faith Formation families are reminded that we will be meeting next week, December 18th. We have a lot going on! There will be an Enrollment Blessing at the 8AM, 10AM and 12PM Masses for the children who received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the Spring of 2023 as well as a guest speaker for the adults and the first session for the children with their grade appropriate catechist!

Advent Resources

Below are a few ideas to assist you in making this Advent a more prayerful, holy, and happy season:

HALLOW APP

"Advent #Pray25 Challenge" - Journey daily through the story of salvation as you prepare for the coming of our Savior! Download the Hallow app to sign up for these audio sessions.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

"Best Advent Ever"- Receive inspirational video reflections sent daily by email. Sign up here:

dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html#form-a

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

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.

VOCATIONS

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations.

Call: 973-313-6190. Email: info@newarkpriest.com.

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: 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 contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00PM **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Constantine "Gus" Solazzi
r/b Wife, Mary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM **Luigi & Rosaria Reino**
r/b Anthony & Carmelina Reino
For the People of the Parish
10:00AM **James Russo**
r/b Carmela Fusco
12:00PM **Ernie Reedy & Alfonso Cacciatore**
r/b Eugenia Reedy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30AM **Marilyn Lang**
r/b Frascarelli Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30AM **Nicalene Weismantel**
r/b JoAnn Lofredo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Saint John of the Cross
7:30AM **John Montana, Jr.**
r/b Janice Montana

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30AM **Msgr. William Hatcher**
req. by Rosemary Bennetts

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30AM **Laura Towbridge**
r/b Eileen, Catherine & Tina

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30AM **Valeria & Richard Mayr**
r/b Sister
5:00PM **Tillie Catenacci**
r/b Granddaughters
Toni Irwin
r/b Maria Chavarriaga

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM **Eleanor McCusker**
r/b Family
Ronnie Fusco
r/b Carmela Fusco
10:00AM **Anita Giaimo**
r/b Ryan Family
Michael Salimbene & Sr. Irene Salimbene
r/b Family
12:00PM **Anthony, Ann, Vincent & Carmela**
r/b Ann & Family

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Richie Misini
r/b Carmela Fusco

BREAD & WINE:

Richie Misini
r/b Carmela Fusco



To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Marie Boin, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Beverly DeMarzo, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, 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, 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., John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Erin Wade, Anne Wallis, MaryEllen Warren, Elisa Warshall, Christopher Waryn, 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 home-bound 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, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, 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, 2LT Raymond Williamson



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUNTY AND NEED HELP WITH:

Housing Insecurity?
Rental Assistance?
Legal Representation?
Credit Counseling and more?

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately:
jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org

www.thewaterfrontproject.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of December 4th

Regular Collection:	\$	8,734.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,760.00
Total:	\$	12,494.00

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.

This Weekend's Second Collection:
December 11-12, 2022
Religious Retirement Fund



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
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

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