



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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## Roman Catholic Church



I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.

Luke 3:16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 15, 2024

[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 21:**

5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, December 22:**

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

10:00AM - Fr. Paladino

12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**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 6:30PM**

in the Church and on  
Facebook Live

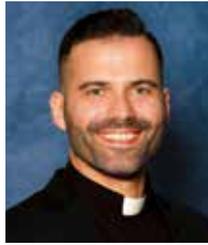
**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesday Holy Hour  
at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**



In the Army, there's a tradition of giving a young soldier a "drive on" tab before departing for Airborne school or Ranger school. The drive on tab is a cloth tab that a soldier wears on their uniform once they have successfully

completed training. It is meant to be a source of encouragement for the soldier during the tough days ahead in training. It is meant to help the soldier stay focused and to motivate the soldier to drive on despite the obstacles and challenges that are sure to come.

As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Church offers us its own 'drive on tab', if you will, as we approach the second half of Advent, and its in the form of Gaudete (REJOICE) Sunday. This Sunday we are reminded and encouraged to drive on, to keep moving forward and to Rejoice!

REJOICE – this theme and the word is taken directly from our 2nd reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. To rejoice means to revel in the presence of or experience of JOY.

We may be wondering how we can rejoice this Sunday despite all the challenges that face us personally and/or the world around us?

Friends, the call to rejoice may seem a little hollow since many of us may be facing challenges on a personal level, never mind what each of us is bombarded with when it comes to world events. There may be financial stresses, health problems, overwhelming deadlines at work, and dysfunctional relationships with family members in our lives. In the world we see rioting, violence, terrorist attacks, political instability, and various forms of the religious persecution of Christians. So, in the midst of all this, the call to rejoice may seem a bit out-of-touch. But, friends, we musn't forget that Joy is a fundamental Christian disposition. JOY is what singles a Christian out from among others in the world.

Pope Francis has said that "Joy" is one of the 4 behaviors by which Christians will be known (FYI, the other 3 are love, harmony, and suffering). In his apostolic exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote that we must disagree with "those prophets of doom" who see nothing hopeful in the world. He also has said that "One of the more serious temptations which stifles boldness and zeal is a defeatism which turns us into complaining and disillusioned pessimists, 'sourpusses.'" (You have to love a pope that uses the word "sourpusses" in an official papal exhortation!).

While it is true that joy is often manifested in an outward and visible fashion, "Joy" isn't just something you see. Joy is something that can be found within us but doesn't originate from within us. Real Christian Joy goes above and beyond laughter, smiles and cheer. Real Christian Joy is a gift that we receive when we open ourselves up to it.

And there's no better season than the season of Christmas to receive the gift of JOY. At Christmas we sing, "Joy to the world! The Lord has come. Let earth receive her king. Let every heart prepare Him room."

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

— Julian of Norwich (1342-c. 1416)



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 12**

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

### SECOND READING

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL

**Luke 3:10-18**

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

*Full Mass readings can be accessed at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)*

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



Let us all continue to live out this Advent season with joy as we prepare our homes and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus.

**Our next Family Faith session** will be on **Monday, January 6th at 6PM.**

We will all gather together in the church to celebrate Three Kings Day, also known as the feast of the Epiphany.

### NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

**Confirmation Year 1 Group –**

On Tuesday, January 14 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

**Confirmation Year 2 Group –**

On Tuesday, January 28 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

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](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org)**



### 'SIMBANG GABI' (ADVENT NOVENA MASS)

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, 2023. Please pick up a schedule of these masses in the gathering area.

**On Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 8:00pm, the 'Simbang Gabi' will be at St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield.**

Please join us in this celebration.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND AT ST. JAMES!

### Saint James Christmas Tree Lighting Event

**Saturday, December 14th after 5pm Mass**

The tradition continues here at Saint James for the parishioners to participate in the decoration of the narthex Parish Christmas Tree.

Please share an ornament on our tree that represents what a ***Child-like Christmas*** means for you and your family.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE  
PARISH



## The Giving Tree



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 after Mass **Only This Weekend**  
We will collect gifts under the tree in the vestibule  
Large Christmas Bags & Tissue Paper donations also accepted

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity.



## COMFORT & JOY

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!

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.

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](mailto:adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org)

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

# *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.

**DEC 16, 7:30PM**

**St. James the Apostle Church  
45 S Springfield Ave, Springfield**



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

**SIMBANG GABI**

**MASS AT 8:00 PM**

Simbang 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.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**ADVENT  
CONFESSION**

**7:00 PM**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be one of the best ways to enter into the joy of the nativity with a clean heart, light and love.



## MORE PARISH EVENTS



### Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church *Bereavement Support Group*

*"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself."*

*Miriana Torres' All My Pain Sorrow*

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 19

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

Participation is FREE but registration is required. Please email [Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:Bereavement@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.

Bereavement Ministry of Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church - 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield New Jersey



The men of the Parish are invited to gather for hospitality and discussion of the Sunday gospel readings.

This is a great opportunity for men to grow in their faith, meet new folks, and share their experiences of their faith journey.

The last meeting for 2024 will take place **Saturday, December 21 at 9am** (after the 8:30am Mass)

in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory. You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

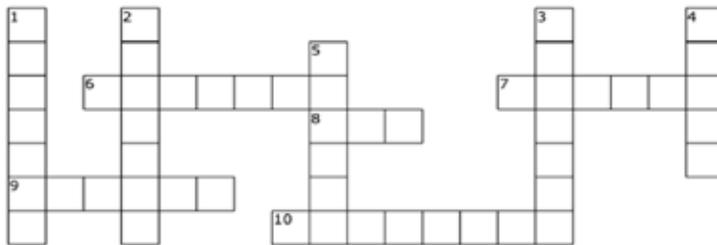
If you are interested, please email John Prescott at [MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org)

## FOR THE KIDS

### The King Is Coming

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."  
Mark 1:2 (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

6. To pardon someone who has done something wrong
7. The river where John the Baptist baptized people
8. To do something that is against God's law
9. To confess and turn away from sin
10. Having no bends or curves

#### DOWN

1. To make things ready
2. Having many bends and curves
3. A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future
4. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
5. A dry region with very few plants

PREPARE  
SIN  
REPENT  
FORGIVE  
DESERT  
CROOKED  
HONEY  
JORDAN  
PROPHET  
STRAIGHT

# CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JAMES

## *Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule*

### **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.

### **Advent Evening Prayer**

Monday, December 16 at 7:30 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*

## **Christmas**



In Luke's Gospel we read, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with the one who has none (Lk 3: 11)." Perhaps you received new clothing for Christmas.

Why not donate your used clothing and other needed items such as small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels and children's books to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) accessible on the Church's grounds. Thank you and Merry Christmas.



## *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





## 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](http://www.NewarkPriest.com), email [NewarkPriest@rcan.org](mailto: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.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! I pray that the Lord God has filled you all with His love, peace, and joy; and continues to do so as we enter into this new liturgical year with patience and anticipation for the coming of Our Lord!

This month of November flew by so quick! As we continued walking with people in discipleship, getting to know the Lord more deeply through Bible studies, grew in fellowship through student-led activities and events, and pursued the hearts of others as Christ pursues us, I have begun to see just how much the Lord has been transforming my own heart into His. Since beginning on mission, I have never been so convicted of my weakness, littleness, and poverty. In my nothingness, I have found it as a place to rejoice, for it is there that the Lord fills me abundantly with His love and strength and reminds me that without Him I am nothing, but with Him all things are possible!

I wanted to make special note of how grateful I am for each and every one of you and for your love of the Lord and His ministry! This time of the year, society takes a moment to reflect and express gratitude, but I rejoice in the Lord with praise and thanksgiving everyday to be able to share His love with you and all the people and students He's entrusted me to love, serve, and share life with! It is your support that makes this all possible, and I am truly thankful and blessed to be sharing this mission with you all and help build up the Kingdom of God together.

In Christ,  
Cheyenna

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Know of my prayers for you! If you have any special prayer intentions I can pray for you this upcoming month, please feel free to respond to my newsletter with your intentions!

This upcoming month, I would kindly ask prayers for:

The people the Lord has entrusted me to love and serve, especially my disciples and Bible study participants

Our team, our sanctification and continual pursuit of holiness

The student-athletes whom the Lord wants to attend our student-athlete event the evening of December 4th

The grace for an increase in receptivity of love for all those in our community, as we wait in joyful anticipation with Our Mother during this Advent season for the coming of Our Lord!

Thank you and may God bless you!

# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Saint John of the Cross

5:00pm

**Arlene Bersey**  
r/b Hyman Family  
**Deceased Members of the Di Giacomo Family**  
r/b Assunta Cacciatore

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am

**Maria Santos**  
r/b Fenandoe Family  
**Gaetano and Arcangela D'Agostini**  
r/b Children

10:00am

**James Russo**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Gerald Ragonese**  
r/b Angela Ragonese

12:00pm

**Susie Lo Macchio and Eleanor Carney**  
r/b John and Patty Carney  
**Michael Slifkin**  
r/b Friends

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30am

**Alfred Weismantel**  
r/b Mary Ellen and Gary Capron

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30am

**Mary and Albert Williams**  
r/b Donna Iasello

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30am

**Marie Guthrow**  
r/b Mother

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30am

**Daniel & Filomena Iasello**  
r/b Children

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30am

**Maria Santos**  
r/b Peggy and Jack Cirrito

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30am

**Angelina and Carmelo Rivano**  
r/b Marion Rivano

5:00pm

**Tillie Catenacci**  
r/b Granddaughters  
**Ricardo Gankee**  
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am

**Maria Santos**  
r/b Dennis McNany  
**Joseph Daniel Tancreto**  
r/b Leticia Perez

10:00am

**Ronnie Fusco**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Luigi and Rosaria Reino**  
r/b Anthony and Carmelina Reino

12:00pm

**John Clark**  
r/b Marie Clark  
**Victor Vecchione**  
r/b Vickie Steinbeck

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Gaita Family  
r/b Battaglia Family

## BREAD & WINE:

Gaita Family  
r/b Battaglia Family



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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, 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, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, John Mannarino, Angie Mazzarisi, Thomas McGarvey, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Anna P., Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, 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 TO DIE

Eugene Conforti, Sister Deborah Humphreys

## A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, 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



*Lord,  
Hear Our Prayer*

## 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](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)



As part of our effort to communicate more effectively 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](http://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of November 30 & December 1

Regular Collection:	\$	6,057.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,825.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,882.00</b>

*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, 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.

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

GRATEFUL • THANKFUL

*blessed*

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 73 CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

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

Products will be available for purchase and pickup before and after Masses on 12/13-12/14, 12/21-12/22

You can visit the Scouts at the table outside of church to place your order, or SCAN the QR Code.



Pricing:  
Decorated Wreaths: \$35

Small (2' by 2')  
Grave Blankets - \$30  
Large (2' by 3')  
Grave Blankets - \$50

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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