



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



*Be watchful!
Be alert!*

MARK 13:33

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 3, 2023
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 9:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, December 10:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

12:00PM - Fr. Paladino

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



My mother never had difficulty staying awake—she would wait up for every family member until they were home safe in their beds. Or she'd stay up all night just to make sure bags were packed and all was ready for an adventurous summer road trip the next day.

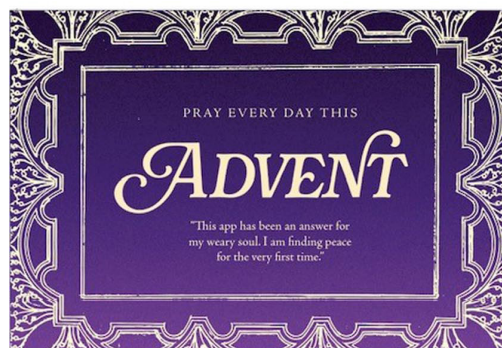
I didn't really appreciate my mother's secret to staying awake until recently. It wasn't like mom danced around the living room or drank pots of coffee to stay awake (although she was known to engage in both of those activities from time to time). But recently I read somewhere that sleep experts advise engaging in lively conversations to get your mind moving when you're feeling drowsy. Conversation—that was mom's secret during her late night vigils—conversations with God. Mom has always been a world-class **pray-er**. She says the rosary nightly and a Hail Mary or Our Father whenever she has the chance. She shares everything with God—her hopes and dreams for the family and her greatest concerns.

While the rest of the household slumbered, she kept watch with her best friend and was ever ready at the appointed hour. **I can't help but think of my mother's superhuman-like power to wrestle sleep each time I hear Jesus' command to "stay awake!"**

Friends, Advent is not our annual invitation to winter slumber and daydreams about white Christmases and chestnuts roasting on open fires. There are "days to come," Isaiah reveals, when peace will replace the violence of our churning, restless world. **"Stay awake!"** Jesus reminds us, so that we don't miss the signature of those days. Nor the vital decisions each of us has yet to make.

Fr. David C. Santos

CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH HALLOW



Find Peace in Prayer
this Advent with Hallow

Your parish has gifted you
Hallow access through Easter!



hallow.com/holiday

Scan with your phone



Daily Prayers

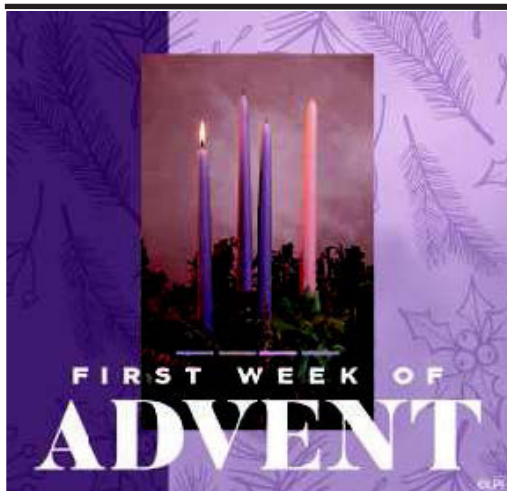
Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

Family Content

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.

Bible Stories & Sleep Content

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD,
from your ways, and harden our
hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 80

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always on
your account for the grace of God
bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in
every way, with all discourse and all
knowledge,...

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time
will come. It is like a man traveling
abroad. He leaves home and places
his servants in charge,
each with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper to be on
the watch.

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

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Family Faith Formation

A reminder that our **December Family Faith session** is this **Wednesday, December 6th at 7PM in the Church**. Bring your Christmas spirit as we gather together to celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas.



Confirmation preparation Year 1 group –

Our next session is this **Tuesday, December 5th from 7PM to 8:30PM** in the Church. Make sure to complete the reflection on The Chosen – Season 1 (episodes 2 & 3) before Tuesday's session.

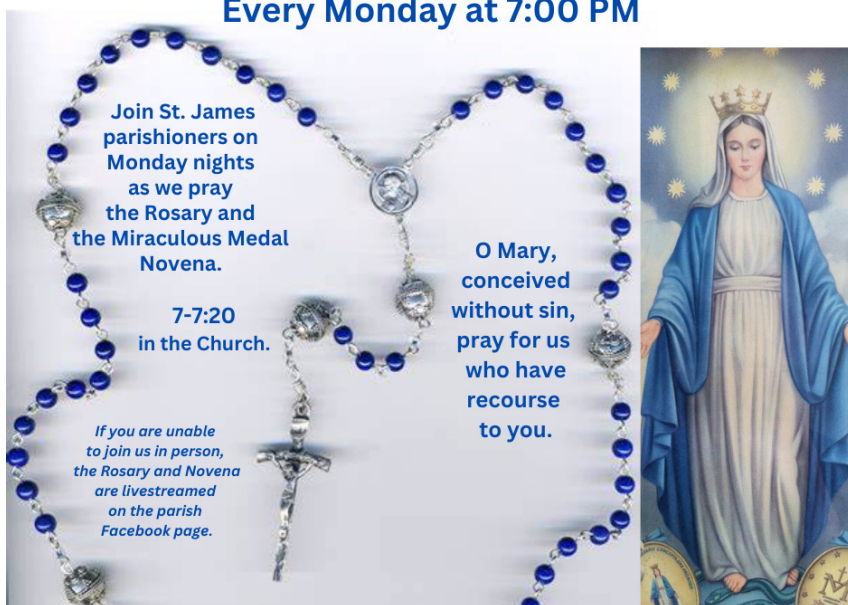
Today, Sunday, December 3rd, from 11AM to 12:30PM, a group of Confirmation candidates have volunteered to come together to make sandwiches for Family Promise. What better way to start this Advent season than by giving of our time, talent, and treasure for others in need while having fun at the same time!!!

Join us for the Youth Rosary on **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.**

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

ROSARY AND NOVENA

Every Monday at 7:00 PM



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



DECEMBER 6

FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS

7:00 PM IN CHURCH

Prayer Service for Family
Faith Families and
Families with children in
elementary school



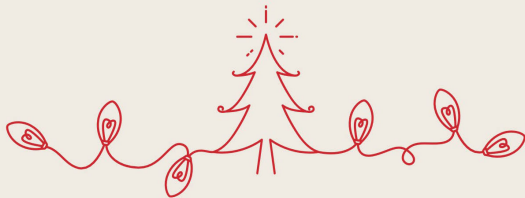
DECEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Celebrated at
7:30 AM
and
7:00 PM



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

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.

Helping the Hungry
Saint James the Apostle Church

FOOD COLLECTION December 9 & 10

Drop off in the Gathering Area
before all Masses

*Donate to
those in
need this
Christmas
season*

Most Needed Items:

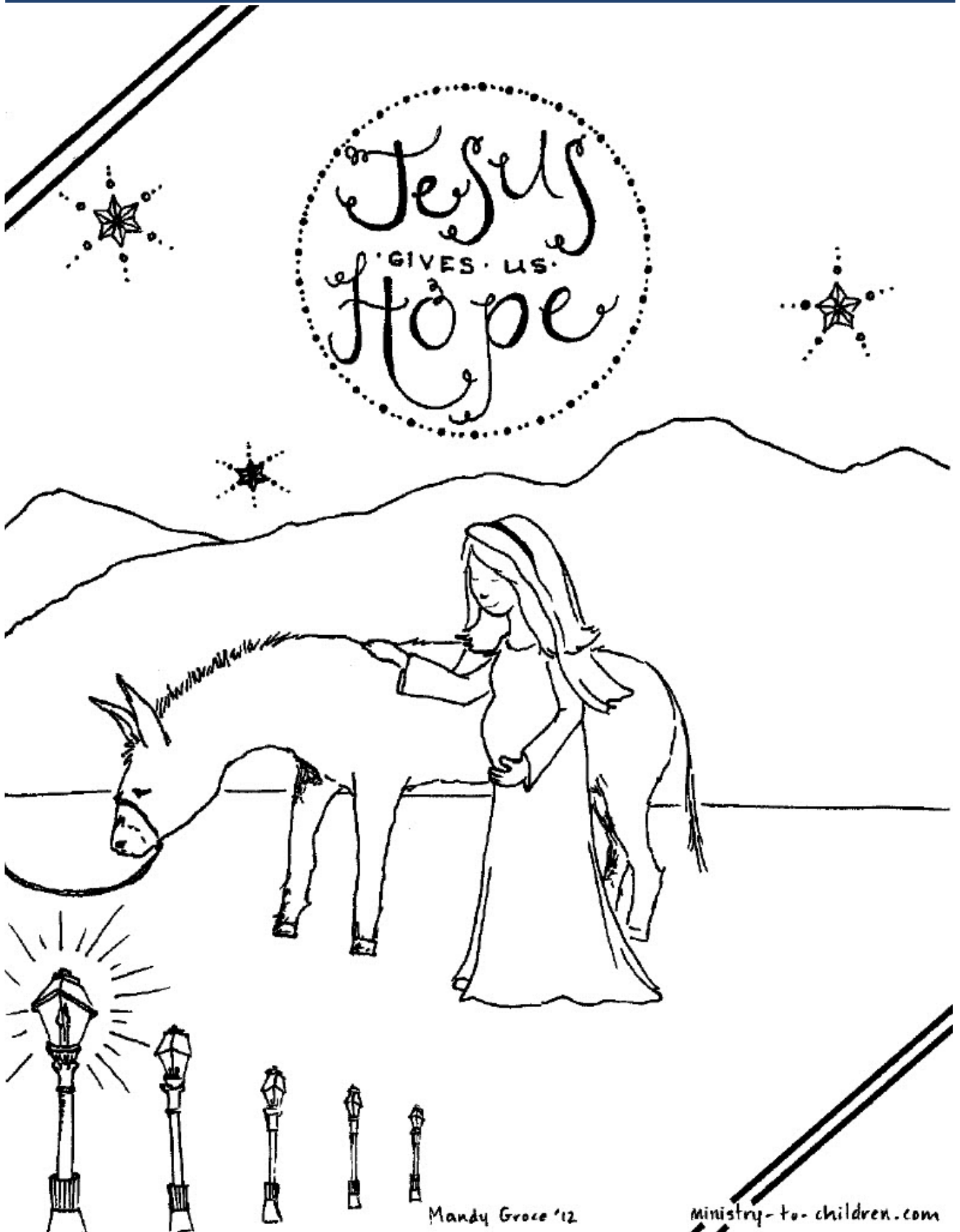
- Pasta
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Rice
- Granola Bars

Special Christmas Requests:

- Cookies
- Decaf Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- New Socks

*All contributions
will support the
Food Pantry at
Our Lady of
Sorrows.*

FOR THE KIDS



Mandy Groce '12

ministry-to-children.com

CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JAMES

Saint James Christmas Tree Lighting Event

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.

Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8

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

Mass of Anointing

Saturday, December 9 at 12:00 noon

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

If you are interested in memorializing one of the outdoor Christmas Wreaths hung on the columns of the Church, please call the rectory before Friday, December 8th.

SAVE THE DATE

A festive poster for the Festival of Lessons and Carols. The background is a deep red. On the left, there is a green Christmas tree and a yellow sun or moon. In the center, the text 'FESTIVAL OF Lessons and Carols' is written in a mix of serif and cursive fonts. Below this, the date 'SUNDAY DECEMBER 17' and time '3:00 PM' are listed, followed by the location 'at Saint James Church and Live-Streamed'. On the right, there is a white scroll with a red ribbon, a musical note icon, and text about the Christmas story. At the bottom right, there is a note about a free-will offering and a livestream link.

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.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Dear Parish Community:

The Archdiocese of Newark has been notified that an individual named (Horacio) Daniel Medina has been falsely presenting himself as a Catholic priest in the northern New Jersey area where he is celebrating Mass in people's homes and then ministering confessions and blessing homes and religious articles.

Mr. Medina was permanently removed from the clerical state by the Holy Father in 2013. As a result of the laicization, he is forbidden from wearing clerical dress and from functioning in any capacity as a priest. He is not authorized to celebrate the sacraments, including the Eucharist, or engage in any priestly ministry.

Prior to his laicization, Mr. Medina was arrested and charged with child abuse. His name appears on the Archdiocese of Newark's list of credibly accused priests.

We urge both clergy and the faithful to refrain from participating in any further attempt by Mr. Medina to offer the Mass or administer other sacraments. We strongly encourage that any such activity be reported immediately to the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-497-4254. We ask that all the faithful join in prayer that Christ may bring healing and hope to anyone who has been abused by a priest or by anyone in the Catholic Church.

Any person who wishes to report an incident of abuse or misconduct committed by a member of the Archdiocese of Newark is urged to immediately inform their County Prosecutor or other law enforcement office as well as the Archdiocese's Department for the Protection of the Faithful. For more information, visit online at www.rcan.org.



**Next 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**.

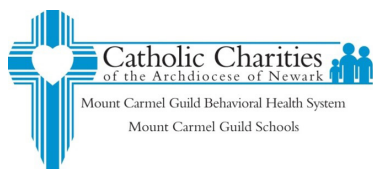
Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology for our annual daily Advent reflection series on **"The Hospitality of Advent"** as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Meditations are sent by email from December 3 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

**It's the most wonderful
time of the year!**



These are the words of a Christmas song that is most familiar to us, however, for some individuals and families this is a time of sadness, frustration, and deep anxiety. Catholic Charities has always been a beacon of hope in these situations. Please help us to continue the mission by contributing all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, knickknacks, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to our Donation Bin(s).
Thank you.

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. 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 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 2

5:00pm **Betty Macchiachera**
r/b Bernard & Louise
Mary Fossella
r/b Barbara Dlugosz & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Matteo Apicella
r/b Children
10:00am **Gerald Ragonese**
r/b Angela Ragonese
Matteo Apicella
r/b Lena & Children
12:00pm **Orlando & Rose Cicalese**
r/b Family
Caesar & Edward Rivano
r/b Marion Rivano

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30am **Protection of the Unborn**
r/b Fernandez Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30am **Pedrito De Guzman**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30am **Deceased members of the Brodeur Family**
r/b Family and Friends

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose

7:30am **Garrett Gurrieri**
r/b Pflug Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am **For the People of Saint James**
7:00pm **For the People of Saint James**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30am **Theresa Blasi**
r/b Family
Rowena Giron
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle
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 Macchiachera
r/b Bernard & Louise

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Lighting the Way
John Mannarino
r/b Mannarino Family

BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James



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, 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

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

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 November 18 & 19

Regular Collection:	\$	6,189.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,993.00
Total:	\$	10,182.00

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 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

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place during the weekend of **Dec. 9-10.**

If you have questions, please contact Sr. Patricia Wormann at sr.patricia.wormanno.p@rcan.org

CENTENNIAL CORNER

Be sure to visit the Centennial website page:



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!



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