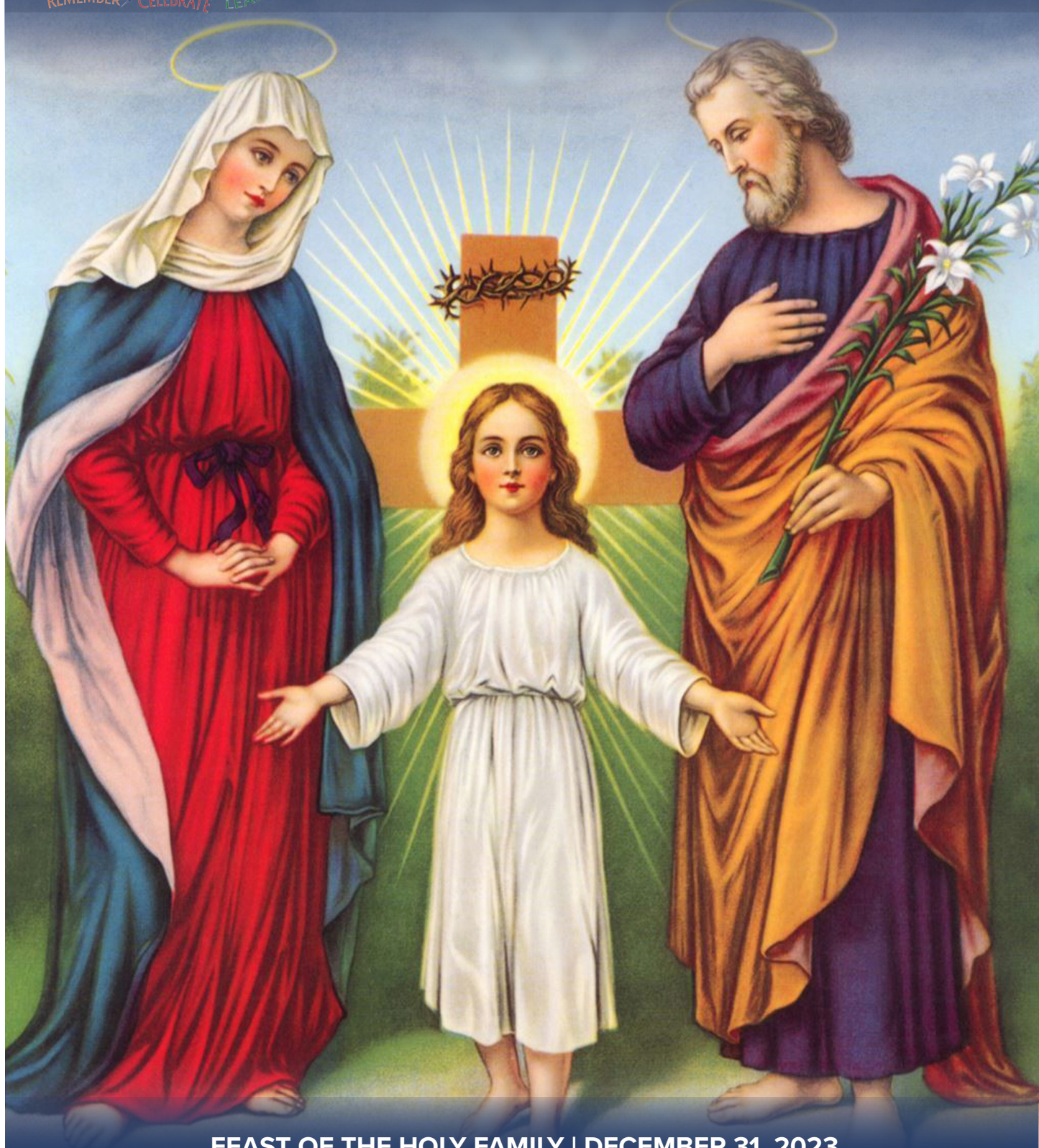




SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY | DECEMBER 31, 2023

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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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, January 6:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, January 7:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

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 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

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It's a better time than ever to reflect for a moment on **FAMILY**. I once heard a family therapist say, "It is important for every family to get its saints out of heaven and its sinners out of hell." The point is that it doesn't pay to either idealize or demonize our families (or fellow family members). Often our perceptions of family go unexamined and yet exert powerful influences on our world view—including our view of faith and community. Friends, I invite you for a moment to pause and reflect on the following questions:

- *Abraham trusted God's promise of boundless heirs, even despite the evidence to the contrary. Do I trust God that my life and my work will prove fruitful?*
- *The heart of what makes a family are bonds of **love** and **respect**. What are my feelings about family? Who would I consider to be the key members of my "family" in my day-to-day life? Do the patterns of my biological family continue on to affect today's relationships?*
- *The gospel tells of wonderful predictions offered by Simeon and Anna. How do early expectations of family members affect me today?*
- *It must have been puzzling for Joseph and Mary to live with the knowledge that the "favor of God" was upon their only son. How do we live with those around us, working together day by day and yet knowing that they are called to be saints (even as we are)?*

When the feast of the Holy Family arrives every year, these questions rise up in us, too. Because the scripture readings, which may seem out of step with our modern lives on any Sunday, on this feast in particular really seem from outer space! The myth of the "perfect" holy family hasn't served our families well. Our families are hardly perfect. There are leaks in the family ark, and kinks in the family links. We have stories to tell, and we have secrets that we never tell. **But what held the family of Jesus together and made them holy is the same power that's available to us: the bond of love.** St. Paul says in Colossians: "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." **Families are never perfect, but love perfects the bond that holds us together.**



Fr. David C. Santos
Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 128

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

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

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Family Faith Formation

The Family Faith Formation Office wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Our **January Family Faith session** is on **Sunday, January 7th**. We look forward to having all the families together for Mass followed by our session. The topic of the session is the Bible and we will end the session together with a fun Play-Doh activity.

Confirmation preparation **Year 1** group – Our next session is **Tuesday, January 9th from 7PM to 8:30PM** in the Church. Make sure to complete the reflection on The Chosen (episode 4) by January 8th.

On **Friday, January 12 from 6PM to 7:30PM**, the **Confirmation Candidates Years 1 and 2** will have the opportunity to get together in the school gym to make blankets and bring teddy bears, to be donated to the Springfield First Responders. Please look for the email with the Sign-up Genius link to sign up for the event.

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 "Special Intention".

If you know of someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor by e-mail: Prayer-LineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**Monday, January 1st
9:00 a.m.**

Christmas Memorials

**THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Matthew Swajkowski
r/b Cynthia & Matthew Vincent & Alison
Swajkowski

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE NARTHEX
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

The Swajkowski & Felegi Families
r/b Cynthia Swajkowski

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE
SANCTUARY ARE DISPLAYED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

***The Deceased Members of
The Delmauro Family***
r/b The Battaglia Family

Grandson, Michael P. Bongiovanni
r/b Deacon Jerry & Family

Nic Cacouris
r/b Wife, Joan Bratsch

Tony Graziano
r/b Anne Graziano & Family

Paul & Ann Marie Bentivegna
r/b The Bentivegna Family

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Marie & Ettore Vecchione
r/b Daughter, Jill

**THE OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CRECHE IS
DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Pete Petino
r/b Family

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF
SAINT JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

Philip & Rose Ann Citro
r/b Daughters and Family

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS
INSIDE THE CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey
r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS
IN THE NARTHEX IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

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

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR
COLUMNS ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

***The Deceased Members of the
Battaglia Family***
r/b The Battaglia Family

The Zara Family
r/b Battaglia Family

Angela and Daniel Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
Maryann VanVolkenberg

Hanna Grasso
r/b Niece, Joan Bratsch & Family

Louis Stiglitz
r/b Wife, Marilyn Stiglitz

Susan Lang
r/b Mother, Marilyn Stiglitz

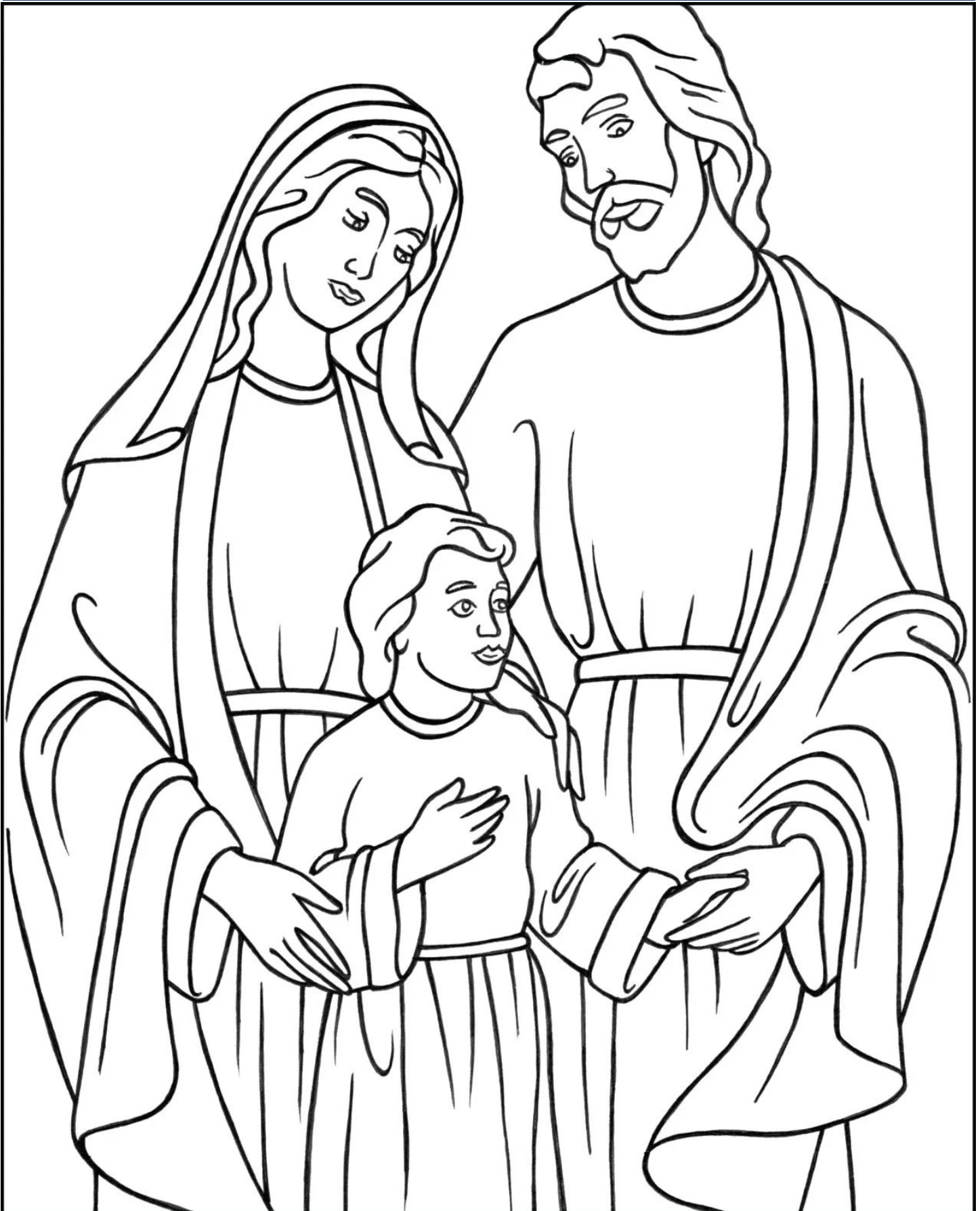
Mary Moessner
r/b Daughter, Marilyn Stiglitz

Lewis Moessner
r/b Daughter, Marilyn Stiglitz

***The Deceased Members of the
Mossner Family***
r/b Marilyn Stiglitz

Mary Stawasz
r/b Marilyn Stiglitz

FOR THE KIDS



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B5 Jesus Grew and Became Strong, Luke 2:22-40, Feast of the Holy Family

At the temple Mary and Joseph were surprised at all the things they heard about their son, Jesus. He was the savior of the people and a sword would pierce Mary's heart. You make your parents proud because you are their child. When sad things happen to you, they are sad. When happy things happen to you, they are happy. God loves you just as you are. He will help you grow strong in his love and the love of your parents.

Across

1. "no" word
2. shown
8. got bigger
9. son of God
11. not day
13. look
14. not dark
15. were put on paper
16. Mother of Jesus
20. savior
21. put a hole in
23. kid
25. city in Israel
28. mother and father
32. one plus one
33. two
34. act of saving
37. blessed
38. autumn
39. used to hold babies
40. approval

Down

1. title
3. expecting
4. prayerful
5. mark
6. went away

7. controller

9. lawful

10. give orders

12. sacred

17. go up

18. creator

19. view

20. man with commandments

22. finished

24. master

26. went back

27. very long blade

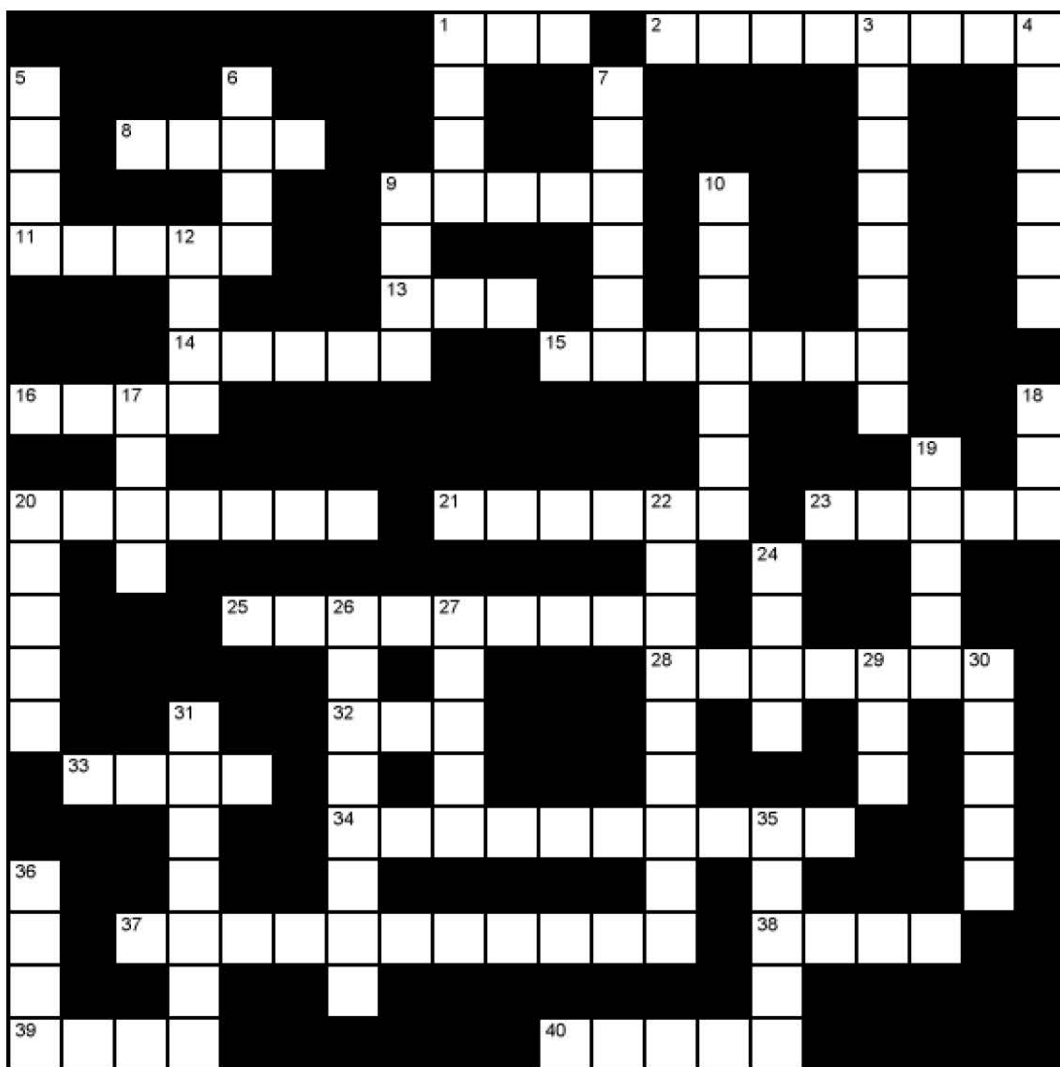
29. without delay

30. eight minus one

31. birds

35. propose

36. widow in temple



HOW A FAMILY CAN CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The feast of the Holy Family after Christmas can be a time to grow spiritually closer.

After the celebration of Christmas on December 25, the Church contemplates the mystery of the Holy Family with a special feast. The feast of the Holy Family typically lands on the Sunday after December 25, but in some cases is celebrated on December 30.

The Vatican's *Directory on popular piety and the liturgy* provides a few suggestions on how families can celebrate this feast.

- All members of the family **attend Mass** on this day.
- Renewal of our **entrustment** to the patronage of the Holy Family of Nazareth.
- **Blessing of children** as provided in the ritual.
- **Renewal of marriage vows** taken by the spouses on their wedding day.
- Exchange of promises between those **engaged to be married** in which they formalize their desire to found a new Christian family.

Furthermore, "Outside of the feast, the faithful have frequent recourse to the Holy Family of Nazareth in many of life's circumstances: joining the Association of the Holy Family so as to model their own families on the Holy Family of Nazareth; **frequent prayers to entrust themselves to the patronage of the Holy Family and to obtain assistance at the hour of death.**"

The feast of the Holy Family is a beautiful way to continue the celebration of Christmas, focusing on how our own families can emulate the beauty and joy found in the Holy Family.

By: Philip Kosloski

<https://aleteia.org/2022/12/25/how-a-family-can-celebrate-the-feast-of-the-holy-family/>

SAVE THE DATE

COMING SOON - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

NO
GREATER
LOVE
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION



SIGN-UPS BEGIN THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 6/7 AFTER ALL THE
MASSES AND THROUGH FLOCKNOTE.

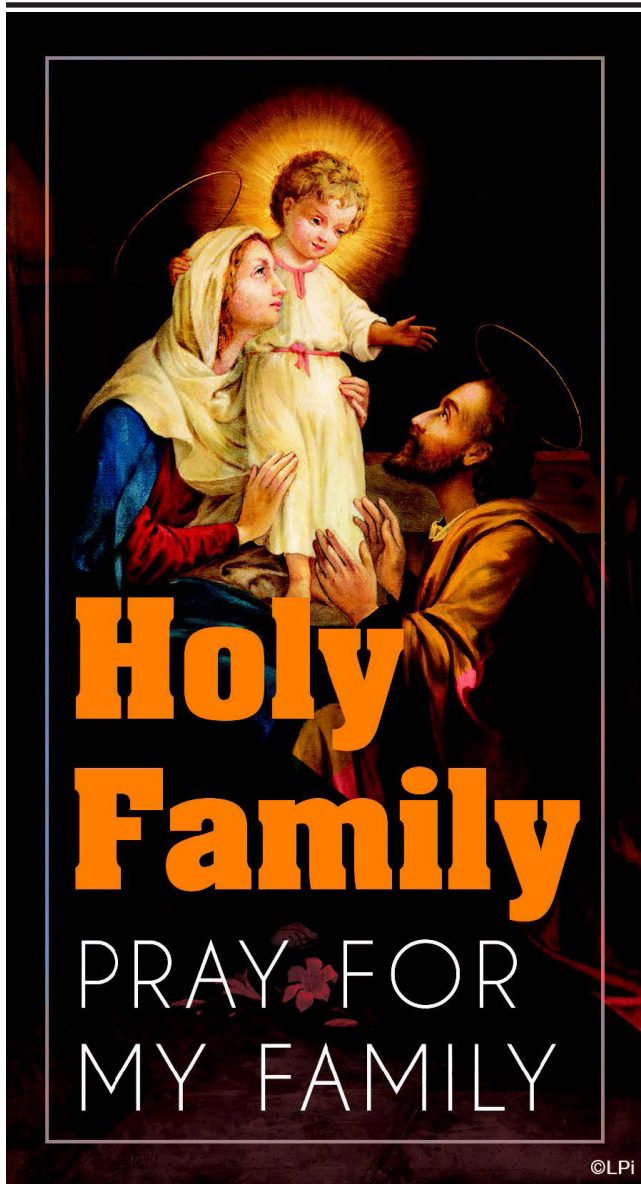
INTRO SESSION

Monday, 1/29
7-8:30PM in School Gym

FIVE STUDY SESSIONS

Mondays OR Tuesdays beginning
week of Feb. 12-March 11
7:00-8:30PM in School Gym

In the meantime, if you have questions please send email to:
smallgroups@saintjamesparish.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. 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?

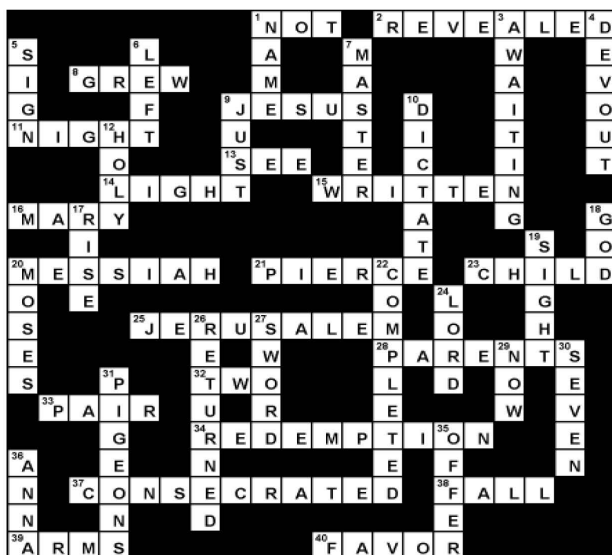
Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are 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.

CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY



MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00pm **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Tony Irwin
r/b Maria Chavarriaga

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am **James Sporer**
r/b Hyman Family
Tom Reynolds
r/b Karen & Steve Fenton
10:00am **Marcela & Jose Videna**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle
Dawn Beviano
r/b Rosenberger Family
12:00pm **Michael & Sr. Irene Salimbene**
r/b Family
Alfonso Cacciatore
r/b Grandchildren

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am **Edward Graziano**
r/b Colleen McDonald

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30am **Deceased Members of the Brodeur Family**
r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30am **Francis Congema**
r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30am **Mary Kidagan**
r/b Friend

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Saint John Neumann

7:30am **Erin Westover Parrish**
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30am **Sadik Mumoz**
r/b Veronica
5:00pm **John Montana, Sr.**
r/b Janice Montana
Grace O'Mahoney O'Brien
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Ray Alberti
r/b Wife
10:00am **Romualdo & Carmela Circelli**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Casma & Salvatore DeNichilo
r/b Inneo Family
12:00pm **Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano
Irene Villanova
r/b Lesniewski Family

SANCTUARY LAMP:

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, 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



*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 December 16 & 17

Regular Collection:	\$	5,130.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,373.00
Total:	\$	9,503.00

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

May the blessings of God be with our St. James parish community in the New Year.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
Luke 2:14



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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