



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
Roman Catholic Church

Prepare the way
OF THE LORD.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 4, 2022

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YOU ARE
Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
(973) 376-3044

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 10:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, December 11:
8:00AM - Fr. Ortiz
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
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.

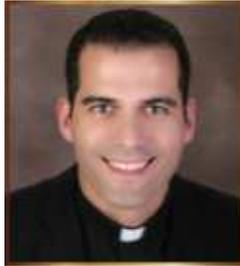
DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesdays at 7PM
Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN

CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT



I would like to provide you with an update on the status of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the school and convent properties that were to be responded to by last Thursday, November 17th, at 3PM. The Archdiocese informed us that we did not have any responses to the RFPs with the exception of one entity that submitted a request letter to purchase the school alone.

Since the proposal did not respond to the RFP required objectives and did not provide a proposal for the purchase and use of the entire property, it was not accepted as a meaningful submission.

The good news is that we were able to identify some points in the proposal which may have dissuaded participants. We are already in the process of addressing those points. We also know that there are at least two developers who are very interested in submitting a proposal once we've fine-tuned the RFP.

Friends, please know that I am no less confident in the work we've set out to accomplish, nor am I less optimistic with regards to its outcome. While I was hoping for a shorter timeline, we knew from the

outset that this was going to be a working journey and not a sprint. I will continue to keep parishioners informed, and my intention remains to organize a town hall style meeting once the RFPs have been submitted.

Let us continue to trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us through this process and to continue to give us the needed wisdom and understanding.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Advent is patience. God has made us a people of promise in a world of impatience. —Stanley Hauerwas

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



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Saint James Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Saturday, December 10th after 5PM Mass

Join us for carols, candy canes and Christmas cheer as we light our parish Christmas tree! We are also collecting non-perishable food at the event to donate to Our Lady of Sorrows food pantry.

Ornament Theme:

It has been the tradition here at St. James for parishioners to participate in the decorating of the narthex/gathering space Parish Christmas Tree. Each year a theme is selected, and parishioners are invited to hang an ornament that corresponds to the year's theme.

This year's ornament theme is **FAMILY**.

Whether it's an ornament with your family's picture or a Christmas image or symbol that best characterizes your family, please feel free to hang your FAMILY inspired Christmas ornament on the parish Christmas tree beginning the weekend of December 10th, the day we joyfully light the parish Christmas tree after the 5PM Mass.

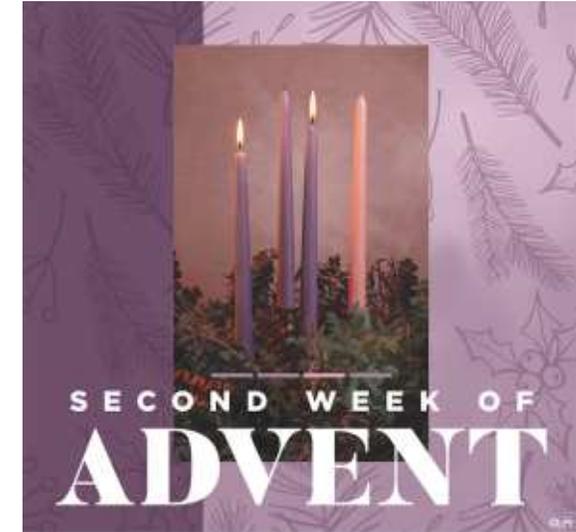
The ornaments are welcome to hang on the parish Christmas tree through the weekend of January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the day which concludes the Christmas season.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday, December 8th, we honor Our Blessed Mother Mary on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be held at 7:30AM and 7:00PM.

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.



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

Responsorial: Psalm 72

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4, 6

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

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

ADVENT: A TIME TO GIVE

HELPING
THE HUNGRY

Food Collection: December 10 and 11

The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting non-perishable food items in conjunction with the Parish Tree Lighting on December 10th after the 5PM Mass and after all the Masses on December 11th. The collected items will benefit Mercy House in Newark, NJ. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Most needed items are: pasta, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly and shelf stable milk. Items can be dropped off in the gathering area after all Masses.



We will be providing gifts for the needy during this Holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. If you can purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated. This year we will collect gifts under the tree in the narthex.

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 to Church after Mass ONLY starting Saturday, November 26th but no later than Sunday, December 11th.**

If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they are also needed at the Center. As always, **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

Please contact Gianna Hayes via the Rectory at (973) 376-3044 with any questions.

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

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, Dec. 9th.

ADVENT EVENTS

Saint James the Apostle Church

Advent Evening of Reflection for Women

Monday, December 5

7:30PM

In the Church, immediately following the Rosary at 7:00 PM

*Join us for a special evening of fellowship, prayer,
music, and reflection*

*At this busy time of year, treat
yourself to this opportunity to slow
down and reflect on the reason for the
season.*

It will be a precious gift to yourself!

Our Advent Evening of Reflection Presenters

Regina Furlan is a long-time Springfield resident who is certified spiritual director and an adjunct staff member of the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. She is married and has twin young adult daughters.

Maeve Buganski grew up in Berkeley Heights has been playing guitar, singing, and leading worship since high school. She works now as an event planner for a small Catholic non-profit organization and is getting married this April!



To R.S.V.P. please visit our parish website at saintjamestheapostle.org or scan the QR code.



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.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY

THE VIGIL PROJECT

ADVENT TRUE PRESENCE NIGHT

LIVE MUSIC | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | DYNAMIC SPEAKING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

ST TERESA OF AVILA

Memorial Hall | 6pm

306 Morris Avenue, Summit

**ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information, contact Matthew Still,
Director of Liturgy & Music:
matthews@stteresaavila.org or (908) 277-3700 ext 5

THEVIGILPROJECT.COM



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

On Tuesday night, December 6th, our 7th graders meet in the Church for class.

This coming Saturday, after the 5:00PM Mass, please join us for Caroling and the lighting of our parish Christmas Tree. Please remember a non-perishable food item to donate to Feeding the Hungry.

On Sunday, December 11th please come, relax and prepare your heart for Christmas through Lessons and Carols at 3:00PM in the Church.

We look forward to seeing you at the many Advent & Christmas events happening in our parish!

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 3

5:00PM **Suzie LoMacchio & Eleanor Carney**
r/b Patty & John Carney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM **For the People of Saint James**
Angela & Daniel Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
Marianne Van Volkenburgh

10:00AM **Michael Sangregorio**
r/b Grace Sangregorio

12:00PM **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30AM **Carl Quick**
r/b Francine Fuscato

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30AM **Rev. William Halbing**
r/b Patty & John Carney

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose

7:30AM **Marilyn Lang**
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

7:30AM **For the People of Saint James**

7:00PM **Bernie & Susie LoMacchio**
r/b Patty & John Carney

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30AM **Patricia Dowling**
r/b Keffer Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30AM **Theresa Blasi**
r/b Family

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

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James

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 TO DIE

Lillian Schleupner

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 19 & 20

Regular Collection:	\$	5,902.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,185.00
Total:	\$	9,087.00

Weekend of November 27 & 28

Regular collection	\$	5,471.00
Online Giving	\$	5,910.00
Total	\$	11,381.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	460.00
Second Collection:		
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	447.00

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.



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Parish Finance Council

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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