

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 8, 2024 www.saintjamesparish.org



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 14: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, December 15: 8:00AM - Fr. Paladino 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 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 6:30PM in the Church and on Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday Holy Hour at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

### **NEWS AND UPDATES**



Friends, as we approach the joyous season of Christmas, I am delighted to announce this year's theme for our parish Christmas Tree: *Child-like Christmas*. This theme invites us all to reconnect with the wonder and joy of Christmas as seen through the eyes of a child.

We encourage each of you to bring an ornament from home that resonates with this theme. Perhaps it's an

ornament that brings back fond memories of your own childhood Christmases, or one that simply captures the innocence and magic of the season.

Additionally, we warmly invite our young parishioners to create their own ornaments to adorn our tree. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to express their creativity and share in the joy of decorating our parish Christmas Tree.

Let us come together to create a tree that is filled with memories, joy, and the spirit of a *Child-like Christmas*. May this tree remind us all of the simple, pure joy that Christmas brings, and may it inspire us to carry that joy into our hearts and homes.

Blessings to you and your families during this beautiful season.

Please make note that a lighting ceremony of the parish Christmas Tree in the narthex will be celebrated **after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 14th** (next Saturday). All are welcome - *child-like* in years and in heart . Come and enjoy delicious treats, carol singing, and Christmas cheer!

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Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

There is no pain so great as the memory of joy in present grief.

— Aeschylus



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# This year, our very own pastor, FR. DAVID SANTOS will be featured on Pray25!

Join our parish this Advent season for Hallow's Pray25: For God So Loved The World. We'll journey through the powerful memoir A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Vanauken and be joined by some incredible guides, including Fr. David!

To sign up:

- Join St. James Parish's page on the app.
- Visit the Community tab, search for our parish (zip code is fastest), and join!
- Be sure to join the **Pray25 challenge** on our parish page to take part.



# SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### SECOND READING Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

# **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025**

We hope you are all enjoying this Advent season as we all prepare ourselves and our homes with hope, love, peace, and joy, to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

This weekend is our December Family Faith session and as always, we enjoy celebrating Mass together on Sunday morning and then gathering in the School gym for our Family Faith session. We love seeing everyone together enjoying each other's company and learning more about our beautiful Catholic faith and hope you do too.

This Sunday, at all the Masses, the children who will be receiving their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this year will receive their enrollment blessing. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare for such important time in their lives.

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 or also known as the feast of the Epiphany.

### **NEXT SESSIONS** for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 groups — On <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 10 from 7PM to 8:30PM</u> both groups will gather together in the church to learn about the rosary and Eucharistic Adoration for the first part of the session, and then move to the school gym to work on a Work of Mercy project. Make sure you check your emails for more information on the session.

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

### SAINT JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or have been in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any "Special Intention" (Restored Health).

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

PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

## SAINT JAMES ONLINE BOUTIQUE

Scan the QR code to check out all of our Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative merchandise! We have hoodies, quarter-zips, polos, and more!



# THANK YOU ST. JAMES!

Thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated food for the Thanksgiving Bags. A special thank-you to the Family Faith students who helped assemble



over 60 bags! These donations support the **Loaves and Fishes Ministry** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit. The bags are distributed to local families in need, providing them with a special Thanksgiving meal.

We also deeply appreciate your support for the annual Community Food Bank Turkey Drive. Thanks to your generosity, the truck was filled with dozens of frozen turkeys and all the fixings needed for a



delicious Thanksgiving dinner.







# NON-PERISHABLE HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

In the month of December, we are having a non-perishable holiday food collection. Items needed are flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, raisins, chocolate chips, breakfast items like pancake mix and syrup, granola, overnight oats, packaged fruit cups, boxed milk, bread mixes, cereals, protein bars, jams, crackers, instant coffee or tea bags, etc.

Additionally, there is a continued need for various food staples including rice, oatmeal, brown sugar, pasta sauce, peanut butter & jelly, mayo, ketchup, mustard, canned tuna or salmon, along with necessary household items such as dishwashing soap, hand soap, and bar soap.

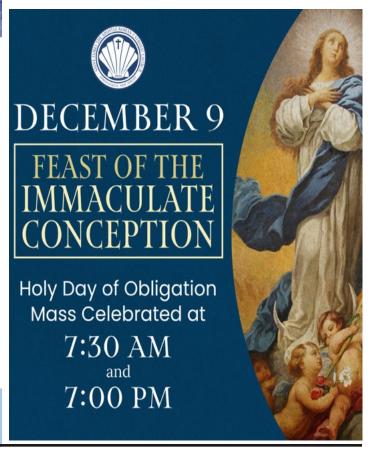
Shoprite gift cards are always needed and greatly appreciated.

## COLLECTION DATES: Saturday, December 7 Sunday, December 8

We will collect items before each mass. There will be a bin in the Narthex area.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory at 973-376-3044







Over the course of the last year, you may have lost a loved one, feel overwhelmed by the way the world has changed, have broken relationships, physical or mental health concerns, or simply have a heavy heart. One can grieve knowing they are not alone and be comforted and strengthened by the love of Christ and those present. Join us for yourself, for someone you love or for those who suffer around the world. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the mass. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please e-mail Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org or call the rectory at 973-376-3044

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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 Sat. 11/30 - Sun 12/15
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.



# **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



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, NI 07081

Questions? Please call the Parish Rectory or send an email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org



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.



# **CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JAMES**



### 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.

# Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 9 at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Blue Mass (Mental Health Ministry)

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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 25

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



# 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

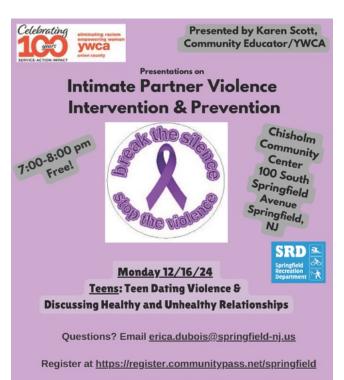
# **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

# CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER, BERKELEY HEIGHTS ETERNAL BONDS

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GREIVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD







### **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.

email 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.

# **MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose

5:00pm John Montana

r/b Janice Montana, Sister

**Garrett Gurrieri** r/b Pflug Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
Second Sunday of Advent
8:00am Nick D'Achille

r/b Lisa, Daughter
Concetta Parlavecchio
r/b Bruno and Maria Genova

10:00am Bruce Neely

r/b Debbie LaSalle

Valarie and Richard Mayr

r/b Sister

12:00pm Bernie and Susie Lo Macchio

r/b John and Patty Carney

Daniel and Angela Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser and

Marianne Van Volkenburgh

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9** 

The Immaculate Conception of the

**Blessed Virgin Mary** 

7:30am For the People of St. James For the People of St. James

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10** 

7:30am Deceased Members of the

Brodeur Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 7:30am Maria Martinez

r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am Maria Soledade Santos

r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Saint Lucy

7:30am Rizal Dungo

r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
Saint John of the Cross

8:30am Maryann Bujnowski

r/b Tricia

5:00pm Arlene Bersey

r/b Hyman Family

**Deceased Members of the** 

**Di Jiacomo 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



### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

John Mannarino r/b Mannarino Family

#### **BREAD & WINE:**

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 Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina 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

Patrick Joseph Dowling, Vincent J. Morrocco, Sr.

### 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, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson



# FOR THE KIDS: ADVENT WORD SEARCH

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> **ADVENT** HOPE

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As part of our effort to flocknote communicate more effectively with you we have launched an 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

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### **Collection Totals** Weekend of November 23 & 24

Regular Collection: \$ 6.284.00 Online Giving: \$ 4,767.00 Total: 11,051.00

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 COUNCIL CORNER

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

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

# 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 12/7-12/8, 12/14-12/15, 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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