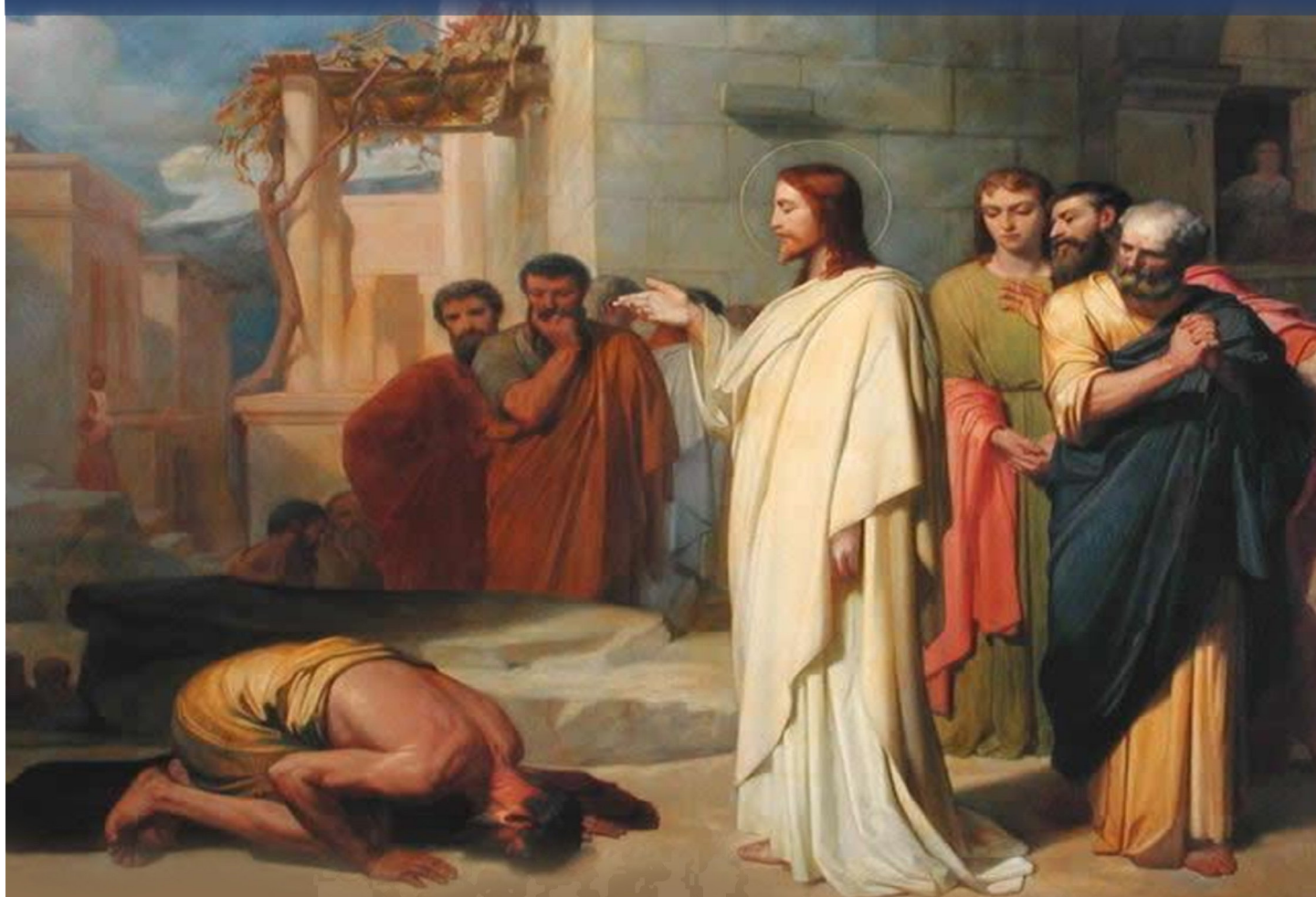




SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



I do will it.
Be made clean.

MARK 1:41

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 11, 2024
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, February 17:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, February 18:

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

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

"UNCLEAN, UNCLEAN," that's how someone in ancient Israel would announce that they have leprosy – that terrible disease that leaves the body mutilated and the person isolated from everything that they loved.

As we heard in our 1st reading, the leper was required by Jewish law to announce their presence when around others and to live as outcasts outside the social life and religious life of their people. Obviously, these regulations were for the good of the community: infected persons were a public health risk and had to be kept separate.

However, for the infected person, the experience was one of misery and isolation. For the rest of their days, they had to live a life of solitude and marginalization. Considered a threat to those around them, the leper was cut off from normal social contact, even from family.

As if that weren't enough, the leper couldn't approach the sanctuary to worship, **therefore he felt cut-off from God as well.**

Today we rarely see an actual case of leprosy. Indeed, most of us have never seen or heard of anyone having it. But there is a similar disease, a counterpart, an equivalent to leprosy that is very much with us. I speak of a spiritual condition that can be referred to as **spiritual leprosy**.

The distinctive feature of spiritual leprosy, like its physical counterpart, is a *progressive loss of feeling*. It is a progressive loss of feeling that takes place not in our nerves but in our sensitivity to the Spirit and to its promptings. This progressive loss of contact with the Spirit of God makes spiritual leprosy as threatening to our souls as the physical disease is to our bodies.

Unlike our physical bodies, which are sometimes crippled and diseased beyond repair, our soul can be healed. **The key is courage...and a lot of it!**

Friends, we need the same kind of courage and determination that we see so clearly in the example of the leper who went to Jesus. We need that same kind of courage and determination as we grapple with our spiritual afflictions.

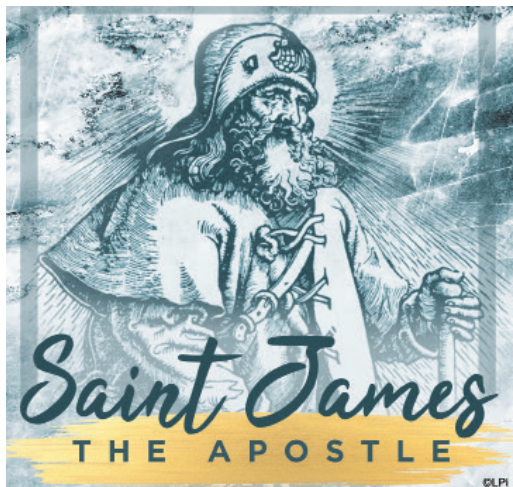


Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the cross, and you will find yourself entirely.

—Saint Catherine of Siena



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 32

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Family Faith Formation

Confirmation preparation **Year 1** and **Year 2** groups – Our next session will be all together on **Tuesday, February 20th at 7PM in the Church**. Fr. David will be our presenter and he will be walking us through every step of the Mass. We know the Mass is very important and is the center of our Faith. We know we must go to Mass on Sundays and that we have the opportunity to go on a daily basis. We know the responses, when we stand, when we kneel, but do we know what it all means? Fr. David will help us better understand what happens at each step of the Mass so that we can live it more fully and appreciate it even more than we already do. **Remember to submit any questions you would like Fr. David to answer at that session by no later than February 12th using the link that was emailed to you.**

Our next Family Faith session will be held on **Saturday, February 24th at 3PM in the Church** for all families (there will only be one session). It will be a walkthrough the Mass taught by Fr. David Santos. For those families with children in the Family Faith Formation program and the Confirmation process, since all the Confirmation candidates must attend their walkthrough of the Mass on **Tuesday, February 20th at 7PM in the Church**, please plan to attend the Tuesday session instead. This way you will be able to experience the session with all your children at the same time instead of having to come to two sessions. **Remember to submit any questions you would like Fr. David to answer at that session by no later than February 12th using the link that was emailed to you.**

Anyone who is not able to attend the Saturday session at 3PM, please plan to attend the Tuesday session at 7PM, and vice versa. There will be a QR code to sign in on both days, so that attendance can be taken that way.

Ana Serra-Prescott, Director of Family Faith Formation
aprescott@saintjamesparish.org
 (973) 376-2061



Fridays at 7:00pm during Lent

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Coming to Saint James the Apostle Parish for Lent!

MONDAY or TUESDAY, FEB.12/13, 19/20, 26/27, MARCH 11/12, 18/19

This video-based series filmed in the Holy Land will take us on a virtual pilgrimage to experience Lent in a new and meaningful way. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides us through the last hours of Christ's life, providing insights to Old Testament prophecies and biblical symbolism. Small groups will reflect together on the themes in the videos and what they mean to us today, helping us to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of Christ's Passion and Death, and His immeasurable love for each of us.

Small Groups Session One – The Prayer of the Agony

Small Groups Session Two – Are You the Christ?

Small Groups Session Three – The Trial Before Pilate

Small Groups Session Four – The Death of the Messiah

Small Groups Session Five – The Seven Last Words

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET IN THE SCHOOL GYM TO VIEW VIDEOS, AFTER WHICH WE WILL BREAK INTO SMALL GROUPS FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION



Each participant is strongly encouraged to purchase the companion book "No Greater Love" and read several chapters before each session. You can purchase the book for \$20 through the parish using this QR Code, or by dropping a check at the rectory. You can also purchase on Amazon (softcover or Kindle).

Signup: <https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/151132>

QUESTIONS? Please send an email to smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org.



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

YOUTH

EVENT

**FEB 16TH
6:45 PM**

Escapology

300 South Ave, Garwood, NJ 07027

**\$40 ENTRY FEE
ONLY 18 SPOTS AVAILABLE
SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP**

A FUN FILLED EVENING

ESCAPE ROOM

*8th-12th
graders
welcome*

FEATURING FR. DAVID ON THE HOT SEAT

INCLUDES TICKET AND PIZZA DINNER!



SIGN UP FOR HALLOW TODAY

HE LEADETH ME

LENT

Dive deeper into prayer
this Lent with **Hallow**

*"I have prayed for a guide during Lent and
I have found it! Thank you Hallow!"*



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 & Kids Challenge

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, and guide your little ones through the season with our kid's challenge.

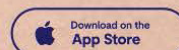


Bible Stories & Sleep Content

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



Your parish has gifted you
Hallow access through Easter!
hallow.com/holyday



How can parishioners sign up?

- Start on the Registration Page: hallow.com/holyday
- Type in the name or address of your parish
- Follow the instructions on the screen
- Download the Hallow app from the app store
- Log in with the same email address and password you used to create your account on the registration page (do not click Google/Apple/Phone!!)

RESERVE YOUR MEAL TODAY!



THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

FRY-DAY NIGHT
Lenten



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 6:00 PM
SAINT JAMES SCHOOL GYM

Cooked on premises by The Chippery of Union. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 2 pieces of cod, chips, cole slaw, bottled water, and dessert.

BYO beverage (bottled water available).

Please RSVP with payment by Monday, February 12th.

• *Take Out Dinners available* •

Use the QR code or send payment to the rectory. Make checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Parish with memo: 'Fish Fry.'



2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

**Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



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SIGN UP FOR A RETREAT!



WOMEN'S AFTERNOON RETREAT

Beloved

GUIDED BY LOVE ON EVERY
STEP OF OUR LIVES

How has our image of God changed since we were children? Has our relationship with God remained the same or developed as we have matured? The Lenten season is the perfect time to reflect and renew our prayer life. This presentation will focus on what it means to be beloved, and how to deepen our relationship with God.

Our afternoon retreat will include: presentation, prayer, time for questions.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE., SPRINGFIELD, NJ



Register online using the QR code or go to
saintjamestheapostle.org/womens-retreat-2024.



Presenter
Dr. Kathleen Detlet

Kathleen Detlet, D.Min. is a certified spiritual director and graduate of the An Croi' Spiritual Guidance Program, receiving a diploma in Spiritual Guidance from the Jesuit Milltown Institute in Ireland. Kathy has taught on all levels of education and now enjoys offering retreats, days of prayer and journeying with others as a spiritual guide. She holds a Masters in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University, a Masters in Education from Seton Hall University, and a Doctorate in Ministry from Drew University. Dr. Detlet is Co-Director of the Lumen Center, sponsored by the Caldwell Dominicans, and is on the Sacred Thread Ministries Retreat Team founded by Fr. Peter J. Krebs, S.T., Ph.D.

If you have any questions, contact
Nancy Caputo at 973-376-2061

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

CALLED TO SERVE

FRI. MARCH 8TH AT 6PM - SAT. MARCH 9TH AT 8PM

Scan the QR Code
to Register



ROSARY AND NOVENA

Every Monday at 7:00 PM



Join St. James parishioners on Monday nights as we pray the Rosary and the Miraculous Medal Novena.

7-7:20 in the Church.

If you are unable to join in person, the Rosary and Novena are livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

JOIN CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF SUMMIT

We are a nonprofit volunteer organization that serves children in need in the Summit area.

If you are looking for an organization where you can be as active as your schedule allows, pop in once or twice a year or participate more regularly, CCS Summit is the perfect choice!

Our annual membership drive is happening now!

Please go to www.christchildsummit.org or email loismelka@gmail.com (VP, Membership) to join and learn more about how we are making a difference.

Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take few moments and look in your closet today?

The Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) accept clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels, toys, knickknacks, and Children's books. Thank you with all our heart.

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, FEBRUARY 10

5:00pm **Eloy Mosquera**
r/b Wife & Children
Rose Dente
r/b Camille Mitarotonda

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Tania Miller**
r/b Elizabeth Ferri
Valerie Materia
r/b Camille Mitarotonda

10:00am **The Deceased Members of the Gartland Family**
r/b Barbara Dlugosz
Kathleen Telesca
r/b Phyllis Bibbo

12:00pm **Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano
Jean Walsh
r/b Rossomando Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30am **Paolo Centamore**
r/b Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30am **Dennis James Lullo**
r/b John & Bernice Petersen

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30am **Nicolaos Cacouris**
r/b Dennis McNany

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30am **Carolina Farinhas**
r/b Marie Freitas, Daughter

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:30am **Caesar & Edward Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano

5:00pm **Alex Melleno**
r/b Children
Kathleen Telesca
r/b Ralph & Chris DeCicco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent

8:00am **Kathleen Telesca**
r/b Botte Family
Pat Morris
r/b Dennis McNany

10:00am **Donna Madrigal**
r/b Hyman Family
Hansi DeLank LaValle
r/b Al Pavoni

12:00pm **Janet Skinner**
r/b Rossomando Family
John & Bertha Misdom
r/b Lesniewski Family



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Lawrence Kaufherr
r/b Lisa, Wife

BREAD & WINE:

Norma Lim
r/b Lim & Carbonell Families and Friends

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, Luca Favia, 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, 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 February 3 & 4

Regular Collection:	\$	5,114.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,283.00
Total:	\$	9,397.00

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

Did you know?... If we exceed our 2024 Annual Appeal stretch goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38



ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique 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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