



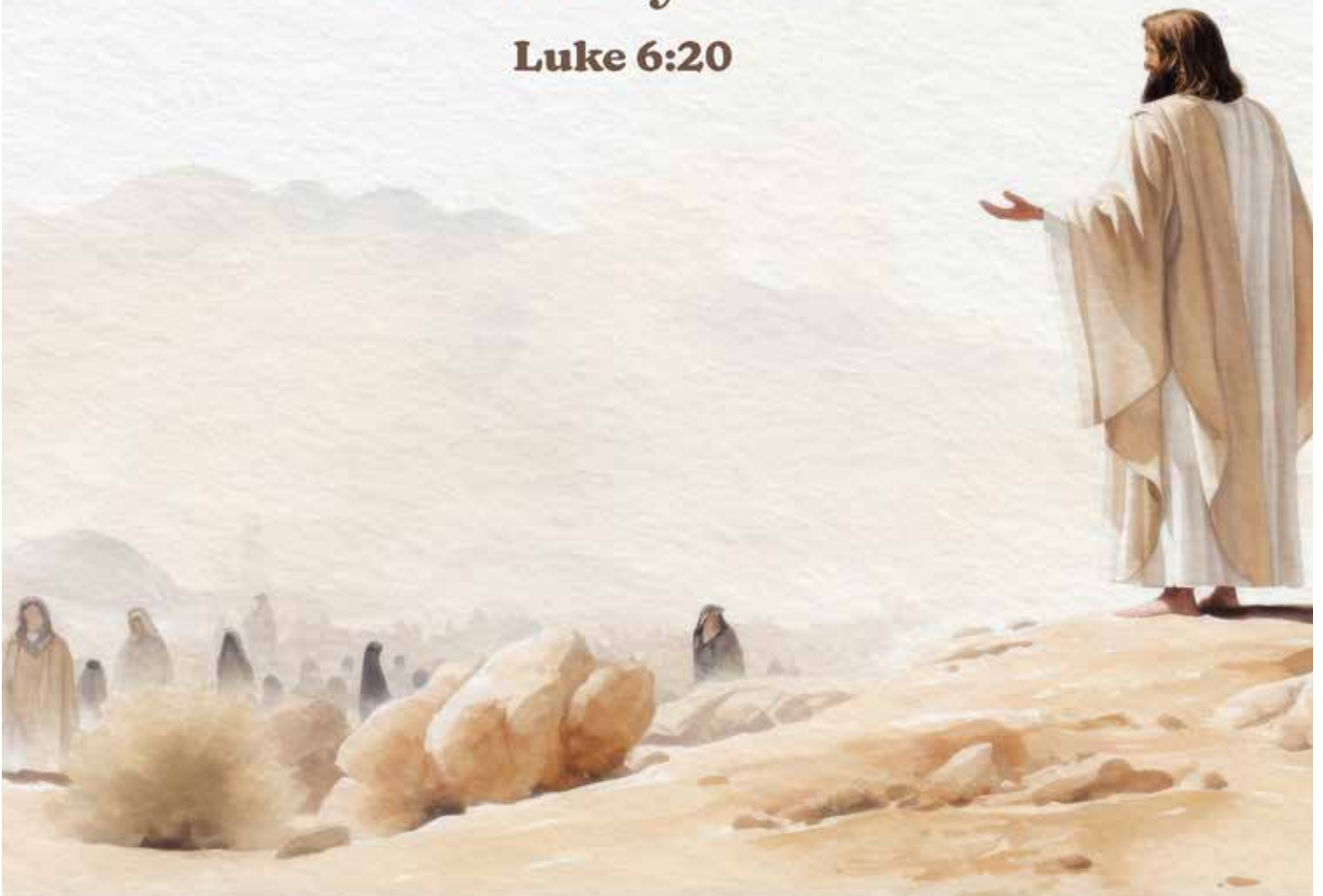
SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



Blessed are you who are
poor, for the kingdom of
God is yours.

Luke 6:20



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 16, 2025

www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

Office Hours:

(Closed 12PM-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 22:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, February 23:

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

For over two years I have worked with parishioners from the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee and personnel from the Archdiocese of Newark on a campus redevelopment plan with the goal of finding the most beneficial use of the St. James school and convent properties. We are proud to announce that the contract of sale for the St. James school and convent property was signed by me, the Archdiocese, and the Buyer of the property!

The Buyer has asked us not to disclose their identity for the time being, however, we are able to say that the Buyer is a private school that serves children with learning differences. We can also say that the Buyer will keep the school building intact.

During this time of due diligence, township approvals, and the initiation of a major parish capital campaign, I will host **two** parish **Town Hall sessions** for parishioners to hear more about the plan for the sale of the property and the construction of a new parish center.

The **first** session will be on **Sunday, February 16th after the 12pm Mass** in the **church**.

The **second** session will be on **Wednesday, February 19th at 7pm** in the **church**.

Friends, please know how excited I am to present the plan to the parish. Thank you for your continued support and loving prayers!

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

JUBILEE 2025

Saint Helen's Church in Westfield has been chosen as a designated pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year in Union County. Pilgrims are welcome to come here to pray, reflect, and deepen their relationship with God, preparing their hearts to celebrate this extraordinary Holy Year of grace and spiritual renewal. Please scan the QR code to visit the website and stay up-to-date on celebrations throughout the year.

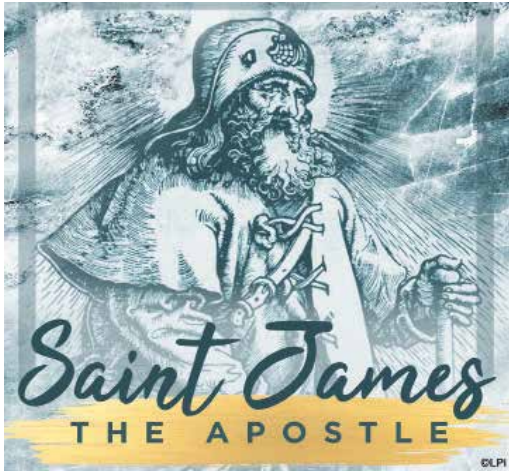
All are welcome!



Visit Saint Helen:
A Pilgrimage Church for 2025



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org



Our next Family Faith session is Sunday, February 23.

NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group –

On Tuesday, March 4 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

Confirmation Year 2 Group –

On Tuesday, February 25 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

(Don't forget to complete your reflections on The Chosen episodes assigned. They are due the day before the sessions mentioned above)

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.



**Steubenville
Youth Conference 2025
July 11-13, 2025**

As we did last summer, we are organizing a trip to the **Steubenville Youth Conference** at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio this summer.

If you are in **8th grade or High School** and are interested in attending this Summer's Youth Conference, please **complete the interest form** by **using the QR code** below. Feel free to share it with your friends.

We will have an **informational meeting** on **Friday, February 21 at 6:00PM** in the church.

See you all there!!!

2025 Theme



**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

ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items.

Scan the QR code to check out all of our merchandise!



The men of the Parish are invited to gather for hospitality and discussion of the Sunday gospel readings.

This is a great opportunity for men to grow in their faith, meet new folks, and share their experiences of their faith journey.

The next meeting will take place **Saturday, February 22 at 9am** (after the 8:30am Mass)

in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory. You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

If you are interested, please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

2025 Meeting Dates:

March 22	May 17
April 26	June 21

REGISTER TODAY!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI 2025

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

FRI. FEB 28TH AT 6PM - SAT. MAR 1ST AT 8PM

> LEARN MORE



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 1
6PM in the Gym
Dinner Included

*You are welcome to bring a
dessert to share*

The film runs about 90 minutes and
Fr. David will answer questions afterwards

TO SIGN UP PLEASE
SCAN THIS QR CODE:



Watch the movie trailer here:
<https://youtu.be/9HaqK0fpvcY?si=JGqyq-MwtxeTWeF9>

JESUS THIRSTS

THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST



"Life-
changing"

A powerful
documentary"

"An absolute
must see"

*"My greatest hope for this film has been and
continues to be winning souls for Jesus Christ."*
DEACON STEVE GRECO, Executive Producer



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sip & Supper

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025



**WE INVITE YOU TO BRING
IT BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL WITH AN
EVENING DEDICATED
TO OLD WORLD WINES AND
CLASSIC DISHES. MULTI-COURSE,
FAMILY STYLE MEAL WITH
WINES CURATED BY WINE 'EDU-TAINER'
SANDRA ZOTTI**

Sofia's
Fine Italian Cuisine

SIGN UP FOR THESE PARISH EVENTS TODAY!

L e n t e n S m a l l G r o u p s 2 0 2 5

"LECTIO DIVINA" (Divine Reading)

Each week we will listen to the Gospel for the coming Sunday and Respond/Reflect in Small Groups

Mondays from March 10-April 7

7-8PM in the School Gym

(Following the Weekly Rosary)

Scan the QR code to Sign-Up
on the Flocknote Website:



Questions? Please send an email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE



**FRIDAY, MARCH 14 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, beverage, and dessert.

BYO beverage (bottled water available).
Please RSVP with payment by Friday, March 7.

• 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"



Come and enjoy dinner after Stations of the Cross!

Just make sure to put your order in!

Any questions? Please email parishlife@saintjamesparish.org





PRAYER INTENTIONS

Know of my prayers for you! If you have any special prayer intentions I can pray for you this upcoming month, please feel free to respond!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of Christ be with you all! I can hardly believe we are already one month into the year 2025, the Jubilee Year of Hope as marked by Pope Francis. As we begin this new year, I have been pondering about how many people still live in darkness, how many students who live on this campus that do not yet know of God's love for them, of how many students who are thirsting for what only God can fill and satisfy in their hearts, yet they go seeking to fill it themselves elsewhere, only to be left empty. And how much of what is happening on college campuses across the country is also happening within our own homes, our communities, and around the world. Many people live in the dark, and our world as we see today is full of darkness.

In light of this truth, we do not stand hopeless. Our Light Himself, Our Lord Jesus Christ, came into the world, entered into our humanity, into the darkness, and has overcome the world. He has shown us the way, He has shown us that we can hope against hope, for He *is* our Hope.

As a missionary on a college campus, I am in great awe to see how the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, ignites hearts in the lives of students and moves them to share the light of His love with others. And it is such a gift to share this amazing mission with you all, for your support brings Christ's light into the darkness of hearts and minds, turns souls to Christ and helps students transform into one degree of glory to the next! Hope is not lost, no, far be it from that. For Our Hope is Eternal.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5).

In Christ,
Cheyenna

This upcoming month, I would kindly ask prayers for:

Our Encounter Retreat coming up at the end of February/beginning of March, for all the students who are attending

The women's volleyball team, in the hopes of starting a Bible study with them!

Our student athlete event on February 17th, a time of building fellowship in our faith

My disciples and Bible study participants, especially Chiara who will start leading her own Bible study

And our team :) including Dom and Sarah's baby!

Thank you and may God bless you!

In Christ,

Cheyenna Cook



✉ cheyenna.cook@focus.org

🌐 <https://focus.org/missionaries/cheyenna-cook/>



Thank you for your continued generosity!



January 27, 2025

Saint James the Apostle Church
45 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

Dear Saint James the Apostle Church,

Thank you for your amazing donation received on 1/17/2025. The bags of non-perishable food items delivered to our Elizabeth agency location by Lisa Zavis are appreciated and much needed at this time of year. We really appreciate your commitment to helping our neighbors in need.

Family Promise Union County (FPUC) is the flagship program of our national network. We are extremely fortunate and proud of the partnerships we have with so many dedicated congregations, corporations and foundations in Union County. In the last year, your partnership has helped serve guest families, providing emergency shelter, housing stability screenings, preventing numerous episodes of homelessness, and engaging volunteers to provide essential material donations, financial advisement, healthy and delicious prepared meals, educational tutoring and much more.

Your generosity and kindness make a difference in the struggle against housing insecurity. Thank you for encouraging hope and sharing a light for a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Diane Esty
Diane Esty
Director of Development
Family Promise Union County
desty@familypromise.org
908.289.7300 x208

Thanks so much!

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin



Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read **We Are His Witnesses**, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community.

Read **We Are His Witnesses** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.



Scan the QR code to read the full letter in English or Spanish

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

SEASONS is a non-denominational group of individuals who have lost a partner and are interested in discussing various ideas and topics which may be useful in one's life.

Thursday, February 27, 7pm

Comedy Night...listen to some funny stories, and feel free to bring your own.

First Presbyterian Church
11 Springfield Ave. Cranford, NJ

For more information, contact Bob Laudati
908-322-7762 | rdlaudati@aol.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

**GOLF
OUTING**

JULY 7, 2025

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Save the Date!

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

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. Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00pm **Mario Garcia**
r/b Giovanna DiNizo
Carolina Farinhas
r/b Marie Freitas, Daughter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Milagros Jesena Smith**
r/b Family
Larry Kaufherr
r/b Wife

10:00am **Larry Ferri**
r/b Liz Ferri
Josephine Genevrino
r/b Victoria Sarracino

12:00pm **Elizabeth Koch**
r/b Hyman family
Mary F. Sullivan
r/b Maria Duenas and Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Presidents Day

8:30am **Maria Teresa Roca Giralt**
r/b Ana Prescott

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30am **Dolores and Pio Salle**
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30am **Maria Santos**
r/b Carol and Howard Balfour

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30am **The deceased members of the Brodeur Family**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30am **Rosanne Mendez**
r/b Julie Colon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of Saint Peter

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

5:00pm **Maria and Gioacchino Zotti**
r/b Family
Seymour "Sy" Kahn
r/b Barbara Sorvino, MD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Anthony Graziano**
r/b Lorraine Graziano
Donald Schwerdt
r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

10:00am **John Collins**
r/b Roethlin Family
Mary and Vincent Inneo
r/b Inneo Family

12:00pm **Victor Vecchione**
r/b Vickie Steinbeck
Dorothy and Edward Conway
r/b Elaine

SANCTUARY LAMP:

John Sullivan
r/b Patricia Sullivan

BREAD & WINE:

Maria de los Reyes
r/b Mark de los Reyes and Family



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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, 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, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, 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, 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 OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, 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



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



flocknote

As part of our effort to communicate more effectively 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 February 8 & 9

Regular Collection:	\$	3,681.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,200.00
Total:	\$	7,881.00

Total Christmas Gift donations to date: \$68,063
Parish Goal is \$70,000.

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 **2025 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 **2025 Annual Appeal** today?

Remember...

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

thank you

We are a
Tithing
Community
of God's
Faithful
Servants

Love
is patient, kind
endearing, beautiful,
hopeful, joyful, exciting
& ultimately...
given by *God*

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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