



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

*Do whatever
he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 19, 2025

www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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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, January 25:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, January 26:

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

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 6:30PM
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

In 2007, the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn had a problem - motorists weren't coming to a complete stop at stop signs. So the mayor came up with a creative solution. He added a second, smaller octagonal sign to the town's 50 or so stop signs that read:

"STOP...And smell the roses"

"STOP...No really, you gotta stop"

"STOP...Or I'm telling your mom,"

"STOP...In the naaaame of love."

And – it worked!!! People stopped at the stop signs.

The additional signs were so imaginative and humorous people laughed and obeyed the stop sign.

Everybody laughed... except the Illinois Department of Transportation which deemed the signs violations of the Federal Uniform Traffic Control Act; they threatened to withhold funds if the signs weren't removed. Sadly, the mayor had to comply.

The mayor believed that if he could just get the motorists **to pay attention**, then he could get his message across...and **the message was to STOP!**

Signs have always been used to get messages across to people. Whether in the shape of a *square, rectangle, triangle, octagon*, whether in the form of *actions or words*, **signs are used to impart a message.**

In our Gospel today, St. John gives us Jesus' first miracle. In other words, we see the first *clue* or **sign**, in the form of a miracle, giving us greater realization of **who Jesus is** and the significance of **what He did.**

We heard in our Gospel: *Jesus did this (changing water into wine) as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.*

In other words, the miracles that Jesus did were meant to get people to **PAY ATTENTION, to DIRECT THEM SOMEWHERE, and to SHOW THEM SOMETHING.**

Friends, Jesus' first miracle that we see in today's Gospel is meant to get our attention and to get an important message across. Do you see the sign for what it is?

As you begin a new week, allow the first of Jesus' **SIGNS** to stay with you this week, and remember:

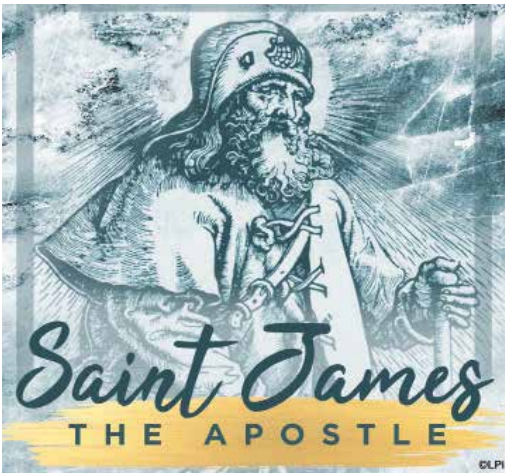
- 1) Follow the example of Mary, and let her **help you to meet the challenges of life.**
- 2) If you want Jesus to turn water into wine in your life, you've got to come to the party prepared.
- 3) Finally, do what Jesus tells you to do. Live how He asks you to live... then keep an eye out for His **SIGNS** which are *manifestation of His power and love for you.*

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The first lesson from Cana is: "Aid yourself, and Heaven will aid you."

—Bishop Fulton Sheen



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



Our next Family Faith session is **Sunday, February 23.**

Reconciliation retreat for children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time this year is on **Sunday, February 2** from **1:30PM to 3:30PM** at St. James.

The children will receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** on **Saturday, February 8 at 11:30AM** in the church.

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 96

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group –

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

Confirmation Year 2 Group –

On Tuesday, January 28 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 18-20, 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 a meeting with all the information, but want to see how many young people would be interested so that we can start the preparations.

2025 Theme



Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office
(973) 376-2061 | aprescott@saintjamesparish.org



Sunday, January 12th Rite of Entrance with our newest Catechumens: Sammy, Annabella, Grace and Kaylee

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



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 first meeting for 2025 will take place **Saturday, January 25 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



Join us for a discussion session on:

"33 DAYS to EUCHARISTIC GLORY"

Monday, January 27 at 7PM
(following Rosary)
School Gym

Everyone reading the book is welcome to attend regardless of your progress to date.

Questions? Send email to: adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org

The 33-Day Eucharistic Glory participants are invited to attend one of two consecration sessions in the church.

Saturday, February 1st at 4:30pm
or
Sunday, February 2nd at 11:30am

**Please be sure to read the Day 33 article before the session.*



The Rectory and Office are closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Morning Mass will celebrated at 8:30am

OVERLOOK HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Do you have about two hours to spare on Tuesday mornings?

Saint James is one the Union County parishes that brings Holy Communion to the Catholic patients at Overlook Hospital.

If you are not a Eucharistic Minister but interested in being trained, please contact ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org or call **973-376-2061** for more information

A promotional graphic for a weekly prayer event. It features a large, ornate rosary with blue beads and a silver cross. The text is arranged around the rosary. At the bottom left, there is a small image of the Virgin Mary in a blue mantle.

Rosary and Novena Mondays at 6:30 PM

Join us in the church every Monday as we pray the Rosary and the Miraculous Medal Novena.

Also livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

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

The logo for Saint James The Apostle Roman Catholic Church, featuring a stylized shell and the text "SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY".

Would you like to make Prayer Shawls or Baptismal Blankets for Saint James?!? We are adding to our supply and would love your help!

Prayer Shawls:

- Typically 60 x 20, but flexible
- Any color or pattern

Baptismal Blankets:

- Ranging from 18-24 inches square
- Any pattern; white only

Completed shawls and blankets can be dropped off at the Rectory or we can arrange pick up. They will be blessed, packaged and delivered to those in need (prayer shawls) and the newly baptized (blankets).

Common features:

- Method of creation: Knit, Crochet, Loom, Loop Knitting ... and more!
- Patterns: we have several to share, or use your own!

**Questions?
Want more info?
Maybe you have yarn to donate?
Contact us at**

[prayershawlministry](https://www.prayershawlministry.org)
[@saintjamesparish.org](https://www.saintjamesparish.org)

SAINT JAMES BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you do not have to travel alone.

The **“Healing the Heart Group”** acknowledges that grief is unique to each person, and the voyage through it can be painful, lonely, and confusing, but it can also be comforting to share this journey with others. The group will meet **Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. every other week**. The sessions include learning about grief and understanding the grieving process, the changes, challenges, and choices that occur, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected. This group is led by Jo Ann.

Seasons of Hope is a 6-week ongoing program, all group sessions follow the same simple format and flow with a comforting blend of commentary, scripture, prayer, and sharing. The group meetings rotate quarterly throughout the year on Thursday nights.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining both or one of the groups please contact Nancy Starzynski, Nancy Mahoney-Rajs, or Jo Ann at Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org

pray. wait. *trust.*

SAINT JAMES GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Photo: Father David Santos presents donation check to the members of the Springfield Auxiliary Police

St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield, held its third annual "5K for Thanks" on Thanksgiving morning, celebrating its largest turnout to date with 370 registered participants. Undeterred by the rain, runners and walkers enthusiastically completed the 3.1-mile course, kicking off their holiday with community spirit and gratitude.

This event would not have been possible without the support of this year's sponsors, the generous parishioners of St. James, and the dedicated efforts of Chief John Cook and the Springfield Police Department, Scott Seidel and the Springfield Auxiliary Police, the Springfield First Aid Squad, and the many volunteers who gave their time and energy.

As part of its tradition, St. James Church donates 10% of the net proceeds to a local community organization in gratitude for their support. This year, the Springfield Auxiliary Police was the chosen recipient. Father David Santos, Pastor of St. James the Apostle Church, presented a check for \$1,329.58 to Scott Seidel in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the community.

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and contributed to making the 2024 "5K for Thanks" an unforgettable success. We look forward to seeing you at this year's event!

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.

We welcome everyone to participate in our activities. Meetings take place monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the
First Presbyterian Church
11 Springfield Ave. Cranford, NJ

Thursday, January 23, 7pm

Rico Micioni will talk to us about how we can Recycle Our Stuff effectively.

For more information,
contact Bob Laudati at
908-322-7762 | rdlaudati@aol.com,
or Lorraine at 908-418-8602.

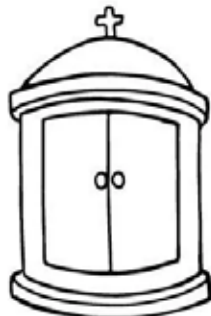


My Catholic Church SCAVENGER HUNT

Look around your church for the items below. Color or check the box next to each item you discover.



Monstrance



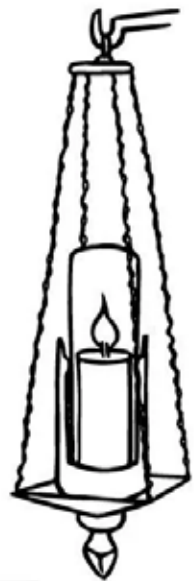
Tabernacle



Crucifix



Stations of the Cross



Sanctuary Lamp



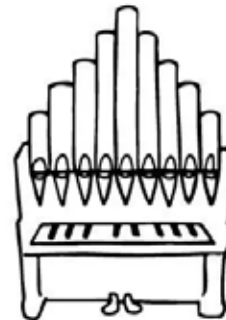
Stained Glass Window



Presider's Chair



Baptismal Font



Organ



Hymnal



Statue



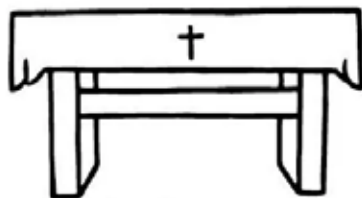
Votive



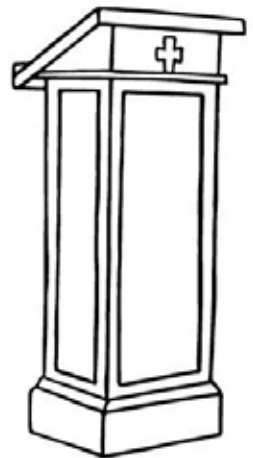
Paschal Candle



Cruets



Altar



Ambo

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin



As we welcome the New Year, 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.



Read the full letter in English or Spanish by visiting rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/ or scan the QR code.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

The 2025 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 1 and 2.



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](https://www.instagram.com/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, JANUARY 18

5:00pm **Scherly Longo**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Donald Schwerdt, Sr.
r/b Rita Lombardi, Angela and
Pasquale Mazzacuva

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **William Patrick Burke, Sr.**
r/b Corbett Family

10:00am **Maria Santos**
r/b Mary Ellen Patricco
Lorraine Yachmetz
r/b Angela Ragonese
Vincent Mastria
r/b Victoria Sarracino

12:00pm **James F. Carney**
r/b Patty and John Carney
Antonio Rojas
r/b Mary Oles

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

8:30am **Maria Santos**
r/b Linda and Bob Donnelly

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Saint Agnes

7:30am **John Farrell**
r/b Ed and Anne Fanning

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30am **Bill Bentz**
r/b Rev. David C. Santos and
The People of Saint James

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30am **Jim McElroy**
r/b Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Saint Francis de Sales

7:30am **John Madden**
r/b Theresa and Michael Quick

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Conversion of Saint Paul

8:30am **Vincenzo and Maddalena**
Pasquarelli
r/b Dominick

5:00pm **Sy Kahn**
r/b Carlos Nascimento
Kathleen Caffrey
r/b Linda and Bob Donnelly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Kathleen Caffrey**
r/b Dennis McNany
Manuel Calimlim, Sr.
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

10:00am **Dorothy Wright**
r/b Randy, Rose and Jules Landicho
Josephine Genevrino
r/b Victoria Sarracino

12:00pm **John Clark**
r/b Marie Clark
Jim Genco
r/b Nancy and Nate Mahoney-Rajs



SANCTUARY LAMP:
For the People of Saint James

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, 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, 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.

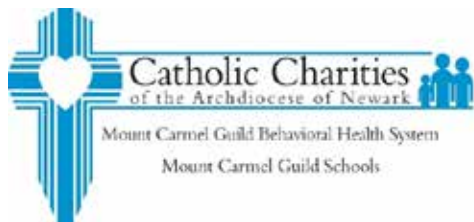
A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

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



*Lord,
Hear Our Prayer*

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received \$1,144 as a result of your generosity to our Donation Bin(s) at your Church from June 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in the same program throughout the Archdiocese enable Catholic Charities to provide shelter to 590 people every night at our seven homeless shelters throughout the Archdiocese (FY23/24). The advent of the cold weather increases the demand for our services at these shelters. Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of January 11 & 12

Regular Collection:	\$	5,955.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,215.00
Total:	\$	10,170.00

Total Christmas Gift donations to date: \$67,513

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

The 2025 Annual Appeal has launched. As you consider your gift amount, please remember the funds you give support essential programs and ministries within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

SAINT 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!



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

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