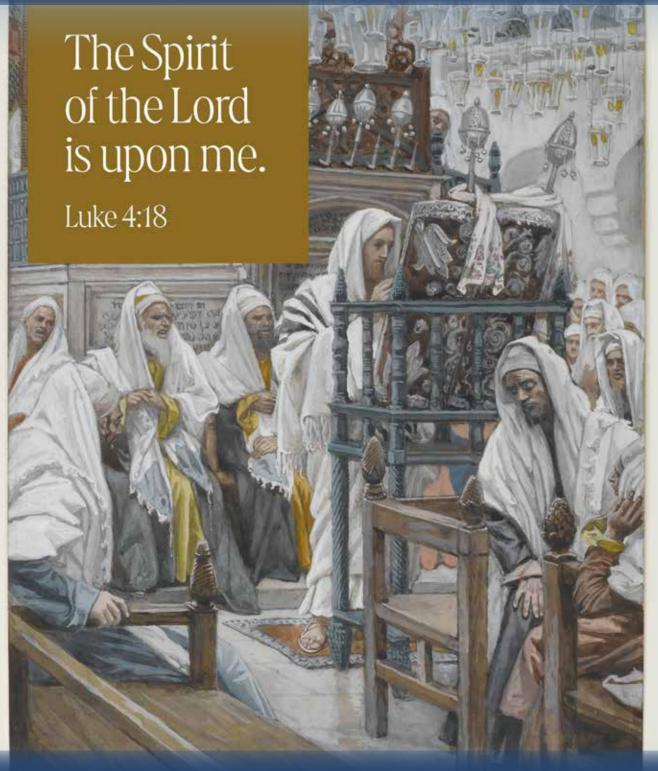


SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 26, 2025 www.saintjamesparish.org



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 1: 5:00PM - Fr. Ortiz

Sunday, February 2: 8:00AM - Fr. Ortiz 10:00AM - Fr. Ortiz 12:00PM - Fr. Ortiz

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



It's cool how many things in life **bring us back**...when something or someone or someplace reconnects us to what came before and to what makes us, **us.**

One of those things for me is country music.

Country music bringing me back, and not just to the simple things in life like...agriculture and tractors, but

important things like family and faith...It helps me connect to my **roots!** Here's a country music song you may be familiar with:

Roots, Zac Brown Band

My roots always keep me grounded; Roots, remind me where I'm from. Even when I'm a thousand miles away from my roots, I'm home. Ooh, I wouldn't change a thing; It made the man I am today.

Whether it's **music**, **art**, **sports**, **literature**, **history**, **objects**, **locations**, **sounds**... they all have the power to evoke memories, re-awaken emotions, and stir passions that help us to remember that which has contributed to making you the person you are today...just like Zac Brown so poetically reveals in his song *Roots: Ooh*, *I wouldn't change a thing*. *My roots...made the person I am today*.

As this is true in our physical life, so it is in our spiritual life.

Our spiritual life has roots as well. In fact, that's one of the reasons why what we do **here** (in church) is so important...it keeps us connected to our spiritual roots! Holy Mass, the readings, the songs, and the prayers - like Country Music - brings us back to our roots.

Imagine a beautiful rose growing in a garden. While rooted in the ground, the flower receives nourishment, protection - life. If you cut the flower at its stem, sure, it'll maintain its beauty and vitality, but only for a short time. It can't survive without its roots, at least not in the same way that God intended it. It needs to be connected to its **roots**, to that which gives it life! And so it is true in our spiritual lives...

Being here, together, is indispensable:

Here we hear the stories, from the Old Testament and New, that help us to remember who we are and from where we come.

Here we can reconnect with the source that gives our spiritual lives meaning and substance.

Most importantly, here we are reminded - just as the ancient Israelites in their return from exile - who God is and what He has done for us!

Friends, here are a few questions for us to carry with us throughout this week:

- What are the roots in your spiritual life that keep it alive and growing?
- Parents, what are you doing in your home to build the spiritual roots
 of your children? The Church can do what the Church does, but
 nothing can replace the role of a parent in nurturing a child's spiritual
 roots.

PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what are each of us doing to protect and to grow the roots that keep us connected to God and His Church?

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Body of Christ was never meant to be lived alone.

-Matthew West, Christian musician

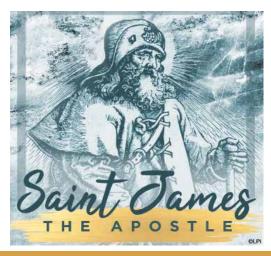
OVERLOOK HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

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





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

"Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 19

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4: 4:14-21

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

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.

NEXT SESSIONS for <u>Confirmation preparation</u> groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group -

On <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 4</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM.

Confirmation Year 2 Group -

This <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 28</u> 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

Possible dates: June 27-29, July 11-13, July 18-20, or July 25-27, 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.





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

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day.

Please bring candles from your home for a special blessing.





Super Bowl Weekend February 8 & 9

Drop off in the Narthex before all weekend Masses

Can you help us drive the donations to OLS at 11:30 on 2/9?

217 Prospect Street, South Orange

Email us: helpingthehungry @saintjamesparish.org We are primarily collecting

SOUP

No oversized or Costco-sized items, please and also welcome

WARM SOCKS
GRANOLA BARS
TUNA
CEREAL / OATMEAL

ShopRite Gift Cards always welcome Donation Box in Narthex All donations will support the food pantry at Our Lady of Sorrows

SAINT JAMES WELLNESS MINISTRY

The objective of the ministry is to promote a healthy parish community.

Do you have an interest or expertise in any of the aspects of wellness?

Can you lead a parish group for jogging, exercise, yoga, meditation or rebalance health wellness?

If you have an interest or an idea to promote a healthy parish, please contact us at wellnessministry@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 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!





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.

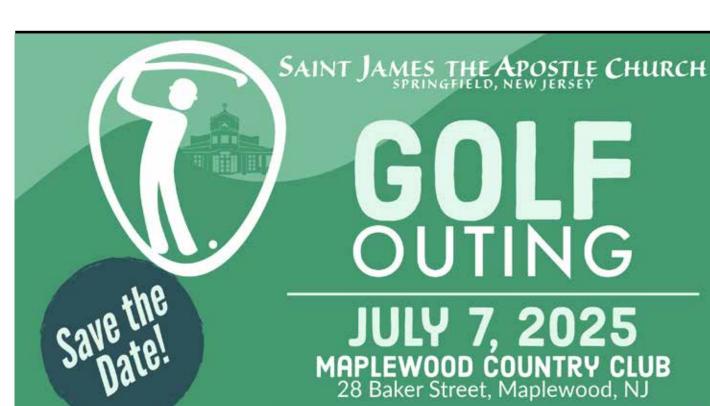
They will be blessed, packaged and delivered to those in need (prayer shawls) and the newly baptized (blankets).

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 @saintjamesparish.org



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!

PRAYING IS AN ART TO LEARN: WHAT DOES JESUS TEACH?

We are God's children. One of the things he teaches us is how to pray.

One day when Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1). And Jesus taught them the Our Father. Just what does the Lord teach us in the Lord's Prayer?

If we start at the end, we realize that even the least God-minded person at times is moved to pray. And what prompts that prayer is the burden of evil. Think of how the churches in America were packed the days following 9/11. Those people were convinced of the existence of Something Even Greater than evil, and they put their belief in it through prayer. We cannot abolish evil, but Jesus teaches us a way of not being alone with it.

We need run-ins with temptation to show us where we are weak. Trials purify us. In the petition "lead us not into temptation," Jesus is teaching us to use the experience of temptation well: not overestimating our capacities, not becoming discouraged or despairing. Jesus teaches us to recognize the limits of our strength so that we can entrust ourselves to his strength with confidence.

Jesus teaches that forgiveness is the heart of the disciple's prayer. We are to ask for forgiveness, and to offer forgiveness even as the Father does on Calvary (Lk 23:34). If God is love, the world comes to know it through the mercy we both embrace and spread.

In instructing us to ask God to give us each day our daily bread, Jesus teaches us that holiness is dependency. We cannot be ourselves without Another. To be a disciple is to be abandoned to divine providence, moment by moment, with a certainty and trust that nourishes us like nothing else. The bread we ask for is our happiness.

Jesus teaches us that there is a way out of the misery that comes from being stuck in our own ideas and plans. Thy will be done expresses the joy of surrendering to God's designs. Discipleship means following Another in sacrificial obedience which is more like likeness to him than submission.

By praying the petition thy Kingdom come, Jesus teaches us to put to the side the preoccupations and struggles of our own personality which distract and deter us so that God and his goodness — his governing power — can reign in us. The Lord is teaching us to claim the awesome unity made possible only in him.

Jesus teaches us that we are not to live left to ourselves: that we are part of a belonging, an identity, a Name from which we draw unfailing sustenance, blessing, order, and grace. In the Father's name is our authentic self. Jesus teaches us to pray Hallowed be thy name in order to lift us out of our own limitations so to live in the Truth.

To pray Our Father is to imitate Jesus himself as he enters into his Passion (Mk 14:36). We are God's children. When we pray calling out to the Father, even the full powers of hell unleashed against us stand no chance. Jesus teaches us to confide in the mystery of the Father's name so that, enfolded in intimacy with the Father, the hundredfold harvest of heaven will be generated in our here and now.

Author: Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP - published on 10/22/23

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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-hiswitnesses/ or scan the QR code.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵APPEAL

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 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 25 Conversion of Saint Paul 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30am Maria Santos r/b Karen Moore Mindy Santos r/b Santos Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
Saint Thomas Aguinas

7:30am Detective John Patrick

r/b Bob and Linda Donnelly

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
7:30am Christina Amoss
r/b David Driscoll and

Gertrude Aguinaldo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30am Warren Wormann

r/b Re. David C. Santos and the Saint James Community

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
Saint John Bosco

7:30am Helen Habenschoden

<mark>r/b Yannazzo</mark>ne Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:30am Theresa Blasi
r/b Donna

5:00pm John and Amelia Montana

r/b Janice Montana

Sy Kahn

r/b Carlos Nascimento

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
The Presentation of the Lord
8:00am
John Montana
r/b Janice Montana

Rosina and Pasquale Ruggiero

r/b Maria Bruno

10:00am Maryann Bujnowski

12:00pm

r/b Tom, Patricia, and Laura Pasquale and Rosina Ruggiero

r/b Maria Bruno Margaret Hudak

r/b Elaine

Maria Santos

r/b Vickie and Wayne Steinbeck



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Alfonso J. Villani r/b Donna

BREAD & WINE: Alfonso J. Villani r/b Donna

To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Maverick Ryan Smirnow DeGuzman, Chloe Vivana Del Prete, Lorenzo James Fornier, Cassidy Grace Fruehwirth, Dylan James Fruehwirth

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, 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



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.



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?



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of January 18 & 19

Regular Collection: \$ 4,259.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,510.00
Total: \$ 8,769.00

Total Christmas Gift donations to date: \$67,763

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.





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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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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