



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

QUIET!
Come out
of him!

MARK 1:25



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 28, 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 3:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, February 4:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:00AM - Fr. Paladino

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 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



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Ronny standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Ronny."

"Good morning, Father," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Father, what is this?"

The pastor replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Ronny's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 9:00 or the 10:30?"

How we listen can make a big difference.

How do you listen to God?

Where in your life does God speak to you?

The easy answer should be "church". The reality, however, is that God speaks to you most often wherever you are. And unless you're the sacristan at the parish, chances are most of that time you're not anywhere near a church. Friends, God speaks to us where we are, in the midst of fulfilling—or sometimes shirking—our vocation.

- In the eyes of our loved ones, God draws us with the summons to love.
- In the requests of coworkers and the needs of friends, God calls us to generosity, compassion, patience.
- In the grip of our enemies, God challenges us to forgive.
- In the encounter with strangers, God invites us to see Christ.

We might wonder: Is there ever a time when God doesn't speak to us?

If God does offer relentless opportunities for dialogue—divine invitation and our responsive action—then it's clear that if today we **didn't** hear God's voice, **it's our hearts that are to blame and not God's initiative.**

Like the fellow with the demon in our gospel this Sunday, we can listen to the unclean spirits or to the voice of Jesus spoken in His Word, in our conscious, and in our lives.

- They're not compatible, **so we must choose.**
- Both seek the place of ultimate authority in our lives.
- We can't entertain both and play Ping-Pong with our attention.

Friends, the truth is, if God hasn't spoken to us today, it's time to take an inventory of the **spirits** that are doing all the talking.

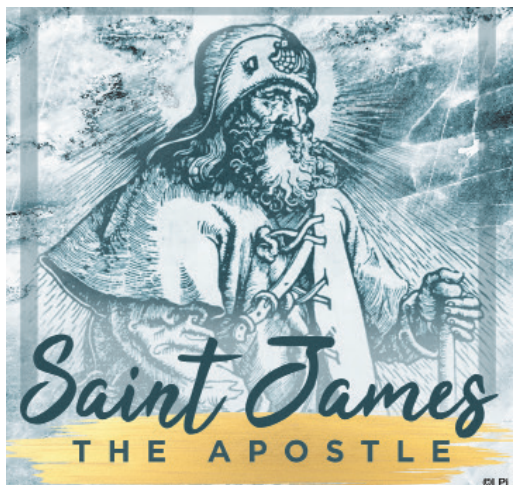


Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Do not go in pursuit of God outside yourself. You will only become distracted, and you won't find him, or enjoy him more than by seeking him within you.

—Saint John of the Cross



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Family Faith Formation

Last Saturday morning, the children preparing to celebrate their first reconciliation and receive their First Holy Eucharist this year and their families came together for their First Reconciliation Retreat. On February 3rd, they will celebrate their Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Let's continue to keep them in our prayers as they prepare for such an important time in their faith lives.

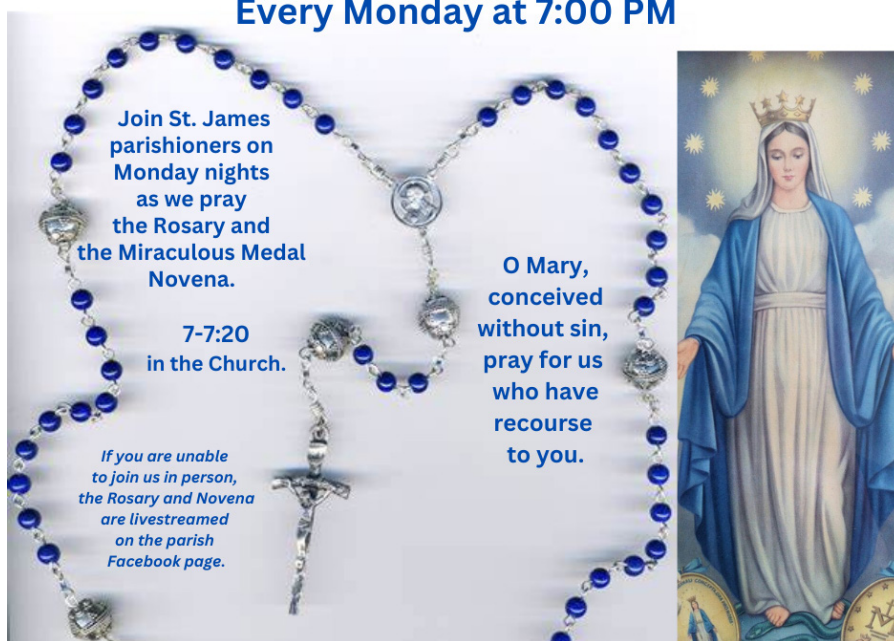


Confirmation preparation Year 1 group – Since our January 9th session had to be postponed due to weather, our next session will be on **Tuesday, January 30th from 7PM to 8:30PM** in the Church.

Ana Serra-Prescott, Director of Family Faith Formation
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 (973) 376-2061

ROSARY AND NOVENA

Every Monday at 7:00 PM



SAINT JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

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

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS ARE HERE!



Coming to Saint James the Apostle Parish for Lent!

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 – WELCOME/INTRODUCTORY SESSION
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?

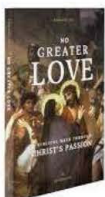
Small Groups Session Three – The Trial Before Pilate

Small Groups Session Four – The Death of the Messiah

Small Groups Session Five – The Seven Last Words

CHOICE OF MONDAY OR TUESDAY EVENINGS

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.

RESERVE YOUR MEAL TODAY!



**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE



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

Cooked on premises by The Chipperry 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.**

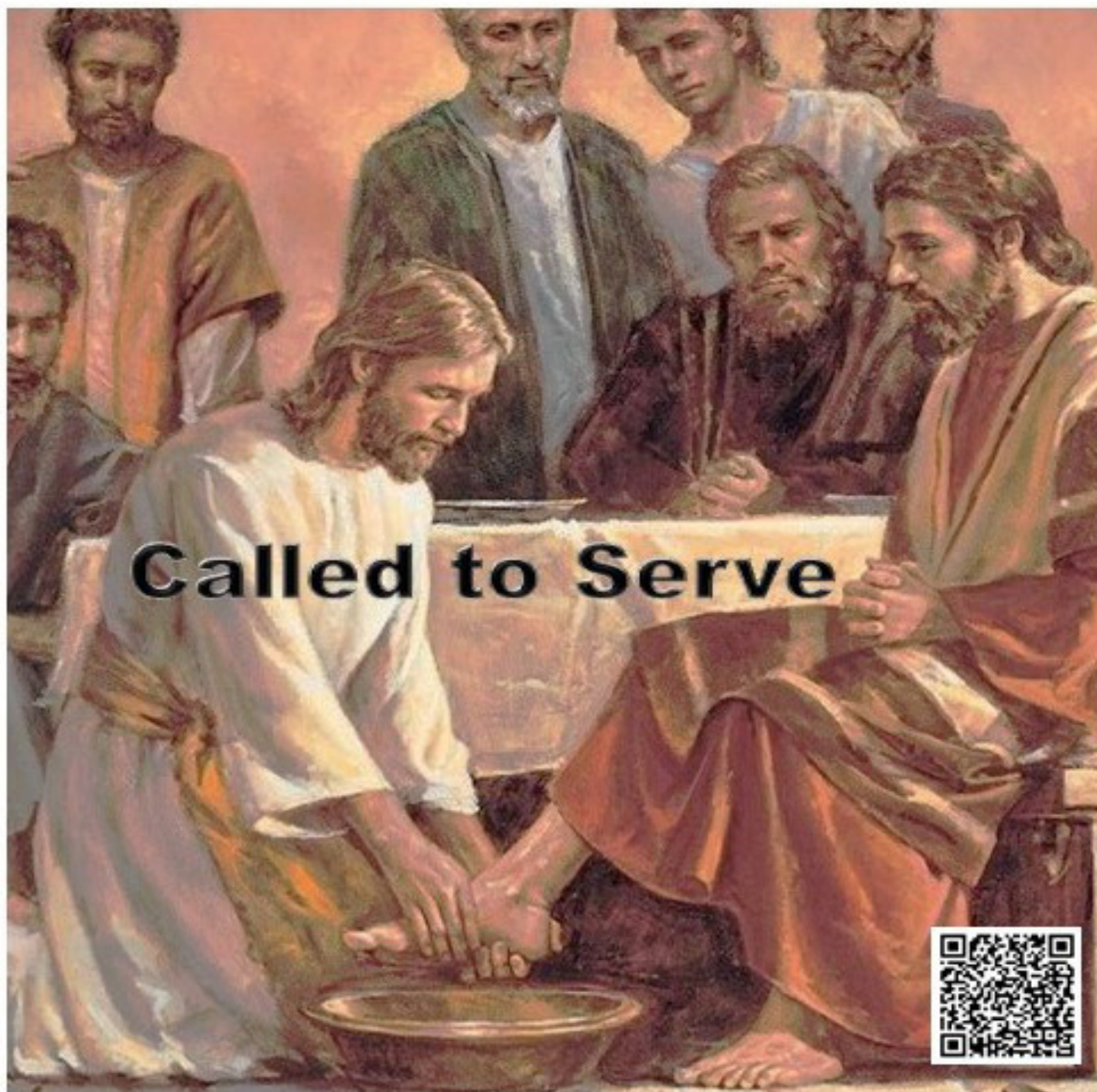
• *Take Out Dinners available* •

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



SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Cornerstone XV



**St. Bartholomew the Apostle &
St. James Parishes
March 8-9, 2024**

SAVE THE DATE



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF OUTING

Save the
Date!

JULY 8, 2024

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

FOR THE KIDS

My Catholic Church

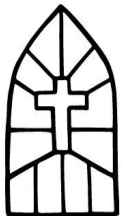
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SCAVENGER HUNT

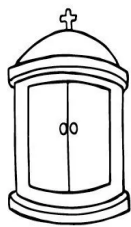
Look around your church for the items below. Color or check the box next to each item you discover.



☐ Monstrance



☐ Stained Glass Window



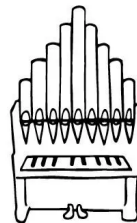
☐ Tabernacle



☐ Crucifix



☐ Votive



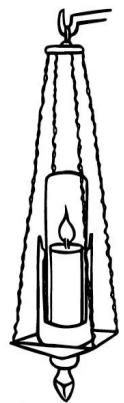
☐ Organ



☐ Statue



☐ Stations of the Cross



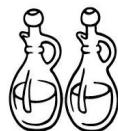
☐ Sanctuary Lamp



☐ Hymnal



☐ Presider's Chair



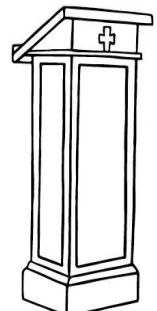
☐ Cruets



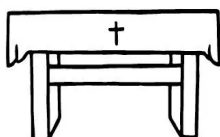
☐ Baptismal Font



☐ Pascal Candle



☐ Ambo



☐ Altar

OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, January 28, 2024
at 11:30am**

St. Bartholomew Academy
2032 Westfield Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Visit us and see how your child can
Strive academically
Build a relationship with Christ
Achieve their goals

www.stbacademy.org

Please join Christ Child Society of Summit,
a non profit organization whose mission is
to help children in need in our area, for its

12th Annual Blankets for Babies Day on
Wednesday, January 31st
at Memorial Hall, St Teresa of Avila

We will be putting together handmade
fleece blankets for babies in need!
Whether you are a sewer
or non-sewer, there will be something
for you to do!

Go to **www.christchildsummit.org** to sign
up for a shift. Bring a friend or a neighbor
and join in the fun!

SEASONS welcomes anyone who has
lost a significant other to participate in
our activities and to meet people who
are in a similar situation. SEASONS is a
non-denominational support group for
individuals who have experienced the
loss of a partner, including divorced,
separated, or widowed individuals,
and for those never married.

***Our meetings take place monthly on
the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the
First Presbyterian Church,
11 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.***

Please enter through the middle door on
Springfield Ave., or call **908-418-8602**.

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, JANUARY 27

5:00pm **Leo Eckmann**
r/b Barbara Dlugosz
Florence Impellizzeri
r/b Michael and Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **George Kimmel**
r/b Adrienne Stefanyak
Pat Morris
r/b Nancy & Nate Mahoney-Rajs

10:00am **Salvatore DePasquale**
r/b John Leone
Nicolaos Cacouris
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

12:00pm **John Clark**
r/b Marie Clark
Daniel & Angela Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30am **Natalie Vital**
r/b Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30am **Louis & Mary Cantagallo**
r/b Lou Cantagallo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Saint John Bosco

7:30am **Helen Habenschaden**
r/b The Yannazzone Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30am **Eric F. Henrichs**
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord

7:30am **Mary Ann Bujnowski**
r/b Tom Bujnowski & Patricia Kuzma

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30am **Theresa Blasi**
r/b Family

5:00pm **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana, daughter
Pat Morris
r/b Michael and Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Jane White
r/b Deacon Kevin & Marcia Reina

10:00am **Judith Natale**
r/b Carol & Howard Balfour
Jimmy Finan
r/b The Roethlin Family

12:00pm **Barbara Germinder**
r/b Robin
Robert (Bob) Roessner
r/b The Uliano Family

SANCTUARY LAMP:

John Mannarino
r/b The Mannarino Family

BREAD & WINE:

Jim McElroy
r/b 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, 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*

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 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 February 3rd-4th.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of January 20 & 21

Regular Collection:	\$	4,403.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,733.00
Total:	\$	8,136.00

Total Christmas Gifts through 1/21/24: \$63,734

Our Christmas Collection Goal is \$65,000.
We are almost there! Please help us reach our goal.

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 goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.
Proverbs 3:9

GRATEFUL • THANKFUL

blessed

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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