



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church



JULY 24, 2022 | FEAST OF SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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**Office Hours:**

Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM

(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

**Church Visiting Hours:**

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, July 30th:**

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, July 31st:**

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

Livestream Available Online

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:**

Second Saturdays at 3PM

Wednesdays at 7-8PM

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our patron, Saint James the Apostle, and we commemorate a milestone in the life of our parish. In 2002, inspired by the vision of Father Bob Stagg, then pastor, and designed by Mr. Arthur Sikula of Arthur John Sikula Associates, P.A., the church building was constructed and consecrated. The Saint James community is grateful for the work of Fr. Stagg and the many dedicated parishioners who helped bring that vision to fruition, many of whom have gathered with us this weekend to worship and celebrate.



A seminary professor of mine would often emphasize a unique characteristic of Catholics. He would say that “for Catholics, matter matters.” His point was to say that for Catholics, the things we employ in the worship of God is of unparalleled importance and value. That’s why our religious practice is strewn with music, beautiful works of art, scented sacred oils, water, incense, statues and candles, to name a few things. Part of the inevitable consequence of the Incarnation of God is that the material world can be for us a conduit of God’s presence and grace. When one enters our church and sees the colorful stained glass windows depicting scenes from the life of Jesus, a grand baptismal pool, the life-size crucifix, the large sanctuary with its magnificent altar and prominent tabernacle, one can experience the sacred in a profound way. Simply put, our church building matters, and we are so grateful to the many parishioners who helped build it – THANK YOU!

I’d also like to thank everyone who helped make this weekend’s liturgy and parish BBQ a success. Thank you to all our parishioners (past and present), honored guests, visiting clergy, our parish deacons, musicians, cantors, lectors, altar servers, ministers of hospitality, the St. James parish staff, and the Parish Life committee for making our celebration joyful and delicious!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“It became obvious why Catholics had built such beautiful cathedrals and churches throughout the world. Not as gathering or meeting places for Christians. But as a home for Jesus Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. Churches house Jesus. Christians merely come and visit Him. The cathedrals and churches architecturally prepare our souls for the beauty of the Eucharist.” — Allen R. Hunt, *Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor: How I Discovered the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church*





**SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022**

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF SAINT JAMES  
AND THE  
*20<sup>th</sup>*  
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING

**12:00 PM MASS  
FOLLOWED BY AN OUTDOOR CELEBRATION  
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



**BYO family's favorite sides and drinks and BYO chairs!  
Saint James will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products,  
and a celebration cake.**



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

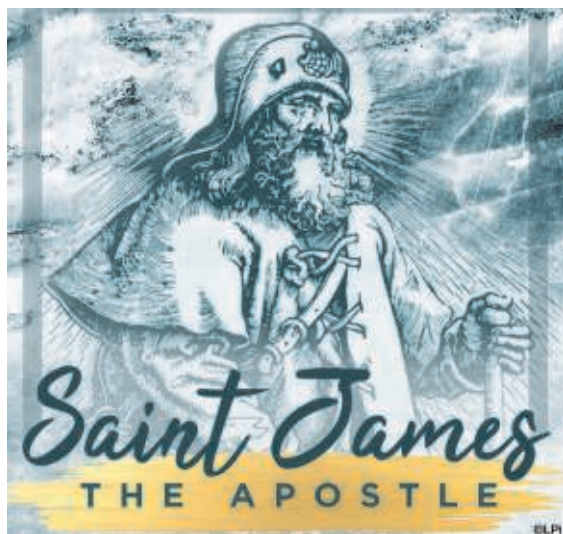
### CALLING ALL VENDORS FOR *Saint James Craft Fair*

All crafters and artists welcome!

**Saturday, September 24th, 10AM-4PM**

\$25 to reserve a table

For more information, please email:  
specialevents@saintjamesparish.org



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

**First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30**

*"Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below; you keep covenant and love toward your servants who walk before you with their whole heart."*

**Responsorial: Psalm 138**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

*Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.*

**Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28**

*"...Whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom\* for many."*

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access Mass readings online.

## NEXT PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENT: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



### We need your books! Donate to the used book collection!

Bring novels, thrillers and adventure stories (no textbooks please) and either place them in the marked bins in the Church narthex or drop them off between 9AM and 9:30AM on Saturday mornings.



## RESPECT FOR LIFE MINISTRY

We are sponsoring a baby shower for an expectant mom in the Family Promise program. Mom is registered at Target under the name Samantha Monfort.

Purchase gifts online and they will be shipped directly to her (preferred). You may also purchase the gift and drop it off in the Church narthex the weekend of July 30th/31st. If you do drop off the gifts, please gift wrap them. Baby is due on September 1st.

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I dedicated you. Jeremiah 1:5*

## WHO IS *Saint James?*

St. James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee. Jesus referred to these brothers as the “Sons of Thunder,” most likely due to their penchant for rash, emotional reactions and decisions. St. James teaches us the importance of humility and of promptly responding to God’s call, regardless of the securities we may leave behind in doing so. He was the first apostle to die a martyr’s death. We can look to his zeal for following Christ and his courage in spreading the faith in difficult times as examples for our own spiritual lives.

We remember from Scripture that St. James and St. John initially asked Jesus if they could be placed on either side of him in his heavenly kingdom. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to reiterate to the disciples the importance of servant leadership. Jesus responds, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:42-45)

From this lesson and Jesus’ previous parable of The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16), we learn that the faithful are invited to receive the ultimate reward of eternal life with our Father in heaven. Jesus reminds us that we shouldn’t get caught up in the earthly understanding of rankings, but can all share in the glory of God in heaven.

We also learn from this example with St. James and St. John that serving others is how we are called to love our neighbors. As 1 Corinthians 13:3 says, “If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.” Jesus asks us to rely on him and not on others’ recognition of our sacrifices.

In the New Testament, we often hear of St. James mentioned with Sts. John and Peter. These three disciples were privileged to be present at many of the significant moments in Jesus’ ministry on earth, including the Transfiguration and Agony in the Garden. The Holy Spirit’s presence within the apostles at Pentecost was a turning point for St. James and the other disciples because it showed them the true nature of Jesus’ mission and the meaning of his sacrifice on the cross (Benedict XVI, General Audience, June 21, 2006). From there, James and the other apostles went out to all the nations, preaching Jesus and his Gospel message.

James’ life after Pentecost symbolizes the pilgrimage of the Christian journey (Benedict XVI, General Audience, June 21, 2006). His journey is one of the reasons St. James is considered the patron saint of pilgrim travelers and was recognized as a patron saint of World Youth Day 2016. In fact, the path to Santiago de Compostela, where St. James is buried in northwestern Spain, was one of the most traveled pilgrim routes during Medieval times after Rome and Jerusalem. Many people continue to make this pilgrimage today and to seek the guidance of St. James. We can call upon him to protect us during our journeys and to intercede for us for our personal conversions of heart before, during, and after our travels. We are called to follow Jesus as St. James did, knowing that even through life’s difficulties, we are walking along God’s path for us together with Christ.

Through the example of St. James the Apostle, we see that following Jesus can have its difficulties through persecution and other hardships, but that our eternal reward is life in heaven with him. St. James’ story encourages us to leave our comparisons to others behind, fully trust in God, and show enthusiasm for Jesus Christ even when it is difficult.

*Art: Saint James the Great by Guido Reni | Reflection by Dana Edwards, [catholicapostolatecenter.org](http://catholicapostolatecenter.org)*



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, JULY 23

5:00PM For the People of Saint James

## SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:00AM **Mary O'Mahoney**  
*r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly*  
**John Montana, Jr.**  
*r/b Janice Montana*  
10:00AM **Ernie Reedy**  
*r/b Wife & Children*  
12:00PM **Shaun Findley**  
*r/b Marylou Kjelle*

## MONDAY, JULY 25

*Feast of Saint James*

7:30AM **Milagros Guzman**  
*r/b Sister*

## TUESDAY, JULY 26

*Memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne*

7:30AM **Robert Hunrath**  
*r/b Bratsch Family*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

7:30AM **Natalie Vital**  
*r/b Maria Martinez*

## THURSDAY, JULY 28

7:30AM **Bruno David**  
*r/b Patricia David*

## FRIDAY, JULY 29

*Memorial of Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

7:30AM **Betty Amend**  
*r/b Jennifer Law*

## SATURDAY, JULY 30

8:30AM **Evelyn Arroyo**  
*r/b Theresa & Michael Quick*  
5:00PM **Carlyn & Tom Ryan**  
*r/b Family*

## SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00AM **John Clark**  
*r/b Clark & DiLeo Families*  
**Pasquale & Giovanna Circelli**  
*r/b Anthony & Carmelina Reino*  
10:00AM **Domenico Mazzacuva**  
*r/b Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva*  
12:00PM **Angie Raimondo**  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne VanVolkenburgh*

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



## BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James

*To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.*

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Marie Boin, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, 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, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, 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., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Christopher Waryn, Peggy Wysock

*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 home-bound 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.*

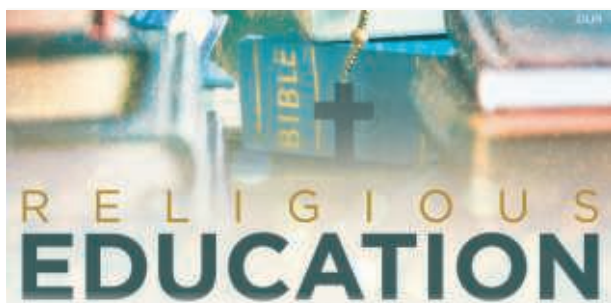
## A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson

## A TIME TO DIE

Father James Redstone





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**EMAIL: [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org)**

If you have a child entering first grade in public school this September please contact the Religious Education Office for registration information.

Detailed information regarding Family Faith will be emailed to all returning registered families the beginning of August, along with the link to the online registration.

### **WORLD DAY FOR** *Grandparents & the Elderly*

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly is **this weekend, Sunday, July 24, 2022**. The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church.

Pope Francis notes that grandchildren and youth are not only invited to be present in the lives of older people. He also emphasizes the notion that grandparents and the elderly are sent by the Lord on a mission of evangelization by their proclamation, prayer, and by encouraging young people in their faith.

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has “filled with days”. Let us celebrate it together!

## **SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES**



### **BAPTISM**

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

### **RECONCILIATION**

4:00PM on Saturdays  
or by appointment.

### **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.

### **VOCATIONS**

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life?  
Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office:  
(973) 497-4365.



FOR THE KIDS

# *God Hears Our Prayers*





## *Gospel*

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make Him happy. Ask Him to give you the things you really need. Ask Him to help you forgive other people, just like He forgives you. God loves you, so talk to Him often!

## *Prayer*

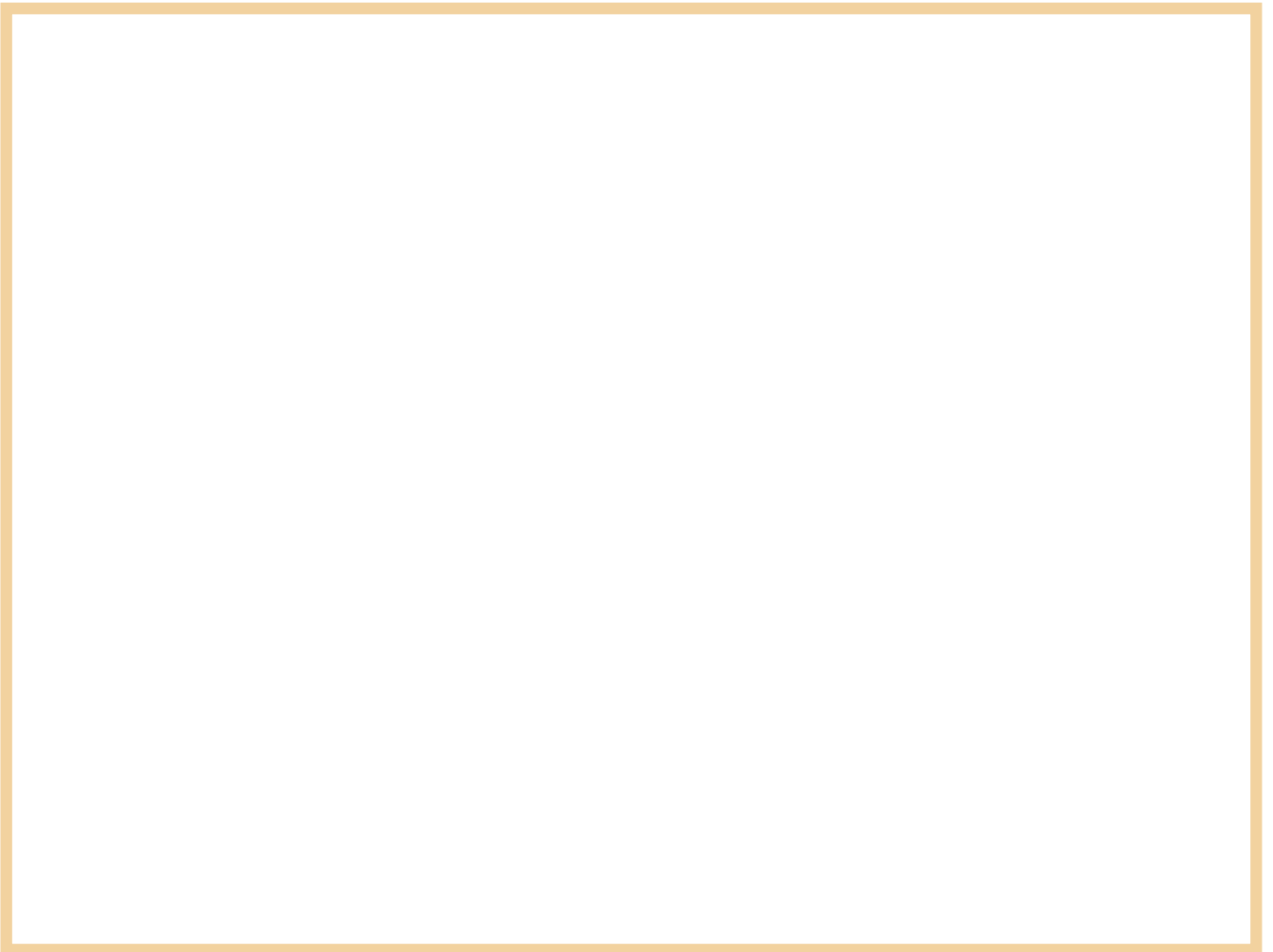
Dear God, thank you for hearing me and listening to me.

## *Mission*

Make time to pray every day this week.

## *Draw*

Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.



## 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](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

[www.thewaterfrontproject.org](http://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 for July 16/17

Regular Collection:	\$ 7,612.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,665.00
Total:	\$10,277.00

Archdiocesan Assessment: \$916.00

We also 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](http://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?... Signing up for on-line giving is quick and easy. The summer season brings with it busy schedules and much needed vacations. Don't let your giving to the church take a vacation too. Sign up for online giving today. With a few quick selections, your giving can be set up for the rest of the summer and beyond.

Remember... Online giving makes for easier living.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities received \$1,324 as a result of your generosity to the Donation Bin program from December 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. These funds combined with monies from other locations throughout the Archdiocese enable us to provide light and hope through the darkness of poverty, sickness, and rejection. Our food program alone distributed 178,671 pounds of food to 29,779 households (FY 2020/2021). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

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Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

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