



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church



A good tree does not bear  
rotten fruit, nor does a rotten  
tree bear good fruit.

*Luke 6:43*

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | MARCH 2, 2025  
[www.saintjamesparish.org](http://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, March 8:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, March 9:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

### 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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Campus Redevelopment Town Hall meetings. The positive feedback that was received was confirmation that our vision for campus redevelopment is on the right track!

In the coming weeks newly updated Parish Center renderings will be posted and displayed. Also, more information regarding the plans for a major parish capital campaign to support the construction of the new parish center will be provided.

Friends, this is an exciting time in the life of our beloved parish. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Campus Redevelopment Committee if you have questions or comments.

For your information, here is a list of names of parishioners who serve on the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee:

- *Dennis McNany*, Coordinator
- *Antoine Bernard*
- *Chris Capodice*
- *Darin Cerreto*
- *Kenneth Deriggi*
- *Deacon Hugh Keffer*
- *Colleen Kelly*
- *Rita Lombardi*
- *Vicki Sarracino*
- *Theresa Scelfo*
- *Michael Quick*

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

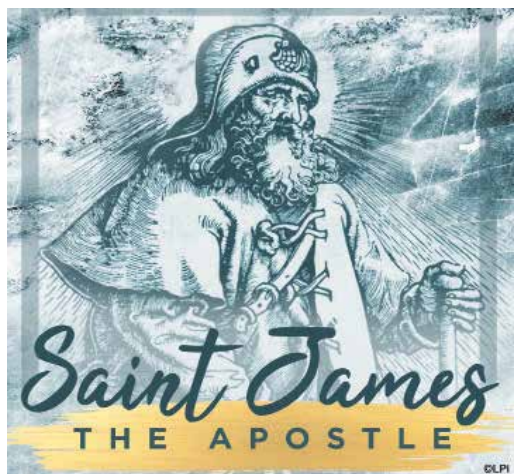
### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The processes of growth are gradual, bearing fruit in a decade, not a day. — *John F. Kennedy*

## SAINT JAMES BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The "Healing Hearts" bereavement group will **not** be meeting for the month of March. We will reconvene on **Wednesday April 2, at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. We will be meeting every other Wednesday evening.

Meetings often include scripture readings, guided discussions helping members navigate their grief while drawing strength from their faith of to move forward. It is open to all who seek comfort. It offers a journey of mourning and renewal guided by faith, hope, and the support of others.



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

#### Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Psalm 92

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

### GOSPEL

#### Luke 6:39-45

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



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

### NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

#### Confirmation Year 1 Group –

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

#### Confirmation Year 2 Group –

On Tuesday, March 11 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 for our teens currently in 8th to 12th grades.

If you want to attend this Summer's Youth Conference, please use the QR code to register and reserve your spot. Space is limited and on a first come first serve basis.



### To our parishioners,

We are raising funds to support our group of young teenagers who want to attend this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference.

We hope that many young people from St. James will be able to join this life-changing experience and these funds we raise will ensure that the cost (\$400 per participant) will not be a barrier for any teen wanting to participate.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our teens who want to take part in this amazing opportunity to grow in their faith by hearing from engaging and inspiring Catholic speakers, attending the sacraments, and building friendships with other teens who like them are excited about their faith.

Donations will go directly towards this trip. If interested in donating, please use the QR code or contact Ana Serra-Prescott. If using the QR code, you will be able to select for your donation to go to sponsor a specific participant or to the general cost, which will first help any teen in need of financial assistance to attend and then pay for any other expenses to make the trip happen.



**Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office**  
**(973) 376-2061 | [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org)**

## 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



## 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.

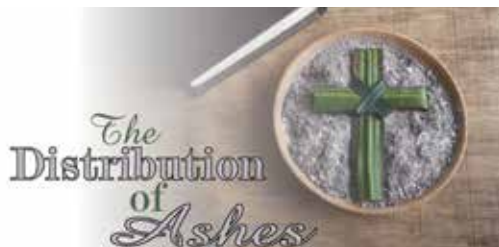
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



## 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!



**Wednesday,  
March 5, 2025**

**7:30am Mass  
3:30pm Service  
7:00pm Mass**



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT  
6:30 PM**

LED BY THE DEACONS AND PARISH MINISTRIES

### WEEKLY MINISTRY LEADERS:

**MARCH 7** : Monday Rosary Group  
**MARCH 14** : Bereavement Ministry  
**MARCH 21** : Saint James Lectors  
**MARCH 28** : Adult Faith Formation & Men's Ministry  
**APRIL 4** : Saint James Choir  
**APRIL 11** : Family Faith Formation

**MARCH 7 and APRIL 11:** Pizza will be served in the Narthex after Stations.

**MARCH 14:** Sign up for the Fish Fry and enjoy dinner after Stations.

Every Friday, we will collect **diapers** and **wipes** as part of a parish Lenten almsgiving activity. Please drop off donations in the Narthex. The collection will support ABC Diaper Distribution in Summit.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**SIGNUP  
TODAY!**



*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

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## **"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)

**Babysitting available for children in Pre-K3 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
(space is limited so please use sign-up on Flocknote)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP  
ON THE FLOCKNOTE WEBSITE:



Questions? Send email to [adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org)

## RESERVE YOUR MEAL TODAY



### THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

FRY-DAY NIGHT  
**Lenten**



**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](mailto:parishlife@saintjamesparish.org)

## 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!

## GOD BLESS DEACON MIKE!

Dear Parishioners,



It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that I formally acknowledge Deacon Michael DeRobert's retirement from his diaconate ministry. His faithful service to the people of Saint James has been a blessing. Over the years, he has demonstrated dedication and compassion and served faithfully as a deacon in the Church here at St. James and throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Working alongside Deacon Mike has been a privilege. His collaboration with me, the parish staff, and the entire parish community has been marked by a spirit of loving service and mutual respect.

Thank you, Deacon Mike, for the blessing of your ministry which has enriched our parish family in countless ways. Your ministry has touched the lives of many, and your presence among us has echoed the Gospel values you were ordained to share.

While we are all saddened to see Deacon Mike retire from active ministry, we understand, respect, and support his decision. It will take some time for us to adjust to seeing Deacon Mike in the pews with his wife Anna rather than serving on the altar. Nonetheless, we look forward to his participation in the life of the parish "from the pews."

On behalf of the parish staff and the entire Saint James community, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your many years of devoted ministry. May God bless you abundantly as you enter into this new chapter of your life. You will always remain a cherished member of our parish family. Ad Multos Annos!

With tremendous gratitude,

Rev. David C. Santos  
Pastor





# Archdiocese of Newark

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

## ***2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS***

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.**

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

February 18, 2025

### **ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER**

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## 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

## 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](http://www.NewarkPriest.com), email [NewarkPriest@rcan.org](mailto: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.

## CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 2-5PM



### **PATRONS**

\$12 Advance  
\$15 door  
Kids ≤12 free

### **COMPETITORS**

No entry fee



Knights of Columbus Council 5560  
59 Shunpike Rd, Summit, NJ 07901



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1

**5:00pm**     **John and Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Nicolene Weismantel**  
r/b Gary and Mary Ellen Capron

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00am**     **Jack Sullivan**  
r/b Tom and Judy Spera  
**William J. Pezzuti**  
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sessa

**10:00am**    **Antonio and Giovanni Circelli**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Maria Santos**  
r/b Pflug Family

**12:00pm**    **James J. Carney**  
r/b Patty and John Carney  
**Nunzio Covello**  
r/b Grace O'Brien and Family

## MONDAY, MARCH 3

**7:30am**     **Mary Mathew**  
r/b Daughter

## TUESDAY, MARCH 4

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

### Ash Wednesday

**7:30am**     **For the People of Saint James**

**7:00pm**     **For the People of Saint James**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 6

**7:30am**     **Rosemarie Brodeur**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 7

**7:30am**     **M. Lorraine Speckhart**  
r/b Roethlin Family

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**8:30am**     **Peter Villani**  
r/b Donna, Al, and Janet

**5:00pm**     **Vincent Genco**  
r/b Nancy Caputo  
**Peter Villani**  
r/b Donna, Al, and Janet

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9

### First Sunday of Lent

**8:00am**     **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Denise Allen**  
r/b Michael Ellmer

**10:00am**    **Thomas Botte**  
r/b Angela Ragonese  
**Giuseppe Mazzacuva**  
r/b Angela and Pasquale Mazzacuva

**12:00pm**    **Elizabeth Koch**  
r/b Walter Popiel  
**Joyce McManamy**  
r/b Grace O'Brien and Family

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Emily Vidal  
r/b Connie Garcia

## BREAD & WINE:

Emily Vidal  
r/b Connie Garcia



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

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## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Luca DelleDonne, Augustino Giancaspro,  
Giuliana Jankunas, Luciana Angelina Maiorana,  
Aiden Joseph Navarro

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## 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 Mazzaris, 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.*

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## 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





**FINANCE**  
Parish Finance Council

## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?...

Lent is so much more than what you “give up.” During this Lenten Season, think of what you can give not just what you can give up.

The **2025 Annual Appeal** is in full swing. 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. Each parish is assigned two goals: a **Base Goal**, that must be met by the parish, and a **Stretch Goal**, that if exceeded the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction.

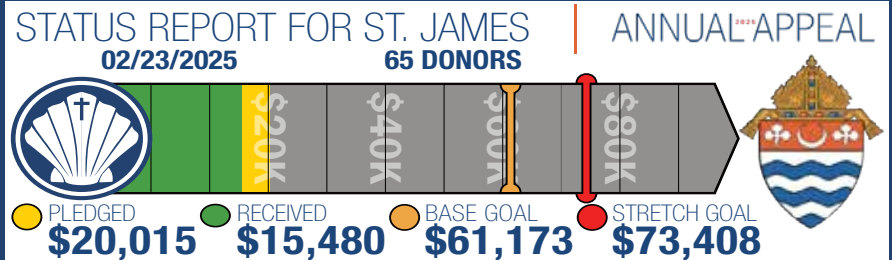
Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction. This is a potential savings for our parish.

Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

Remember...

Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.

– St. Catherine of Siena



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of February 15 & 16

Regular Collection:	\$	6,627.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,127.00</b>

#### Weekend of February 22 & 23

Regular Collection:	\$	6,417.00
Online Giving:	\$	5,165.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,582.00</b>

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](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.



Keep up-to-date with parish news, event updates, and more!

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576  
OR Sign up on the website:

[saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com](http://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)

### Lent – Sacrifice – Donations Bins – Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the property?

If you do, you have made the connection.

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Father David C. Santos  
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

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

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Hugh A. Keffer  
hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org

### **WEEKEND ASSISTANT**

Father John Dennehy

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

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