

PASTOR'S COLUMN

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

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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, May 18:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, May 19:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
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 6:30PM
in the Church and on
Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday Holy Hour at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

THE ASCENSION

Juan de Flandes

Netherlands, 1447 – Palencia (Spain), 1514

A very intriguing painting that I've come across - certainly one of the more memorable ones - depicts the apostles standing around a large rock that has two very clear footprints imbedded in its surface. The disciples are gathered at the bottom of the frame with their heads tilted upwards looking up towards the sky with their mouths open. But all you see of Jesus

are his feet dangling as he disappears at the top edge of the picture. Even though you can't see anything above the knees, you know it's Jesus because of the wounds on his feet. The Lord is being "lifted up" into heaven while the apostles look on. That's what's being described in our 1st reading from Acts and that's what's happening in our Gospel - Jesus is ascending to heaven.

In the painting, the apostles, for obvious reasons, are fixated on the heels of Jesus. In Matthew's retelling of the scene, angels tell the earth bound followers of Jesus something we could all take to heart, too: **"Why are you standing looking up at the sky?"**

This is an interesting question when we really think about it...I mean, if you had just seen Jesus ascend into heaven, you'd probably stand there with your mouth open, staring into the sky. But here's what the angels are getting at; here's what they want us to remember:

Although the Ascension is a spectacular event from the perspective of those on the ground, a relationship with Jesus enables us to be lifted up in dignity and purpose as we follow His ways by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Don't look up!" the angels say. **Look out! Look within! Don't get caught up in what is already passed but see what's happening right now!** Friends, because Jesus ascended into heaven, He is now able - through the power of the Holy Spirit - to be a part of every decision you make, in each word and action, in your relationships, in the choices you make to love, to be compassionate, to forgive!

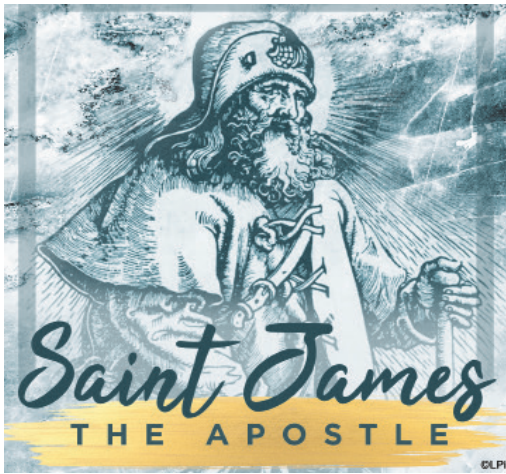
Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The soul is in God and God is in the soul.
God is closer to us than water is to a fish.

— *Saint Catherine of Siena*





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

“It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

OR

Ephesians 4:1-13

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it says:

He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to our children who received the Body of Christ for the first time this weekend!

We hope you join us at the table of the Lord often!!

“May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you.”

A reminder that May Crowning is on May 19 after the 12 noon Mass.

Family Faith 2024-2025 Registration is open.

Please use the QR code to access the Registration form and online fee payment.

(The form is to register 1st to 8th graders – One form per family)

Registration and payment are due July 31.

Any registrations received after July 31 will incur a \$50 late fee.



If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Family Faith Formation Office.

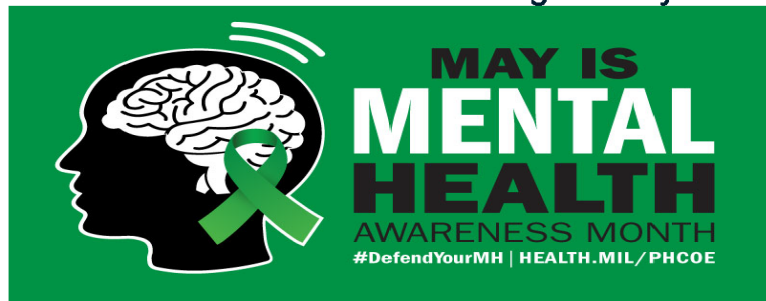
We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!

Family Faith Formation Office

Ana Serra-Prescott

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Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry



What is the Guild of St. Benedict:

It is a Spiritual Support for Brain Disorders of All Kinds

This Catholic organization exists solely to support spiritually those suffering from brain disorders and mental illness and their families and friends. The Guild encourages a structural model of living for families who have a loved one with mental illness.

Explore their Prayer Support Groups on Zoom:

Seven Sorrows Rosary for Peace PRAYED EVERY WEEKDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM

Sr. Isadora’s Rosary Reflections- (Month of May Only) 10 AM ET

Weekday Night Seven Sorrows Rosary- 7 PM

For more information go to → <https://guildbjlabre.org/Support>

Please look on the table in the Narthex for handouts on Anxiety and other topics.

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



JOIN US ON
MONDAY, MAY 13TH
AT 7:00 PM

PRAYER SERVICE WITH
TALK BY FR. PALADINO,
*"The Power of Devotion -
Why Mary Matters"*

PRAYING OF THE ROSARY,
PROCESSION



We invite the young members of our parish
(elementary and high school) to join the choir
for the Prayer Service. Practice starts at 6 pm.



We are inviting men of the Parish 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.

All gentlemen of the Parish are welcome!

These meetings will take place in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory, on **Saturdays at 9am** (after the 8:30am Mass). You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

Please email John Prescott at
MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org
to register if you are interested.
There is no cost for attendance.

The St. James the Apostle Men's Ministry Group will be meeting on these dates:

May 18	Oct 26
June 15	Nov 23
Sept 21	Dec 21



Saint James the Apostle Mental Health and Wellness Ministry

MAY 15, 2024

FEAST DAY OF SAINT DYMPHNA

**PATRON SAINT OF ALL
DEALING WITH WORRIES, TROUBLES,
ANXIOUSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH
CONCERNS, AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM.**

Although she was a young princess, St. Dymphna dealt with these circumstances and more. Her intercession has been a source of comfort and strength to God's people throughout the ages and is available to us today. St. James the Apostle Church is holding a prayer service in honor of St. Dymphna and seeking her intercession as we navigate the troubles of this life and help our loved ones doing the same.

THE PRAYER SERVICE WILL BEGIN IN THE CHURCH AT 7:00PM.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

3RD ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT

BACK TO THE 80's

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

Saint James Hatcher Hall
41 South Springfield Ave., Springfield NJ

\$75.00 PER PERSON

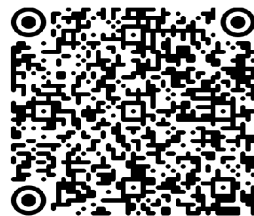
Buffet catered by Sofia's Restaurant in Springfield

**DRESS IN YOUR
BEST 80'S FASHION**

Cash Bar • Play Money • 50/50 •
Cigar Tent • Cork Pull

Doors open following 5:00 PM Mass
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Casino play at 7:00 PM

Scan the QR code to
purchase tickets



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SAINT JAMES PARISH

2024 SAINT JAMES PHOTO DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT

Saint James the Apostle Parish cordially invites your family to an exclusive, wonderful opportunity to create lifetime memories.

Join us for a family Portrait (*FREE, no sitting fee*)

Sundays from 9a-3p on 5/19/24, 6/9/24, 6/19/24

Call the photo studio directly at **201-681-5004** or scan the QR code to secure your place! Plus, enjoy the option of a full family photoshoot and the opportunity to purchase portraits or digital images at a discounted fee.



SAVE THE DATE

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Come march with us and let us celebrate our heroes who fought for our country together.

Monday, May 27, 10am
Veterans Park
Corner of Mountain Ave. and
Shunpike Road, Springfield NJ



Saint James parishioners will gather at 9:45am. Wear your Saint James swag and look for the Saint James banner to find us. If you will march with us, please send an e-mail to parishlife@saintjamesparish.org

thank you, thank you, thank you! ©JPPC

A huge thank you to Deacon Doctor Michael Giuliano for his informative and thought-provoking presentation on the Catholic approach to suffering and death (April 27).

Deacon Giuliano drew from his experience as a critical care physician to instruct us on living wills, ethics of end-of-life decision-making, hospice care and more.

Further resources are available from the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org)

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of Deacon Giuliano's slides is welcome to call the church office and make this request.

Thanks to Deacon Giuliano's own generosity in donating his honorarium, and the generosity of our parishioners and other attendees, nearly \$600 will be forwarded to the Sisters of Life to assist in their life-affirming work (sistersoflife.org).



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF OUTING

JULY 8, 2024
MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Sign up today to secure your spot!

Join us for our golf outing or through our sponsorship packages. Proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church.

HOLE SPONSOR

\$200 Sign with Company/Family Name on a tee box during the outing.

GOLF

\$350 PER GOLFER: Includes player gift bag, brunch, cocktail hour, buffet dinner with open bar

DINNER ONLY

\$125 PER PERSON: Includes cocktail hour and buffet dinner with open bar.

9:30AM-11:00AM.....Registration/Brunch
11:00AM.....Shotgun Start
4:00PMCocktail Hour
5:00PM..... Buffet Dinner
Contests, prizes and more!

To register, scan QR code or visit: <https://saintjamestheapostle.org/golf-outing-2024/>



a BIG thank you ©JPPC



Last Saturday morning, our Boy Scout Troop 73 helped out in the cleaning and upkeep of Dr. Eckel's Island, St. James' adopted plot, in Springfield.

For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive

Every Drop Counts

DONATE BLOOD TO SAVE A LIFE

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 | 1:30PM - 7:30PM

Gary Letizia was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 68. If not for the countless gallons of blood that kept him bravely battling Leukemia, I wouldn't have had my Dad for that final year. Please consider donating so that someone else's loved one may receive the same precious gift of time.
-Dr. Matt Letizia



Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Ave.
Springfield, NJ

Make an appointment, visit
<http://nybc.org/letizia>
Appointments Encouraged,
Walk-Ins Welcome!



GET TO KNOW CHEYENNA COOK



"And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent" (John 17:3).

What does it mean to know God? What does it mean to know Jesus? Many people know of God and know of Jesus, but do they really know Him?

My name is Cheyenna Cook, and starting at the end of May I will be a missionary with FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. FOCUS is the largest Catholic collegiate missionary organization in the country, and its mission is to help others come to know Him and fulfill His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Through outreach and evangelization, we bring Christ into a student's world, meet them where they are at, and help them come to know Christ, deepen their relationship with Him, and teach them how to live as His disciple.

I am deeply passionate about helping others come to know Christ because I, like many others, used to only know of Him. Born and raised in New Jersey, I grew up Catholic but did not live out my faith. Chasing what the world offered, I quickly became consumed with the things of this earth, and it wasn't until the end of my senior year in college after an incredible encounter with Christ that my life radically changed - it's a pretty cool story and I'd love to share it with you sometime!

Knowing Christ truly changes everything, and we are all called to be His disciples and make disciples of all nations. Now more than ever do college students need someone to bring Christ to them, and that's what we do as FOCUS missionaries! In order to do this mission, I need to build a support team of faithful financial and prayer supporters who will join me on mission through their generous support. I would love for you to join me on mission, and together we really can reach the world (John 15:8)! If you are interested in learning more about FOCUS, our mission, and/or about how you can partner with me on mission, I would love the opportunity to meet with you and get to know you and hear about your story!

God Bless!

Cheyenna

**If you'd like to contact Cheyenna please call the rectory office or email Fr. Santos.*



Celebrate 75 Years of The Springfield First Aid Squad

SATURDAY
June 1, 2024
10 AM to 3 PM

A fun community event
for the whole family!

FREE ADMISSION

- ▶ Food & Refreshments
- ▶ Games & Activities
- ▶ Ambulance Tours
- ▶ And so much more!



10 N. Trivett Ave
Springfield, NJ 07081
We look forward to seeing you there!

To find out how to volunteer,
please email or call us at:
Membership@SpringfieldFAS.org
973-908-8EMS Ext. 2

DID YOU KNOW?

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Catholics believe that we should worship God alone, but venerate Mary. The mother of God is the model of perfect love and obedience to Christ. We pray to the saints because they are exemplars of Christian life. We ask Mary and the saints to intercede before the Holy Trinity on our behalf.



Source: <https://www.archmil.org/Becoming-Catholic/Why-Do-Catholics-Do-That.htm>



A Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For Our Catholic Community, Serving Catholic Families for over 160 years

Join us for an enlightening Meet & Greet with a memorial planning advisor from Catholic Cemeteries after the Masses

May 18th and May 19th

The Meet and Greet is a chance to gain insights, ask questions, and understand the spiritual journey of a Catholic funeral.

While there's no obligation whatsoever, the recommendations will be invaluable. For those who may miss it, and for more information, don't hesitate to visit our website: www.rcancem.org

Blessings and peace be with you all.

Mary, The Mother of Compassion



Catholic Charities
of the Archdiocese of Newark
Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God's children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, toys, tools, and children's books to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s).

Thank you.

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, MAY 11

5:00pm For All Mothers

SUNDAY, MAY 12

The Ascension of the Lord/Mother's Day

8:00am For All Mothers

10:00am For All Mothers

12:00pm For All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 13

7:30am Robert Ruple
r/b Mark & Cara

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Saint Matthias

7:30am Jane White
r/b Deacon Kevin &
Marcia Reina

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:30am Sarah O'Neill
r/b Mary Vesey

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:30am Ronnie Fusco
r/b Carmela Fusco

FRIDAY, MAY 17

7:30am Carmela Falletta
r/b Raffaella Conetta

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:30am Aurora & Ceferino Gozo
r/b Ave Gozo

5:00pm Maria Pellegrino
r/b Connie Garcia & Family

Jeanne Morey
r/b Assunta Cacciatore

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday

8:00am Peter Reynolds
r/b Lynn & Tom Barbone

Deceased Members of the
Soriente Family
r/b Angela Ragonese

10:00am Mary Jane & Siegfried Roethlin
r/b Roethlin Family

Giuseppe & Domenico
Mazzacuva
r/b Angela and Pasquale
Mazzacuva

12:00pm Mary Ellen Warren
r/b Pat Sullivan

Caesar & Edward Rivano
r/b Marion Rivano



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Marie Vecchione
r/b Vickie Steinbeck

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, 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, Julie Mornhinweg, 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





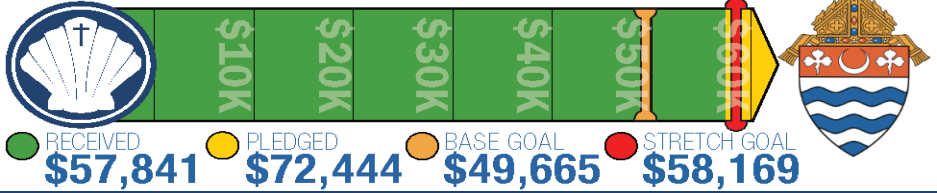
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Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES
04/28/2024 171 DONORS

ANNUAL APPEAL 2024



We reached our 2024 Annual Appeal Stretch Goal! **THANK YOU** for your generous support and participation.

Not only do your gifts support essential ministries and programs within our Archdiocese but, by exceeding the stretch goal the parish is eligible for a rebate. And, as funds are collected prior to June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9



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

If you signed up but haven't received emails or have found the newsletter in your spam folder, be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contacts list.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of May 4 & 5

Regular Collection:	\$	5,507.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,225.00
Total:	\$	9,732.00

Easter Collection to date: \$44,304

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.

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for
your
many.
blessings
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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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