



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

Let us  
*rejoice*  
in the  
house  
of the  
Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,  
Springfield, NJ 07081  
(973) 376-3044

### 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, December 3:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, December 4:**  
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:**  
Wednesdays at 7PM  
Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

My mother never had difficulty staying awake—she would wait up for every family member until they were home safe in their beds. Or she'd stay up all night just to make sure bags were packed and all was ready for an adventurous summer road trip the next day.

I didn't really appreciate my mother's secret to staying awake until recently. It wasn't like mom danced around the living room or drank pots of coffee to stay awake (although she was known to engage in both of those activities from time to time). But recently I read somewhere that sleep experts advise engaging in lively conversations to get your mind moving when you're feeling drowsy. Conversation—that was mom's secret during her late night vigils—conversations with God. Mom has always been a world-class pray-er. She says the rosary nightly and a Hail Mary or Our Father whenever she has the chance. She shares everything with God—her hopes and dreams for the family and her greatest concerns.

While the rest of the household slumbered, she kept watch with her best friend and was ever ready at the appointed hour. **I can't help but think of my mother's superhuman-like power to wrestle sleep each time I hear Jesus' command to "stay awake!"**

Friends, Advent is not our annual invitation to winter slumber and day-dreams about white Christmases and chestnuts roasting on open fires. There are "days to come," Isaiah reveals, when peace will replace the violence of our churning, restless world. "Stay awake!" Jesus reminds us, so that we don't miss the signature of those days. Nor the vital decisions each of us has yet to make.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT THEME

It has been the tradition here at St. James for parishioners to participate in the decorating of the narthex/gathering space Parish Christmas Tree. Each year a theme is selected, and parishioners are invited to hang an ornament that corresponds to the year's theme.

This year's ornament theme is **FAMILY**.

Whether it's an ornament with your family's picture or a Christmas image or symbol that best characterizes your family, please feel free to hang your FAMILY inspired Christmas ornament on the parish Christmas tree beginning the weekend of December 10th, the day we joyfully light the parish Christmas tree after the 5pm Mass.

The ornaments are welcome to hang on the parish Christmas tree through the weekend of January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the day which concludes the Christmas season.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work.*  
-Mary Oliver



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Saint James Christmas Tree Lighting Event

**Saturday, December 10th after 5PM Mass**

Join us for carols, candy canes and Christmas cheer as we light our parish Christmas tree! We are also collecting non-perishable food at the event to donate to Our Lady of Sorrows food pantry. Hope to see you there!

### Healing Mass

**Saturday, December 3rd at 12:00PM**

All are welcome to our celebration of the Mass with Anointing of the Sick: both those who wish to receive the Anointing and those who wish to offer their prayers and presence in support of those being anointed. People of all ages, including children, who suffer from a serious or chronic illness or are facing major surgery can be anointed, as well as those who are elderly and in a weakened condition.

### MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### National Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

A collection is being taken up across the Archdiocese which will help many religious communities to care for their elderly members, to assess their financial situations, and to chart a course toward fiscal stability. The influence of women and men religious both in our Archdiocese and in the entire Church, as well as the society of the United States, is undeniable . . . their many sacrifices over decades now leaves them in need themselves.

Please consider giving to this fund and praying both for the success of this collection as well as for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious. Thank you for your support!

### FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

*"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."*

**Responsorial: Psalm 122**

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

*Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day...*

**Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 85:8**

*Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.*

**Gospel: Luke 23:35-43**

*"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



### Giving Tree

We will be providing gifts for the needy during this Holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. If you can purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated. This year we will collect gifts under the tree in the vestibule.

Place the UNWRAPPED gift with tags attached in a large gift bag with tissue paper. Please attach the tag you selected from the tree on the outside of the gift bag. **Return your gift to Church after Mass ONLY starting Saturday, November 26th but no later than Sunday, December 11th.**

If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they are also needed at the Center. As always, **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

Please contact Gianna Hayes via the Rectory at (973) 376-3044.

## Advent Memorials

**The Advent Wreath is displayed  
in Loving Memory of:**

Angela & Daniel Raimondo  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser and  
Marianne Van Volkenburgh*

**The Advent Candles will burn  
in Loving Memory of:**

Bollmeyer, Bava, Belnavis & Genco Families  
*r/b Family*

Mr. & Mrs. B. LoMacchio  
and Mr. & Mrs. J. Carney  
*r/b Patty & John Carney*

Gene Melleno  
*r/b wife, Robin*

Barbara Germinder  
*r/b daughter, Robin*

**Advent "Little Blue Books"  
in Loving Memory of:**

John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri  
*r/b Family*



**CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST**

**BREAKFAST  
WITH SANTA**

**GAMES &  
CRAFTS**

**SAINT JAMES GYM**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**\$10 ADULTS / \$5 CHILDREN 3 & UP**

NAME: <input type="text"/>		CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.  PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OFFICE WITH PAYMENT BY <b>NOVEMBER 25.</b>
# OF ADULTS: <input type="text"/>	# OF CHILDREN <input type="text"/>	
PHONE NUMBER: <input type="text"/>		

**BRING  
YOUR  
CAMERA!**

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE RECTORY AT (973) 376-3044 OR E-MAIL [PARISHLIFE@SAINTJAMESPARISH.ORG](mailto:PARISHLIFE@SAINTJAMESPARISH.ORG)

## ADVENT EVENTS

Saint James the Apostle Church

# *Advent Evening of Reflection for Women*

**Monday, December 5  
7:30PM**

In the Church, immediately following the Rosary at 7:00 PM

*Join us for a special evening of fellowship, prayer,  
music, and reflection*

*At this busy time of year, treat  
yourself to this opportunity to slow  
down and reflect on the reason for the  
season.*

*It will be a precious gift to yourself!*

### *Our Advent Evening of Reflection Presenters*

**Regina Furlan** is a long-time Springfield resident who is certified spiritual director and an adjunct staff member of the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. She is married and has twin young adult daughters.

**Maeve Buganski** grew up in Berkeley Heights has been playing guitar, singing, and leading worship since high school. She works now as an event planner for a small Catholic non-profit organization and is getting married this April!



To R.S.V.P. please visit our parish website at [saintjamestheapostle.org](http://saintjamestheapostle.org) or scan the QR code.





# Advent Movie Night

Friday, December 16

7:00-9:00pm

Saint James School Gym

CHRISTMAS WITH  
**THE CHOSEN**  
"THE MESSENGERS"

Featuring musical performances by some of the top names in Christian music, followed by a special episode of the series told through the eyes of Mary.



Bring your family, friends, and a comfortable lawn chair, we'll provide the popcorn, snacks and drinks!

*Feel free to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share.*  
(A limited number of folding chairs are available)

To RSVP please use the link at [saintjamestheapostle.org](http://saintjamestheapostle.org) or scan this QR Code.



## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



**December 3rd-4th from 11AM-3PM  
at 290 Broad Street, Summit, NJ**

Families are welcome to join for dessert, hot cocoa, fun activities, and gift giveaways - and of course, pictures with Santa!

The event is to raise awareness of Sage Eldercare. We have been serving the local communities of Union County and beyond for 68 years, by providing home care, adult day care, meals on wheels deliveries of hot/cold lunches as well as grocery shopping to those less fortunate and to the elderly.



### WELCOME TO ADVENT!

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PRESENTS:

# THE VIGIL PROJECT

ADVENT  
TRUE  
PRESENCE  
NIGHT

LIVE MUSIC | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | DYNAMIC SPEAKING

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
**ST TERESA OF AVILA**  
**Memorial Hall | 6pm**  
**306 Morris Avenue, Summit**

ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC, ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, contact Matthew Still,  
Director of Liturgy & Music:  
matthews@stteresaavila.org or (908) 277-3700 ext 5

THEVIGILPROJECT.COM





**OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061**

Thank you to the families who donated Thanksgiving Baskets and Shoprite Gift Cards to Family Promise! Your generosity made their Thanksgiving meal very special.

This week, the 8th graders have class on Tuesday evening, November 29th.

## *Advent Ideas*

Below are a few ideas to assist you in making this Advent a more prayerful, holy, and happy season:

### **HALLOW APP**

"Advent #Pray25 Challenge" - Journey daily through the story of salvation as you prepare for the coming of our Savior! Download the Hallow app to sign up for these audio sessions.

### **DYNAMIC CATHOLIC**

"Best Advent Ever"- Receive inspirational video reflections sent daily by email. Sign up here: [dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html#form-a](http://dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html#form-a)

### **ADVENT WREATH**

Many churches and families light Advent candles to mark the progression toward the birth of Christ. Set up three purple candles, one pink candle, and a white candle in or around a wreath somewhere in your home. Each week during Advent, a new candle is lit until all the candles burn on Christmas or Christmas Eve. The first, second and fourth candles are traditionally purple, with the third being pink (symbolizing joy). The final white candle is lit either on Christmas or Christmas Eve and is known as the Christ candle. Consider reading the Sunday Mass readings together as a family each Sunday of Advent while you light the candle for the week.

## **SACRAMENTS**



### **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.

## ***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 contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.*



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00PM **Richard Quagliato**  
*r/b Roethlin Family*

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM **Theresa Yannazzone**  
*r/b Yannazzone Family*  
**Archangela D'Agostini**  
*r/b Family*

10:00AM **Jose Dominguez**  
*r/b Nancy & Julio Dominguez*

12:00PM **Angela & Daniel Raimondo**  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh*

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30AM **Dolores Salle & Pio Salle**  
*r/b Gene & Nieves Salle*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30AM **Mateo Apicella**  
*r/b Wife & Children*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30AM **Robert Hunrath**  
*r/b Sandy Lyna*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30AM **Delia Vergara Auilar**  
*r/b Susan Nunez*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30AM **Mateo Apicella**  
*r/b Wife & Children*  
5:00PM **Suzie LoMacchio & Eleanor Carney**  
*r/b Patty & John Carney*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM **For the People of Saint James**  
**Angela & Daniel Raimondo**  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh*  
10:00AM **Michael Sangregorio**  
*r/b Grace Sangregorio*  
12:00PM **Amelia Montana**  
*r/b Janice Montana*

*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., Beverly DeMarzo, 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., John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Erin Wade, Anne Wallis, MaryEllen Warren, 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

## 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 Weekend of November 19 & 20

*Collection totals not available at time of printing.  
Please check back next week for updates.*

*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

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