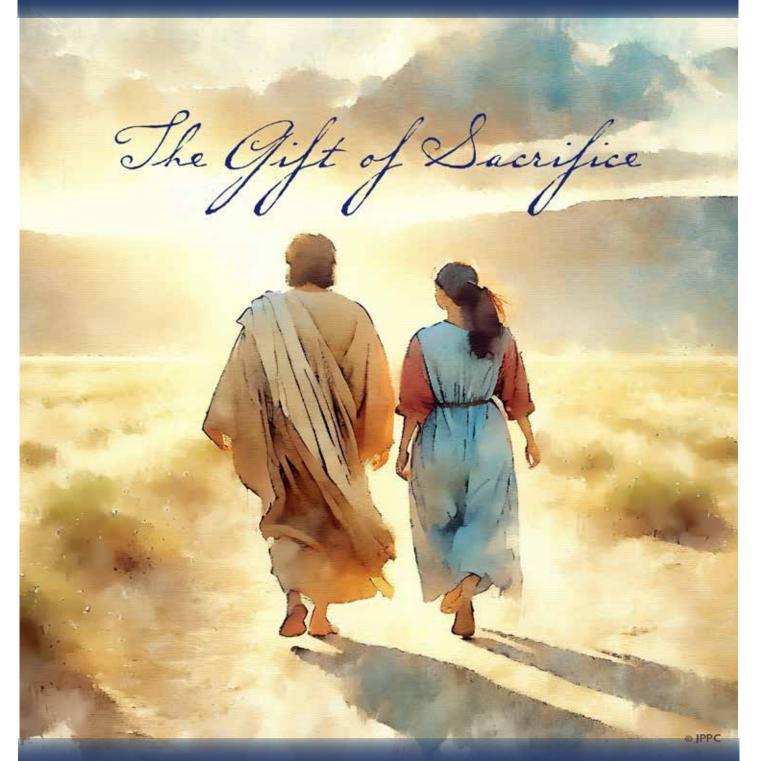
SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 10, 2024 www.saintjamesparish.org



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, November 16: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, November 17: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 12:00РМ - 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

RELECTION ON THE READINGS

Most of us are scared to death of the implications of the Gospel story of the poor widow and her two small coins. It's as challenging as that other teaching we try not to think about, the one where Jesus tells the thoroughly obedient man to sell all he has and join the disciples.

I'm first to admit, I'm not about to "go and sell everything"—at least not yet. But to put one out of every two extra pennies at the service of my neighbor seems the greatest good I might do. Why not buy a pair of shoes—and write a check to Catholic Relief Services for the same amount? It's a far crv from what the widow did, but it's moving in the right direction.

I'm reminded of Saint Vincent de Paul, at the close of his virtuous life, being admonished by one of his patrons to slow down. "You've done so much good, what else can you expect to do?" she demanded. "More," he replied. We can always do more.

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Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

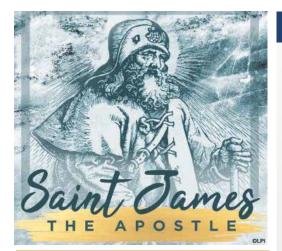
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The poor widow cast only two pennies into the treasury; yet because she gave all she had it is said of her that she surpassed all the rich in offering gifts to God.

-Saint Jerome (347-419)



Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am.



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16

For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth." She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 146 Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

Our Next Family Faith session is on Sunday, November 17th.

Our Confirmation preparation groups will be meeting on:

Confirmation Year 1 group – <u>Sunday, November 17th at</u> <u>St. Bartholomew Church</u> for a retreat with their Confirmation Year 1 group. We will meet at St. Bart's at 4PM. Remember a parent or sponsor must attend the retreat with each candidate.

Confirmation Year 2 group – <u>Tuesday, November 19th</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM in church.

The calendar dates for both Family Faith and Confirmation preparation sessions can be found on the Family Faith Formation page of the parish website.

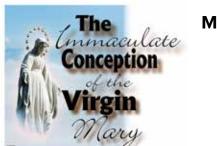
If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ana.

Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office (973) 376-2061 | aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

ST. JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

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

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



Monday, December 9, 2024 is now a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated at 7pm

In 2024, Dec. 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9. Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true. On Oct. 10, the USCCB received word from the Dicastery for Legislative Text that **"the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred."** In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, Dec. 9, is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.



"Letting go of

grief is just as painful or even

more painful

than the grief itself."

Miriam Toews' All My Puny Sornews

We are all aware of the recent devastation that has been caused by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. The impact upon the Southeastern United States continues to unfold, affecting countless lives.

SUPPORT HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

Scan the QR code to contribute directly to relief efforts through Catholic Charities, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the USA.

May our Lord bring his comfort, healing and peace to all affected by Helene and other natural disasters.



Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church reavement (upport raup

Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church is offering a 6 Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Thursday nights 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

November 7, 14, 21 December 5, 12, 19

Meetings will be in the parish rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield

Participation is FREE but registration is required. Please email Bereavement a saintjamesparish.org or contact the parish office at (973) 376-3044.

Let us be your companions for the journey. Our goal is to provide a process for healing within a safe and supportive environment.

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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped maintain the St. James the Apostle Island this season. Your service brought the light of our parish out into the community.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. -Corinthians 3:9

THERE ARE 2 SESSIONS LEFT!

NINGS OF MEN'S SPIRIT **INITY AT WORK IN OUR LIVES**

GOD THE FATHER - INITIATING | GOD THE SON - COMPLYING | GOD THE SPIRIT - EXECUTING

IN THESE TIMES OF CHANGE AND TRANSITION IN OUR DAILY LIVES. WE INVITE MEN OF ALL AGES TO THESE THREE SESSIONS IN UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF GOD THE FATHER. GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT



THREE TUESDAYS THIS FALL AT SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH OCTOBER 29, 7PM - 8PM

Talk by Fr. John Paladino

NOVEMBER 12, 7PM - 8PM Talk by Fr. David Santos

NOVEMBER 26, 7PM - 8PM Talk by Fr. John Dennehy

SAINT JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

The men of the Parish are invited 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.

The 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.

> Meeting Dates: November 23 | December 21

THANKSGIVING BAGS, TURKEY DRIVE & PARISH 5K!



Thanksgiving Bags

Sign up and Donate Food Supplies

DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE GATHERING AREA BEFORE ALL MASSES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SIGN UP FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- Turkey Gravy 13 oz. can (no glass jars, please)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes 13 oz. box
- Cranberry Sauce 15 oz. can
- · Corn 15 oz. can
- String Beans 15 oz. can
- · Canned Fruit 15 oz. can
- · Canned Yams 40 oz. can
- Boxed Stuffing 6 oz. box
- Package of Cookies
- Plastic Bottle of Juice 48 or 64 oz. bottle (no glass)



Confirmation Candidates and their families will assemble the bags

Completed bags will be donated to the Laaves and Fishes Ministry at St. Teresa's in Summit



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Community Food Bank Turkey Collection

DROP OFF IN THE SAINT JAMES PARKING LOT

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS



RUN/WALK KID'S TURKEY TROT OBSTACLE COURSE NOVEMBER 28th THANKSGIVING MORNING

8:00^{AM} Check-in/Registration | 9:00^{AM} Start | 9:45^{AM} Awards 8:45^{AM} Kid's Turkey Trot Obstacle Course Opens

> Use the QR Code to register or go to: www.raceforum.com/thanks



Questions, volunteer inquiries or sponsor opportunity information? Contact the rectory or email SKForThanks@saintjamesparish.org

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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ADVENT CONCERT WITH SARAH HART AND STEVE ANGRISANO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 4:00PM - 5:30PM

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH 45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE. SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

Featuring award-winning Catholic composers and musicians Sarah Hart (This Winter's Eve) and Steve Angrisano (God With Us (Emmanuel)), the popular event will center around the music of Advent and Christmas. Don't miss this sought-after duo and their uplifting storytelling and songs of hope and joy! Sing along, pray, be uplifted, and truly enter into the season!

Concert Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$10 students (Ages 5-18)



Concert + Dinner at Sofia's with Sarah and Steve: \$100

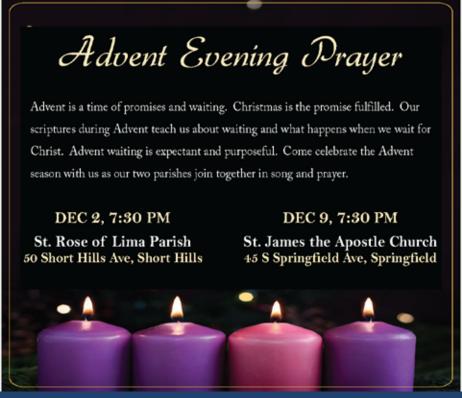


Please use QR codes to purchase tickets or send a check to Saint James Rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Questions? Please call the Parish Rectory or send an email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today, her award winning songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. She has been nominated for a Grammy award for the song "Better than a Hallelujah" recorded by Amy Grant, and has performed in Saint Peter's Square for Pope Francis. Based in Nashville, Tennessee she spends much of her time on the road – juggling a busy songwriting, recording, concert and event schedule.

Steve Angrisano is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. For over two decades, Steve has traveled worldwide, sharing his unique blend of humor, story, and song. Connecting head to heart, renewing faith, and inspiring young and old alike, his daily work is dedicated to presenting parish missions, and composing music for Oregon Catholic Press.



WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES FOR THE DEAD?

Lighting votive candles for deceased loved ones is an ancient tradition that is still practiced by many Catholics around the world.

One of the most enduring traditions of popular piety in the Catholic Church is the practice of lighting a votive candle for a deceased loved one.

Many Catholic churches throughout the world have an area dedicated to the lighting of votive candles.

Symbolism of candles

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- John 8:12

At the Easter Vigil, when the deacon or priest enters the darkened church with the single Easter candle, he intones, **"Christ, our Light."** To which the congregation replies, "Thanks be to God." This recalls how Jesus came into our world of sin and death to bring the light of God to us.

Candles at early Christian tombs

Besides being used to illuminate the places where the early Christians celebrated Mass, candles were also lighted at the tombs of martyrs. Father William Saunders explains that "there is evidence that lit candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of saints, particularly martyrs, by the 200s, and before sacred images and relics by the 300s."

Fr. Edward Looney wrote in an article for Aleteia that, "The flickering flame becomes a reminder to the petitioner and all who see it that in the darkest moment of a person's life, **Christ's light shines**, illuminating the darkness."

The candles also **represent our prayers for a deceased loved one** and while they aren't a required element of prayer, the candles have a great deal of symbolism and can comfort us in our moment of sorrow.

Lighting candles for the dead has a long and rich history in the Catholic Church and is not meant to be any type of superstition or ancestor worship, but is a reminder of Christ's light in this world and the next.

Author: Philip Kosloski - published on 11/02/24 Source: https://aleteia.org/2024/11/02/why-do-catholics-light-candles-for-the-dead

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTOR WORKSHOPS

The Worship Office will sponsor workshops in English and Spanish to train (or renew) extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and lectors at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop Saturday, Nov. 9th from 9am to 12:30pm

The Lectors Workshop Saturday, Nov. 16th from 9am to 12:30pm

Please scan the QR codes to register.





If you have questions, please contact the Worship Office at **973-497-4345** or **regina.chamberlain@rcan.org**.



UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2029 Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 12 noon.

> There is a **\$35 fee** to take the exam; there is no makeup date.

Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam.

To register scan this QR Code:



Contact the Admissions Office: 908-889-1600

Union Catholic High School | 1600 Martine Avenue Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

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, email 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

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, N	OVEMBER 9		
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			
5:00pm	John Montana		
•••••p	r/b Janice Montana, Daughter		
	Donna Hammargren		
	r/b JoAnn Lofredo		
SUNDAY, NOV			
	Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:00am	Amelia Montana		
o:uuam	r/b Janice Montana		
	Nicholas Circelli		
40.00	r/b Anthony and Carmelina		
10:00am	Ronnie Fusco		
	r/b Carmela Fusco		
	Deceased Members of the		
	Lombardi and Mazzacuva Families		
	r/b Rita Lombardi and Angela &		
	Pasquale Mazzacuva		
12:00pm	Daniel and Angela Raimondo		
	r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser and		
	Marianne Van Volkenburgh		
	Judy Policastro		
	r/b Family		
MONDAY, NO	VEMBER 11		
Saint Martin o	f Tours		
Veterans' Day			
8:30am	Doug Feder		
	r/b The Yannazzone Family		
TUESDAY, NO			
Saint Josapha			
7:30am	Elizabeth Koch		
/ .ooum	r/b Swicinski Family		
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 13		
Saint Francis			
7:30am	John Montana		
7.50am	r/b Janice Montana, Sister		
THURSDAY, N			
7:30am	Ellen O'Donnell		
7.50am			
r/b Dennis McNany FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15			
7:30am	June C. Rodriguez		
7:50am			
CATUDDAY N	r/b Gene and Nene Salle		
SATURDAY, N			
8:30am	Caesar and Edward Rivano		
F.00.	r/b Marion Rivano		
5:00pm	Ernest Reedy and Parents		
	r/b Eugenia Reedy		
	Patty Graziano		
	r/b Roethlin Family		
SUNDAY, NOV			
	unday in Ordinary Time		
8:00am	Mary and Vincent Inneo		
	r/b Inneo Family		
	Mario Garcia		
	r/b Frank and Margherita Sarracino		
10:00am	Mary Hayes		
	r/b Hayes Family		
	Paul Brenner		
	r/b Marilynn Dragone		
12:00pm	Norman Whiteman		
	r/b Amy and Pete Rossomando		
	Sr. Marie Anna Moltz		
	r/b Grace O'Brien and Family		



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Elizabeth Koch r/b Marion and Estelle Popiel

BREAD & WINE: Fr. John F. Tyks r/b The Brenner Family

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, 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, Eddie Jenna, 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 Mazzarisi, Thomas McGarvey, Leonard McGinley, 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.

> A TIME TO DIE Kathy Talmo, Dante D'Sole

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



DID YOU KNOW?

Holy Orders

In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, baptized men are ordained to serve the Catholic Church as deacons, priests, and bishops. Through this sacrament, the Catholic Church continues the mission of that Jesus Christ first gave to the Apostles---the special mission of preaching the Good News and leading and serving the Catholic Church. Those ordained in the Sacrament of Holy Orders receive the grace necessary to carry out their ministry to the faithful and are imprinted with an indelible sacramental character.

In Summary, Sacraments are effective signs given to us by Jesus through which we share in God's life and the most important celebrations of the Church.

Author: Allie Johnston Source: https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/the-7-sacraments-of-the-catholic-church

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

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of November 2 & 3

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,118.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,420.00
Total:	\$ 10,538.00

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 COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... There are tax-savvy ways to support Saint James Church.

- Use your RMDs Individuals 70 1/2 or older can use qualified charitable distributions (QCD) to donate directly from a traditional IRA to an eligible charity tax-free. Consider satisfying all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) with a donation to Saint James Church.
- Donate stock Donate

appreciated stocks and reap tax rewards for your generosity.

Remember...

Consult your tax advisors as you plan your charitable giving.



Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the donation bins. As we all know, one way to give "thanks" is by "giving." Just as the Lord has given us so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s). Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, sheets, towels, stuffed linens. animals, tools, toys, novels and children's books.

Happy "Thanks-giving"!

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