



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

THE LORD
COMES TO
RULE ALL
THE EARTH
WITH
justice.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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2022 State OF THE Parish REPORT

Message from
Father David Santos



I'd like to begin this year's State of the Parish message with a resounding **THANK YOU!** Thank you for your generous response to the appeals and the initiatives over this past year. As you can see in the report, we are making great strides as a parish community. The underlying message that I hope you take away from this year's report is this – while our individual steps as parishioners may seem small, together those steps amount to significant leaps forward towards our successful future state. Let's keep the momentum going!

It is enormously encouraging for us to pause for a moment and consider the many steps each of you, the wonderful parishioners of St. James the Apostle Church, have taken that has enabled our beloved parish to positively leap forward.

Here are a few examples:

- Increase in parishioner involvement in outreach opportunities
- Increase in parishioner involvement in parish ministries
- Increase in parishioner participation in community building events led by the Parish Life committee
- Whole family participation in our revamped Religious Education program
- Increased giving to the Sunday Collections
- Exceeding the parish goal for the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
- Support for new fundraising initiatives

The Finance Council and I are conscious of the fact that we still have work to do. While you can see in the report an increase in expenses, largely related to physical infrastructure repairs and the maintenance of the church, rectory, and school buildings, we are determined to continue to be good stewards of the parish's resources.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit as a Welcoming and Diverse Community, We, the Parish of Saint James the Apostle Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist, Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Serve the Needs of One Another, as We Help Build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Word	Worship	Service
•Baptismal Prep	•Altar Servers	•Advent Giving Tree
•RCIA	•Environmental Liturgical	•Bereavement
•Small Groups	•Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	•Helping the Hungry
•Men's Ministry	•Married Devotion	•Prayer Shawl
•Baptismal Ministry	•Ministry of the Word	•Respect Life
•Marriage Prep & Sponsor Couple Program	•Music Ministry	•Prayer Line
	•Ministers of Hospitality & Ushers	•Saint Zita Group
		•Blood Bank
		Community Building
		•Family Promise
		•Wellness & Mental Health
		•Parish Life
		•Fundraising
		•Hiking & Nature Group

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH PARISHSOFT

Use our Online Giving option to help St. James meet the needs of our community and the parish. Visit our website to set up your account for automatic offerings donations.



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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We are also very conscious of the fact that an important barometer of a parish's health and longevity is the **active and generous participation of ALL its parishioners**, both in the pastoral ministry of the church and in the generous financial support of the church's operations. It is clear to see from the State of the Parish report that your continued generous response to the parish's financial need and the Finance Council's work has brought the parish to an almost breakeven from a **deficit of \$185,000**. It is safe to say that this is a praiseworthy accomplishment and a bright testament to our partnership.

Integral to our responsibility as stewards has been the highly engaging and thorough Request for Proposal process for the redevelopment of the school and convent properties, as well as the feasibility study for a potential Centennial Capital Campaign to build a new parish center. It is our hope that once the proposals have been submitted and reviewed later this month, we will have a clearer picture of what's possible with regards to both the redevelopment of the school and convent properties and the construction of a new parish center vis-à-vis a Centennial Capital Campaign. I'd like to reiterate the 3-fold goals that have been determined by the Finance Council and validated by the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee:

- 1) **Tackle the legacy debt** (approximately \$800,000)
- 2) **Generate an ongoing revenue stream**
- 3) **Address current and future building needs** (school, convent, rectory, new parish center)

Friends, with our Centennial celebration well underway, I'd like to quote the beautiful last line from our parish's Centennial Prayer: "Good and gracious God, may your goodness and love, which has guided us these one hundred years, continue to sustain us in the present and lead us into the future." As we continue to make important strides towards a successful future state, let us be mindful of the source from which all good things come and to whom all thanks and praise is due – our good and gracious God!

Thank you, God, for this wonderful community of faith. Thank you, God, for giving us the wisdom to take small steps individually and the courage to take positive leaps collectively. Thank you for walking with us each step of the way.

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. David C. Santos
Pastor
St. James the Apostle Church

BY THE NUMBERS

Families registered	1,723
Baptisms	38
First Communions	35
Confirmations	48
Marriages	7
Funerals	18
Children in Religious Education Program	259
Average number of people attending Mass each weekend	630
Average number of people attending Mass each weekday	25

OFFERTORY REPORT

Number of parishioners...	1,142
Receiving envelopes	147
Using envelopes per week	174
Using online giving	

Parishioners who pledge their Offertory gift each year helps us to accurately plan our budget expenditures. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who have consistently pledged and given increased Offertory gifts for the last several years.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

During the last year we completed the installation of new church lighting, door locks, security system and repairs to the church roof and parking lot.

We continue to focus on the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and grounds, in addition to our Campus Redevelopment Project to address the vacant school and convent buildings as well as the potential construction of a Parish Center.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH • FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED: JUNE 30, 2022

REVENUES

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Collections: Sunday, Christmas & Easter	581,685	458,538	495,307
Fundraising Revenue Before Expenses	168,048	7,141	-
Donations, Gifts, & Other Restricted Revenue	117,407	35,173	31,642
Religious Education Revenue	35,450	32,364	45,380
Archdiocesan Assessment Collections	6,224	861	3,616
Candle Revenues	4,441	-	3,495
Interest Income	3,508	3,466	1,967
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,070	2,427	18,812
TOTAL REVENUES	918,833	539,970	600,219

REVENUES - 2022



EXPENSES

Salaries, Benefits, Pension Costs, & Payroll Taxes	374,822	380,374	427,529
Building, Utilities, & Equipment Costs	197,671	136,292	64,400
Fundraising Expenses	105,260	5,270	1,420
Contracted & Professional Services	88,298	76,644	51,239
Archdiocesan Assessments	69,840	81,252	83,630
Liturgical, Office, & Residence Supplies	60,835	30,029	64,929
Religious Education (Excluding Salaries)	12,509	7,463	12,609
Miscellaneous Expenses	10,601	7,305	11,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	919,836	724,629	717,306

EXPENSES - 2022



DEFICIT FROM OPERATIONS

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NOTE: This financial summary does NOT include extraordinary and non-recurring items including renovation donations, renovation expenses, capital campaign donations, capital improvement expenses, bequests, and other one-time revenues and expenses. This summary is intended to reflect the results of operations only.

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, November 19:
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, November 20:
8:00AM - Fr. Rose
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
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

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

Responsorial: Psalm 98

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:28

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Visit www.usccb.org to access Mass readings online.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Toy Drive

St. James the Apostle is once again having a Toy Drive to benefit Mercy House. Collection dates are the weekends of:

November 12 & 13
November 19 & 20

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK TURKEY COLLECTION

Sunday, November 20th at 9:00AM-1:00PM

We are collecting frozen turkeys and non-perishable foods to assist those in need. Thank you for your generosity! Drop off at Saint James Church between 9AM and 1PM next Sunday.

CENTENNIAL YEAR EVENTS



Saint James the Apostle Church presents

5K FOR THANKS

Run/Walk & Kids Turkey Trot

Nov. 24th—Thanksgiving Morning

8:00am Check-in/Registration - 9:00am Start - 9:45am Awards
8:45am Kid's Turkey Trot

Race Start/Finish:

St. James the Apostle Church
45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ

Timing/Scoring by Split Second Racing

Awards
Top Female/Male
Top Girl/Boy (age 17 & below)
Top Female/Male Parishioner
Fastest Family



Fee Schedule	Before	After
	11/11/22	11/11/22
5K Run/Walk	\$30	\$40
Kid's Turkey Trot	\$10	\$10
All Fees Are Non-Refundable		
T-shirts guaranteed to all who register before 11/11		

Use the QR Code to register or go to:

<https://www.raceforum.com/thanks>

Questions, volunteer inquiries or sponsor opportunity information?
Contact the Rectory or email stjames5krun@gmail.com

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*

(Light refreshments will be served afterwards)

*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!

To R.S.V.P. please visit our parish website at
saintjamestheapostle.org or scan the QR code.



SAVE YOUR SPOT FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!



CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

GAMES &
CRAFTS

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

NAME: _____		CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OFFICE WITH PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 25.
# OF ADULTS: _____	# OF CHILDREN _____	
PHONE NUMBER: _____		

 BRING
YOUR
CAMERA!

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

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

On Monday, we look forward to meeting with the parents of children ready to receive the sacraments of First Eucharist & Reconciliation in 2023. Parents should have already received an email with detailed information.

7th graders will meet for class Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Church. There are a few upcoming service opportunities so parents are encouraged to check their email often. These opportunities are on a first-come basis.

SPOTLIGHT ON *Faith*

Q. How does a person become a Saint?

A. It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

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 12

5:00PM **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Dorothy & Vincent DeGaetano
r/b Elena Tosti

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00AM **Mary Hayes**
r/b Hayes Family
Richard Quagliato
r/b Weber Family
10:00AM **James O'Brien**
r/b Kelly, Jim & Lauren O'Brien
12:00PM **Deceased Members of the**
Aquilino Family
r/b Lesniewski Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30AM **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30AM **Doug Feder**
r/b Yannazzone Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
7:30AM **Florentina Porter**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30AM **Carmela Zara**
r/b Battaglia Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30AM **MaryAnn Bujnowski**
r/b Raffaella Conetta
5:00PM **Richard Quagliato**
r/b Majewski Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00AM **Mary & Vincent Inneo**
r/b Inneo Family
Nicholas Circelli
r/b Anthony & Carmelina Reino
10:00AM **Michele Lopardo**
r/b Pasqual & Angela Mazzacuva
Lisa Agrillo
r/b Parents
12:00PM **Ann, Carmela, Vincent & Tony**
r/b Ann & Family

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

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 5 & 6

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,601.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,969.00
Total:	\$ 8,561.00

We also accept online credit card donations. Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamesparish.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



FINANCE
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

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

1) Use your RMDs - Individuals 70 ½ or older can use qualified charitable distributions (QCD) to donate directly from a traditional IRA to an eligible charity. Consider satisfying all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) with a donation to Saint James Church.

2) Donate stock - Donate stocks and reap tax rewards for your generosity.

Remember... Consult your tax advisors as you plan your charitable giving.

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OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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