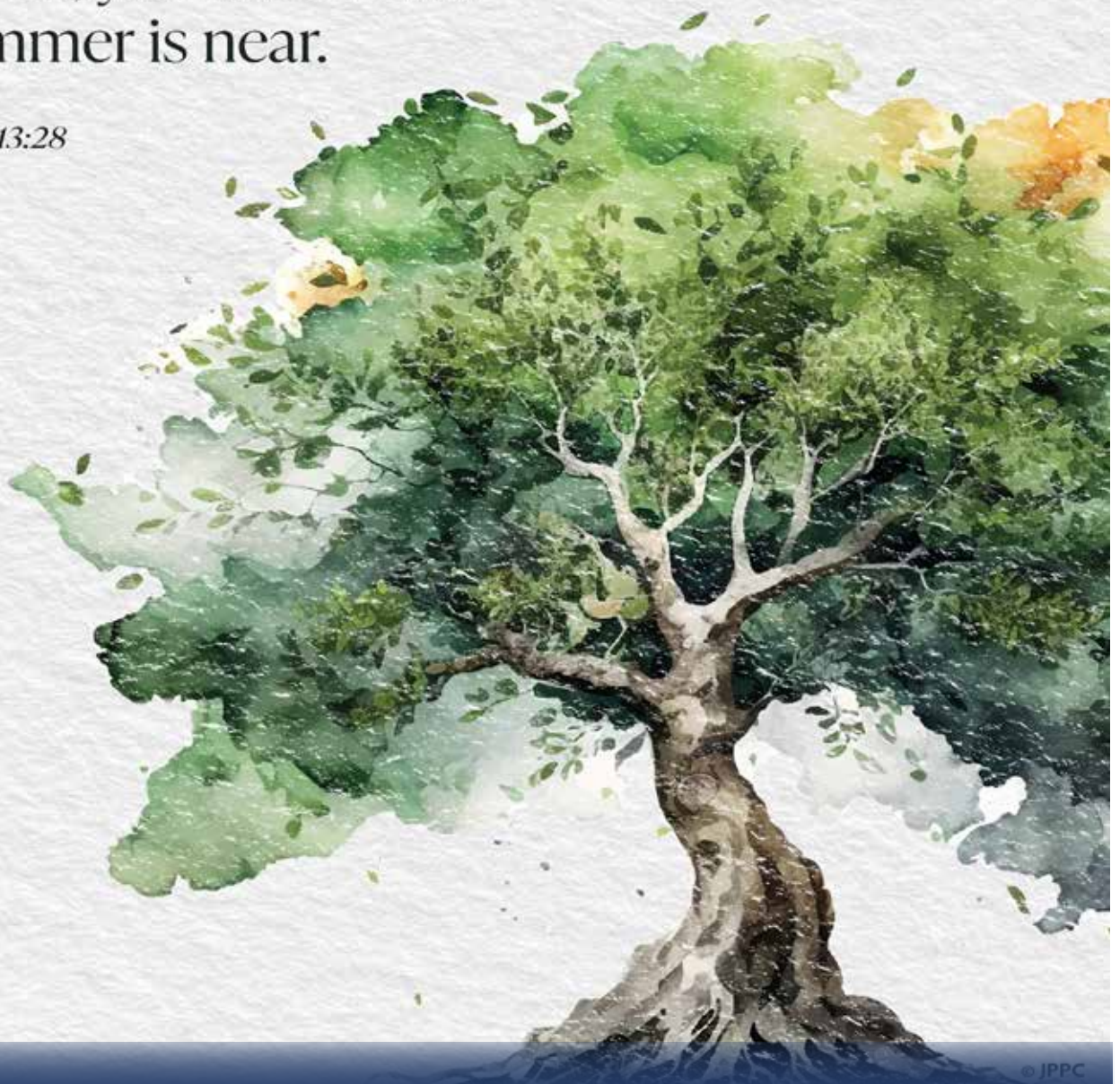




SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.

Mark 13:28



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 17, 2024
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45 South Springfield Ave,
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(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 23:

5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, November 24:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN



RELECTION ON THE READINGS

Like a microcosm of the end time described in today's gospel, we all have regular experiences of dark days filled with the tribulation of piled up deadlines at the office, unrelenting household chores, family responsibilities, financial worries, psychic funks, and catastrophic events, such as the illness and death of loved ones.

During these times, we can easily feel like our world is coming to an end and all hell will soon break loose, but then, like the leaves on Jesus' fig tree, **I see one sign of hope in all the chaos:** *kind words from a coworker, help from a sibling, 10 bucks left in a pocket, joy on the face of a suffering soul.* Suddenly the clouds lift and I feel both shame for not seeing the light sooner and gratitude for seeing it at all.

I would like to say that we are getting better at reading the signs of God's presence amid the turbulence, but alas, it seems to take us longer as our lives can get more complicated with commitments and responsibilities. On the other hand, our joy can reach unparalleled depths when **we do take a moment to breathe deep and acknowledge our many blessings.**

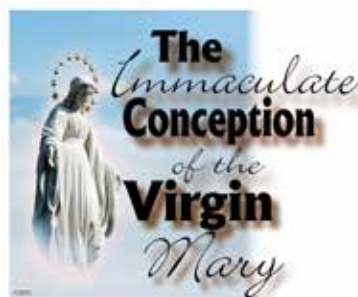
Friends, the invitation today is to **live in grace.** That means, invite God more intently into your **home**, your **heart** and your **life.** If it's been a while since you've received the graces that come from participation in the Sacrament of Confession, why wait any longer? If you're still holding on to the weight of unforgiveness, why carry that burden an extra step? So that when the time of distress arrives, you'll come through shining like a star. Hold onto the words of Jesus, and you'll have grabbed the one thing that remains when the mountains fall and the hills turn to dust.

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

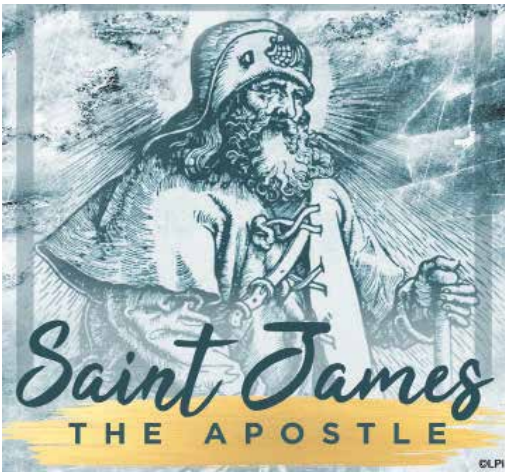
In prayer, more is accomplished by listening than by talking.

— *Saint Jane Frances De Chantal*



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

Mass will be celebrated
at 7:30am & 7pm



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

This weekend is our November **Sunday Family Faith session**. We will be discussing the topic of vocations and our universal call to holiness. We are hoping some of our children will join the session dressed up as their favorite saints.

Our Confirmation preparation groups will be meeting on:

Confirmation Year 1 group – this Sunday, November 17th at St. Bartholomew Church for a retreat with their Confirmation Year 1 group. The retreat will start with a Mass at 4PM, so please make sure you arrive a few minutes earlier to sign-in. A reminder that a parent or sponsor must attend the retreat with each candidate.

Confirmation Year 2 group – this Tuesday, November 19 from 7PM to 8:30PM in church.

Both Confirmation groups are invited to a **service project** on Friday, November 22 at 6PM in the school gym. Please see your emails for more information.

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

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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**

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscbb.org

Jesus loves the children.
Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17






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
Bereavement Support Group

"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself."
Miriam Toews'
All My Painful Sorrows

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@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.

Bereavement Ministry of Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church - 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield New Jersey

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.

If you are interested, please email John Prescott at **MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org**

Meeting Dates:
November 23 | December 21



HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

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 Leaves and Fishes Ministry at St. Teresa's in Summit

TURKEY DRIVE & PARISH 5K!



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**

Saint James the Apostle Church presents
THE 3RD ANNUAL



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 5KForThanks@saintjamesparish.org



**“LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL
LIFE” (JOHN 6:68).**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The weather has been chilling, minds are renewing, and hearts are transforming this month of October in a radical way as quickly as the leaves have been changing! Each day I breathe a deep breath of gratitude and reflect on the great privilege it is to be a laborer of God's love with you in His abundant harvest here at George Mason. It is an honor to be given a front row seat into His work and to be able to share it with you all!

There has been A LOT happening on campus. Over 200 students have attended a Bible study at least once, a number of faith formation talks such as Chastity and the Freedom to Love and Healing of the Feminine Heart have been given, and we had retreats for our men's and women's ministry near the end of the month. In addition to Bible studies and discipleship with students, we also have been inviting people to come to the national SEEK Conference this year, one of the largest Catholic conferences in the world geared towards providing an incredible opportunity for college students to encounter the Lord in a profound way. We have over 80 students registered to go!

None of this would be possible without your support and prayers! It is a joy to share this mission with you all and I can't wait to share with you what the Lord has in store for November!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Know of my prayers for you! If you have any special prayer intentions I can pray for you this month, please feel free to respond to my newsletter with your intentions!

This month, I would kindly ask prayers for:

My disciples Chiara, Rachel and Maria

All of the students going to recruitment weekend, especially my disciple Rachel!

For all the student athletes on campus, and that the Lord softens their hearts to answering His invitation to put Him at the center of their lives and that they may draw close to His Heart at our next student athlete event being held on December 4th.

For my teammates Dom, James, Chesie, Arianne and Mary

Thank you and may God bless you!

In Christ,

**Cheyenna
Cook**



cheyenna.cook@focus.org

<https://focus.org/missionaries/cheyenna-cook/>

Advent Evening Prayer

Advent is a time of promises and waiting. Christmas is the promise fulfilled. Our scriptures during Advent teach us about waiting and what happens when we wait for Christ. Advent waiting is expectant and purposeful. Come celebrate the Advent season with us as our two parishes join together in song and prayer.

DEC 2, 7:30PM

St. Rose of Lima Parish
50 Short Hills Ave, Short Hills

DEC 16, 7:30PM

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



CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST

**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

GAMES &
CRAFTS



SAINT JAMES GYM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

\$15.00 PER PERSON. KIDS UNDER 3 ARE FREE.

NAME:

OF ADULTS:

OF CHILDREN

PHONE NUMBER:

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please sign-up online using the QR code or fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory office with payment by **DECEMBER 2.**



BRING YOUR CAMERA!

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

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



COMFORT & JOY

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



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.

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER, BERKELEY HEIGHTS

ETERNAL BONDS


SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GREIVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD



November 21 and
December 12
7 pm
Parish Center Lower Level

RSVP to
eternalbonds.lf@gmail.com
or
Dan Grossano 908-464-1585

"Navigating the Holidays with Your Grief"
Support, discussion and resources



UNION CATHOLIC 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**
1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Columbiettes

CHRISTMAS kids party



SUNDAY DEC. 8TH
2:00 - 4:30 PM

Christmas Arts & Crafts with Santa
Arriving 3:15. \$5 Donation Per Family
Donate a toy to "Toys for Tots"
RSVP Diane @ dkost77@optonline.net
Springfield Knights of Columbus Council Hall 60 Harvard St. Summit (GPS)

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, NOVEMBER 16

5:00pm **Ernest Reedy and Parents**
r/b Eugenia Reedy
Patty Graziano
r/b Roethlin Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Thirty-Third Sunday 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 Marilyn Dragone

12:00pm **Norman Whiteman**
r/b Amy and Pete Rossomando
Sr. Marie Anna Moltz
r/b Grace O'Brien and Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30am **Vargheese Mathew**
r/b Sister

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:30am **Viviana Canizales-Latkovich**
r/b Randy, Rose and Jules Landicho

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:30am **Daniel Iasello**
r/b Children

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am **Teresa Melleno**
r/b Kids

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Saint Cecilia

7:30am **Mary Pulical**
r/b Sister

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30am **Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano

5:00pm **Deceased Members of the Cacciatore Family**
r/b Assunta Cacciatore
Margaret Krack
r/b Dlugosz Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

8:00am **Maryann Bujnowski**
r/b Thomas, Patricia and Laura
Josephine Genevrino
r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

10:00am **Paul Brenner**
r/b Dorothy Stewart
Giuseppe Graziosi
r/b Pasquale and Elba Circelli

12:00pm **Daniel and Angela Raimondo**
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser and Marianne Van Volkenburgh
Jim Genco
r/b Patty and John Carney



SANCTUARY LAMP:
The People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Charlotte Sullivan
r/b Pat Sullivan

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, 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 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



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



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of November 9 & 10

Regular Collection:	\$	6,164.00
Online Giving:	\$	5,119.00
Total:	\$	11,283.00

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
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?...

You can make a donation to St. James Church and restrict the use of those funds to a specific area or use.

Remember...

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

thank you
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We are a
Tithing
Community
of God's
Faithful
Servants

**"Thanks-giving"
A Distinctive Meaning!!**



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, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, toys, novels and children's books.

Happy "Thanks-giving"!

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