



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

MATTHEW 25:31-46

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www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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, December 2:
5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, December 3:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
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 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday Holy Hour at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN

UPDATE ON THE CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT November 2023



The goal to determine the most beneficial use and disposition of the school and convent property while meeting the established objectives set by the Campus Redevelopment Committee has to-date been an arduous task. As a reminder, the established objectives that any sale of the property must meet are to:

- Produce an end use for the property that would be in synergy with the mission of the parish community.
- Provide a means for the parish to extinguish the parish debt to the Archdiocese.
- Provide an on-going revenue stream for the parish.
- Assist in building a new parish center and replacement of the rectory (in conjunction with funds from a parish capital campaign).

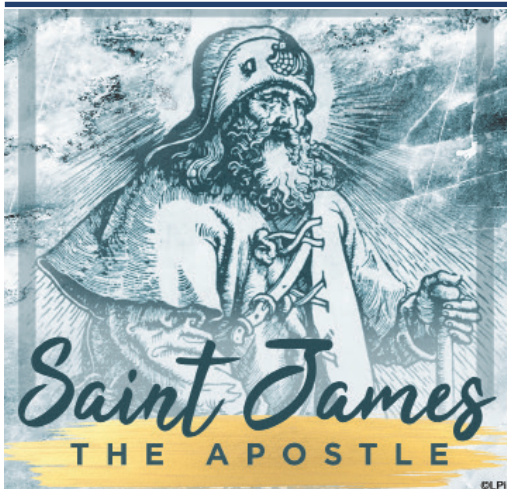
The last update provided to the parish conveyed that an RFP (Request for Proposal) had been developed, in coordination with the Archdioceses, that invited submissions of purchase offers for the property in conjunction with a planned subdivision of the property to be purchased. Six (6) proposals were received from interested parties. Of the six (6) proposals, five (5) proposed the construction of market rate apartments or senior citizen housing. The sixth (6th) proposal was submitted from a private school who educates students who, though intellectually capable, have had difficulties in school typically due to language-based learning differences. The private school intends to refurbish the school building, raze the convent and improve the surrounding property for their planned purpose of continuing to utilize as an educational facility.

Over the summer months, the evaluation process by all the interested parties as to what potentially could be built or established on the property was severely affected by the State of New Jersey's newly published stormwater management regulations. In short, these regs require all new projects to account for a higher rainfall intensity that will increase flood elevations and amend groundwater discharge standards. All this evaluation has taken time, amended estimates and revised plans. As of today, the private school has shown the greatest interest in purchasing the property and discussions have moved forward with them. A Letter of Intent was offered by the school and terms for purchase are still being negotiated to assure they meet the parish's objectives.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we believe we are very close to finalizing an agreement. We will continue to report on how these discussions proceed in the weeks ahead and we ask for your continued prayers and support as we look to complete this phase of the redevelopment process and move forward with the next. Once concluded, it will set the stage to advance with the planning for the new Parish Center and the launch of a parish capital campaign which will be necessary to ensure that the parish meets its objectives.

Friends, your continued prayers are essential as we approach finalizing the deal. As I have stated in the past, my plan is to schedule a parish town-hall meeting at which time the plan for the campus redevelopment will be presented to parishioners.

Fr. David C. Santos



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,...

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscbb.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Family Faith Formation

Hoping everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day and are making it a Thanksgiving weekend 😊

A reminder to any **Confirmation candidates** who signed up to **make sandwiches for Family Promise on Sunday, December 3rd from 11AM to 12:30PM**, that you should have received an email to sign up to bring the necessary materials for the sandwiches. If you haven't done so yet please complete that ASAP so that we are ready for Sunday. We will meet in the school gym after the 10AM Mass, at 11AM.

Our **December Family Faith session** is on **Wednesday, December 6th at 7PM in the Church**. I hope you are ready to feel the Advent / Christmas spirit as we come together to celebrate the **feast of Saint Nicholas**.

On **Tuesday, December 12th at 7PM**, we will be having a **Youth Rosary** in the Church. Come pray the rosary together as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

If you need any information or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org, (973)376-2061.

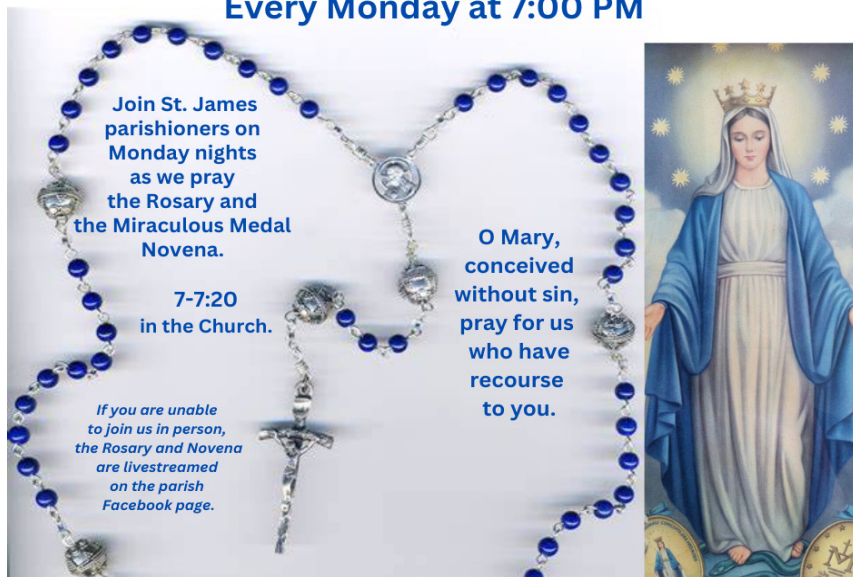
Saint James Prayer-Line Ministry

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

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

ROSARY AND NOVENA

Every Monday at 7:00 PM



CENTENNIAL CORNER



Be sure to visit the Centennial website page:
saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial to see photos of past events, view Centennial video interviews, and visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) 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!



DROP OFF YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFTS TODAY!

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
PARISH



The Giving Tree



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 after Mass Only Sat. 11/25 - Sun 12/10
We will collect gifts under the tree in the vestibule
Large Christmas Bags & Tissue Paper donations also accepted

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity.

DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER TODAY!



**CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST**

**BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

**GAMES &
CRAFTS**

SAINT JAMES GYM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

\$10.00 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 **NOVEMBER 27TH.**



 **BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

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

UPCOMING FOOD COLLECTION

Helping the Hungry
Saint James the Apostle Church

FOOD COLLECTION
December 9 & 10

Drop off in the Gathering Area
before all Masses

*Donate to
those in
need this
Christmas
season*

**Most
Needed Items:**

- Pasta
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Rice
- Granola Bars

**Special Christmas
Requests:**

- Cookies
- Decaf Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- New Socks

*All contributions
will support the
Food Pantry at
Our Lady of
Sorrows.*

PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Hallow

FIND PEACE IN GOD THIS ADVENT

LIZZIE VELASQUEZ MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
"The Hallow app helped me open up my front door to Jesus and reminded me I have never and will never be ALONE thanks to Him."

FR. JOSH JOHNSON AUTHOR & PODCAST HOST
"The resources on this app draw me to reorient my attention to the face of God and the voice of Christ."



PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

ADVENT

"This app has been an answer for my weary soul. I am finding peace for the very first time."

Find Peace in Prayer
this Advent with Hallow

Your parish has gifted you Hallow access through Easter!



hallow.com/holiday Scan with your phone

Download on the App Store | Get it on Google Play

Daily Prayers
Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

Family Content
Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.

Bible Stories & Sleep Content
Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

THE COLUMBIETTES PRESENT

VISIT WITH SANTA

Light Snacks • Crafts • Christmas Cards

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10TH
2:00PM - 5:00PM
KIDS AGES 3-9
CHILD, GRANDCHILD, NEICE OR NEPHEW



TOY DRIVE
Don't let anyone go without a toy this Christmas.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
59 SHUNPIKE RD, SPRINGFIELD NJ 07081

FEE: DONATE A TOY FOR "TOYS 4 TOTS"
ALL KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
NOTIFY US IF CHILD HAS FOOD ALLERGIES

RSVP: BY DECEMBER 2, 2023
DIANE (201) 787-2737 KOSTIBOSD@GMAIL.COM

Twelve – Local Support Group for Family/Friends of Those Suffering with Addiction

Mondays 7:30 - 8:30 PM
St. Helen's Church in Westfield

This is a support group for those who are suffering with the struggles of a family member or other loved one afflicted with an addiction of any kind. This group is for parents, spouses, siblings, adult children, and friends and is anonymous.

We hope you will find in the loving support of others gathered here a sanctuary where you can come to share your struggles and to find inspiration and hope from others who have suffered the same hardships as you.

We welcome you to try our program.
For information, call 908-232-1189.

MORE AROUND THE COMMUNITY

GREECE - A JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 9, 2024

Father Benny Prado, Pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, and Father Christopher Ciccario, Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary will be the spiritual directors throughout the experience.

Some of the included sites are:
Lydia's River Site, Philippi, The Monasteries
at Meteora, St. Paul's Corinth, and the Acropolis, Parthenon and Agora in Athens.

Also included is a full day cruise to the Saronic Gulf Islands.

Please note that reservations are limited.

A detailed brochure may be obtained by contacting Anne Breslin at:
anne@cloudtours.com or **anne@greatexperiencesnj.com**.

PRAYING IS AN ART TO LEARN: WHAT DOES JESUS TEACH?

We are God's children. One of the things he teaches us is how to pray.

One day when Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples asked him, "**Lord, teach us to pray**" (Lk 11:1). And Jesus taught them the Our Father. Just what does the Lord teach us in the Lord's Prayer?

If we start at the end, we realize that even the least God-minded person at times is moved to pray. And what prompts that prayer is the burden of **evil**. Think of how the churches in America were packed the days following 9/11. Those people were convinced of the existence of Something Even Greater than evil, and they put their belief in it through prayer. We cannot abolish evil, but Jesus teaches us a way of not being alone with it.

We need run-ins with temptation to show us where we are weak. Trials purify us. In the petition "lead us not into temptation," Jesus is teaching us to use the experience of temptation well: not overestimating our capacities, not becoming discouraged or despairing. Jesus teaches us to recognize the limits of our strength so that we can entrust ourselves to **his** strength with confidence.

Jesus teaches that forgiveness is the heart of the disciple's prayer. We are to ask for forgiveness, and to offer forgiveness even as the Father does on Calvary (Lk 23:34). If God is love, the world comes to know it through the mercy we both embrace and spread.

In instructing us to ask God to give us each day our daily bread, Jesus teaches us that holiness is dependency. We cannot be ourselves without Another. To be a disciple is to be abandoned to divine providence, moment by moment, with a certainty and trust that nourishes us like nothing else. The bread we ask for is our happiness.

Jesus teaches us that there is a way out of the misery that comes from being stuck in our own ideas and plans. **Thy will be done** expresses the joy of surrendering to God's designs. Discipleship means following Another in sacrificial obedience which is more like likeness to him than submission.

By praying the petition **thy Kingdom come**, Jesus teaches us to put to the side the preoccupations and struggles of our own personality which distract and deter us so that God and his goodness — his governing power — can reign in us. The Lord is teaching us to claim the awesome **unity** made possible only in him.

Jesus teaches us that we are not to live left to ourselves: that we are part of a belonging, an identity, a Name from which we draw unfailing sustenance, blessing, order, and grace. In the Father's name is our authentic self. Jesus teaches us to pray **Hallowed be thy name** in order to lift us out of our own limitations so to live in the Truth.

To pray **Our Father** is to imitate Jesus himself as he enters into his Passion (Mk 14:36). We are God's children. When we pray calling out to the Father, even the full powers of hell unleashed against us stand no chance. Jesus teaches us to confide in the mystery of the Father's name so that, enfolded in intimacy with the Father, the hundredfold harvest of heaven will be generated in our here and now.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

6:30 - 9:30PM

Saint James School Gym



UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program.

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2028 will be held on

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 12 noon.

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

Over \$120,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam.

To register for the Scholarship Exam, scan this QR Code:



For more info or questions, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org

Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology for our annual daily Advent reflection series on **"The Hospitality of Advent"** as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Meditations are sent by email from December 3 through December 24.

How might this year's Advent be a journey of an ever-deepening hospitality of the heart?

Please register at www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm

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, NOVEMBER 25

5:00pm Ernest Reedy and Parents
r/b Eugenia & Children
Mary & Jack Lane
r/b Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

8:00am Teresa Yannazzone
r/b Yannazzone Family
Daniel & Angela Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
Marianne Van Volkenburgh
10:00am Jose & Marcela Videna
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle
Ana Mango
r/b Karen & Walt Lashuk
12:00pm Amelia Montana
r/b Janice Montana
Eloy Mosquera
r/b Wife, Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:30am Arcangela D'Agostini
r/b Children

TUESDAY, November 28

7:30am Lydia Bautista
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Saint Andrew

7:30am Matteo Apicella
r/b Wife & Children

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30am Mary Ann Congema
r/b JoAnn Lofredo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30am Matteo Apicella
r/b Children
5:00pm Betty Macchiachera
r/b Bernard & Louise
Mary Fossella
r/b Barbara Dlugosz & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Amelia Montana
r/b Janice Montana
Matteo Apicella
r/b Children
10:00am Gerald Ragonese
r/b Angela Ragonese
Matteo Apicella
r/b Lena & Children
12:00pm Orlando & Rose Cicalese
r/b Family
Caesar & Edward Rivano
r/b Marion Rivano



SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

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, 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, 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, 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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



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 18 & 19

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

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

The Finance Council would like to say **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity and support of our parish.



Have you signed up for our Flocknote yet? 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**
- Visit 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 and/or choose the option "Mark as Not Spam," or similar when you open the email.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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