



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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## Roman Catholic Church

THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD  
IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

PSALM 80

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 8, 2023  
[www.saintjamesparish.org](http://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, October 14:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, October 15:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

12:00PM - 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 7:00PM in the  
Church and on Facebook  
Live

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday Holy Hour at  
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

*The exasperated Bernadone beat Francis, fettered his feet, and locked him up. A little later his mother set him free and Francis returned to St. Damian's. His father pursued him there and angrily declared that he must either return home or renounce his share in his inheritance-and pay the purchase price of the horse and the goods he had taken as well. Francis made no objection to being disinherited, but protested that the other money now belonged to God and the poor. Bernadone had him summoned for trial before Guido, the bishop of Assisi, who heard the story and told the young man to restore the money and trust in God. "He does not wish," the bishop said, "to have His church profit by goods which may have been unjustly acquired." Francis not only gave back the money but went even further. "My clothing is also his," he said, and stripped off his garments. "Hither to I have called Peter Bernadone father.... From now on I say only, 'Our Father, who art in Heaven.'"*

Today's Gospel tells of an allegory in which Jesus describes how a landowner (God the Father) planted a vineyard (Israel and then later the Church) and then the tenants rebelled against the landowner, seized the landowner's servants; beat the servants; and stoned the servants. After that, still confident that the tenants would repent, the landowner sent His Son (Jesus) to which the tenants responded by seizing Him, throwing Him out of the vineyard and then killing Him. This parable reveals a necessary truth about our spiritual life; **that we are "tenants" in regard to the gifts that God has given us.**

Is it not true that we often convince ourselves that we are the landowners? But we ought to ask ourselves: what in our lives cannot be taken away from us? Everything we have and need for our existence is given to us. St. Francis recognized this, the saints recognize this, but do we recognize this?

I think oftentimes the difficulty that many of our brothers and sisters have in following a religion and even simply believing in God stems from an understanding that if we eliminate God from the equation of our lives, then we can take possession of those things around us. If God isn't in control then I'm in control. But we are the tenants who care for the vineyard – we are not the owners! Everything that we have can be taken away. And so acknowledging this reality, today's Gospel should help us reflect on how well we use or share what God has given us... whether that be our intelligence, or success, our talents, our time, our love.

God gives us the ability and the grace to run "this vineyard," but we should do so knowing that we are not the owners but merely the tenants.

— Fr. David Santos, Pastor

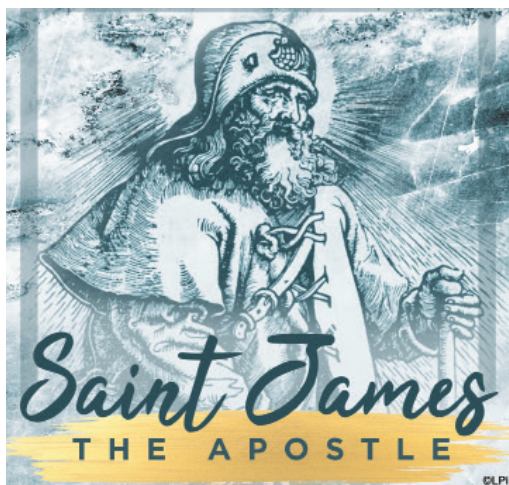


### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Holiness is not the accumulation of virtues.  
Holiness is being possessed by God.

— Father John Riccardo





## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

#### Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Psalm 80

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

### SECOND READING

#### Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:  
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL

#### Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)

## SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



### Family Faith Formation

Last Saturday, the Confirmandi participated in their Confirmation retreat. It was a great experience that allowed them to think deeper about their faith and reasons why they want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 28th. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they are getting ready to receive this Sacrament in a few weeks.

This past Tuesday, the children starting their two-year preparation for Confirmation (7th Grade) started with a parent and candidate meeting. From here on, they will meet once a month for their sessions and will start a more active role in spiritual and community parish events as part of their preparation. **The second-year candidates for Confirmation** (8th grade) will also begin their sessions with a parent and child meeting in the Church on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7PM in the Church**. Please, also keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**The next Family Faith session will be on Sunday, October 22nd.**

If you have not registered your child yet, please do so ASAP, this way your child will not miss any important information. The registration form and the calendar dates for both, the Family Faith Formation sessions for 1st to 6th graders, and the Confirmation sessions for 7th and 8th graders can be found on the Family Faith Formation page of the parish website, <https://saintjamestheapostle.org/>. **Registration for this year will close on Wednesday, October 18th.**

If you need any further information on how to register your child, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott at [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org), (973)376-2061, or in person either at the rectory during office hours or if you see her after Mass or around town.

### Saint James Church Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry

In conjunction with Saint James Rosary Ministry the Mental Health & Well-being Ministry will present a special Rosary and Evening of Prayer for Mental Illness ~ Recovery, Understanding & Well-Being Service on **Monday, October 16th** to pray for those suffering from mental illness, their caretakers, and for mental well-being.

### Saint James Church 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](mailto:PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org)

### Respect Life Month

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month here at Saint James.

Throughout the month of October, our Wednesday evening Holy Hours, 7pm to 8pm, (**October 18th & 25th**) will be celebrated as Holy Hours for Life.

## CENTENNIAL CORNER

Thank you to everyone for making our Centennial Celebration Weekend such a memorable and joyous event for all! There are still many events this year to continue gathering as a parish family to celebrate and honor our 100th anniversary. The Centennial Committee invites you to save the following dates:



**October 10-14th:** Saint James Parish Festival

**October 15th:** Saint James Parish Table at the Springfield Township Street Fair

**Thanksgiving Morning, November 23rd:**

Saint James 5K for Thanks Family Run/Walk and Kids' Turkey Trot

Be sure to visit the Centennial website page:

**[saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial](http://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 our merchandise!

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER!

### Saint James Tin Can Auction Needs Your Contributions to Make it a Success!

One of the major highlights of our annual Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction. This is a tricky-tray-type event during which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants. We need contributions for prizes - goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make this year's Tin Can Auction a success!

If you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact Antoinette Miller through the Rectory Office at **973-376-3044** or send an email to **[tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org)**.

### Saint James Festival Banner Sponsor Program

We need your support! There are opportunities available for families, individuals and businesses to participate in the ***banner sponsor program*** at the festival. This is a great way to take advantage of marketing your business for the 5 days in a prominent area of the festival.

For information, email: **[Festivalsponsors@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:Festivalsponsors@saintjamesparish.org)** or call the Rectory at **973-376-3044**.

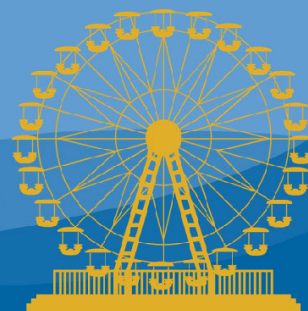
### Consider Volunteering!

Please consider volunteering during the Parish Festival this year. Speak with a Parish Festival Commiteemember in the Gathering Area after each Mass to sign-up!

NEXT WEEK



# PARISH FESTIVAL 2023



**Saint James the Apostle Church**

45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081

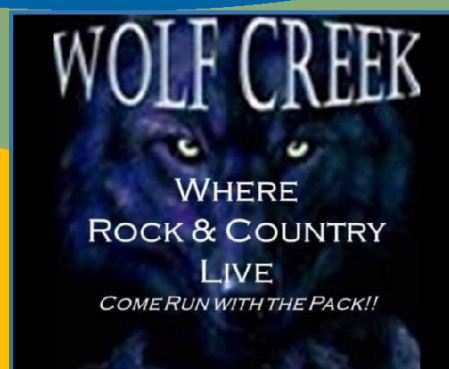
**OCTOBER 10 - 14**

Tuesday – Friday: 6pm – 10pm, Saturday: 2pm – 10pm

**GAMES \* RIDES \* FOOD \* MUSIC \*  
BEER TENT \* SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE \*  
TIN CAN BASKET AUCTION AND MUCH MORE!**



Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm – 10:00pm



Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm – 10:00pm



## MORE NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

# *They're Back!*



## THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 SHARING GROUPS

October 16-November 13

Sign-Ups Begin Next Weekend After All Masses

More details to follow!

### HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

## WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21/22

DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING AREA BEFORE ALL MASSES



# DIAPERS & BABY WIPES COLLECTION

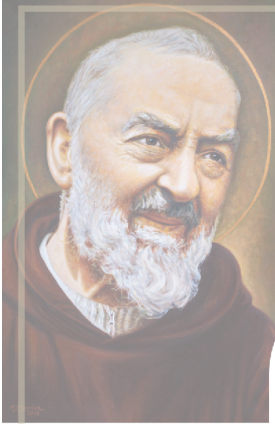


Donations will support the Area Baby Center (ABC) of the Christ Child Society of Summit, which provides essential childcare supplies to local families in need.



The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting diapers and wipes for families in need on October 21st and 22nd, after all the Masses. The diapers and wipes will support the Area Baby Center (ABC), a work of the Christ Child Society in Summit. All sizes of diapers welcome. The donated diapers and wipes will help ease the financial burden on families with young children and are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

## SAVE THE DATE



# PARISH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PADRE PIO

**Saturday, November 4th**  
111 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504

Cost: \$35.00 per person  
Optional Food - Box Sandwich Lunch: \$15.00 per person  
(*must order in advance*)

The bus will load at 6:45am and leave promptly at 7:00am from the church parking lot. We must be on time at the church. Father David Santos will be a celebrant for the mass held at the shrine at 10:30am. The bus will depart the shrine at 4:00pm to return back to Saint James.

### REGISTER TODAY

Parish Trip to the National Center for Padre Pio

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check the box if you want to purchase the Box Sandwich Lunch.

Submit this form with your payment, marked for *Parish Life - Padre Pio* to the rectory no later than October 22.  
Total bus capacity is 50 seats. If you have any questions please call the rectory office at **973-376-3044** or email  
Parish Life at [parishlife@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:parishlife@saintjamesparish.org).

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Divorce Support Gatherings at Little Flower Church in Berkeley Heights

***You are not alone.*** The Church of the Little Flower is offering Surviving Divorce, a support group for those who are separated or divorced. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks beginning October 18. Open to all denominations. \$25 fee covers all materials.

**Registration is required: [DIVORCEMINISTRY.LF@gmail.com](mailto:DIVORCEMINISTRY.LF@gmail.com)**  
**or Dan Grossano 908-464-1585 Ex. 133 | [PASTORAL110.LF@gmail.com](mailto:PASTORAL110.LF@gmail.com)**  
*Find comfort, hope, and healing before, during and after divorce.*

## THE ACADEMY OF SAINT ELIZABETH

*(for all sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls)*

### 2023 FALL OPEN HOUSES:

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Go to [aosenj.org](http://aosenj.org) to register for an  
Open House or to apply online

## UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### 2023 FALL OPEN HOUSES:

October 11th at 7 PM

November 4th at NOON

Register to attend: [www.unioncatholic.org](http://www.unioncatholic.org)  
or Contact the Admissions Office  
908-889-1600, ext. 302 or 328

## SAINT PETER'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### FALL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 15, 2023

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college  
preparatory school for boys and it remains  
New Jersey's only Jesuit high school.

For more information, please call  
201-547-6389 or visit [www.spprep.org](http://www.spprep.org)

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS EXAM

The 2023 Catholic High School  
Admissions Exam will take place  
**Friday, Nov. 10**, at designated sites  
throughout New Jersey and New York.

Register at [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org)

If you have questions, call 888-921-2667  
or email [support@njcoopexam.org](mailto:support@njcoopexam.org)

## OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD

### FALL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 28, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Pre-Registration Required

For more information, call  
908-522-8109 or visit  
[www.oakknoll.org/upper-school](http://www.oakknoll.org/upper-school)



SCAN ME

## 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](mailto:info@newarkpriest.com).  
Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: [newarkpriest.com](http://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 contact the  
Faith Formation Office at (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, OCTOBER 7

### Our Lady of the Rosary

**5:00pm**      **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Andrew Foscato**  
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

**8:00am**      **Gloria Madrid**  
r/b Zenaida M.  
**Daniel & Angela Raimondo**  
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Marianne Van Volkenburgh

**10:00am**      **Gloria Madrid**  
r/b Ortiz Family  
**Lorraine Marsh**  
r/b Caroline Labriola

**12:00pm**      **James J. Carney**  
r/b Patty & John Carney  
**Dawn Beviano**  
r/b Hyman Family

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

### Columbus Day

**8:30am**      **Nicolaos Cacouris**  
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

**7:30am**      **Mary O'Malley Kilker**  
r/b The Hornung Family

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

**7:30am**      **Robert Ruple**  
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

**7:30am**      **Carol Roessner**  
r/b Ellmer Family

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

**7:30am**      **Ray Alberti**  
r/b Wife

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**8:30am**      **Andrea Frances Kilby**  
r/b Donna

**5:00pm**      **Lucille Wetzel**  
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick  
**Juan Torres**  
r/b Saint James Parishioners

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in OT

**8:00am**      **Daniel & Angela Raimondo**  
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Marianne Van Volkenburgh  
**Lawrence Dixon Clepper, Jr.**  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

**10:00am**      **Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Betty Macciachera**  
r/b Belita Brown

**12:00pm**      **Susie LoMacchio**  
r/b Patty & John Carney  
**Christopher Padula**  
r/b Marvin & Vera Oakerson



## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Lorraine Marsh  
r/b Caroline Labriola

## BREAD & WINE:

Lorraine Marsh  
r/b Caroline Labriola

*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, Carol Wade, 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](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

[www.thewaterfrontproject.org](http://www.thewaterfrontproject.org)

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of September 30 & October 1

Regular Collection:	\$	6,291.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,668.00
Total:	\$	10,959.00

*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](http://saintjamesparish.org) or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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



**FINANCE**  
Parish Finance Council

## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... Online giving is a convenient and efficient option for parishioners to give to the church. It also helps the parish administratively by cutting down on some of the administrative processing.

The start of the Fall season brings with it cooler temperatures, back to school activities and before long the busy holiday season. Take one thing off your list by signing up for recurring giving online. Go to the parish website today or scan the QR code in the bulletin to get started. With a few quick selections, your giving can be set up for the rest of the year and beyond. If you have any questions, contact the rectory office and they will connect you with a member of the Finance Council.

Remember... Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.  
Proverbs 3:9

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Father David C. Santos  
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Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

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### **PERMANENT DEACON**

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Father John Dennehy

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