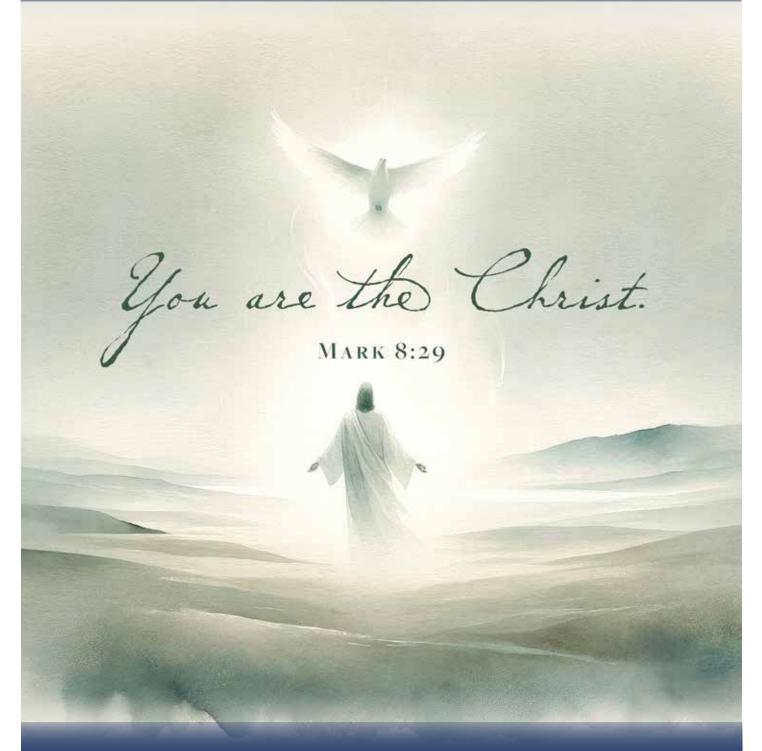


SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 www.saintjamesparish.org



45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 (973) 376-3044

Office Hours:

(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Mon-Tue 8:30AM-3PM Wed 8:30AM-7PM Thu-Fri 8:30AM-3PM

Church Visiting Hours: Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 21: 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, September 22: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 12:00PM - Fr. Paladino

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

NEWS AND UPDATES

Last weekend we welcomed parishioners and guests to St. James for our parish's **Homecoming** event. It was a glorious event! Thank you to the incredible team who helped organize and run the event.

While we proudly showcased our parish ministries and gather as a parish family to enjoy good food and fun, the **Homecoming** event also served as a reminder that it is up to us individually to constantly return to the Lord. Our beloved St. James parish is a privileged place to connect and reconnect with the One who loves us, teaches us, and calls us to serve.

Friends, as we launch into a new season where our schedules once again take on a frenetic pace and our lives (for better or for worse) quickly become busy with school, sports, work and countless priorities, let us continually and intentionally make time to *listen* to the Lord's voice in our hearts, our lives and, most especially, in his book the Bible. I once again **welcome you and your family HOME!** That is, in my estimation, what the church ought to be – a place where you feel at home, where God is worshiped in a community of faith, and where we are strengthened and encouraged to serve our neighbor.

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

What does it cost us to say, "My God help me! Have mercy on me!" Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it.

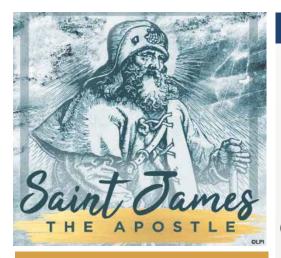
Saint Alphonsus Liguor

ST. JAMES MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING MINISTRY

September is Alzheimer's Month

- An estimated 6.9 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's in 2024. Seventy-three percent are age 75 or older.
- About 1 in 9 people age 65 and older (10.9%) has Alzheimer's.
- One in 3 older Americans dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.
- In 2023, unpaid caregivers provided an estimated 18.4 billion hours of care valued at nearly \$350 billion.
- Deaths from Alzheimer's have more than doubled between 2000 and 2021, while those from heart disease — the leading cause of death — have decreased.

For information on Alzheimer's Disease and family information, see Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry brochure holder on the table in the Narthex.



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:5-9A

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING James 2:14-18

Indeed someone might say,
"You have faith and I have works."
Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith 2024-2025

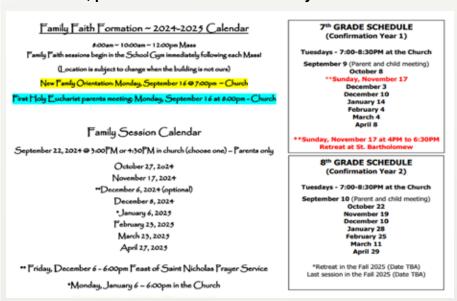
If you have not registered your child for this year yet, please contact Ana ASAP.

Our **first Sunday Family Faith session** for families with children 1st to 6th grades will be only for parents.

The meeting will take place on **Sunday**, **September 22nd at** 3:00PM and 4:30PM in the church.

(Parents are asked to choose and attend one of the two sessions.)

Below, please find the dates for this year's sessions:



Reminders of meetings coming up:

Monday, September 16th at 7PM – for all parents of children new to the Family Faith Formation program this year and have not had children in the program in the past two years.

Monday, September 16th at 8PM – for all parents of children who will be receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this February and May 2025.

Candidates receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation this October 2024

A reminder that your last class/session is on *Tuesday*, *September 17th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the church*

*If you have not signed up for your interview with Fr. David, please do so ASAP. A link was emailed to all candidates' parents.

We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!

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

JOIN THE ST. JAMES CHOIR!

You are invited to join the music ministry at St. James the Apostle as we begin a new season in September under the direction of Mr. Philip La Gala.

Our choir provides music at the 5:00pm (monthly), 10:00am (twice month), and 12:00pm noon (monthly) Masses, from September through June. We also enhance liturgies during holy days and special masses.

Rehearsals take place every Thursday in the Church, beginning promptly at 7:00pm and typically last about an hour. All interested members (high school age and older) are welcome to join our community of song and no prior singing experience is necessary.

Please contact Philip La Gala with any questions at musicdirector@saintjamesparish.org, or feel free to speak with him after mass.

Our first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00pm in the Church.



ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, September 21st 9:00am

We are inviting men of the Parish 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.

All gentlemen of the Parish are welcome!

These meetings will take place in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory (after the 8:30am Mass). You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

Please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org to register if you are interested.

ST. JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

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

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



FOOD COLLECTION September 21 & 22

Drop off in the Narthex before all weekend Masses All donations will support the food pantry at Our Lady of Sorrows

REQUESTED ITEMS

CEREAL & OATMEAL PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY **PASTA**

CANNED CHICKEN & TUNA

Email us if you have any questions about the Helping the Hungry Ministry

> helpingthehungry@ saintjamesparish.org



SEPTEMBER IS THE BIRTHDAY MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER, OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

VISITS ARE FROM SUNDAY TO SUNDAY.

SIGNUP BY USING THIS LINK:

https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/178494





ST. JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

One of the major highlights of the annual Saint James the Apostle Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction—and your help is needed to make this year's event even more successful than in the past!

The Tin Can Auction is a tricky-tray-type event during which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants. Saint James needs contributions of prizes—goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make its Tin Can Auction a success.

So, 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 you can email **tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org**.

REGISTER TODAY!



ARCHDIOCESE 2024 EUCHARISTIC of NEWARK ROSARY CONGRESS

MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST. LEAD US TO HIM!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 7PM TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 12 NOON MASS

> **Eucharistic Adoration** Hourly Recitation of the Rosary

St. James Church 45 S. Springfield Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081

Sign up for an hour, or just show up to pray Contact via email:

rosarycongress@saintjamesparish.org





Sponsored by Archdiocese of Newark Office for Evangelization Learn more at: www.rcan.org/rosarycongress











LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE

Oct. 21-November 25 7:00PM (following rosary) in the School Gym

To register use the Flocknote sign-up: https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/174794

\$30 fee covers cost of book and materials/hospitality Use the QR code to pay online or drop check at the Rectory.



For more information and to inquire about a limited number of scholarships please email smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org

THREE EVENINGS OF MEN'S SPIRITURLITY THE TRINITY AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

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

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



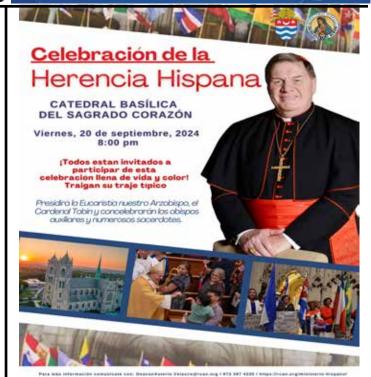
NOVEMBER 12, 7pm - 8pm Talk by Fr. David Santos

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

School Bells Signal A New Start



The sound of the school bell is a welcome sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to develop their potential. Many students will not be able to achieve their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s). We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books. Thank you.



UPDATE FROM JAMES McELROY



Hello, everyone! My name is James McElroy, a parishioner here at St. James along with my family. As some of you may know, after seriously discerning a call to the priesthood in recent years, I was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Newark in the Spring of 2023. So far on this

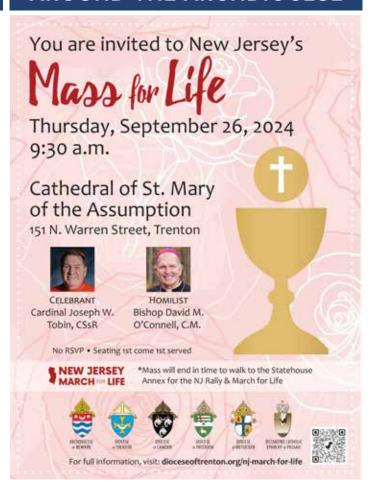
new journey, I spent most of the past year at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York, in what is called the Propaedeutic Stage". During those months, my peers and I were more immersed in prayer, service (to the elderly and homeless in NYC), and discernment than ever before. I feel that even beyond discerning whether God was calling me to be his priest, I was able to – little by little – become more aware than I ever have been of His profound love for me, despite my many great shortcomings; the Sacred Heart of Jesus is alive and is longing for each one of us.

In May of this year, I completed my time at St. Joseph's, and spent about half of the summer assigned to St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greenville, Jersey City. While there, I was able to participate in the day-to-day life of a busy city parish under the guidance of Father Joseph Furnaguera. The people of St. Paul's were so good to me, and their loving witness – like yours – motivates me deeply on this journey!

And now, in September, I am a few weeks into my time at Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, where I (God willing) will be for the next few years of my life, studying philosophy and theology throughout my formation. This new stage will be different, but I am happy to continue the path and to recognize everything as a gift. I am among good company here at the seminary and know that there will be good fellowship as well as formation with my brother seminarians. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and your kindness! I thank Father David for the opportunity he has given me to share these words with you, and for the great example he continues to put forward. Please know of my prayers and love for you all, many of you whom I have known since my childhood!

James McElroy and his family at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, Oct. 12 Noon

Anointing of the Sick is appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death or the elderly, but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness.



Church of the Little Flower

310 Plainfield Ave.

Berkeley Heights

908.464.1585

The sacrament can be received more than once.

You are invited to join us for refreshments after Mass. RSVP by Oct. 4 Scan the QR code or contact the parish offices.



SCAN ME

ACADEMY OF SAINT ELIZABETH

For all girls 6th - 8th grade

OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Sunday, October 6 Wednesday, November 6

ADMISSION TEST Friday, November 8

Go to **aosenj.org** to register for an Open House or to apply online!

OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD

Grades PK - 6 (coed) Grades 7 - 12 (all girls)

We will host Lower School Information Tours beginning on **Monday**, **October 7**.

Hear directly from the Director of Lower School Admission, gain insights into our admission process, and tour our beautiful campus.

Visit our website at www.oakknoll.org or call the Admission Office at 908-522-8109.

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FALL OPEN HOUSE DATES:

October 5th at 12pm October 16th at 7pm

Empowering Excellence From What If to What's Next

For more information, contact the Admissions Office **908-889-1600**, **ext. 302**, or register to attend by visiting the Admissions Page of our Website **www.unioncatholic.org**



You Are Mine LGBTQ Parents Prayer & Support Group

We offer a respectful group in which the parents and loved ones of LGBTQ Catholics can share their joys, challenges and faith.

Thursday, September 19, 2024 (and every 3rd Thursday from September through June) from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Church of the Little Flower 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ

Please contact us at youaremine.lf@gmail.com

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 & 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, SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
5:00pm Thomas Kallikkadan

Vincent and Dorothy DeGaetano

r/b Elena Tosti

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Clem Daly

r/b Andrew Maybo

Jim Genco

r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

10:00am Sheridan Family

r/b Barbara Dlugosz **Giovanna Bruno** r/b Maria Bruno

12:00pm William Rizzo

r/b Friends

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
7:30am Edward Conway
r/b Elaine Conway

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30am Joseph Dente

r/b Camille Mitarotonda

7:30am Antonio Sequeira
r/b Wife and Children

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 7:30am Alan Stalker

r/b Richard and Maureen Rosin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Saint Andrew Kim and Paul Chong Ha-sang &

Companions

7:30am Helen Hudak

r/b Elaine Conway

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Saint Matthew

12:00pm

8:30am Caesar and Edward Rivano

r/b Marion Rivano

5:00pm Carl Quick

r/b Michael and Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Mary and Joseph Giaimo r/b Dennis Giaimo

Thomas Botte
r/b Carmen Lombardi

10:00am Maria Lombardi

r/b Rita Lombardi and Angela and

Pasquale Mazzacouva

Ronnie Fusco r/b Carmela Fusco William Schmidt

r/b Marie Clark

Eleanor Carney

r/b John and Patty Carney



SANCTUARY LAMP:

John Mannarino r/b Mannarino Family

BREAD & WINE:

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 Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Marie Crosby, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Anthony Delfino, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, 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, Thomas McGarvey, 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, 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



DID YOU KNOW?

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament Catholics receive. At Baptism we are sealed as belonging to Christ. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are welcomed into the Church and become children of God. Although many Catholics may be baptized as infants or young children, a person can be baptized at any age. During the Sacrament of Baptism, the immersion into water symbolizes that the person being baptized dies to sin and reses to new life in Christ, purified and sanctified. In Baptism, we are freed from original sins and our personal sins are forgiven.

Author: Allie Johnston

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



As part of our effort to communicate flocknote 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 August 31 & September 1

Regular Collection: \$ 6,053.00 \$ Online Giving: 4.665.00 Total: 10,718.00

Weekend of September 7 & 8

Regular Collection: \$ 6,443.00 Online Giving: 3,860.00 Total: 10,303.00

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



ONLINE GIVING

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

Thank you for your generosity!

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



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... The second collection the weekend of Sept 14/15 is for the Archdiocesan Assessment. Every parish is required to provide financial support to the Archdiocese of Newark. This collection helps to offset our assessment expense.

But do you know how St. James benefits from the assessment funding? We benefit greatly by being part of a larger Archdiocesan faith structure from receiving administrative services provided at no cost to the parish such as pension plan administration, legal and human resources services, as well as a number of other operational costs such as property and health insurance expense items that if purchased directly by the parish would far exceed our assessment cost. Will you help us cover this assessment expense?

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. We have hoodies, quarter-zips, polos, and more!

Scan the QR code to check out all of our merchandise!

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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