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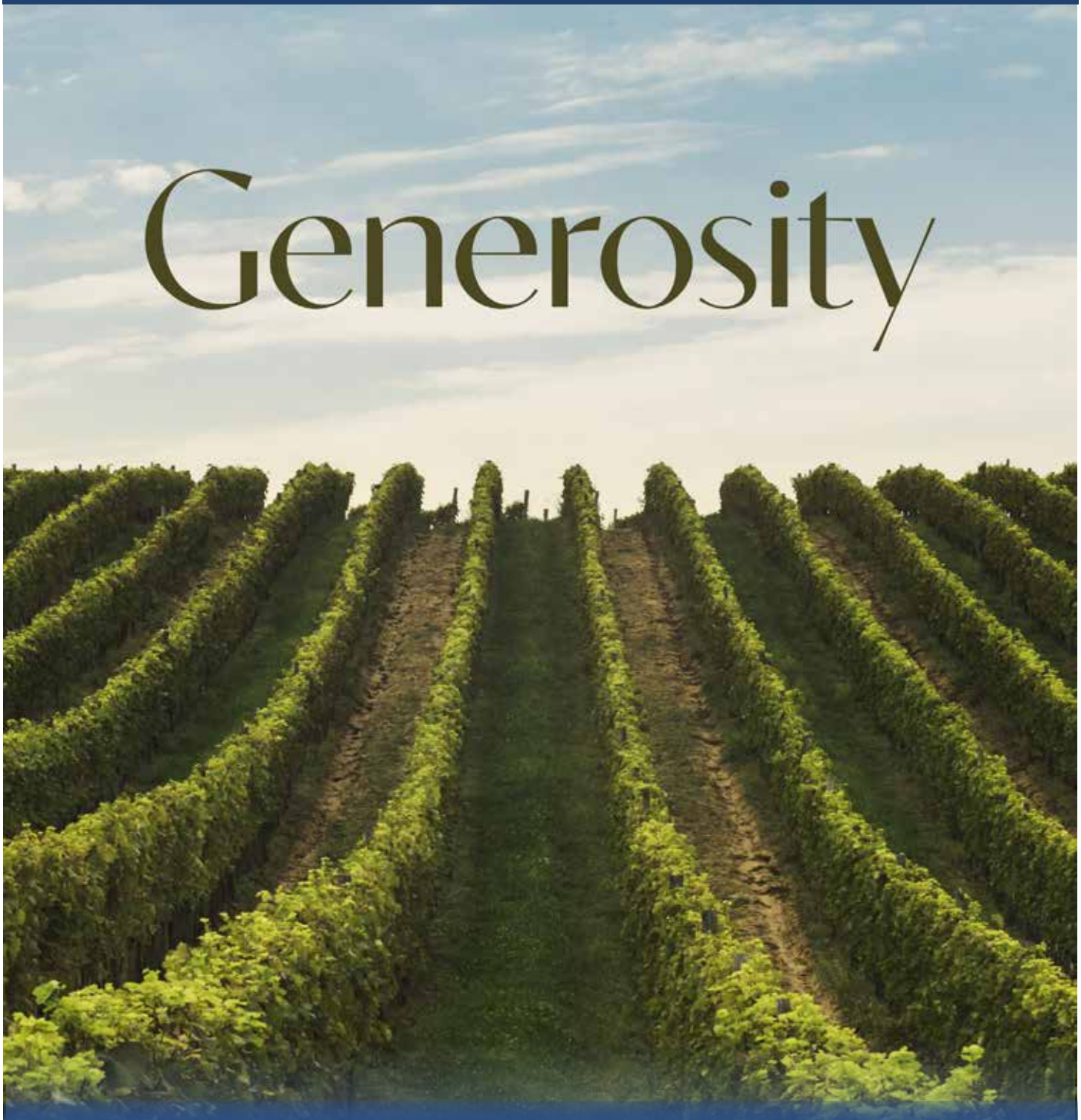

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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Office Hours:
(Closed 12PM-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 26:
5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, September 27:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
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 6:30PM
in the Church and on Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration*:
Wednesday Holy Hour at 7PM *(Third Wednesday of each month will have live music.)*

Second Saturdays at 3PM

**The First Rosary and Wednesday Adoration of the month are for Priestly and Religious Vocations*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

This weekend's Gospel presents one of Jesus' most unsettling parables. A landowner hires workers throughout the day, yet when evening comes, he pays each of them the same full daily wage. Those who worked from the early morning are understandably upset. Like them, we may find ourselves asking, ***"How is that fair?"***

That question is precisely where the parable begins to do its work. Jesus' parables are meant to challenge our assumptions and turn our usual way of seeing the world upside down.

We tend to think in terms of what is *earned, deserved*, or *owed*. God, however, looks upon us through the **wider lens of mercy** and **generosity**.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." That can be difficult to accept, especially when life does not unfold as we hoped.

We may quietly believe that if we **pray enough, serve faithfully, attend Mass,** or **try to live well**, then God should reward us in the way we expect. Without realizing it, our relationship with God can become transactional: "If I do this, God will give me that."

But when faith remains centered on rewards, disappointment can quickly become resentment. We begin to feel that God owes us something. The Gospel invites us into a more mature relationship—one rooted not in bargaining, but in trust. We pray, worship, serve, and love not to earn God's favor, but because we have already received more grace than we could ever deserve.

In that sense, God is not "fair" according to our narrow calculations—and thank God for that. His mercy is ***not* measured out** according to hours worked or favors earned. It is freely offered to the lifelong disciple, the latecomer, the struggling, and the one who is only now finding the courage to return.

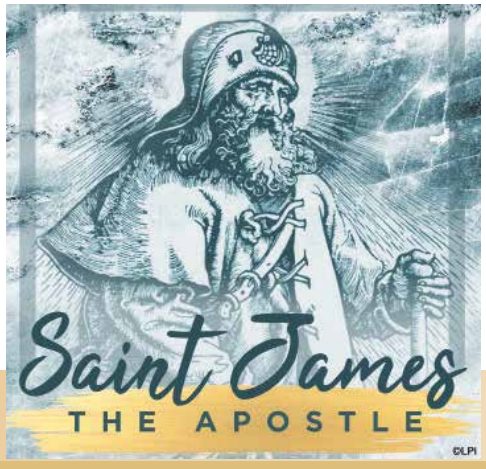
May we resist the temptation to measure God's goodness by our own expectations. Instead, may we rejoice whenever grace finds someone—even at the last hour. God's ways are higher than our ways, His generosity is greater than our calculations, and His mercy is always wider than we imagine.

Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

God does not calculate with our measures and our percentages; God is generous, always offering himself beyond measure.

— Pope Benedict XVI



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING
Isaiah 55:6-9
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 145
The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

SECOND READING
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL
Matthew 20:1-16a
When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

HOLY WHYS: DEACON HUGH REPLIES

Dear Deacon Hugh:

Thank you for responding to my last question, but the Church appears to lean away from dignity and more toward equality for all. What does the Archdiocese of Newark say about this?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

Once again, you present a challenging question. In the last letter, we discussed the Pope's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, where he outlined and applied traditional Church Social Doctrine to the use and governance of artificial intelligence. This past July, Cardinal Tobin followed up with his own letter supporting and expanding on the themes expressed in the Pope's work. Every person possesses an incomparable dignity because all are created, loved, and called into being by God. Human dignity, he writes, does not depend on personal achievement, productivity, social status, gender, race, ethnicity, or any other condition. No authority, therefore, may legitimately deny or limit the rights that flow from it.

Human dignity, the Cardinal writes, requires us to do more than believe in the dignified treatment of people. Our morals and teaching must guide and shape our decisions about law, access to employment and education, and civic participation. Recognizing the dignity of each person, especially those who are marginalized, excluded, or vulnerable, is essential to building a society that promotes the common good, unity, and peace.

The Archdiocese of Newark, therefore, agrees with Pope Leo. The Cardinal concludes by urging Catholics to read the encyclical and reflect prayerfully on it.

Deacon Hugh

If you have a question you would like to ask, please email Deacon Hugh at **hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org.**

SAINT JAMES BOUTIQUE

Visit our online boutique for St. James the Apostle Parish apparel & more!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S SESSIONS (2026-2027)

Our Family Faith Sessions dates can also be found on our parish website..

**Our first Family Faith Formation session is next Sunday, September 27.
We are looking forward to it and hope you are too!!

Family Faith Formation - 2026-2027 Calendar

8:00am / 10:00am / 12:00pm Mass
Family Faith sessions begin in the FMG Cafeteria immediately following each Mass!

New Family Orientation: Monday, September 14 @ 7:00pm - Church

First Holy Eucharist parents meeting: Monday, September 14 at 8:00pm – Church

Family Faith Sessions

September 27, 2026
Friday, October 9 at 6PM – Rosary for families with children - Church
October 25, 2026
Wednesday, October 28 at 6PM – Eucharistic Adoration for families with children - Church
November 15, 2026
December 6, 2026
Tuesday, January 5, 2027, at 6PM - Feast of Epiphany Celebration - Church
January – No Session – Parents meetings instead (dates emailed and by appointment)
February 7, 2027
March 7, 2027
Tuesday, March 9 at 6PM – Rosary for families with children - Church
April 18, 2027
Wednesday, April 21 at 6PM – Eucharistic Adoration for families with children - Church

Families with children receiving First Holy Eucharist this year (additional sessions besides the retreats):

- **Saturday, October 10** at OLL from 10AM to 12 noon
- **Saturday, February 27, 2027 at St. James Church** from 9AM to 10AM in church
- **Saturday, April 10, 2027 at St. James Church** from 9AM to 10AM in church (if No Eucharistic Retreat that day, otherwise session will be on **Thursday, April 8** at 6PM in church)

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 SCHEDULE (7th Grade)

Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30PM at the Church

September 8 – 7PM (Parent and child meeting)

October 6
November 10
December 1
January 12
February 9
March 16
April 6

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 SCHEDULE (8th Grade)

Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30PM at the Church

September 8 – 8PM (Parent and child meeting)
October 20
November 17
December 15
January 26
February 23
March 23
April 20
June 1 – 7PM (Parent and child meeting)

*Retreat in Fall 2027 (Date TBA)
Last session in Fall 2027 (Date TBA)
Interviews in Fall 2027 (Dates TBA)

Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this October 2026

A reminder that your **retreat** is next **Saturday, September 26 from 9AM to 6PM**.
See you then!!

LOOKING FOR PEER LEADERS FOR THE 2026-2027 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are in high school, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are currently a parishioner at St. James, and are interested in being a peer leader for this coming year's Confirmation Prep Groups, please call or email Ana Serra-Prescott to schedule an interview.

*Please know that if selected, you **must** be able to commit to:

- Attending all 7 sessions or 14 (if you chose to volunteer for both groups)
- Attend the Confirmation retreat and the Confirmation Masses in the Fall of 2027 (if you will be volunteering for the Confirmation Year 2 group, unless you will be away in college)

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Family Faith Formation Program to volunteer as Catechists, Classroom Aides, Adult Session Aides, and Hall Monitors.

If after prayerful consideration, you are interested and feel called to volunteering in any of those capacities, or have more questions, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott at **aprescott@saintjamesparish.org**, call **(973)376-2061**, or stop by the rectory.

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

WELCOME TO SAINT JAMES DEACON KEITH GIBBONS

Ordained in 2005. Keith and his wife Terry have 5 children. Terri & Jim, Kelly & Bob, Kyle, Gus & Diana, Luke & Kate along with 5 grandchildren Tess, Jack, Jayne, Archie and Naomi. Deacon Keith was transferred from Holy Trinity Parish in Westfield to us here at Saint James. He brings with him many years of experience and a heart for sharing the Gospel.

"My Vocational call is a 'Washer of Feet' in a variety of service missions that range from feeding our less fortunate families to caring for our First Responders. Terry and I look forward to sharing our gifts and love with our new Parish Family at St. James."

SAINT 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

Please Note: *For privacy reasons and HIPPA regulations, names may be added to the prayer list by the individual themselves, or with their* ***explicit permission*** *from the one in need of prayers. Individuals in need of prayers may also call the rectory for assistance.*

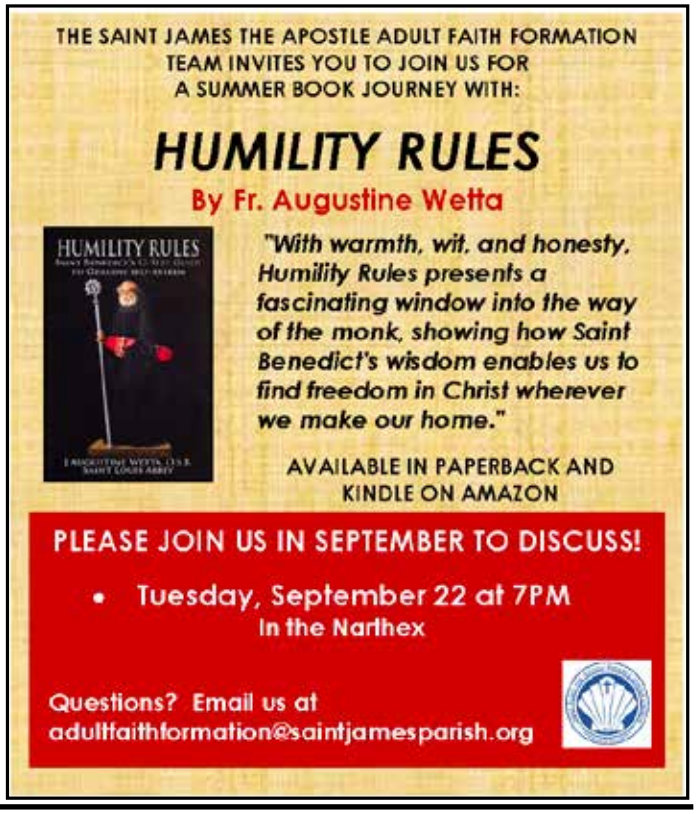
SAINT JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

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. 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.

If you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact Antoinette Miller through the Rectory office 973-376-3044 or email **tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org**.

NEXT WEEK AT SAINT JAMES



Centered in Hope, Growing in Faith Capital Campaign
OVER $3.6 MILLION PLEDGED FROM JUST 335 FAMILIES

September 12/13, 2026

Thank you to the following individuals and families that made their sacrificial pledge to our capital campaign. **Please know that this list was updated on September 3, 2026**. If you wish to remain anonymous or update the display of your name, please contact the parish office. Due to the summer months we are publishing the listing of names every few weeks. An asterisk (*) is placed next to the names since the last publication.

Anonymous (22)
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Michael & Michelle Araujo
Andy & Debi Austin
Rev. Joseph F. Barbone
Lynn & Tom Barbone
Anthony & Maria Battaglia
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Linda & Chuck Bell
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Claire & Mark Bernstein
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Gerlando & Andrea Cacciatore
Olivia J. Cacciatore
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Manuel A. Cancella Jr.
Joseph Capawan
The Capodice Family
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Samantha Cappuccino, Andrew Kerwin, Penelope Williams & Nolan Williams
Nancy Caputo
Rose & Allie Carvajales
Joseph & Janet Cariello
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Catherine Castaldo & Thomas Nobile
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Oscar & Damaris Chacon
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The Chaves Family
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Joe Clinton
Maria Cocuzza
Marianne Conte
Elaine Conway
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Marissa Cook
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Maria DeAnna
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The D'Arcy Family
Michele & Tony DeCagna
Michael & Margaret D'Ecclessis
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Ernie & Janet DellaSala
Doreen & Frank DeMartino
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The DiCosmo Family
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Walter Egnatuk
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The Ellmer Family
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Debbie Gagliardo
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Teodulo & Evangeline Garcia
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Michael & Kathy Ghabrial
The Ghilino Family
Dennis Giaimo
Jim & Pat Giese
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ginefra
James Glenn & Susana Lopes-Glenn
Ave O. Gozo & Family
Joseph Grabowy & Ann Granziel
Maria Grande
Kara Grieco, Andre James Milsky and Nino John Milsky
James & Lara Grote & Family
Keith & Joanne Guarnuccio
Marie & Raymond Gunderson
Jimmy & Kathy Guarino
Fe & Pete Guilas
Julius & Winnie Gutierrez
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The Hayes Family
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Lena Johnson
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Eric G. Kahn on behalf of Seymour & Regina Kahn
Joe & Kathy Kareivis
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Hayes & Elyse Reilly
Anthony & Carmelina Reino
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Augusto & Ramona Reyes
Raymundo & Resvelyn Reynes
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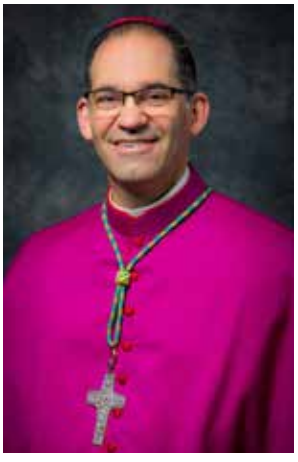

Bishop Michael Saporito Appointed Bishop of Metuchen

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Michael A. Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, as Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Bishop Saporito has served our local Church in many ways, particularly through his ministry as Regional Bishop for Bergen County, where he has accompanied our priests, parishes and people with great care and dedication.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., congratulated Bishop Saporito on his appointment, calling him “a faithful servant of the Gospel and, to me, a brother and friend.”

Please join Cardinal Tobin and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark in praying for Bishop Saporito and the people of Metuchen as they begin this new chapter together.

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK

RESPECT LIFE
Office of the Archdiocese of Newark

2026 Retreat Dates

September 25-27, 2026

For more details, contact Cheryl Riley, Director of the Respect Life Office by phone at 201-912-3272 or email at Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

Hope... Healing... Forgiveness

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

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. Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:00pm **Carl Quick**
r/b Theresa and Michael Quick
John Sonowski
r/b Kahn Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am **Lisa and Antoinette Agrillo**
r/b Tony and Dina Cangelosi
Deacon Michael DeRoberts
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle
10:00am **Maryann Bujnowski**
r/b Tom, Tricia, and Laura
Maria Lombardi
r/b Rita, Angela, and Pasquale
12:00pm **William Schmidt**
r/b Marie Clark
Eleanor Carney
r/b John and Patty Carney

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Saint Matthew
7:30am **Matthew Klein**
r/b Mom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
7:30am **Bea Stracy**
r/b Francine Foscato

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Saint Pius
7:30am **Vivian Furnaguera**
r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7:30am **Nico Lombardi**
r/b Rita, Angela, and Pasquale

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7:30am **Iluminada Gallares Chu**
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
8:30am **Anna Marie Villanova**
r/b Donna
5:00pm **Maria Soledade Santos**
r/b Clara Uliano and Family
Ernest Reedy
r/b Children

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am **Angelo Bonavitacola**
r/b Rudy, Liz, and Family
Vivian Furnaguera
r/b Bernstein Family
10:00am **Susana H. Fernandez**
r/b Dennis McNany
James Kennedy
r/b Tracy and Ken Ricciardi
12:00pm **Gennaro Stango**
r/b Darlene Stango
Joseph Nitti
r/b Friends

SANCTUARY LAMP:
Dr. Don Chervenak
r/b Donna

BREAD & WINE:
Dr. Don Chervenak
r/b Donna

To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Bailey Lynn Kowalchuk, Summer Kowalchuk

A TIME TO HEAL

If you would like a person to remain on the list after four weeks, please contact the rectory.

JoAnn Marie DeLouisa, Alberto Fernandez, Jocelyn Sperlazza ✝ Fran Wagner ✝ Yvonne Jezior, Joseph, Nancy Bernosky

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 TO DIE

Mary Kenihan

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Major Jeffrey Bordenave, Brian Braine, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, 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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of September 5 & 6

Regular Collection:	$ 5,600.00
Online Giving:	$ 5,113.00
Total:	$ 10,713.00

Weekend of September 12 & 13

Regular Collection:	$ 6,113.00
Online Giving:	$ 4,500.00
Total:	$ 10,613.00

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!

REPORT FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT CONFIDENTIALLY: If you suspect financial misconduct, use ***EthicsPoint***, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit ***www.rcan.org*** for the hotline and reporting link.

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 Parish has a Building Maintenance fund. Donations to this fund are separate from the capital campaign and support the parish's ability to address maintenance needs around the campus. You can make donations anytime to the Building Maintenance fund but look for the second collection the weekend of September 26/27.

Capital Campaign Update - Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or gift to the capital campaign. As of September 3rd, 335 families have pledged $3.6 million. This includes the donor match. 🎉🎉🎉

2026 Annual Appeal Update - We met our 2026 Annual Appeal Stretch Goal! By collecting stretch goal funds prior to June 30th the parish is eligible for the 2% assessment rate reduction. Thank you for your generous support and participation.

Remember...
The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, we have an e-newsletter through a platform called Flocknote.

The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and more.

Here's how you can sign up:
Text NEWSLETTER to 84576
***OR* Sign up on the website:**
saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

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