General Parish Information

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School Office	912-355-3132
Early Learning Center:	912-629-2430
Convent:	
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Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm	
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm	

Staff

Stall	
Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL	Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Gberikon	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	Deacon
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM	Dir. of Evangelization
Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM	School Principal
Mrs. Misty Ellison-Youssef	Director Early Learning Ctr
Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
Mr. Mark Kolbush	Director of Finance
Mrs. Susanna Powers	Receptionist
Mr. Richard Morgan	Maintenance
Mr. Matt Keck	

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Sunday:.....7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 am (Nursery available)

Mass Schedule

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 28TH, 2024

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."



Saint James Parish Mission Statement

Saint James the Less Parish will conduct our lives in ways that illustrate our discipleship to Jesus Christ by evangelizing His Word, promoting a culture of life, embracing the richness of the Catholic Faith, use the Beatitudes to model our behaviors, and draw closer to Him through the Sacraments where we will receive courage, zeal, confidence, purpose, and the blessings of the Holy Trinity.

WELCOME, VISITORS! We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or at the kiosk located in the Narthex, and return it to the church office.

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PASTOR'S CORNER 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RETREAT AND FAMILY VACATION

Thank you for your prayers as I went on retreat and family vacation these last few weeks! The time for prayer, quiet, play, family time, and peace were just what I needed! For both weeks, my access to Wi-Fi and good cell reception was quite limited thus making me amazingly free and unplugged. It really was rejuvenating and refreshing!

WELCOME TEACHERS AND STAFF

This week, we welcome back our St. James School Faculty and Staff! After, what feels to me like an incredibly short summer (though parents may disagree with my sentiment!), our teachers and staff return to the school to prepare for the 2024-2025 School Year. We are looking forward to having them present again on campus and in the halls. Students begin on August 8th which is just around the corner! As the summer winds to a close, please remember the Sisters, teachers, staff, students, and family in your prayers as the school year returns.

Now for a few announcements...

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS

Over the summer, we experimented with truncated office hours – opening the Church Office from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Though the office was closed, the church staff were available to answer the phone or do other work from home or at the parish offices without interruption. I think it was successful and we will do that again next year.

Monday, August 5th, we will resume regular office hours for the Church Office – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING

During the pandemic, we began a Holy Hour for Healing every Sunday at 4:00 PM during which we prayed Vespers (Evening Prayer). We continued the Holy Hour these past few years. This Holy Hour and Vespers, however, will be discontinued beginning next weekend until further notice. Perhaps in the future it will be revived in a new format with new vigor. For the time being, it will end.

May the Lord Jesus bless you and your families abundantly this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

St. Maximilian Kolbe Drive for assistance with the St. James Prison Ministry



The weekend of August 10 & 11th, **Deacon Lou Santore**, St James Parish Leader of our Prison Ministry will speak briefly after each Mass. Through our parishioners' support, progress continues to be achieved in prison ministry. The spirituality outreach for the St James Prison Ministry has expanded significantly over the last 5 years. The current scope includes Spirituality and Communion services on-site at Coastal State Prison; spiritual material development for the incarcerated; monthly rosary prayer service here on the church premises; and supplying basic hygiene products and non-RX reading glasses to those with no access to funds.

For this ministry to continue, assistance is needed in the forms of time, talent, and funds. Your time and talent are needed to attend on-site services at Coastal State Prison, provide content for spiritual materials, assemble Christmas card-cookie gift sets, and participate in the monthly rosary prayer service here at St James. Funds are needed to procure and supply the spiritual educational resources and hygiene products and reading glasses. There will be examples of St. James Prison Ministry's work on display in the Narthex next week. We are prayerful and grateful for the talent and funds supporting this ministry.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Please pray daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters

7/28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

9:00 am Special Intention, Thomas Trombino ~ Fr. Firmin

11:30 am + Frank & Zoraida Ramirez ~ Fr. King

**Joseph Smith, Finbarr Stanton, Nathaniel Swann, Vincente Terrazas | Gilbert Ofori Mensah

7/29 Monday Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

7:00 am Special Intention, Eleanor Farkas ~ Fr. King 8:30 am + Mary Caroline Highsmith ~ Fr. Gabriel

** John Reynolds Ha Tran, Mark Van Alstine, Gregory Visca | Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

7/30 Tuesday St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Beatriz Tagle ~ Fr. King

** Scott Winchel, John Wright, Richard Young, Frank Ziemkiewicz | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

7/31 Wednesday St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46

7:00 am + Kay Blanton ~ Fr. Gabriel 8:30 am + Mui Nguyen ~ Fr. Firmin 5:30 pm + Robin Molella ~ Fr. King

**All deceased priests, Deacon Lou Santore| Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

8/1 Thursday St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

7:00 am Special Intention, Eleanor Farkas ~ Fr. King

8:30 am + Frank Dobson ~ Fr. Firmin

**Bishops Stephen Parkes and J. Kevin Boland | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

8/2 Friday St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, & St. Peter Julian Eymard Priest

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Joe & Eleanor Foley ~ Fr. Firmin

**Jason Adams, Theodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel,

Samuel Aniekwe | Deacon Kevin Braski | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

8/3 Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay

5:00 pm + Ben Oxnard, Jr.

**Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, Christopher Awiliba | Deacon Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

8/4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35

7:30 am For the People

8:00 am (IOH)

Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church

9:00 am + Amy Speir, 1st Anniversary 11:30 am + Madeline Cetti, 1st Anniversary

**Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom, Brett Brannen, Joey Buencamino | Jared Miller

The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9 AM & 11:30 AM Sunday Masses. The Nursery is located in the Early Learning Center, Classroom #2.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father, your only son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Deacon Bob Fritts, Deacon Jerry Clark, Phin Michael, Josie Lee, Elizabeth Jacobi, Paul Baldwin, Elsie Coursey, Donna Katula, Sandy Ramirez, Vicky and Susan Reyes, Dick Buchner, Spyros Root, Nick & Thomas Turchiano, Frank Phillip, Brian DeRouen, Monica & Pamela De Guzman, and all those listed in the book of the sick.

In order for a name to be included on the prayer list, an immediate family member must notify the church office at 912-355-1523. Names will be listed here for 4 weeks and then entered into the Book of the Sick, unless the office is notified otherwise.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, grant that our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have passed from this world, may come to share your eternal happiness in the communion of saints.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Ann Walters, Ann Taylor, Victoria Parker, Joanne Sheils, Connie Tyler, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Eric & Amanda Dawe & Family
Will and Sally Gallagher

Stephen & Colleen Hermann & Family

Greg & Becky Langason

Gray & Hilary Slother & Family

St. James Weekly Calendar

7/28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

4:00–5:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour with Vespers-Church

Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am

7/29 Monday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church 9:00am Rosary–Cry Room

7/30 Tuesday

7:45–8:15am Confessions-Church
9:00am Rosary-Cry Room
5:00–6:00pm Confessions-Church
5:30–7:00pm SJS VB practice-PC/gym
5:00–6:00pm Prolife Holy Hour-Church

7/31 Wednesday

6:20-7:30am TMIY-PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

3:00-5:00pm SJS Leadership Team-MCR 6:30-8:00pm Choir Practice-Church

8/1 Thursday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church
9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

5:30-7:00pm SJS VB practice-PC/gym

8/2 Friday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

9:00-2:00pm SJS Teachers Retreat/Luncheon-MCR/PC/Gym

8/3 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-Church 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

8/48:00-11:15am
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm



Council of Catholic Women Support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

"Be A Swaddling Angel" The next project will be collected in December 2024.

Please participate by choosing to:

Donate YOUR CREATIVE crocheted, knitted, OR non-tie baby blankets.

Finished sizes: <u>Newborns</u> 33"x 33" or larger and <u>Neonates</u> 22"x 22

Any donation of 1-2 yards of flannel /cotton fabrics are also appreciated. Please place your donation in the special hamper at the Narthex. For any questions, please contact Anita Smith at anitarsmith122@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

July 21, 2024 \$35,657.49

 YTD Offertory: July 1st through July21st

 2023-24 Actual
 \$74,803.49

 2024-25 Budget
 \$75,333.70

 2024-25 Actual
 \$86,005.31

 2nd Collect Church of Africa
 3,977.00

2024 ACA Progress Report as of 7/11/2024

Total Given & Pledged \$161,564.74 ACA Parish Goal: \$134,000 % Participation: 22.05

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Stewardship of Treasure. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and provides programs, support, and services to our parishioners, school and community.



SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING Visit our parish website at www.stjamessav.com and select the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamessav.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.

Stewardship is determined by:

- * Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- * Faithful participation at Sunday & Holy Day liturgies
- * Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

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ABUSE HOTLINE... To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline at 888-357-5330 or the Office for Protection of Children & Young

people at 912-201-4073. To read the policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

* RCIA * E REUNION * E

Come reconnect with fellow RCIA classmates and team members, meet our newest members, and give thanks to the Lord for the blessings of the journey!

Thursday, Aug. 22 | 6:30 pm

Mercy Conference Room St. James the Less Church

Please RSVP by August 12 at this link: tinyurl.com/RCIAReunion

Questions? Sr. Stephanie Gabriel 912-600-2153 (direct & text) or SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com



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To register and pay online, visit https://tinyurl.com/PREP2025. Registration assistance available in the Parish Office.

Formulario de inscripción en español disponible le en la oficina parroquial.

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.



St. James Parish rejoices at the

Perpetual Profession of Vows of Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew, IHM



Sunday, August 4, 2024 2 p.m. Sacred Heart Chapel Villa Maria House of Studies Malvern, PA



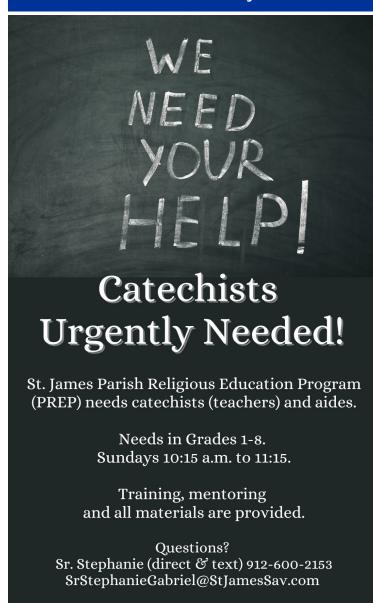
All are invited to join in the celebration via livestream.

The link will be posted to the parish Facebook page, and to the parish homepage as soon as it is available.

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(In. 1:38-39)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is for those who are not baptized, or those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition who are interested in becoming Catholic Christians.

Learn more about RCIA

Contact Sr. Stephanie for an overview of the process, ask questions and discern next steps.

RCIA meets weekly on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8. Mercy Conference Room

Meetings begin Sept. 17, 2024

An interview with Sr. Stephanie is requested prior to attending an RCIA meeting.

Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

The next food pantry will be on August 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <u>If anyone needs food assistance during July, please call the church office at 912-355-1523.</u>

The food pantry is still greatly in need of non- perishable food or monetary donations to stock our pantry during the summer months. We thank you for your generous donations that continue to help so may families in our community.

We CANNOT accept any items in glass containers or that have expired. St. James Food Pantry in Urgent Need of Items to Restock the Shelves. Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops), healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars, pancake mix, canned pork & beans, shelf stable milk, toothpaste & toothbrushes, laundry detergent.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Oatmeal Breakfast cereal
Canned chicken Canned fruits
Tuna fish Kleenex
Jelly & Peanut Toilet paper
butter Low sodium soups &
Dry macaroni Veg
Spaghetti sauce

Breakfast bars



WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK OUR FACULTY AND STAFF ON AUGUST 1ST!

Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with the strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education.

Amen



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