General Parish Information

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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-12:30p	m	

Staff

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Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL	Pastor
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Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
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Mass Schedule					
Sunday:	7:30.	9:00 &	11:30 am	(Nurserv	available)

Vigil:
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only
Holy Days of Obligation:
Reconciliation: Weekdays Mon-Fri: 7:45 - 8:15am; Tues-5pm,
Saturday: 3:454:45pm, and by other times by appt.
Baptism: Please call the parish office to pre-register
Anointing of the Sick: For anointing, or in case of an
emergency, please call the parish office.
Marriage:Please contact a parish priest
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel24/7

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4TH, 2024

18TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Jn 6:32-33



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 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL!

The 2024-2025 School Year begins on August 8th for our St. James School students, teachers, staff, and families! What an exciting year this will be! Welcome back to those students and families returning and a big St. James welcome to those students and families beginning a new chapter in your lives with us! Parents, we are blessed by the presence of your children and by your presence! We consider it a privilege and honor to assist you in your vocation as the first and best educators of your children. The Church, St. James Parish, is to help you by providing the school (our largest ministry in the Parish) and our Parish Religious Education Program.

This year will be a year of excitement, change, flexibility, and magnificent vision for the future! I cannot wait to share this with each of you! I am looking forward to walking with you through all of our endeavors and plans as we look to the future and continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus and the Church! At our Parish, in our Church and our School, we seek to form disciples of Jesus Christ, deepening our faith, hope, and charity in witness to the Gospel and in building the Kingdom of God!

SR. ELIZABETH ANN BARTHOLOMEW, IHM

Congratulations to Sr. Elizabeth Ann Bartholomew, IHM, who professed her perpetual vows this Sunday, August 4th, at the Motherhouse for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Immaculata, Pennsylvania (outside of Philadelphia)! Sister is a daughter of our parish and we cannot be prouder of her! Congratulations to Bob and Jenny Bartholomew, her parents, and to her family! Vocations to the religious life do not come from trees or from thin air. They are conceived, nurtured, and supported in the family. Thank you, Sister Elizabeth Ann for your "Yes" to the Lord's calling on your life and serving the people of God as a consecrated religious sister!

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS

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.

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of teachers for our Parish Religious Education Program. Please contact Sr. Stephanie through the parish office or via email at srstephanie@stjamessav.com.

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

Next weekend, 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 contin-

ues 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

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 + Madeline Cetti, 1st Anniversary

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

8/5 Monday Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

7:00 am + Fr. Mario Balbi ~ Fr. King

8:30 am + Robert Derby ~ Fr. Gabriel ~ Fr. King

** Anthony Phong Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo, Michael Cerrone, Robert Chaney | Noah Pace

8/6 Tuesday Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

7:00 am + Elizabeth Jacobi ~ Fr. Firmin 8:30 am + Jody Moran ~ Fr. King

** Douglas Clark, Casey Cole , William Cook, P. James Costigan | Fred Williams | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

8/7 Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

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

8:30 am + Ruby Wallace ~ Fr. Firmin 5:30 pm + Gregoria Dagsan ~ Fr. Firmin

**Gabriel Cummings, Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada | Tuan Joseph Vuong | Sr. Stephanie Gabriel

8/8 Thursday Saint Dominic, Priest

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Frank DeGuzman ~ Fr. King

**Romanus Ezeugwu, Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Mariusz Fuks | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Joan O'Reilly

8/9 Friday St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Mary Anne Walters ~ Fr. Firmin

**Gabriel Gberikon, Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez | Stephen Owusu Dwamena| Sr. Catherine McElroy

8/10 Saturday Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

9:00 am Special Intention, Christiana & Dylan Williams

5:00 pm + Robin Molella

**Richard Hart, Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, Francis Higgins | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

8/11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

7:30 am + Mary Lou Johnson 9:00 am + Hazel Shockley 11:30 am For the People

**James Holloway, Daniel Ihunnia, Gordian Iwuji, Francisco Gamboa | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell

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.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim **A**men.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Phin Michael, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, Elsie Coursey, Donna Katula, Sandy Ramirez, Vicky and Susan Reyes, Dick Buchner, 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:

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



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"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.

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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!!!

St. James Weekly Calendar

8/4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

8/5 Monday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church
9:00am Rosary-Cry Room
3:30-5:00 SJS VB practice-PC/gym

8/6 Tuesday

7:45–8:15am Confessions-Church
9:00am Rosary-Cry Room
5:00–6:00pm Confessions-Church
3:30–5:00 SJS VB practice-PC/gym
5:00–6:00pm Prolife Holy Hour-Church

8/7 Wednesday

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

8/8 Thursday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church
9:00am Rosary-Cry Room
3:30-5:00pm SJS VB practice-PC/gym

6:30-8:00pm Pastoral Parish Council Mtg-Mercy Conf. Rm

8/9 Friday

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

8/10 Saturday

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

9:30am-2:00pm New Catechists Orientation 8/11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Maximilian Kolbe Drive-Narthex

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



BOX OF JOY DRIVE

St. James Parish is sponsoring the annual Box of Joy in August. Our parishioners have blessed so many children in need with JOY for the past 10 years. Last year 200 gift boxes were donated. No target is set this year; our

Parish will accept any donation, a gift box or monetary donation to ensure sharing our JOY of CHRISTMAS to others.

1st option: Obtain a gift box (with instructions inside) located in the narthex. Please understand that the total donation is \$29.00...gift items you purchase should be at least \$20.00...**ALSO_a \$9.00** additional donation for shipping fee is needed. You or your family can enjoy choosing the gift items for the box.

2nd option: Donate \$29:00...and/or additional boxes to the "Box of Joy" section in our Parish website "Online Giving".

3rd option: For those comfortable with personal checks, make your donation to St. James Parish <u>and</u> note "Box of Joy" on the MEMO line in your check. Place you check in the collection basket. **THANK YOU!!!**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

July 28, 2024 \$25,745.86

YTD Offertory: July 1st through July28th2023-24 Actual \$125,564.21
2024-25 Budget \$126,454.22
2024-25 Actual \$111,751.17

2024 ACA Progress Report as of 7/25/2024

Total Given & Pledged \$163,156.79 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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people at 912-201-4073. To read the policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

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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



REGISTER TODAY!

St. James Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Catholic religious education for children in grades PreK through 8 not enrolled in Catholic school. Sacramental preparation in grades 1-2 and 7-8. Catch-up classes also available for students missing sacraments.

Sundays

from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in St. James School

Tuition: \$65 for one child \$100 for two \$135 for three + Register by Aug. 1 to save a

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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ST. JAMES PARISH FAITH FORMATION



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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>

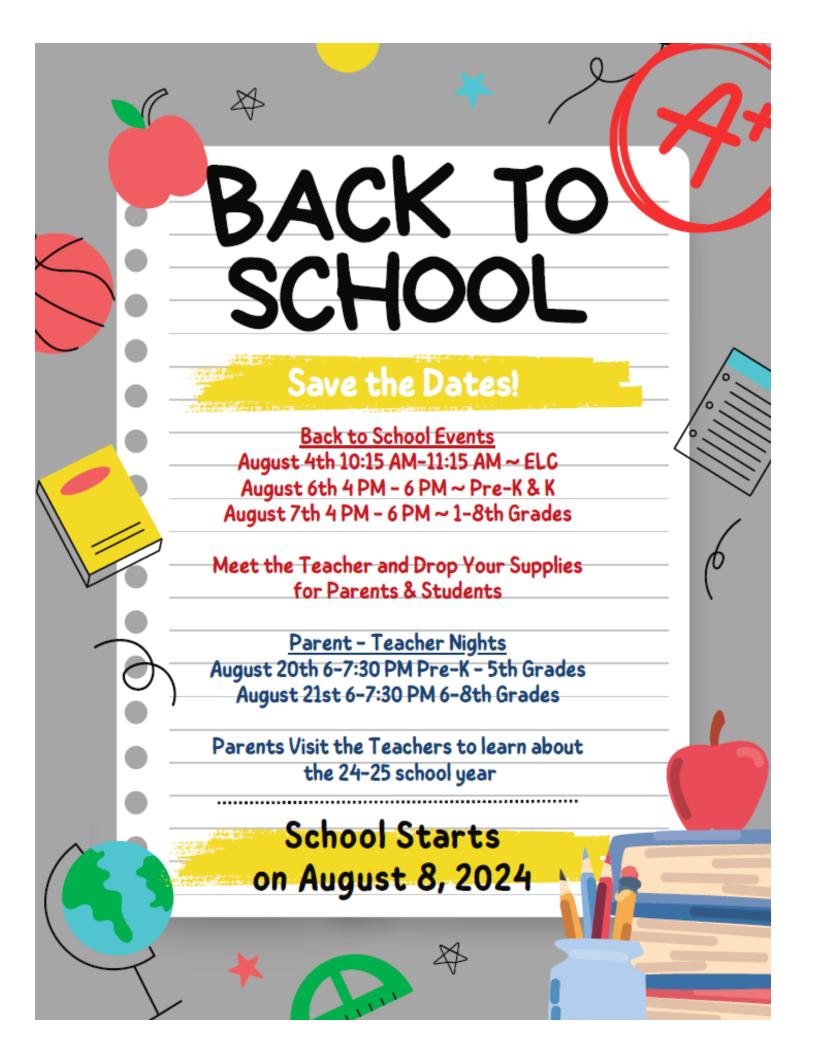
The food pantry is still greatly in need of non- perishable food or monetary donations to stock our pantry during the summer months. We thank you for your generous donations that continue to help so may families in our community.

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

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Dry macaroni Veg
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Breakfast bars



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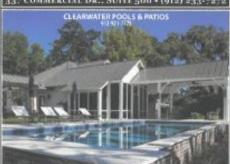
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