

General Parish Information

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

Staff

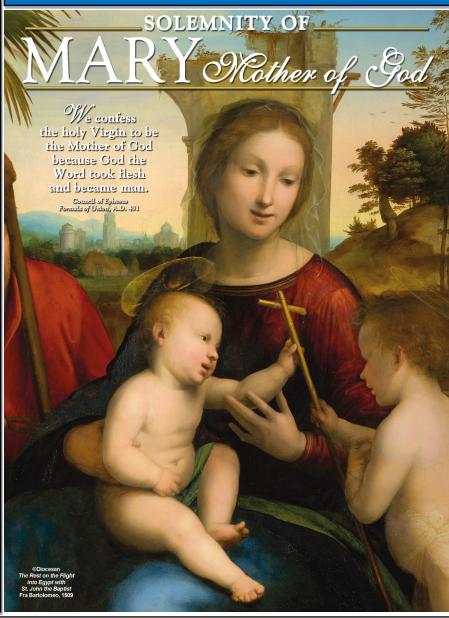
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	Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JC	LPastor
	Rev. Peter Lanshima	Parochial Vicar
	Rev. Joey Buencamino	Parochial Vicar
	Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	Deacon
	Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM	Dir. of Evangelization
	Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM	
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	Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	Administrative Assistant
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	Mr. Mark Kolbush	Director of Finance
	Mrs. Susanna Powers	Receptionist
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Mass Schedule

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Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* & 11:30* am (*Nursery available)		
Vigil: 5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)		
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am		
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm		
Saturday:9:00 am		
Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only		
Holy Days of Obligation:TBA		
Pro-Life Holy Hour:Tuesdays 5:00–6:00pm		
(Rosary, Adoration and Benediction)		
Sacraments		
Reconciliation: Weekdays Mon-Fri: 7:45 - 8:15am; Tues-5pm,		
Saturday: 3:454:45pm, and by appointment		
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 Chapel		

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023



St. James Church 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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HAPPY SOLEMNITY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 1st, being the first day of the new calendar year, the Church invites us to reflect again on the Incarnation and the Nativity of our Lord by recalling the truth of Mary being the Mother of God, the God-bearer (*Theotokos* in Greek (a term all Catholics should know). At the beginning of the new year we recall our salvation and the mystery of God entering human history in the flesh! He has always been involved with us – creating us, holding us in existence, guiding all things through history towards the ultimate fulfillment of heaven and everlasting life with Him. But, in the fullness of time, God became man in the womb of Mary. What a gift, what a mystery!

This Divine and Human Drama is the dynamic that you and I live in every day. As we celebrate the beginning of 2023, may we appreciate that this year. Our lives are part and parcel of large and beautiful drama that Almighty God weaves throughout our history. Each of us play a part, each of us has a role, each of us has a mission, each of us is an actor on this Divine stage! He doesn't need us, but He invites us to participate consciously in His work, just like He invited Mary and Joseph. Both of them said, "Yes". Our role and mission may not be as magnificent as theirs, but we still have the one that God has given to us according to our gifts and the time in which we live.

At the beginning of each year, we make resolutions (whether we keep them or not is a different question!). What will be your SPIRITUAL resolution or goal this year? What is your role and mission this year? Could it be to invite some family members and friends to church with you? Could it be to consciously fill your home and life with sacred art and music? Could it be to spend more time as a family around the dinner table during the week? Perhaps it will be to turn off your cell phone during your prayer time and quiet time with God? Maybe it will be to download a Catholic prayer app and use it daily? God has a mission for you this year. What is it for you?

On behalf of Fr. Peter, Fr. Joey, Deacon Lou, our IHM Sisters, and the faculty and staff St. James Church and School, I wish each of you and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Your prayers and support have been amazing these past 6 months as I have journeyed on this road of cancer which Almighty God has placed before me. I hope that it has borne fruit in my heart and soul and in yours as well. I will continue chemotherapy through January and have my surgery in the first part of February (we are working on the dates these next few weeks). Then, recovery begins! The surgery will be 12-14 hours, so I'll be out for about half a day! It is intense and the recovery will take time, longer than it was after my emergency surgery in June 2022. I will convalesce here at St. James with family (blood family and spiritual family) caring for me.

May the Lord Jesus grant you and your families a Happy New Year! May you see His grace work wonders in you and in those you touch and encounter!

 \sim Fr. Daniel Firmin

INSPIRING QUOTES FROM CATHOLIC SAINTS

Trusting God

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." ~ St. Catherine of Siena Life

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

~St. Augustine

Prayer

"A man of prayer is capable of everything." ~St. Vincent de Paul

Joy

"The soul of one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." ~ St. John of the Cross

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Please pra	ay daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters	F ather,
	ity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;	sufferin His pas
7:30 am 8:00 am (IOH) Special Intention for th 9:00 am	For the People ~ Fr. Joey Fr. Peter he healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church + Paul Bratz, Sr. ~ Fr. Joey	be broug and sist pain, m both boo
	+ Les Haddad ~ Fr. Peter a Parkes and J. Kevin Boland Deacon Lewis King xis Karen Reavill	promise to health
1/2 Monday	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28	~ Throu We pra
7:00am		Fr. Dan Rose To
	+ Paul Bratz, Sr. heodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel co Gamboa Megan Capurso	Cirincio Basso, I De Guz
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8:30 am	+ Leonila Atamusa	
	e, Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, Braski Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew	In orde list, an
1/4 Wednesday St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious chi 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42 list		
7:00 am 8:30 am 5:30 pm	Souls in Purgatory + Barbara Schindler + Anthony Proviano	Book of otherwi
	iliba, Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom vit Janaszek Sr. Mary Christine Zabel	A PRA Father,
1/5 Thursday 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps	St. John Neumann, Bishop 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51	through and all
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Tran Thi Hoa + Paul Bratz, Sr.	and ben may co
	Joey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui, rlos Castillo Jared Miller Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill	commun ~ Throu
1/6 Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 1	47: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11	We pra
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Joseph & Eleanor Foley + Rudy Oswald	Barbara decease
**Michael Cerron	e Robert Chaney, Odel Medina, Douglas Clark Pace Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson	
1/7 Saturday	149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b; Jn 2:1-11	
9:00 am 5:00 pm	Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay + Danny Culkin	
	illiam Cook, P. James Costigan, Gabriel Cummings /illiams Sr. Stephanie Gabriel	A.
1/8 Is 60:1-6 ; Ps 72	The Epiphany of the Lord :1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	
7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Bradley Stone + Frances Clinard For the People	1
	s, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada, Romanus Ezeugwu 1in Aler Sr. Joan O'Reilly	

*Due to the New Years Holiday, there will not be Nursery available for the 9:00 am & 11:30 am Masses.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

your only son took upon himself the gs and weakness of all mankind; through sion and cross He taught us how good can ght out of suffering. Look upon our brothers ers who are ill. In the midst of illness and ay they be united with Christ, who heals dy and soul; may they know the consolation ed to those who suffer and be fully restored h.

igh Christ our Lord. \sim Amen.

y for the sick of our Parish Community:

iel Firmin, Phin Michael, Miles Nguyen, ootle, Rosina Tramonti, Robin Olson, Gloria one, Cathy Robinson, Alice Walton, John Paul Baldwin, Ed & Lynne Carey, Pamela zman, Sonny & Linda Harper, Serene Ng, derson, Mariela Sainz, Marie Orvin, Eleanor Farkas, and all those listed in the book of

r for a name to be included on the prayer immediate family member must notify the office at 912-355-1523. Names will be ere for 4 weeks and then entered into the f the Sick, unless the office is notified se.

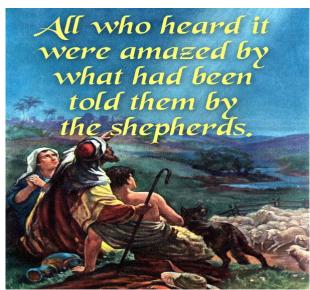
YER FOR THE DEAD

source of forgiveness and salvation, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary the saints, grant that our relatives, friends, efactors, who have passed from this world, me to share your eternal happiness in the nion of saints.

igh Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

y for the repose of the souls of:

Walsh, Tom Shantz and all our d family and friends.



St. James Happenings

1/1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 8:00-10:00am Choir-Mercy Conference Rm No Holy Hour 1/2 Monday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church BBPractice-PC/gym Open 1/3 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 3:00-8:30pm BB practice-PC/gym 5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church Pro-Life Holy Hour-Church 5:00-6:00pm RCIA-Mercy Conference Rm 6:30-8:00pm 1/4 Wednesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 3:00-8:30pm BBPractice-PC/gym 1/5 Thursday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 2:00-2:45pm SJS Mass Rehearsal-Church 3:00-4:30pm SJS Dance-Mercy Conference Rm 3:00-8:30pm BBPractice-PC/gym 1/6 Friday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 3:00-8:30pm

BBPractice-PC/gym



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Prayer Petitions to the IHM, reflection and recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at 8:30 a.m. prior to Mass on Saturday, January 7th, 2023. Please join us in this special devotion to the Blessed Mother.

1/7 Saturday

7:30am-2:00pm Carmelite Secular Meeting-Mercy Conf. Rm 8:30am-2:30pm BBPractice-PC/gym IOH Baptism-Fr. Firmin 10:30am 11:00am Baptism-Fr. Joey Confessions-Church 3:45-4:45pm 1/8 The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00–10:00am Choir–Mercy Conference Rm TBD Baptism-Church-Fr. Peter Holy Hour 4:00pm

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Livestream Ministry needs volunteers!

The Livestream Ministry streams the 9:00 AM Mass weekly for parishioners who are unable to attend in person, as well as Holy Days and other special events and services. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Stephen Hotard at hotardsf@gmail.com. A training will be coordinated with those who are interested.

PROMISE

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. This training addresses the effects of child sexual abuse, the mindset of predators, and our ability as volunteers and employees to keep both children and vulnerable adults safe in our parishes, schools, and social service agencies. Two sessions are scheduled at St. Anne Church in **Richmond Hill:**

January 21st - 9:30am - 12:30pm February 2nd – 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Please arrive early. LATECOMERS WILL NOT BE AD-MITTED AND MUST RESCHEDULE.

No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtustraining A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration.



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.



BISHOP PARKES & OVER 200 MEMBERS OF OUR DIOCESE AT THE 50TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE, D.



January 20, 2023 Overnight charter bus leaving dioreg.org/marchforlife from Pooler & Grovetown

FORMED.ORG

A revolutionary online platform featuring some of the best Catholic videos, audio

talks, eBooks and movies. This is a wonderful resource for personal Faith Formation. To sign up FREE visit formed.org and click on "sign up" and then click "Sign up as a parishioner" then enter Parish Code: NHNFN2 or St. James Savannah. Enter your email and create a password (You will use this to login later). You can get Formed on your phone, tablet, Roku, Amazon Firestick, AppleTV. Enjoy!

Evangelization & Religious Education News!!!

HOLIDAY BREAK FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

All Adult Faith Formation programs – Bible studies, RCIA, and the Wednesday Adult Faith Formation series – are now on break for the holidays! We look forward to resuming our regular meetings in January. While most groups will resume the week of January 2, 2023, please check with the group leader to be sure.

Thinking about joining one of our Adult Faith Formation groups in the New Year? We have groups that meet Sunday mornings, Monday evenings, and Wednesday mornings. RCIA meets on Tuesday evenings. Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel for information

(SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153).

COMING SOON! A new adult study group based on the Catechism in a Year podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz, published by Ascension Press! If you've ever wanted to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church but were too intimidated, this is a great way to do it! Listen on your own for 10-15 minutes a day and learn from Fr. Mike's commentary. This new group at St. James will gather weekly to pray, share, and discuss together what they learn. More details to come! More information on the podcast can be found at ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear.

A Prayer for Parishioners

Almighty God,

My parish family is composed of people like me, I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and Faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I —who make it what it is—am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, that I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Experiencing Our

Extraordinary God

in Ordinary Life

Women's Conference

Saturday, January 28, 2023 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration: \$30/person



National Speakers: Rachel Balducci & Lisa Hendey



Join us & bring a friend!

Sign up online!

StJamesSav.com/womens-conference

or scan the code here.



Registration Form

Women's Conference ~	Saturday, January 28, 2023
Name:	

Phone:

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Email: _____

Home Parish: _____

Please make checks payable to St. James Parish.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 18, 2022 2022/23 Weekly Goal 2022/23Fiscal YTD: \$56,265 \$28,181 \$637,862

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

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 selecting 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.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: Sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, and Catholic School verification.

WORSHIP

MASS LIVE STREAMED - 9:00 a.m.

Like us on Facebook for access:

https://www.facebook.com/

stjamessavcatholicchurch/

For your relatives and neighbors who don't have Facebook, tell them they can go right to our website at <u>https://www.stjamessav.com/livestream</u>.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

We continue to pray together each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We conclude with Evening Prayer. Please join us so that you can experience a beautiful hour of intimacy with our Lord!

ROSARY FOR HEALING

Please join us on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Church for a Rosary for the healing of Fr. Firmin.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY HOLY HOUR

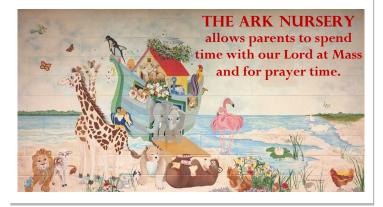
Join us every Tuesday at 5:00pm in the church as we recite the rosary for with adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LUMEN CHRISTI PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend time with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way to search for and maintain peace in the midst of our personal hardships and everyday life. If you would like to commit to a time to stay with Jesus during Adoration, please contact **Becky Murphy at captola@gmail.com.**

DID YOU KNOW?

The ARK Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses located in the Early Learning Center, Class Room #2... Located at the end of breezeway before PC/gym.



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

The Food pantry is every third Saturday of the month in the school cafeteria. For more information, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 912-355-1523. *We cannot accept any items in glass containers or that have expired*.

Items Needed

Breakfast Bars Healthy snacks: including nuts, granola bars Evaporated milk and shelf stable milk Shelf stable complete meals Beef stew, or chunky soup (preferably cans with pull tops) Canned pork & beans Canned fruits Canned spaghetti with tomato or meat sauce

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocesan offices have several positions open. To learn more about these employment opportunities go to:

www. diosav.org/human resources/ employmentopportunities ; or reach out to <u>jgreen@diosav.org</u> for more information.

ST. JAMES ALTAR SERVING!!!



What we need: Altar servers Age Requirement: Must have had First Communion Experience: None required! We will train you Contact: Michelle Tate- SJ Altar Serving Coordinator: Email: camel322@aol.com or Text: 912-237-0115



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