# SAINTHJAMES

# **General Parish Information**

### Directory

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

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

# St. James Catholic School For information or tours 355-3132 8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA www.stjameschargers.com

# Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:50, 9:00° & 11:50° 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:		
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		

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." *Matthew* 16:24

# St. James Church Parish Mission Statement

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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 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# HURRICANE IDALIA

I hope that everyone weathered Hurricane Idalia and that there wasn't too much damage to trees and property. Tis the season for preparation and weather watching and prayers that everyone will be safe. Prayers will continue for those most heavily affected by the hurricane and all that comes with it.

If you, your family, or friends have damage and need any assistance because of the storm, please let me know. We are a family and want to help anyone who is in need. We are here for each other in times of crisis and difficulty. You can contact me through the Church Office number: 912-355-1532.

# LABOR DAY

Work is a not a necessary evil, it is our participation in God's creative act! In each of our own jobs and careers and vocations, we take part in life being lived for the glory of God and for love of our fellow man. Our work contributes (or should contribute) to the common good of man and for the good of each individual person. On Labor Day, we celebrate the dignity of work. We celebrate our participation in the continuation of God's creation.

On this day/weekend, take some time to think about how your particular job or career contributes to the betterment of humanity and to the individuals you serve in whatever enterprise you are involved in. This person is fed by the food I put on the shelves in the grocery store. That person receives justice when I work on a case as a lawyer. This person can live a better life because of the health care I can give them. Personalize your job. Who do you touch by the gifts you've been given by God and the skills you've honed over the years? Each of us serve each other in what we do. Celebrate that today and consecrate (make it holy) your work by prayer and intentionally loving the people you serve.

Stewardship is...

Have a safe and blessed holiday!

May you and your families have a wonderful week and may the blessings of Almighty God be upon you!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** GOD'S MS Ime October 20-22, 2023 | Near Augusta, GA time congregations SHARING S generosity Blessing Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard ASKING offering. Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing essil through their post-abortion weekends. **GOD'S MISSION, OUR GIFTS** For more information: 912-306-0406 | rachelsvineyard.org ...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe" stephaniemay135@gmail.com Next Weekend is Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for. Savannah Care Center is in Please take a few moments after Mass SAVANNAH**CARE** () CENTER need of Newborn and #1 di-Affirming life to stop by the display tables to sign up apers. You can for the many ministries in our parish place your donations in the box provided in Narthex or you may drop off at Savannah Care that are in need of your support! Center 105 E.34th. St.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions \*\*Please pray daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters

# **9/3 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

7:30 amFor the People ~ Fr. Firmin8:00 am (IOH)+ Joseph & Lucille Christiansen ~ Fr. King\*9:00 am+ Amy Speir ~ Fr. Peter\*11:30 amFr. King

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

\*\*Samuel Aniekwe, Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, | Kevin Braski | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

### 9/4 Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

### No 7:00 am

8:30 am + Joseph Moore ~ Fr. Peter

\*\*Christopher Awiliba, Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom | Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

### 9/5 Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

7:00 am	+ Sr. Odette Dalfo ~ Fr. Peter
8:30 am	+ Amy Speir ~ Fr. King

\*\*Brett Brannen, Joey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo | Jared Miller | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill

### 9/6 Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

7:00 am	Fr. King
8:30 am	+ DeAnna Kinneman ~ Fr. Firmin
5:30 pm	Fr. Peter

\*\*Michael Cerrone Robert Chaney, Odel Medina, Douglas Clark | Noah Pace | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

### 9/7 Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

7:00 am + Mike Burns, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Bob Judge, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. King

\*\*Casey Cole, William Cook, P. James Costigan, Gabriel Cummings | Fred Williams | Sr. Stephanie Gabriel

# 9/8 Friday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;Ps13:6ab,6c;Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

- 7:00 am Special Intention, John Hanzel ~ Fr. Peter
- 8:30 am + Jack Kaster~ Fr. Firmin

\*\*Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada, Romanus Ezeugwu | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Joan O'Reilly

### **9/9 Saturday St. Peter Claver, Priest** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

9:00 am + Steven MacAulay ~ Fr. King

5:00 pm + Terry Pelli, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Peter

\*\*Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Mariusz Fuks, Ronald Gatman | Christian Corulli | Sr. Catherine McElroy

# **9/10 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

7:30 am For the People  $\sim$  TBD

*9:00 am	+ Mark Strickland ~ TBD
*11:30 am	+ Gordon Ennis ~ TBD

\*\*Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez, Richard Hart | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

**\*The 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.

# 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.  $\sim$  Amen.

# We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Frances DeWitt, Paul Baldwin, David Shockley, Margie Waters, Gloria Cirincione, Mimi Nettles, Brian DeRouen, Margie O'Keeffe, Robin Olson, Vincent DeNitto, Charles DuPlay, Kelley Weston, Jeff Parker, Pamela De Guzman, Eleanor Collini Farkas, John Tumino, Marie Orvin, 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.

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

# We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Samuel Lorver Kor, Hazel Shockley, Stephen Walsh, Justin Smith, Fernando Martinez, Elizabeth McGough, Monique DeCicco-Jones and all our deceased family and friends.



# Welcome to our new members:

Sean & Priti Conlen & Family James & Lauren Moorman Keith Pynn & Family Andrew & Jacklyn Skala & Family JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

# ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 17, 2023 12:30 - 3:00 PM McBride Field - Behind St. James School

# BURGERS & HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED! PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

BRING CHAIRS IN CASE EXTRA SEATING IS NEEDED

KIDS! BRING TOWELS & SWIMSUITS FOR A WATER SLIDE!

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10TH Return form below to church office,

scan the QR code or email parishlife@stjamessav.com.

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Name

How Many Attending? \_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address

Will you bring a side dish or dessert? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to help set up/serve/clean up? \_\_\_\_\_





# SAINT JAMES CHARGER

# The Landings Golf Club Skidaway Island

Marshwood and Magnolia Golf Courses 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

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To Benefit the Saint James Athletic Association

Contact info: sjaa@sjcs-savannahga.org



(Please send the completed for to: SJAA@sjcs-savannahga.org)

# PLAYERS (only need email and phone for Captain)

Player	Name and Handicap	Email		Phone
Team Captain:			7	
Player 2:				
Player 3:				
Player 4:				

# SIGNAGE

If applicable, please enter hole signage verbiage or state "logo":



*On Saturday*, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

# Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Tíme Saturday, September 9, 5:30 PM

Location St. Peter The Apostle Catholic Church 7020 Concord Rd. Savannah. GA 31410 Special Details The Celebrant is Father Michael J. Kavanaugh.

Stephanie May, Director of Rachael's Vinyard will be the Guest Speaker.

Local Contact

Gretchen Reese: gretch21926@gmail.com Peter Crawford: falfan52@gmail.com

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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

St. James Weekly Calendar 9/3 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour-Church Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am Mass in the Cry Room. 9/4 Monday Church office is closed in observance of Labor Day 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 9/5Tuesdau 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 3:00-8:00pm SJSVBPractice-PC/gym 3:00-5:00pm SJS Faculty Meeting-Mercy Confer. Rm 5:00-6:00pm Prolife Holy Hour -Church 5:00-6:00pm Confessions –Church 9/6 Wednesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 3:00-8:00pm SJS VB Practice-PC/gym Adult Choir ~ MCR 6:15-8:00pm 9/7 Thursday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 3:00-8:00pm SJS VB Practice-PC/gym 9/8 Friday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room 10:00am Graveside Greenwich-Fr. Firmin Stewardship Weekend Setup-Narthex 1:00pm 9/9 Saturdau 7:30am-3:00pm Carmelite Secular Mtg-MCR 8:30am Rosary-Church 9:30-12:30am SJSVBPractice-PC/gym 9:45am-12:30pm Catechist & Aide Training-SJS Computer rm 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/10 Stewardship Sunday in the Narthex after Mass 10:15-11:15 RCIA Inquiry-Church 4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour-Church

Are you interested in learning more about caring for your loved ones who live with a Savannah Georgia mental health diagnosis?

NAMI Savannah is offering a free, nine week educational program on Tuesday evenings, <u>starting September 19</u> from 6 to 8:30pm and <u>ending November 14</u>. This program is for family members, caregivers and friends of people living with mental illness. NAMI-trained family members lead the course with presentations, discussions and interactive exercises. Contact Pam @ 912-401-2689 or Mary @ 912-308-3126 for more information and to register. Space is limited.

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

# **Offertory for Sunday**

August 27, 2023

\$21,797.88

# YTD Offertory: July 1st through August 27th

2022 Actual	\$244,192.67
2023 Budget	\$244,409.67
2023 Actual	\$225,752.44

(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 ANDTREASURE.

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.









# **Did you know St. James Catholic School** has an Athletic Association?

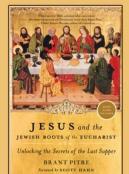
We have a wonderful group of volunteers who coach our Student Athletes and give their time and talents to the school. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Alyssa Harvey at lyssas18@msn.com.

The SJAA would like to give a big thank you to the following parishioners who donated their services for phase one of the St James' track team high jump and long jump area. Thank you to Mr. Scott Moore with Phillps Paving and Mr. Thomas Woelber with Olde Savannah Septic Services - Thank you for helping us Charge Forward!





# Wednesday Adult Faith Series



# Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre

4 weeks beginning September 20 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mercy Conference Room Cost: \$20 per person

Facilitators: St. James Clergy

Register online at <u>www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/</u> Paper registration forms available in Parish Office. Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

ST. JAMES ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Stay tuned for new topics every few months!



# St. James Parish Religious Education Program

# ENROLL TODAY!

St. James Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is 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 +

To register and pay online, visit https://tinyurl.com/PREP2324. Paper registration 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.

Classes begin Sept. 24

> Small class sizes! Opportunities for family prayer! Seasonal celebrations!

# What are you looking for? Come and see. (Jn. 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.

# Join us for an informal Inquiry Session!

Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:15 a.m. in church

~or~

Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in church 1-hour informal gathering with program overview, church tour and Q&A

**RCIA** meets weekly

on Tuesdays

6:30 p.m. to 8. Mercy Conference Room Can't make Tuesdays? Need childcare? Let us know!

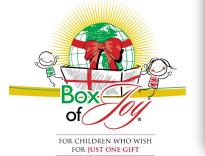
# Meetings begin Sept. 19.

Interested? Fill out a New Candidate Form online. StJamesSav.com, click on Forms.

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

# CCW St. James Annual Christmas in August!







# St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next food pantry distribution will be **September 16** from 10:00 am – 11:30 am 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. St. James Food Pantry

in Urgent Need of Items to Restock the Shelves.

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

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Pancake mix Shelf stable milk Laundry detergent Canned pork & beans Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops), healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars.



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.

St. James will be participating again this year in Box of Joy for children who live in poor countries by filling boxes with toys and other gifts. We can spread Christmas joy and the story of Christmas with children worldwide. Last year we filled 236 boxes and this year our goal is 250 boxes. Donations accepted now though September 1.

Here's what you need to do to bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas: Personally shop for gift items from the list below to fill a shoebox-sized container. Place items in a plastic bag marked with the age of the boy or girl. Put the items in the box in the Narthex marked Box of Joy. Include a \$9.00 check payable to St. James Church for each box to cover the cost of shipping. Please include Box of Joy in the memo line.

The other option is for CCW to make a box for you with your donation of \$29.00 for the gifts and shipping. You may make this donation online noting that it is for Box of Joy, mailing or dropping off a check at the church office or dropping it in the offering basket at Mass. Checks should be payable St. James Church with Box of Joy in the memo box.

You may also include a personal note for the child and for families there is children's handout that they can color and complete for a child (available in the Narthex).

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS Small plush animals, cars, ball, jump rope, yo-yo, craft kits, mini board games etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, sharpeners, pencil case, ruler, notepad, safety scissors, coloring books, stickers etc.

APPAREL Socks, shorts, tee shirts, flip flops, hats, bandanas, dresses, underwear etc.

**NECESSITIES** Comb, brush, bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, hand wipes, lip balm, bandages, manicure kit, cup or bottle with a lid etc.

ACCESSORIES Barrettes, headband, children's jewelry, small purse, rosary, cross etc.

HARD CANDY and GUM No chocolate or Jolly Ranchers.

**USEFUL ITEMS:** Sewing Kit, Utensils, Compass

PLEASE DO NOT PACK:Toy Weapons · Knives,Tools ·Military-Style Toys · Bottled Glass, Breakable Objects · Food,Beverages · Cash, Checks Medicine Vitamins, Bubbles · Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) · Vaseline · Lotions · Battery Flashlights · Liquid Paints or Glues.

For more information please contact Denise Mielnicki at DAM1945FHL@gmail.com

