

Saint James Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanksGIVING* for Our Blessings. I am so thankful for the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

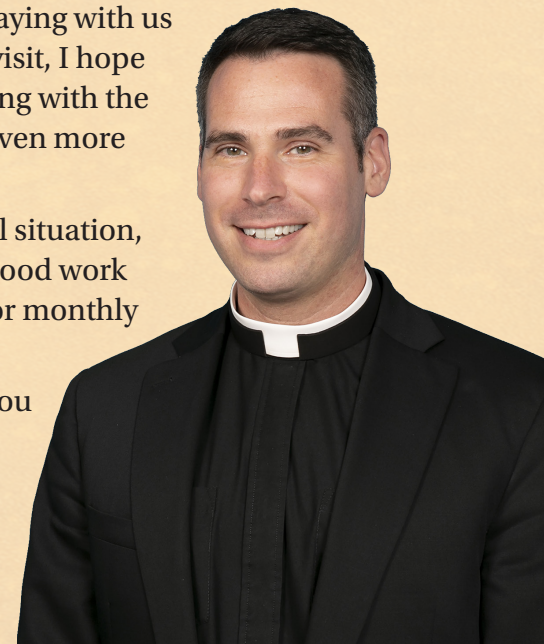
Among our many blessings, let me begin by acknowledging the growth our parish has experienced over the past three years with 34 new households, which we have welcomed to our community. I am grateful for the many ways our parishioners engage in the parish life of our community. In the past year, five of our faith formation students are now ministering as altar servers. Recently, a Buildings and Grounds Committee was created to assist me in planning for our future and caring for our campus.

Our blessings most recently include the beautifully restored interior of our church, where we can gather for the sacred Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. It is from this celebration that we are renewed, fed and sent on mission. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We can always use more help!

You, yourself, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish through generous donations. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the installation of the new windows in the office and rectory, along with the new entrance to the church social hall. These updates make our parish an even more welcoming place.

Now, I am asking you, with prayerful consideration to your current financial situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude to God for the good work being done here. Or, if you are able, perhaps you will increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

For your convenience, we've included a GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Of course, traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well.



Yours in Christ,
Father Bandura



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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with your fellow parishioners by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 18 – Family Eucharistic Adoration Night, 6 PM**, will include Eucharistic Adoration with a social immediately following. This event is designed specifically for families. Introducing children to Eucharistic Adoration at a young age is important practice. The Eucharist will be exposed for one hour. During this time, there will be silence, music, scripture, and a brief homily. After, join other families for a social.
- **October 18, November 9 and December 13 – Young Adult Ministry Gatherings** (see bulletin for times and locations)
- **October 20 – Fall Breakfast, 8 AM-Noon** in the church Social Hall
- **October 15, 22, 29 – Movie Nights** will continue with *The Chosen* (Season 4). Join us for a group watch of each episode followed by a teaching immediately following.
- **November 7 – Parish Stewardship Update, 6 PM** in the Social Hall. This event will offer parishioners an update on how time, talent, and treasures are positively impacting the ministry and mission of St. James Parish. Receive an update on the current state of the parish.
- **November 9 – Craft Show, 9 AM-2 PM**
- **November 10 – Come to the Feast Intergenerational Gathering, 10:30 AM** – This year’s theme for our intergenerational gatherings is Behind the Scenes. We will explore different aspects of our faith that often the “person in the pew” does not see. Our first gathering will be entitled “A View from the Loft.” Come learn more about what truly is happening during the mass.
- **November 21 and December 9 – Eucharistic Days** (all day Eucharistic Adoration)
- **December 13 – Living Nativity, 4:30-8:30 PM**, with live animals, Santa’s Cookie Table, Scripture and song

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 256,456	\$ 228,219	\$ 221,147
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	5,804	7,257	7,646
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	19,837	45,069	101,225
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	107,220	92,150	97,027
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	244,081	67,868	56,319
Special Collections	8,470	9,778	7,385
Total Income	\$ 641,868	\$ 450,341	\$ 490,749
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 83,996	\$ 86,696	\$ 73,130
Church	38,099	34,272	35,331
Rectory	13,999	13,093	16,354
Education and Ministry	46,662	42,188	42,057
General Expenses	96,499	95,335	83,967
Special Collections	8,460	9,778	7,728
Extraordinary Expenses	304,118	164,406	242,312
Total Expenditures	591,833	445,788	500,879
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 50,035	\$ 4,553	\$ (10,130)

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 261
2023: 246
2022: 296

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



98



Baptisms
2024: 4
2023: 1
2022: 1

Weddings

2024: 1
2023: 0
2022: 0



Funerals
2024: 2
2023: 10
2022: 9

Households that Give

192

Households that Don't Give

69



Giving With Gratitude



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appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday – Wednesday – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Thursday – 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM



ONLINE:
stjamesnewalexandria.org



Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Arts and Environment
- Choirs and Cantors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Communion Ministers to the Homebound
- Funeral Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Greeters
- Resurrection Choir
- Ushers
- Building and Grounds Committee
- Faith Formation Teachers
- Adult Faith Formation
- Monthly Eucharistic Days
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Donut Sundays
- Intergenerational Event – Come to the Feast
- Young Adult Ministry
- Little Food Pantry

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-668-2829 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.