

Saint James Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time, talents, and treasure to strengthening our faith community. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to get involved! We have been blessed in the past two years with 26 new households joining our parish. Saint James indeed is a welcoming parish, and we look forward to ways to engage everyone in the life of the community.

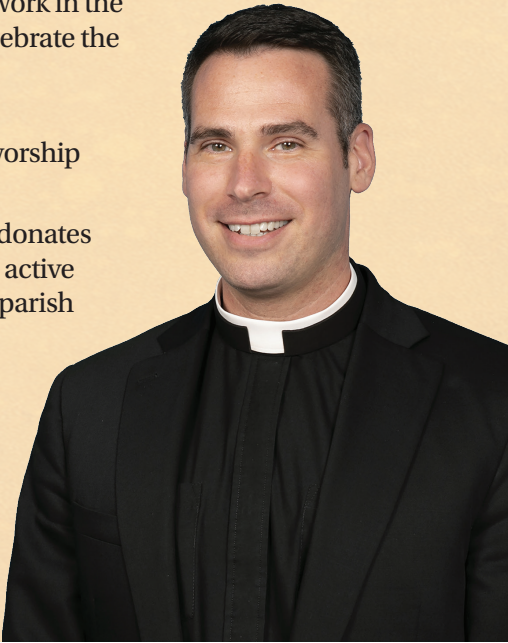
You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway. There will be many opportunities in the months ahead that will provide opportunities for reflection and growth in our understanding of the gift Jesus left His Church in the most Holy Eucharist, His Body and Blood. I am incredibly excited that this past summer, we were able to begin the interior church renovations, which include restoration of the stained glass windows, pews and kneelers and the installation of new flooring throughout the church and sanctuary. This massive undertaking is only possible due to your generosity. It is a blessing that we can begin this work in the time of the Eucharistic Revival as we enhance the worship space in which we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each week.

When you visit the campus in the weeks ahead, take a look at the progress of our church renovations. The interior renovations of the church building will add great beauty to our worship space and preserve the integrity of our church for generations to come.

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, know that you impact the culture and vitality of our parish. Saint James is an active community with many opportunities! I am incredibly grateful for the small but dedicated parish staff that assists me. They, too, work so hard in service to our mission.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so I ask you, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude 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.

In gratitude for the blessing you are to me,
Father Bandura



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For God's Blessings



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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and your brothers and sisters of the parish by attending one of these upcoming events:

- October 18 and December 12 – All-day Eucharistic Adoration
- October 26 – New Parishioner Welcome Night, 6 PM
- November 4 – Craft Show, 9 AM-2 PM
- November 9 – Parish Stewardship Update, 6 PM
- November 10 – Family Adoration Night, 6 PM
- November 12 – Come to the Feast Intergenerational Gathering, 10:30 AM (including display of The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist)
- December 8 – Living Nativity, 5-8 PM



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 246
2022: 296
2021: 289

Current Single Member Households

77



Baptisms

2023: 1
2022: 1
2021: 5

Weddings

2023: 0
2022: 0
2021: 0



Funerals

2023: 10
2022: 9
2021: 16



Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



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

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 228,219	\$ 221,147	\$ 198,164
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,257	7,646	9,324
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	45,069	101,225	39,735
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	92,150	97,027	55,903
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	67,868	56,319	6,546
Special Collections	9,778	7,385	5,613
Total Income	\$ 450,341	\$ 490,749	\$ 315,285
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 86,696	\$ 73,130	\$ 61,653
Church	34,272	35,331	36,937
Rectory	13,093	16,354	16,761
Education and Ministry	42,188	42,057	34,766
General Expenses	95,335	83,967	79,721
Special Collections	9,778	7,728	5,465
Extraordinary Expenses (Deposited to reserve \$90,454)	164,406	242,312	107,064
Total Expenditures	445,788	500,879	342,367
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 4,553	\$ (10,130)	\$ (27,082)

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
- 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.

