



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

HERE I AM, LORD.
I COME TO DO
YOUR WILL.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 15, 2023

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,
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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-3PM
(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM
Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 21:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, January 22:
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM
or by Appointment;
Please call the Office.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday Holy Hour
for Life at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Reflection on the Readings

Who are you, really? Most of us can't give a one-word answer to that question. Consider all the words you use to define your place in the world and your role in the greater community: child, parent, sibling, friend; doctor, plumber, caregiver; boss, employee, volunteer; citizen or immigrant; sports enthusiast or Netflix nut; Catholic, child of God.

So...who are you?

Henri Nouwen, a priest and prolific spiritual writer, put it this way:

You see, many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry, and a little rejection makes me depressed. A little praise raises my spirits, and a little success excites me. It takes very little to raise me up or thrust me down.

Often, I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of its waves. All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance and preventing myself from being tipped over and drowning shows that my life is mostly a struggle for survival: not a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken idea that it is the world that defines me. . .

As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do...

But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God.

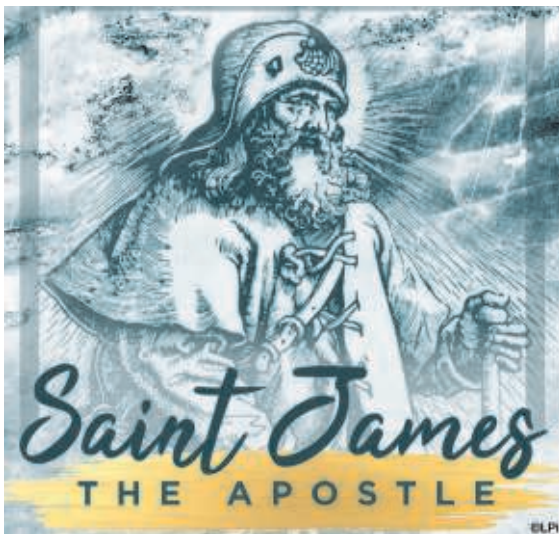
Friends, Isn't it true that so much of our struggles are about belonging; indeed, about identity? So much of our struggles in life has to do with our identity...Where do I fit in? Which "group" do I identify with best?

You may be familiar with the television program To Tell the Truth. On this show three contestants, all claiming to be the same person, are quizzed by panelists about their identity. The two phonies could lie to the panelists, but the real person has to tell the truth. The best part of the program is when the host booms out, "Will the real Mr. / Mrs. So-and-So please stand up?" And then you find out who the actual inventor or sky-diver or race car driver is.

It's surprising to see in the show that some people are better at being somebody else than they are at being their own real selves.

Perhaps it shouldn't come as such a surprise. It seems easier for us to put up a false front than to be authentically who we are...authentically who God created us as. And yet, when we discover who we are at our deepest core and are able to be that person fully, we are liberated, and God rejoices!

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

*I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the
ends of the earth.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40

*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your
will..*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

*Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: John 1:14, 12

*The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us. To those who ac-
cepted him, he gave power to be-
come children of God.*

Gospel: John 1:29-34

*I saw the Spirit come down like a
dove from heaven and remain upon
him. I did not know him, but the one
who sent me to baptize with water
told me, 'On whomever you see the
Spirit come down and remain, he is
the one who will baptize with the
Holy Spirit.'*

Visit www.usccb.org to access full
Mass readings online.

In our Gospel passage this Sunday, we hear John the Baptist decisively announce who Jesus is. This revelatory moment of identity is on the heels of another earth-shattering proclamation from this past Monday's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the gospel passage of Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, we are told how God the Father in heaven boomed out, "You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Then Jesus arose from the waters of the Jordan knowing, deep down, his identity and his mission. Maybe the Lord is trying to tell us something important about our own identity...hmm....

You may be familiar with the song – Looking for Love In All the Wrong Places – well, there's another song (that I've made up), Looking for Our Identity In All the Wrong Places...

Friends, we each need help to rediscover our true identity given us at baptism, and the Church is a great place to get that guidance.

You see, when we gather to celebrate Mass, we don't do so because God needs our worship or our pitiful attention! The worship of God is supposed to help remind us of who we are in God's eyes.

When we participate in the Sacraments, God asks us:

"Will the real you please stand up?"

Quote of the Week

The essential thing is always to begin again, despite everything and against everything, and never to be discouraged.
—Blessed Maurice Tornay

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.



Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, or join us for In-Pew Week-end on February 4th-5th.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SIP & SUPPER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT 6:30 PM



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IT BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL WITH AN
EVENING DEDICATED TO OLD WORLD WINES AND
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JANUARY 28**

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SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH OUTDOOR MINISTRY



St. James the Apostle Church has grown in strength and endurance through its centennial journey. It has now reached a memorable milestone. Let's celebrate by challenging our bodies to do the same.

The Outdoor Ministry invites you to **trek 100 miles** over the next 9 months, beginning **Monday, January 9th** and ending **Saturday, September 9th**. You won't need your car keys at all.

Here are the different ways you can travel to accumulate your miles:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Walking | Treadmill |
| Jogging / Running | Stationary Bike |
| Biking | Elliptical |
| Rowing | Hiking |

You can achieve all 100 miles using one, or a combination of any of these options.

There are two ways to track your progress

Strava

A free app for tracking physical exercise along with a social network feature. You'll be able to see fellow parishioners' progress alongside your own.

Downloadable Spreadsheet

An electronic log to keep track of your progress, which is also downloadable if you choose to print and write in your miles.

For more information on how to register and track your progress, please visit our website at saintjamestheapostle.org or send an e-mail to OutdoorMinistry@saintjamesparish.org.

If you participated in the "5K for Thanks" this past November you may log up to 3 miles as a bonus head-start on your tracking sheet! The Outdoor Ministry hopes to organize some group activities in the upcoming warmer months to help you to accumulate miles alongside your fellow parishioners. Keep an eye out for information in future bulletins, social media, and our parish website.

We hope you will consider being a part of this exciting challenge.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

SAVE THE DATE

Saint James the Apostle Parish

SPEAKEASY
*Casino
Night*

APRIL 29, 2023

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Open House
Sunday, January
29th at 11:30 am

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Respect for Life Ministry: March for Life on January 20

The March for Life will take place on Friday, January 20th in Washington, D.C. The following organizations and parishes will be taking part in the March:

- The Knights of Columbus
2400 North Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
Bus departs at 7:00AM and returns at 9:00PM
Contact Kevin Morrissey at 908-913-4740 for information on seating.
- Holy Family Parish, 28 Brookline Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110
Bus departs at 6:30am
Contact Fr. John Ginty at 973-667-0026 ext. 213 for information on seating.

Spotlight on the Old Testament: Virtual Faith Formation Course

The Archdiocese of Newark Catechetical Office is hosting a Spotlight course for parish catechists, Catholic School teachers, and any adults who wish to learn more about their faith.

**Spotlight on the Old Testament
with Dr. Gregory Glasgov
January 17th and 18th from 6-9PM**

As we gather for worship why do we begin with a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures? What do the ancient Hebrew writers want to be remembered? In this course we will approach these ancient writings through story, literary genre, historical timeline and an underlying pervasive relationship with our Christian story. **Register at www.bit.ly/3k2tOP7**



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Tomorrow, families will engage in a service opportunity in recognition of MLK Day.

This Tuesday, the 2023 Confirmation Registration forms are due.

This coming Saturday, the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, along with their parents, will attend a morning retreat in the school gym.

**LET US
BE A
LIGHT
TO THE
NATIONS**

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

VOCATIONS

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations.

Call: 973-313-6190. Email: info@newarkpriest.com.

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: newarkpriest.com

Do you know someone who...

Was never baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination, and has expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00PM **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Vincent & Mildred Genco
r/b Nancy Caputo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM **Kevin Morris**
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush
Meghan Hizny
r/b Bartosh Family
10:00AM **Salvatore & Cosma DeNichilo**
r/b Inneo Family
MaryAnn Congema
r/b Julianne & Kyle Elam
12:00PM **Christopher Steven Juliano**
r/b Lorraine Graziano
Joseph James Montemurro
r/b Joseph Mitarotonda

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
8:30AM **Gaetano D'Agostini**
r/b Children

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30AM **Kathleen Congema**
r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30AM **Sylvie Kearns**
r/b Mary Vesey

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30AM **Abigail Madden**
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30AM **Carl Quick**
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30AM **Kevin Morris**
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser
5:00PM **Helen & Donald Reedy**
r/b Eugenia Reedy & Family
Ritchie Misini
r/b Famiglia Postigliene

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM **Thomas O'Mahony**
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
10:00AM **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Stanley Wickham
r/b Camille Mitarotonda
12:00PM **James Carney**
r/b Patty & John Carney
Debbie Rouse
r/b Karen & Walt LaShuk

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:
For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Lucille Wetzel
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Marie Boin, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Beverly DeMarzo, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Erin Wade, Anne Wallis, MaryEllen Warren, Elisa Warshall, Christopher Waryn, Peggy Wysock

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and home-bound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO DIE

Vincent Freda

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org

www.thewaterfrontproject.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of December 31/January 1

Regular Collection	\$ 6,964.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,005.00
Total	\$ 9,969.00

Weekend of January 7/8

Regular Collection	\$ 5,746.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,780.00
Total	\$ 8,526.00

Christmas Totals: \$ 60,766.00

We accept online credit card donations. Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamesparish.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



FINANCE
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

The 2023 Annual Appeal has launched. As you consider your gift amount, please remember the funds you give assist the mission of our parish as well as the archdiocese.

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