

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 22, 2023 45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 | (973) 376-3044 | www.saintjamesparish.org



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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 28: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, January 29: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 12:00PM - Fr. Santos

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

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, established just four years ago to remind us that scripture is central to our faith.

Why is scripture central to our faith? Because we believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We believe that the Bible contains **truth** and **power** that can not only help us to know who God is and who we

are, but it can also help guide us to where God wants us to go – **HEAVEN!**

Think of the **BIBLE** as **B**asic Instructions **B**efore Leaving Earth!

But here's the thing, it's tough for the Bible to have any real impact in our lives if we don't grow in our understanding of it through study and prayer. St. Jerome is famously credited with saying, "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ." It's kind of like when you meet somebody for the first time. And let's say you already have some familiarity with the person. Perhaps you read their bio on LinkedIn or have visited their Facebook page or seen their Instagram. Maybe someone you know has relayed a story about where they're from or where they work. Can you confidently say that you know that person? I remember as a kid how a "friend" really became a friend once my classmate or neighbor visited my home, met my parents, and saw my cool lava lamp or favorite soccer star poster. Close friends, people who really "know" us, can only claim that privilege if they've entered into our world.

By entering the world of the Bible, we spiritually enter Jesus' world. We "visit" His home, if you will, and meet His family, the apostles and the prophets. This is especially important to consider as we look to our readings this Sunday. It's kind of hard to really grasp what St. Matthew is saying if we don't have a clue about what's going on in the passage from the Prophet Isaiah that St. Matthew quotes. Put another way, not having a sense of the importance and thus the implications of Isaiah's prophecy is kind of like walking into the middle of a conversation while someone is telling a hilarious joke just as the punchline is delivered. It's hard to get the joke or fully appreciate a riveting story if you don't know what came before.

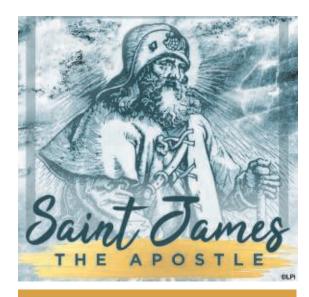
If you're like me and so many of our Catholic brothers and sisters who have struggled to read the Bible or just haven't made a serious effort to open it's pages, I recommend The Bible in a Year Podcast by Father Mike Schmitz and Ascension Press. For the past two years it's been at the top of the podcast charts. Father Mike walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. I've taken the journey of The Bible in a Year and I invite you to take the journey as well. It's great!

Quote of the Week

Fear only two: God, and the man who has no fear of God.

—Hasidic proverb

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17
I urge you, brothers and sisters, in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree in what you say,
and that there be no divisions
among you, but that you be united
in the same mind and in the same
purpose.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23 Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

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



"Not By Bread Alone"

Join us as we journey together again through Lent in small groups.

Groups will meet on various days/times to reflect and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. No prior experience or knowledge of scripture necessary.

- Beginning the Week of February 20
- Sign-Up Weekends: February 4/5 & 11/12
- For info, contact: smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org

Jesus said to him in reply: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."



Annual Appeal

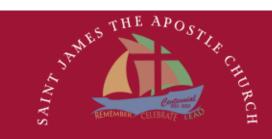
The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary 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 Weekend on February 4th-5th.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SIP & SUPPER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT 6:30 PM



WE INVITE YOU TO BRING
IT BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL WITH AN
EVENING DEDICATED TO OLD WORLD WINES AND
CLASSIC DISHES. MULTI-COURSE,
FAMILY STYLE MEAL WITH
WINES CURATED BY WINE 'EDU-TAINER'
CANDON TO THE



272 MORRIS AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

\$90 PER PERSON (ALL INCLUSIVE)



Scan the QR code to make a payment or send checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Parish and mail/drop off payment at the church rectory.

Questions to be e-mailed to ParishLife@saintjamesparish.org



All proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY AT SAINT JAMES

The purpose of Saint James' new Mental Health Ministry is to educate our community about mental health and to, provide a faith-based, judgment-free support group for those struggling with a mental health issue such as stress, anxiety, or depression, or who have an actual mental illness diagnosis or are providing care to a friend or family member with a diagnosis, and end the stigma associated with mental illness.

Our success in this ministry depends on your help! It is important to address what our parish needs so we can tailor the mental health programs to those necessities. We would like to hear from parishioners of all ages through the attached survey. Please encourage all your family members, including pre-teens and teenagers to participate.

Complete this survey and tear/cut out of the bulletin or find a copy on the Wellness Ministry Information rack on the corner table in the narthex/gathering area and on our webpage on Saint James website. When completed they can be placed in the marked survey basket in the narthex/gathering area after the masses next weekend or mail it back to the rectory by Tuesday January 24, 2023. *All responses will be anonymous*.

NOTE: Programs, and events and support provided by the Mental Health Ministry are strictly spiritual and educational in nature. Members of the ministry are volunteers only, not mental health professionals, and do not provide medical advice or clinical diagnoses of any kind or approaches.

Mental Health & Wellness Ministry Survey

What is your preferred learning environment?

- o In-person events
- Virtual events
- o Handouts to read at home

What topics would you be interested in for talks or support groups? Select all that applies.

- Understanding the difference between Mental Health and Mental Illness
- Spirituality and Mental Health
- Coping with Anxiety
- o Suicide
- Coping with Depression
- Improving Mental Wellness.
- Coping with Psychosis
- Mental Illness during Covid
- Coping with Loneliness
- Addiction and Mental Illness
- Alcoholism
- o Drug Abuse
- Parenting and Stress
- o Family and Stress
- Caretaker Stress
- Managing Stress
- o Stress and Aging
- Family Dealing with Mental Illness
- o Family Dealing with Addiction
- Living with Adult Children with Mental Illness
- Having Power and Control Over Your Life
- o Dealing with Behavioral Problems at Home
- Post-Traumatic Stress
- o Improving Communication Skills
- o Practicing Self-Care to Reduce Stress and Promote Mental Health

This is an optional section to answer. Please place a check mark in the Õ symbol if it applies to you.				
Have you or a member of your family in the past or present ever delt with the following?				
Õ Anxiety	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Depression	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Manic Depression	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Suicidal Thoughts	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Suicide	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD)	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Drug Abuse	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Alcohol Abuse	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Anger Management	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Childhood Mental Health Issues	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Teenage Mental Health Issues	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Compulsive Thoughts (OCD)	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Self Harm Thoughts or Actions	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Negative Self Thoughts	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Schizophrenia	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Personality Disorder	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Ongoing Stress	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Eating Disorder Type:	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Disruptive Behavior/Dissocial Disorder	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Dementia / Alzheimer's Disease	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Autism	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Psychosis	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Paranoia	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Õ Loneliness leading to depression	Õ Past	Õ Present	Õ Self	Õ Family Member
Is there anything not stated above that you addressing mental health in the parish?				
If you would like someone from Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church Mental Health Ministry to contact you, please provide your contact information below. Name: Phone: Preferred method of contact:				

MORE MINISTRIES AT SAINT JAMES

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 9**th and ending **Saturday, September 9**th. You won't need your car keys at all. Here are the different ways you can travel to accumulate your miles:

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

Downloadable Spreadsheet

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.

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



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Yesterday the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time attended a special retreat which included coloring, videos and a special craft while the parents had an activity of their own centered around the sacrament. Please continue to keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

This week, 8th grade meets on Tuesday night in the Church for class. Next Sunday, Family Faith families will gather for our next session. Mr. Jim Choma, RCIA Coordinator from Saint Bartholomew, has graciously agreed to come and engage our parents in discussion.

I know it's early in the year but it's never too early to think about the summer! Please see the Saint James Vacation Bible Camp information for students entering Kindergarten through 4th Grade elsewhere in the bulletin. Registration information will be provided soon! Call the Religious Education Office with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE! (Vacation Bible Camp at Saint James the Apostle Church

Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30, 2023 8:00AM-2:00PM Each Day

for children entering Kindergarten-4th Grade in September 2023.

Call: (973) 376-2061 or email: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

- Cost is \$250 for the 1st child, 10% discount for the 2nd child (\$225.00) etc.
- Children must bring their own lunch and water bottle.
- Mrs. Annie ("Q") Quagliato is this year's Camp Coordinator. The Registration Form will be available soon!

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 21

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30AM Carl Quick

r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
Saint Francis de Sales
7:30AM Carl Quick

r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Conversion of Saint Paul
7:30AM Carl Quick

r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 Saints Timothy & Titus

7:30AM John J. Vassallo

r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30AM

Martin DeMarzo
r/b Beverly DeMarzo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30AM Christina Ward

r/b Michael & Ann Higgins

5:00PM Susan Chan

r/b Wolcott Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00AM Kevin Morris

r/b Dennis McNany

10:00AM Carmine Apicelli

r/b Lorraine Graziano

Maria Agostino

r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale

12:00PM Ernest Reedy

r/b Wife & Children Kristin Sherwood r/b Baranda Family

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Jim McElroy r/b Family

BREAD & WINE:

Jim McElroy r/b Family

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, 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 homebound 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 BAPTIZE

Carter Montano Dominico Montano William Ernest Wambold IV

A TIME TO DIE

Lorraine Marsh Reverend Brendan H. Quinn

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

UNION COUNTY

AND NEED HELP WITH:

Housing Insecurity?
Rental Assistance?
Legal Representation?
Credit Counseling and more?

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately: 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 January 14/15

Regular Collection \$ 5,717 Online Giving \$ 3,160 **Total \$ 8,877**

Christmas Totals: \$ 63,061

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 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.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal today?

Please consider supporting Saint James through:



Saint James has partnered with Amazon Smile! Please remember that while you shop and consider using smile.amazon.com. The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to our church. It's no additional cost to you! Choose Saint James the Apostle via this link: smile.amazon.com and start shopping or scan the QR code below with the camera on your mobile device. Thank you for your support!



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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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