

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

BLESSED ARE

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS THEIRS!

Psalm 146

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 29, 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, February 4: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, February 5: 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 12:00РМ - 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

Dear Parishioners.



This past fall a preliminary Centennial Capital Campaign Feasibility Study was initiated to determine the parish's interest, ability and readiness to conduct a Centennial Capital Campaign to construct a new Parish Center that would assist in serving the present as well as the future expanding spiritual, social and administrative needs of St. James. The Study was conducted at no cost to the parish by Thomas Smith, Director Office of Development and Stewardship for

the Archdiocese of Newark.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with an update as to the responses to the questions asked and commentary received as part of the Feasibility Study. Reflected below is Mr. Smith's report:

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Feasibility Study Results

PHASE 1 - 27 interviews conducted/ 28 replies to guestionnaire

b. Question 1: Parish Reputation

Excellent	27
Good	15
Average	1
Poor	0
Abstain	12

- "We feel connected and travel from a different town to worship at St. James."
- "We love it here and want it to do well."
- "The parish has gone through tough cycles, but is much improved."
- "Increased mass attendance, especially among young families."
- "Needs improved youth ministry program."

c. Question 2: Father Santos' Leadership

Excellent	33
Good	10
Average	0
Abstain	12

- "I love his energy and homilies. He's what we needed."
- "His energy is contagious. Excellent connection with parishioners."
- "He leads by example. Parish has grown under his leadership."
- "We are all relieved he is here. Breath of fresh air. Done so much in one year." •
- "Godsend!"

d. Positive Changes (commentary)

- "Masses are much better attended, more activities and opportunities to learn about your faith and to worship.
- "There are new faces here in the last year and people are happier."
- "There were recent building repairs completed. The music ministry is great. "Collections have increased, proactive efforts to help the needy."
- "Fr. David is fastidious, great faith and love. Also, transparent makes all. feel like family."
- "More smiles, cleaner church better maintenance of facilities."
- "Great use of technology and social media for communication."



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility...

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 1:26-31

It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:12

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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

e. Challenges (commentary)

- "Parish debt. Eliminate school and convent as liabilities."
- "Current economic conditions."
- "Openness to change among all parishioners. We need to encourage new voices."
- "Loss of older, wealthier parishioners."
- "Keeping young families engaged."

f. Question 5: Case Statement

Excellent	19
Good	19
Fair	6
Poor	0
Abstain	11

- "It's needed investment in our community and future."
- "Will be challenging due to economic conditions. Younger families may not have needed financial resources."
- "We have to do it, but school and convent have to be addressed first."
- "Premature. Never results or summary from initial parishioner survey Fr. David conducted after his arrival."

*Please note that the summary of the initial parishioner survey from our Forward in Faith listening session were indeed provided shortly after the Feasibility Study was launched.

General Comments and Findings

- Father David is beloved by St James parishioners. They view him as a visionary, energetic, holy and progressive. He has injected significant energy into the parish.
- The case statement had substantial support among respondents.
- Sale of the school and convent must be addressed first to pay off parish's debt.
- Current economic conditions are a concern for parishioners.

Since the time of the conducting of the study, and in order to assist parishioners in visualizing what the anticipated Parish Center would look like, the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee and I worked with an architect to provide you with proposed renderings of the Parish Center that have been shared with you and displayed in the church narthex.

Simultaneous with the feasibility report being conducted and submission of this report of its findings, the members of the Campus Redevelopment Committee and I, in conjunction with Property Management Administration representatives of the Archdiocese, have been working to have proposals submitted for the use of the school and convent property as well as developing cost projections for constructing the Parish Center. We expect to have all of the necessary and related information aggregated within the next few weeks so that a definitive plan can be shared with the parish community in the near future. Until then, I ask you, and the Holy Spirit, for your continued prayers and support.

-Fr. David C. Santos Pastor

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



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. Scan the QR code here to access the online giving platform from your mobile device.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Anniversary Celebration Masses

Wedding Anniversary Masses will be celebrated this year at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark this Spring. This is an annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who are celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriages for the Catholic faithful in year 2023.

> 50 Years April 16, 2023

5 and 25 years May 7, 2023

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, and many families are still playing "catch-up" with their celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years may still join us as well.

Couples who would like to participate are invited to register by contacting the Rectory office at (973) 376-3044.



"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
- 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."



"Fry-day Night" Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 3rd at 6:00Рм Saint James School Gym

Cooked on premises by The Chippery of Union. Cost is \$15 per person and includes 2 pieces of cod, chips and cole slaw.

Bring a dessert for our sharing table!

Please RSVP with payment by Friday, February 17th.



Use the QR code or send payment to the Rectory. Make checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Parish with memo: "Fish Fry."

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.

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.

- o Understanding the difference between Mental Health and Mental Illness
- o Spirituality and Mental Health
- Coping with Anxiety
- Suicide
- Coping with Depression
- o Improving Mental Wellness.
- Coping with Psychosis
- Mental Illness during Covid
- Coping with Loneliness
- o Addiction and Mental Illness
- Alcoholism
- o Drug Abuse
- o Parenting and Stress
- o Family and Stress
- o Caretaker Stress
- o Managing Stress
- o Stress and Aging
- o Family Dealing with Mental Illness
- Family Dealing with Addiction
- o Living with Adult Children with Mental Illness
- Having Power and Control Over Your Life
- o Dealing with Behavioral Problems at Home
- o Post-Traumatic Stress
- 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
Õ	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 would think would be beneficial when it comes to 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:
Email address:	Preferred method of contact:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

Walking	
Jogging / Running	
Biking	
Rowing	

Treadmill Stationary Bike Elliptical 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	An electronic log to keep track of your progress, which is also
network feature. You'll be able to see fellow parishioners' progress alongside your own.	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 <u>saintjamestheapostle.org</u> or send an e-mail to <u>OutdoorMinistry@saintjamesparish.org</u>.

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

Today our Family Faith families will gather after Mass for our family gathering. We are so happy that Mr. Jim Choma will be our guest speaker for this session.

This coming Saturday, February 4th, some of our children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please continue to pray for our children as they prepare to be welcomed to the Table of the Lord.



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 28

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30AM John Clark r/b Marie Clark

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Saint John Bosco

7:30am	Helen Kava			
	r/b Carol Balfour			

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:30AM Thomas William Collinson r/b Angela Ragonese

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord7:30AMMaria Matteor/b Rosa Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30AM	John Montana, Jr.
	r/b Janice Montana

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30AM	Theresa Blasi
	r/b Family
5:00рм	Gloria Madrid
	r/b Jasmin R.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rosa Della Pizza
r/b Anthony & Carmelina Reino
Robert Brennan
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
Raymond Alberti
r/b Gorgia Family
Barbara Germinder
r/b Husband, Bob
Tony Bagnato
r/b Wife, Ann & Family
Alyce Reno
r/b Debra & Alex Mezzo

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP: For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE: For the People of Saint James

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, Nancy Bandell, 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 DIE

Joseph Forys Lorraine Marsh Antonio Menezes Reverend Theodore W. Osbahr Aileen Tennant

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

DO YOU LIVE IN 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 21/22

Regular Collection	\$ 4,902
Online Giving	\$ 2,535
Total	\$ 7,437

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

Did you know?... If we exceed our Annual Appeal goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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