



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
(973) 376-3044

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 11:
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, February 12:
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



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:

Feasibility Study Results

(updated to include correct number of Study participants)

PHASE 1 - 32 verbal interviews / 32 replies to questionnaire – electronic and written

b. Question 1: Parish Reputation

Excellent	42
Good	18
Average	1
Poor	0
Abstain	3

- "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."
- "Fantastic parish, love clergy."
- "Fr. David has worked successfully to make the parish a welcoming and comfortable place."

c. Question 2: Father Santos' Leadership

Excellent	49
Good	12
Average	0
Poor	0
Abstain	3

- "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!"
- "Breath of fresh air; he's done a lot in 1 year; personable."
- "Communication and forward guidance have been fantastic. Father David is very transparent about his intentions and thoughts for the future. I appreciate all the additional programs as well taking place, and the regular communication about them. I can't recall this much happening at the church since becoming parishioners nearly 10 years ago."

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."*
- *"Homilies are meaningful, information is shared, parish seems alive, music has gotten better, the church is open."*
- *"Increase activities, both community oriented and spiritually oriented. Increased Mass attendance, renew sense of purpose in the parish."*
- *"It seems there is a renewed energy throughout the parish community. We have also noticed some minor changes in protocol that have made worship services better and easier. We have also taken note of a few upgrades and repairs to the church."*

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."*
- *"Continuing to engage young families and children within the Church. The future of the parish rests on the next generation of families and their involvement."*
- *"Lacking opportunity for confession."*
- *"Disappointed in youth ministry program, not enough effort made to address social equity."*

f. Question 5: Case Statement

Excellent	28
Good	24
Fair	6
Poor	1
Abstain	5

- *"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



Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

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. Make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or scan the QR code here. Thank you for your support!

Areas of Support in the 2023 Annual Appeal:

\$1 Million Proclaiming the Gospel

- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities
- Office of Evangelization
- Office of Divine Worship
- Office of Family Life
- International Missions
- Ministry with the Deaf

\$3.5 Million Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable

- Catholic Charities
- Hospital & Prison Chaplaincy
- Ministry with Persons With Disabilities
- Respect Life Office
- Protecting God's Children

\$2.5 Million Forming Future Priests and Supporting Retired Clergy

- Continuing Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

\$2 Million Passing on the Faith

- Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Catechetical Office
- Campus Ministry & affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Schools

Lent SHARING GROUPS

"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
- If you are interested, please 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."

Join Us FOR A FISH FRY!

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

Cooked on premises by The Chipperry 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 here or send payment to the Rector.

Make checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Parish with memo: "Fish Fry."



SUPER BOWL WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 11 & 12

**DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING AREA
BEFORE ALL WEEKEND MASSES**



All donations will support the
Food Pantry at Our Lady of
Sorrows, South Orange

While we are primarily collecting

SOUP

we are also accepting donations of

**PEANUT BUTTER
PASTA
and
TUNA**

No glass jars, please.



**Which team are
you rooting
for?!?**



The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be holding a 'Souper Bowl' non-perishable food collection after all the Masses the weekend of February 11th and 12th, Super Bowl weekend! The collected items will benefit the Our Lady of Sorrows Pantry in South Orange. We will be collecting canned soup as well as peanut butter, pasta and tuna (no glass jars please). Which team are you rooting for?!? Show your support with a food donation! Items can be dropped off in the gathering area after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support!

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Prayer Shawl Ministry

What is a Prayer Shawl?

A prayer shawl begins with prayers for the recipient by the shawl maker. Prayers are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. It is the hope of the Prayer Shawl ministry that the shawl will provide a tangible reminder of God's unconditional love during times of grief, illness or any of life's trials.

Who receives a prayer shawl?

- Those undergoing medical procedures
- Those grieving a loss
- Those who are ill, recovering from illness, or experiencing a time of stress
- Anyone in need of a reminder of God's love, regardless of situation

Our Prayer:

"May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, sustained by joy, graced with peace and wrapped with love."

If you or someone you know might find comfort from a prayer shawl, contact the Rectory at 973-376-3044

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.

Continuing Faith Formation Courses: Spotlight on Morality

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6-9PM
and Thursday Feb. 16 at 6-9PM**

This course, offered over two evening online sessions, examines the basic themes of what it means to live out one's discipleship of Jesus Christ, according to the 3rd Part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will explore the foundations of living a moral life, the importance of a well-formed Catholic conscience, and the application of the commandments/teachings of the Church to contemporary life in light of the current pandemic and social justice movements.

Presented by Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University.



**Register by
February 14th.
Scan the QR code
here to sign up!**

SAVE THE DATE

Saint James the Apostle Parish

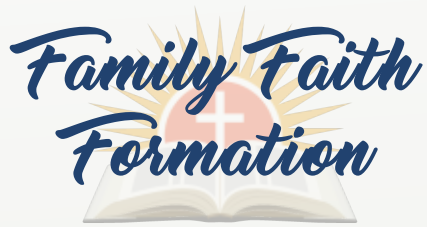
SPEAKEASY

*Casino
Night*

APRIL 29, 2023

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Special thank you to the Parish Life Committee, Catechists, student volunteers and Deacon Thiago for making our Family Faith session last Sunday so wonderful. Our guest speaker, Jim Choma captivated our parents' attention with his presentation on "Living Out Your Spirituality." We are so blessed to collaborate with other parishes to provide opportunities like these for our families!

Yesterday our Communicants received the gift of Reconciliation for the first time in preparation to receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Please continue to pray for these children and their families.



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, FEBRUARY 4

5:00PM **Timothy Litka**
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
Barbara Germinder
r/b Robin

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00AM **Rosa Della Pizza**
r/b Anthony & Carmelina Reino
Robert Brennan
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

10:00AM **Raymond Alberti**
r/b Gorgia Family
Barbara Germinder
r/b Husband, Bob

12:00PM **Tony Bagnato**
r/b Wife, Ann & Family
Alyce Reno
r/b Debra & Alex Mezzo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Saint Paul Miki

7:30AM **Ida Boettcher**
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30AM **Kevin Morris**
r/b Bernstein Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30AM **Dolores & Pio Salle**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30AM **Michelle Vespa**
r/b Michelina Vespa

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Saint Scholastica

7:30AM **Beverly DeMarzo**
r/b Beverly DeMarzo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30AM **Anna Maria Villanova**
r/b Family

5:00PM **Carmine Palumbo**
r/b Yannazzone Family
Bedford Lydon
r/b Karen Moore

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00AM **Nina Plaia**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Rose Blum
r/b Michael Ahrens

10:00AM **Rose Dente**
r/b Camille Mitarotonda
Frank Nasto, Jr.
r/b Angela Ragonese

12:00PM **William W. Nobile**
r/b Perez Family
Vincent Genco
r/b Nancy Caputo

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Letizia Salonga
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

BREAD & WINE:

Maddalena & Vincenzo Pasquarelli
r/b Dominick



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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, 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 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

Sister Ines Marie Di-Bonaventura
Donald Sulpizio, Jr.

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 28/29

Regular Collection	\$ 5,856.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,803.00
Total	\$ 8,659.00

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

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

2023 Annual Appeal Update:

Some parishioners have reported that the parish name on their 2023 Annual Appeal pledge envelope isn't Saint James, Springfield, but instead a different parish. Please doublecheck the listed parish on your pledge envelope. If a different parish name is listed, please be sure to do the following TWO things:

1) Make a line through the incorrect printed parish name. Hand write "St. James, Springfield" in the space provided on the pledge envelope.

2) If you are making your pledge payment by check, please be sure to list in the memo section of the check "2023 Annual Appeal. St. James, Springfield."
Thank you for your support of the 2023 Annual Appeal!

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

Father David C. Santos
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Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni
Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

PERMANENT DEACON

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WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Father John Dennehy

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