

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE  
Roman Catholic Church



Blessed  
are they  
who follow  
the Lord!

PSALM 119

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 12, 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 18:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, February 19:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Santos  
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
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



### NEWS AND UPDATES

I am pleased to announce that we have received five (5) proposals for the school and convent properties! The next phase of the process is to communicate with the prospective organizations by submitting questions for clarification and vice-versa. The St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee and I will be meeting this week to discuss the project. My goal is to schedule a parish townhall meeting within the next eight weeks to outline the proposed direction for the parish redevelopment.

These are exciting times as we continue to take positive steps towards an even brighter and more prosperous future for our parish community.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The child was asked to clean his room before he could go out to play. He replied, "What's the least I have to do?"

He wondered if making the bed would count, or if the floor had to be clean too. Do his clean clothes need to be put away, or only left in the laundry bin and tucked away in his closet? What about under his bed? Would that be checked, and would it have to be clean?

The frustrated father wondered when the child would want a clean room for his own sake and not simply because the father had asked. Friends, such an attitude on the part of the child is similar to what's on display in today's gospel.

To those people who want to be right with God but wonder what the minimum is required to achieve that relationship, Jesus has an answer. Jesus takes certain aspects of the law of Moses and the Ten Commandments and expands them.

Rather than a command not to kill, Jesus says, do not grow angry. Rather than a command not to commit adultery, Jesus says not to look at another person with lust.

In other words, the Mosaic Law and the Ten Commandments are not simply the bare minimum we need to do to be right with God. Instead, we need to go above and beyond the letter of the law if we are to be followers of Christ. Merely fulfilling the minimum is not enough.

When Jesus responds in this way, we may crave a return to the minimum!

So when we want to ask, "What's the least I have to do as a follower of Christ?" we may need to reconsider the question.

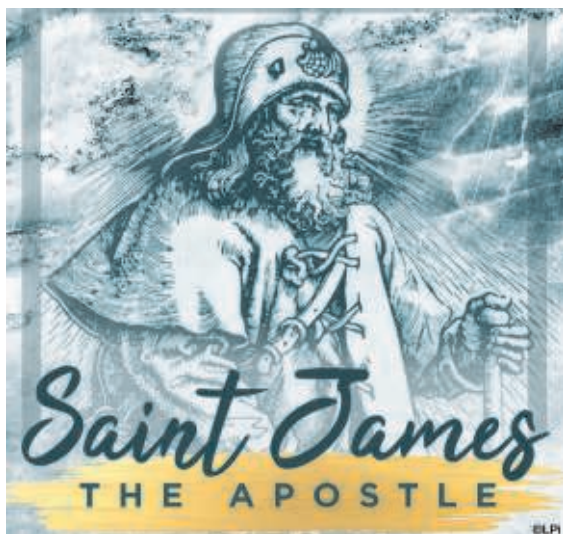
When we desire a relationship with Christ for its own sake, and not simply because we've been somehow coerced, a life of faith flows naturally. We no longer count the minimum but instead live in a relationship of trust, fidelity, and love. Go above and beyond!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

People look at us the rest of the week to see what we really meant by our worship together on Sunday.

—Anonymous





## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

*If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

### Second Reading: 1 Cor. 2:6-10

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him...*

### Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

### Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

*Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.*

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access full Mass readings online.

# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2023</sup>

***Please help us reach our goal!***

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](http://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

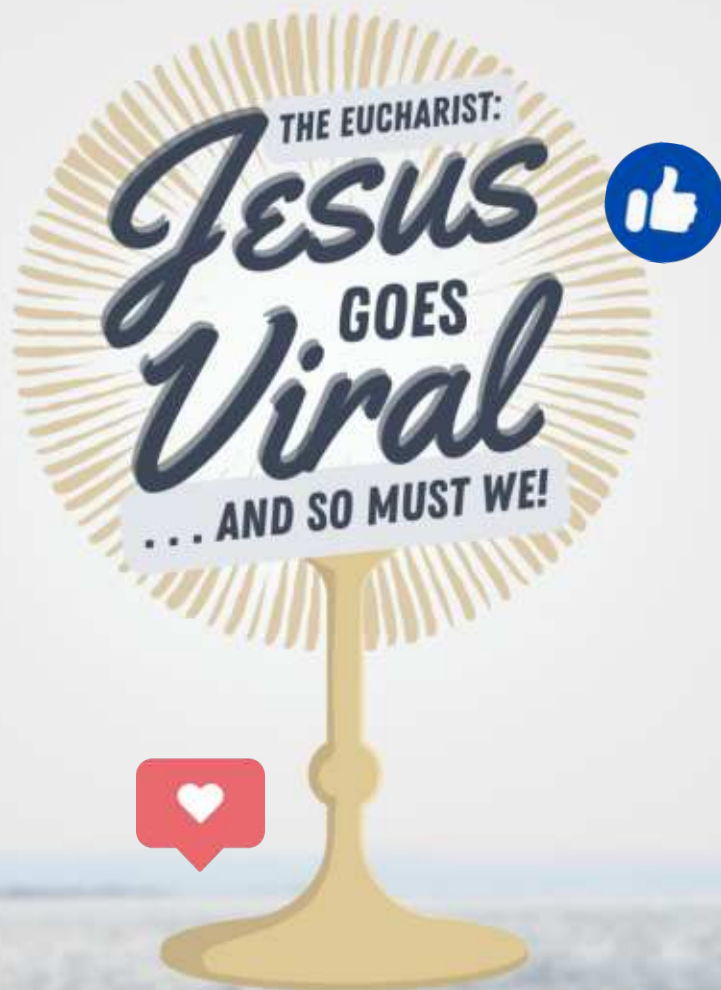
### \$2.5 Million Forming Future Priests *and* Supporting Retired Clergy

- 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

# PARISH MISSION 2023



PRESENTED BY:



Fr. David  
Santos



Fr. John  
Paladino



## *-Schedule-*

7:30-8:30PM Each Night  
at Saint James Church

### **MONDAY, MARCH 13**

#### **CLAIMING OUR BLESSEDNESS**

As a beloved child of God, you are invited to recognize and claim His love for you!

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

#### **CLAIMING OUR BROKENNESS**

Life is challenging and we are all broken. Come claim your brokenness and be healed!

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

#### **CLAIMING OUR MISSION**

God has created you for a reason. You are no accident! Come and claim the mission God has for you!





**THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 3 AT 6:00 PM  
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.

BYO and a dessert for our sharing table.

**Please RSVP with payment by  
Friday, February 17th.**

• *Take Out Dinners available* •

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



## LENT IS COMING SOON!

# 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.



Small groups begin the week of February 20th. If you are interested, please scan the QR code to sign up. Feel free to reach out to [small-groups@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:small-groups@saintjamesparish.org) if you have any questions.

*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."*

# ASH Wednesday

Join us as we begin our journey through Lent toward Easter on February 22, 2023.

### Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7:30AM Mass

3:30PM Service

7:00PM Mass

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00PM

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Anniversary Celebration Masses at the Basilica

Wedding Anniversary Masses will be celebrated this year at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. 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**

Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020-21 may join us as well.

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

We are a support ministry at the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights for parents and loved ones of LGBTQ Catholics.

For more information, please contact:  
[YOUAREMINE.LF@gmail.com](mailto:YOUAREMINE.LF@gmail.com)



# YOU ARE MINE



Let us walk together...  
In a spirit of openness  
and acceptance that  
strengthens our  
bonds of trust  
as a family of faith,  
with God,  
the Church  
community,  
and all.





**SAVE THE DATE**

**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH**

**SPEAKEASY**  
*Casino Night*

**April 29, 2023 • 7:00 - 11:00 pm**  
**at Saint James School Building**  
South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Buffet catered by **Sophia's Restaurant** • \$90 per person  
Cash Bar • Play Money • 50/50 • Cigar Tent  
Instructions on how to play

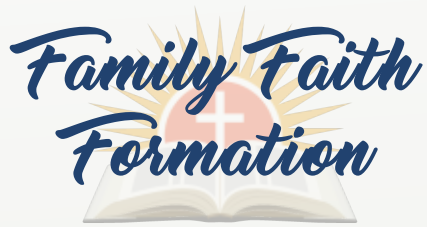
Tickets being sold in advance. Scan the QR code  
on the right to purchase tickets online.

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT**  
**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH**



For questions please email [SpecialEvents@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@saintjamesparish.org)





**OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061**

Family Faith families will receive an email this week with links to activities and videos to use at home to supplement lesson 5. Please feel free to reach out with any questions and to share your experience.

Our next Family Faith gathering is Sunday, March 19th the children will have a lesson with their catechist and the parents will be joined by our guest presenter, Susan Choma.

This week our Confirmation Candidates had the opportunity to join St Helen's students for a presentation on the Holy Spirit by Chris Padgett. We are so grateful to St. Helen's for inviting us!



### **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](mailto:info@newarkpriest.com).

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: [newarkpriest.com](http://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 11

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**7:30am** Protection of the Unborn  
r/b Fernandez Family

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### Saint Cyril & Saint Methodius

**7:30am** Kevin Morris  
r/b Michael & Theresa Quick

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**7:30am** Margaret Moyer  
r/b Michael & Irene Bartosh

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**7:30am** Sylvie Kearns  
r/b Brian & Eileen Vesey

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**7:30am** Alex Melleno  
r/b Children

## Saturday, February 18

**8:30am** Maryann Bujnowski  
r/b Patricia & Tom  
**5:00pm** John Montana  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Stanley Wickham**  
r/b Annette Alberti

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00am** Maria Giochino  
r/b Family  
**Lina Almeida**  
r/b Camille Mitarotonda  
**10:00am** John Collins  
r/b Roethlin Family  
**Anthony Graziano**  
r/b Family  
**12:00pm** Amelia Montana  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Victor Vecchione**  
r/b Vickie Steinbeck

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



## BREAD & WINE:

Hanna Grasso  
r/b Niece, Joan Bratsch

*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 BAPTIZE

Anthony Michael  
Alfred Cuozzo  
Luca Pinto  
Ava Rose Veliz

## A TIME TO DIE

Nancy Bandel  
Donald Genco  
Deacon John McKeon  
Sister Maureen Joseph Kirwan

## 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](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

[www.thewaterfrontproject.org](http://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 February 4/5

Regular Collection	\$ 6,152.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,071.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,223.00</b>

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](http://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?... You may be able to double the impact of your contribution to the Annual Appeal with a corporate matching gift. Ask your employer if they will match your donation to the Annual Appeal. You can also visit the Archdiocese of Newark 2023 Annual Appeal site for more information on how to match your gift.

Thank you for your support of the 2023 Annual Appeal.

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  
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

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### **TRANSITIONAL DEACON**

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### **WEEKEND ASSISTANT**

Father John Dennehy

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

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