

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



EVEN NOW, SAYS THE
LORD, RETURN TO ME
WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 19, 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 25:

5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, February 26:

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

As children, most of us believed in perfection as an attainable goal. Maybe not our own particular perfection (I was never going to get an A in algebra!), but the finish line was clearly marked out, and someone was going to cross it. We were literally schooled into the quest for perfection: defined as an A+, or 100 percent answered correctly, or the coveted 4.0 at the end of the term. I could tell you quite dispassionately back

then who was perfect and how: Monica was the kindest, Adam the smartest, Edwin the fastest, Liliana the holiest in the class.

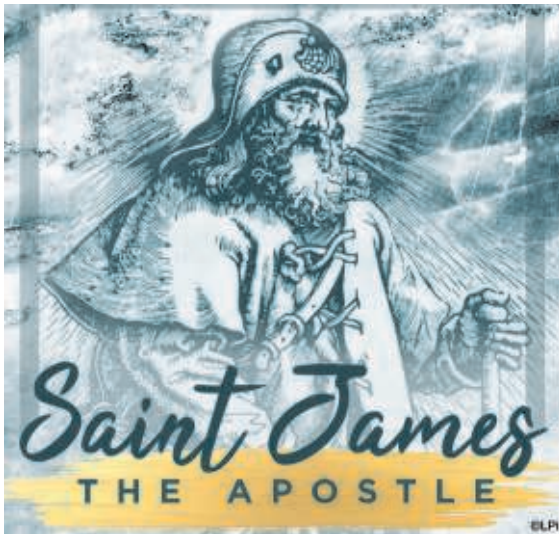
Back when perfection came marked with a letter grade, it was a straightforward matter as to how to get there from here. But no one, as I remember, was good at everything. Adam was clearly Einstein-brilliant; he's an extremely successful entrepreneur today. But he was a dunce at literature and a social killjoy to boot. My report card was evenly divided between A's and C's: Ask me if I cared about chemistry or calculus. To be perfect at everything—*perfect at perfection*—would be like combining Monica, Adam, Edwin and Liliana into one superchild! It would be like being God. That was Jesus' point exactly when he said: ***Don't imitate each other or compete against each other. Imitate God and make divine perfection your only standard.***

Friends, our Lord isn't trying to be difficult; he only takes after his Father, if Leviticus is any indication. There God tells Moses: "Be holy—because I am," and goes on to delineate 613 ways that perfection is measured according to Deuteronomic law. The first reading and the Gospel passage this weekend highlight one: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** That's poignant for us, because Jesus makes the same choice in his teaching: *Love God and love your neighbor.* Are we to embrace that as the new definition of perfection?

The summons to be perfect sounds exhausting. Just being presentable takes a lot out of me some days. Far from wanting a challenge, most of us, to be honest, are hoping for a break. Gone are the days when our progress through life was measured and recorded at every turn: how tall were we, how many tests did we pass, whether we were eligible for Confirmation that spring? We'd like to phone in a few days a week now, answer "present" at work, and hope that counts for something. But the one place where our performance still counts for everything is the summons to love. **Love God. Love neighbor. And prove it.**

Quote of the Week:

Teach us to give and not to count the cost.
—Ignatius of Loyola



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 3:16-23

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise.

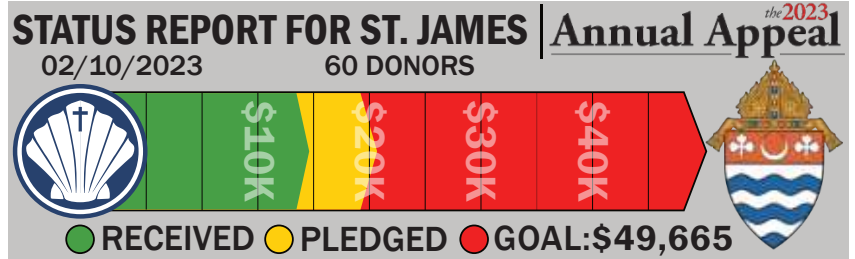
Gospel Acclamation: 1 John 2:5

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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



Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

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. Thank you to all who have already made a gift!



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

A gift can be made online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code here.



LENT AT SAINT JAMES



Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 22
7:30am Morning Mass
3:30pm Liturgy of the Word
7:00pm Evening Mass

Parish Mission Eucharist: Jesus Goes Viral, So Must We!

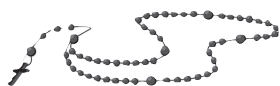
Presenters: Fr. David Santos & Fr. John Paladino
March 13, 14, & 15 • 7:30pm

Lenten Holy Hour

Wednesdays • 7:00pm
March 8, 22 & April 5

Stations of the Cross

Fridays • 7:00 pm
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24



Holy Rosary & Novena

Mondays • 7:00 pm
February 27, March 6, 27 & April 3

LENT REGULATIONS

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, during which we as Christians strive to grow closer to God, especially through the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Below are some guidelines that the Church gives us for our practice of the season of Lent.

FASTING: Eating no more than a total of two regular meals' worth in one day (i.e. 1 full meal, two small meals); this includes anyone between 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE: Refraining from eating meat; this includes anyone over the age of 14.

*The days of fasting and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays are days of abstinence.**

*In honor of the Feast of St. Patrick on Friday, March 17th, the faithful are not obliged to abstain from meat.

As Catholics, we are obliged to observe these practices of Fast and Abstinence throughout Lent. These are small sacrifices that we can make to honor God and the sacrifice that Jesus made for each one of us!



"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 smallgroups@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."

**SIGN UP FOR A
SMALL GROUP AT
THIS QR CODE:**





GO DEEPER IN PRAYER THIS LENT!

St. James has partnered with Hallow this Season to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the Lent #Pray40 Challenge.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 5,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer.

Hallow includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more!

Register today by selecting our parish at: www.hallow.com/holyday.

There are a few St. James on the list. Ours appears as:

St. James the Apostle - 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield NJ 07081

**SIGN UP
HERE:**



Feast of Saint Joseph Prayer Service & St. Joseph's Table

Monday, March 20
7:00pm Mass

Lenten Evening for Young Families

Friday, March 24 • 6:00 pm
Breakfast Bag Collection
Stations of the Cross

Lenten Individual Confessions

Wednesday, March 29
7:00pm



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 1
9:00am - 12:00pm

*Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny.
We have games, crafts, and face painting.*

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!

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

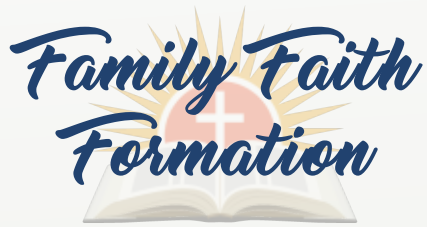
Tickets being sold in advance. Scan the QR code
on the right to purchase tickets online.

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



For questions please email SpecialEvents@saintjamesparish.org





OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Families were emailed last week that our Family Faith Session for today was cancelled because of the long weekend. We hope you view the videos and make some of the Lenten crafts and recipes that were sent to you! Our next session is Sunday, March 19th, Susan Choma will present to the parents.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. I will be in the church at 2:30PM to wait with your children until you arrive for the 3:30PM Service. Mass, with the distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 7:30AM and 7:00PM should you prefer. Please see the Lent page in this bulletin for all of the parish Lenten events and worship opportunities.



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 18

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Presidents' Day

8:30AM Alex DiPace
r/b Debbie & Stephanie

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30AM Daisey Dolalas
r/b Fernandez Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

7:30AM For the People of Saint James

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30AM Brenda & Emilia Rumohr
r/b Susan Rumohr

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30AM Christina Ward
r/b Mary Vesey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30AM Dennis Prusinoski
r/b Ann & Ed Fanning

5:00PM Carmine Palumbo
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
Ilene & David Montgomery
r/b Cathy & Bob Ruple

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Mary & Vincent Inneo
r/b Inneo Family
Nancy Bandel
r/b Saint James Parish

10:00AM Ernest Reedy
r/b Wife & Children
Arthur W. Bohse
r/b Linda Hrevnack

12:00PM Maria & Luigi Del Mauro
r/b Marcy, Joey, Jake & Nicole

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

Eugene Koechel
r/b DeCicco Family

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Antoinette Agrillo, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Marie Boin, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, 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, 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

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

Luca Anthony Hernandez

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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

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 February 11/12

Regular Collection	\$ 5,887.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,473.00
Total	\$ 8,360.00

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?... The second collection for the weekend of Feb 25/26 is for Building Maintenance. This special collection will support our ability to address facility maintenance needs.

Thank you to all who have made their 2023 Annual Appeal pledge so far. We're at 42% of our goal.

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

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frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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Father John Dennehy

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