



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

Listen to Him.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 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, March 11:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, March 12:
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
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 at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Reflection on the Readings

A man had a great desire to please God. He prayed day and night and once he heard the voice from above saying: "I want you to go and push that large stone." The man woke up and was so inspired. He ran to find the stone and started pushing it. He pushed and pushed, but nothing happened.

He kept pushing the rock all day long. The next day he did the same, but the stone did not move at all. And for three months the man kept pushing the huge boulder. Finally, he got tired and stopped pushing.

That night he had another dream, and he heard the Voice saying: "Why did you stop pushing the stone?"

"Well, nothing happened, and the boulder is still there," answered the man.

"Nothing happened? Look at you! You have become so much more focused and stronger. You are a changed man now! Pushing has transformed you! Besides, I didn't tell you to move the stone. I just told you to push it. When the time comes, I'll move it Myself!"

The goal of the man in the story was not to move the rock, but to be moved by God's grace to change.

Someone once said, "**PRAYER** is to push until something happens."

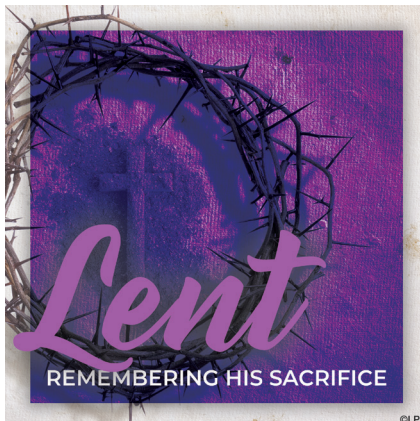
Friends, the result of the hardships we endure in our lives is the strengthening of our souls and its transformation. Sometimes our struggles and the crosses we bear are not meant for us to simply deal away with. When the time comes, our help will be from the Lord.

As we continue with Lent, this weekend's readings are meant to help us to persevere in our Lenten journey, as well as life's journey.

Quote of the Week:

O Father, Son and Spirit Blest, with hearts transfigured by your grace, may we your matchless splendor praise and see the glory of your face.

—Breviary Lauds hymn on the Feast of the Transfiguration



LENTEN HOLY HOURS

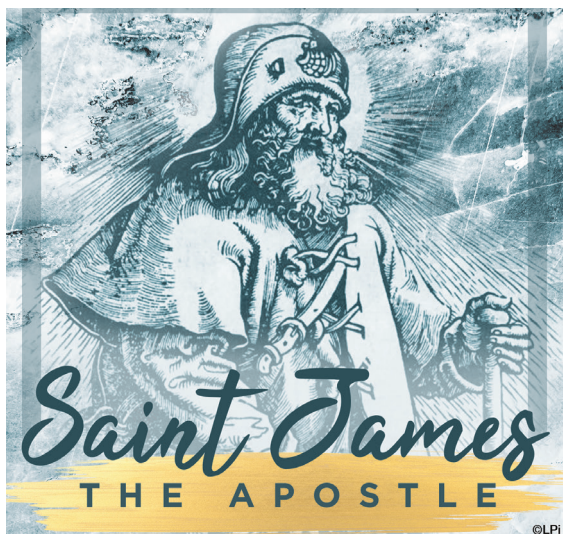
Wednesdays at 7:00PM
March 8, 22, and April 5

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00PM
February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24

HOLY ROSARY AND NOVENA

Mondays at 7:00PM
February 27, March 6, 27 and April 3



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

Your support of the Annual Appeal 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.



MEATLOAF AND SANDWICH COLLECTION

We are pleased to announce that the meatloaf and sandwich collection is starting up again. This initiative is a great way to use your talents to benefit those in need.

We are collecting sandwiches and 2 pound frozen meatloaves. Sandwiches should be wrapped in cellophane or put in sandwich bags and have no condiments in or on the sandwich. Please ensure all items are securely wrapped when you bring them to church.

***ShopRite gift cards are also needed!**

COLLECTION DATES:
SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH
SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

We will collect after each mass. There will be a cooler in the Narthex and a sheet to record what you have donated.



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Caputo at ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

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!

More Lenten Opportunities

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER SERVICE & ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Monday, March 20th
7:00PM Mass

LENTEN INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 29th
7:00PM



BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, April 1st
9:00AM - 12:00PM

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

GO DEEPER IN PRAYER THIS LENT WITH THE HALLOW CATHOLIC APP!

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*



Stations of the Cross and Breakfast Bag Collection

Friday, March 24 at 7:00 PM

We are inviting families, couples and friends to sign up to read one of the Stations - children are most welcome and encouraged to participate!

Make your Breakfast Bags at home as a family Lenten activity. Drop them off before/after Stations. Sign up is required and details on bag contents are listed on the SignUp Genius.

Volunteers are needed to deliver breakfast bags to Nourish.NJ in Morristown - see Signup Genius for details.

Contact us with any questions:
helpingthehungry@saintjamesparish.org

Scan here to sign up
or visit this link:
www.bit.ly/3J1A8QV



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



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Wool & Grace in Summit
Tuesday, March 7th from 4:00-5:30PM

Do you love to knit? Would you like to learn?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at Wool and Grace to welcome new members and to say hello to long-time friends as we make Prayer Shawls for parishioners and loved ones.

Prayer Shawl patterns will be available and Wool and Grace staff will help new knitters get started. In-store classes are offered for additional help. Visit www.woolandgrace.com for more information.

Space is limited and sign-up is required. If you would like to join us, please email Claire Bernstein at prayershawl@saintjamesparish.org or call the Rectory at 973-376-30444.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls for parishioners, family members and friends who are coping with illness, grief, loneliness, aging challenges and more. All shawls are completed with prayers for the recipient and are blessed by one of our priests.

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.



A Campaign of Prayer and Fasting

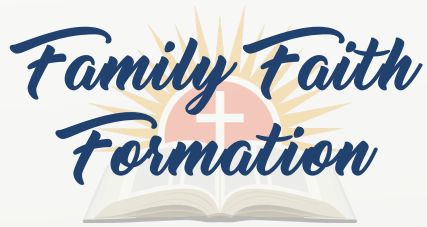


**February 22 through April 2, 2023
7:00AM to 7:00PM**

396 Bloomfield Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042
In the public thoroughfare across the street from a high-volume abortion facility (Pilgrim Medical Center)

***Can you commit to praying one hour per week
to save an innocent child from abortion?***

To sign up online, visit: 40daysforlife.com/montclair.



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

How is your Lent going? We can't wait to see the pictures of the crafts and / or recipes that you started to make! Families should be working on activity #6; Meet Our Forever Home. As we journey deeper into Lent, this activity, which focuses on our journey to heaven, reminds us of Jesus' journey to the cross and ultimately, "home" to Our Father. May this Lenten season draw you into deeper communion with the Lord and each other!

Lenten Prayer:

"God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."

"God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."



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, MARCH 4

5:00pm **Antonnio & Giovannina**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Alfonso Cacciatore
r/b Wife & Children

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am **Michele Vespa**
r/b Michelina Vespa
Nancy Bandel
r/b Roethlin Family

10:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Lore McDonald
r/b Grandchildren

12:00pm **James J. Carney**
r/b Patty & John Carney
Maria Conte
r/b Lina Bove

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:30am **Martin DeMarzo**
r/b Beverly DeMarzo

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:30am **Christine Ragonese**
r/b Angela Ragonese

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:30am **Moya Brady**
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:30am **May Lenihan**
r/b Son, David

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:30am **Christopher Haynes & Lou Loudakis**
r/b Ann & Ed Fanning
Mary Ann Congema
r/b Laura & Joseph DiLorenzo
Rocco Paolino, Sr.
r/b Tom & Judy Spera

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am **Sr. Joanne Jankowski**
r/b Inneo Family
Antoinette Agrillo
r/b Eileen & John Kearns
Paul Macciachera
r/b Claire & Mark Bernstein
Nancy Bandel
r/b Hugh & Maggie Keffer
12:00pm **Maria & Onorio Silvestri**
r/b Grandchildren
Larry Kaufherr
r/b Carmela Fusco

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Gaetano & Arcangela D'Agostini

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 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 DIE

Antoinette Agrillo
Sister Claire Donnelly
Monsignor David Hubba

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 February 25/26

Regular Collection	\$ 7,111.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,168.00
Total	\$ 10,279.00

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.



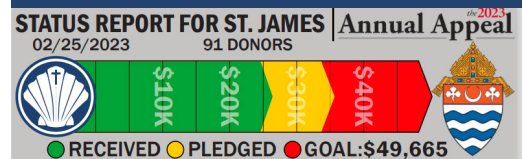
FINANCE
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... The second collection the weekend of March 11/12 is for the Archdiocese Assessment... but do you know how St. James benefits from the assessment funding? We benefit greatly by being part of a larger Archdiocesan faith structure from receiving administrative services provided at no cost to the parish such as pension plan administration, legal and human resources services, as well as a number of other operational costs such as property and health insurance expense items that if purchased directly by the parish would far exceed our assessment cost. Will you help us cover this assessment expense?

Thank you to all who have made their 2023 Annual Appeal pledge so far. We're at 72% of our goal. Help us reach our goal!

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



OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

PERMANENT DEACON

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Father John Dennehy

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