



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

AND HOPE DOES
NOT DISAPPOINT,
BECAUSE THE
LOVE OF GOD HAS
BEEN POURED
INTO OUR HEARTS.

ROMANS 5:5

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 12, 2023

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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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 18:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, March 19:
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 small boy was sent to bed early by his father for not doing his chores.

Five minutes later the boy yelled out, "Daaaaaad!"

"What?" said the father.

"I'm thirsty! Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No! You had your chance before. Lights out! Go to sleep!"

Five minutes later the boy again asked, "Daaaaaad!"

"What?" said the father.

"I'm thirsty! Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"I told you 'No!' If you ask me again I'll have to spank you!"

Five minutes later the boy again asked, "Daaaaaad!"

"What?," said the father.

"When you come to spank me, would you bring me a drink of water?"

Kids are cute. But the kid in the story isn't the only person who's thirsty for something!!! What are we looking for this Lent? To get closer to God? To clean up our act? To feel more religious? Or just to lose a few pounds? We have to be frank about our objective, because we're bound to find what we seek. The right answer may also not be what we think it is. We don't have to get closer to God. We can't: God's right here. God dwells in us. Getting closer to God's will might be a better goal, because that alignment is often very far off. If we find ourselves complaining that Lent's not working, that the magic of feeling our religion isn't happening this year, then maybe the answer is to practice a new consciousness. Spend time aware of God in every person you meet and every place you go. Keep searching with your eyes, your mind, your heart. If we practice believing what we profess—that God is in our midst—we may encounter Jesus at the well ourselves.

Quote of the Week:

God does not fit in an occupied heart.
— Saint John of the Cross



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

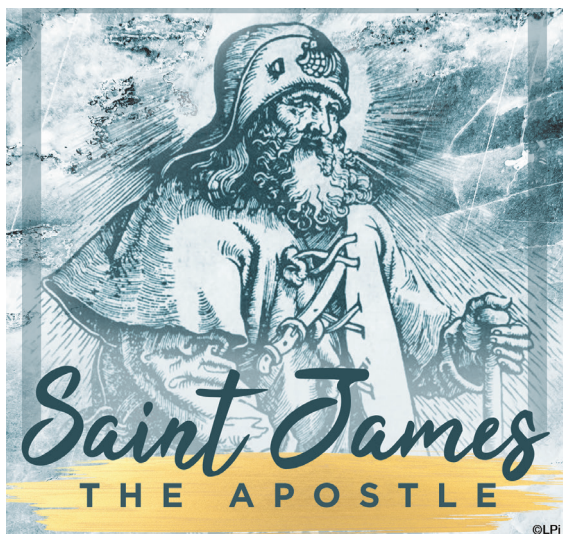
HOLY ROSARY AND NOVENA

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

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.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Gospel Acclamation: John 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS SALE

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their hand-made olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses next weekend March 18th and 19th. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



PARISH LIFE UPDATE

The 2nd Annual Sip and Supper Wine Tasting was held at Sophia's Restaurant last month. Over 90 people attended the sold out event. The lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle gifted half of her prize to the parish making the total donation \$617! A selection of wines were available for purchase and home delivery by Stirling Fine Wines located in nearby Stirling.

The Lenten Fish Fry returned this year! On Friday, March 3rd, over 160 fish and chip dinners prepared by the Chippery in Union were enjoyed by those attending in person and by those who opted for pick-up. So much success points to it becoming an annual event.

SAVE THE DATE! Speakeasy Casino Night returns on Saturday, April 29th. Get your tickets soon - visit the link/QR code in the flyer in this bulletin to purchase tickets!

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 strengthened!

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





Breakfast with the EASTER BUNNY

Continental Breakfast
with Games and Crafts

St. James Gym
Saturday April 1st
10am - 12pm

**\$10 per person. Children under 3 are free.
Children must be accompanied by an adult**

*Reserve your seat
by March 18th!*



Fill out below and return to the Rectory or Religious
Education Office with payment by March 18th.
Make checks payable to "Saint James the Apostle Church"

Name:

of Adults:

Phone Number:

of Children:

You may also register and pay online
by scanning the QR code. →

For more information send an e-mail to
parishlife@saintjamesparish.org



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

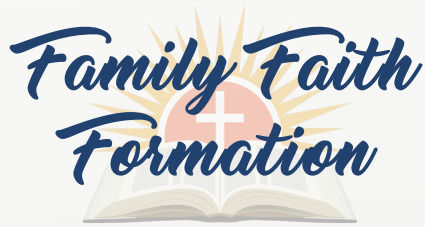
Tickets being sold in advance. Scan the QR code
on the right to purchase tickets online.

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



For questions please email SpecialEvents@saintjamesparish.org





OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

How is your Lent going? Tomorrow begins our parish mission with Fr. David Santos and Fr. John Paladino, we hope our older students and parents can join us for this special three night event.

Next Sunday our Family Faith families will gather in the school gym. The children will again meet with their catechists and the parents will be involved in a lively discussion with Susan Choma.

Families should be beginning their last activity in their box, "Meet Our Forever Home" which talks about meeting God face-to-face.

Any family who was unable to register for this year's Family Faith who would like to join us for a Spring/Summer session, please email or call the Religious Ed Office.



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 11

5:00pm 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
10:00am Paul Macciachera
r/b Clire & Mark Bernstein
Nancy Bandel
r/b Hugh & Maggie Keffer
12:00pm Maria & Onorio Silvestri
r/b Grandchildren
Larry Kaufherr
r/b Carmela Fusco

MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:30am Gerardo DiLeo
r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:30am Ann & Peter Brzozowski
r/b Carol Balfour

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:30am Christina Ward
r/b Brian & Eileen Vesey

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:30am Nuala Teevan
r/b Ed & Anne Fanning

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

7:30am Patricia Bishop
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:30am Joseph Iannetta
r/b Philip Hunrath
5:00pm Joe Fusco
r/b Carmela Fusco
Florence Impellizzeri
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Maureen Hopkins
r/b Corbett Family
Lourdes Alcala
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle
10:00am Nick D'Achille
r/b Pasquarelli Family
Giuseppe Mazzacuva
r/b Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva
12:00pm Antonio Soares
r/b Family
Mary Corbett
r/b Charles & Mary Cameron



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Rose Genco
r/b Nancy Caputo

BREAD & WINE:

Vincent Genco
r/b Nancy Caputo

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, 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

Sister Marie Victoria Bartkowski, Dolores Battiato, Philomena Coco, Sister Lois Curry, Sister Claire Donnelly, Josephine Vance

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 March 4/5

Regular Collection	\$	7,162.00
Online Giving	\$	3,393.00
Total	\$	10,555.00

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.



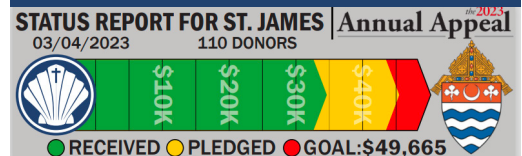
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Parish Finance Council

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 to all who have made their 2023 Annual Appeal pledge so far. We're at 92% of our goal. Help us reach our goal!

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



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