



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

In the Lord
there is
mercy and
fullness of
redemption.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 26, 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, April 1:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, April 2:
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



NEWS & UPDATES

St. James Campus Redevelopment Project

Since my last communication to the parish with an update on the campus redevelopment on February 12th, we received one additional proposal for the school and convent properties. This brings the total number of proposals received to 6 (six)!

Members of the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee and I have been back and forth with the top contenders. At this point in time, it is still too early to schedule a parish townhall meeting. Stay tuned for more news.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

With the raising of Lazarus as the centerpiece of this weekend's Gospel, death inevitably also gets the spotlight. Typically the kneejerk response all things death is to shutter or at least deflect our attention elsewhere. But "death" may be more present in our prayer life than we think. Take, for example, the prayer that almost every Catholic wields – The Hail Mary.

The conclusion to the "Hail Mary" should give us pause. We ask the Holy Mother of God to keep us sinners in her prayer at two signature moments of our lives: **now** and **at the time of our death**. What a strange request this is, at first glance. Why, of all the hours and seasons and years of life should we single out these twin moments for special consideration? "Now" is easy. Now is the moment of decision, the vital and active hour in which change is possible. We can't move the past an inch. We can't manipulate the future until it arrives. The only time under our jurisdiction when we are free to act is now. So if there is an important moment to have the prayers of the Mother of the Church, it's the one we're in presently.

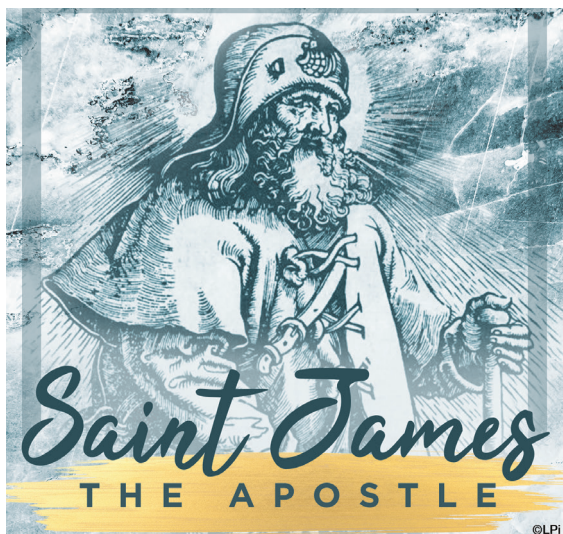
The other moment when we plead for Mary's attention is the hour of our death. Ah, that is a significant time for all of us. Although we hope to enjoy many "nows," death comes only once and it is the Last Chance Saloon. If we've botched many a now, or all of our nows until the last one, Christianity still holds out the possibility of the final "yes" after a lifetime of "no." So we are wise to pray that the mother of Jesus will attend us in that last hour of grace and guide us to repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Hail Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. AMEN!

Quote of the Week:

I live each day to kill death; I die each day to beget life, and in this dying unto death, I die a thousand times and am reborn another thousand through that love from my people, which nourishes hope!

—Julia Esquivel



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel Acclamation: John 11:25

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

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



LENTEN HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00PM

HOLY ROSARY AND NOVENA

Mondays at 7:00PM

March 27 and April 3

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

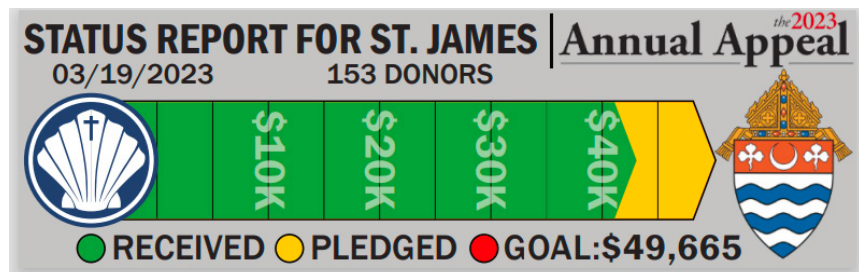
Help Us Reach Our Goal!

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 Individual Confessions

**Wednesday, March 29th
at 7:00PM**

Come receive God's mercy and healing in the sacrament of Confession! Lent is a great opportunity to return to God with all our hearts and to re-orient our lives toward Him. The Sacrament of Confession can help us to do just that!



Celebrate Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY | April 2nd

Mass Times: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

ANTICIPATION MASS: SATURDAY AT 5PM

HOLY THURSDAY | April 6th

Morning Prayer: 9:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30PM

Night Prayer: 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY | April 7th

Morning Prayer: 9:00AM

Children's Stations of the Cross: 10:00AM

3:00PM: The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY | April 8th

Morning Prayer: 9:00AM

Easter Vigil: 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY | April 9th

Mass Times: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

(NO SATURDAY 5PM MASS)

Hallow



LENT

JOIN THE #PRAY40 CHALLENGE

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:**



Online Giving Guide

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. Here are some step-by-step instructions to give online and access your account. Below are a few basic guides to help you get started!

How to Access Our Online Giving Portal

1. Go to our website: www.saintjamestheapostle.org
2. Scroll across to the “Give” tab at the top of the page and click it
3. Then, scroll down and click the blue tab that reads, “Online Giving Portal”



***Scan with your phone
to access our Online
Giving Portal***

How to Make a One-Time Donation

1. Once you have clicked the “Online Giving Portal” tab (see instructions for How to Access Our Online Giving Portal), the page defaults to the one-time donation section
2. Click the drop-down to select the fund type. For example, weekly offertory, Easter gift, flowers, etc.
3. Add the amount you would like to contribute
4. Note, you can add more than one donation, if you so choose. Click “Add Donation” (located below your first contribution), select another fund type, and add the amount you would like to donate. This gives you the opportunity to contribute for various purposes.
5. You will then be prompted to fill out the information requested for the type of payment you choose from the options provided. For example, credit card, debit card, google pay, etc.
6. Click Submit

How to Set Up a Recurring Donation

1. Once you have clicked the “Online Giving Portal” tab (see instructions for How to Access Our Online Giving Portal), select “Recurring” on the page
2. Click the drop-down to select the fund type. For example, weekly offertory, Easter gift, flowers, etc.
3. Add the amount you would like to contribute
4. Note, you can add more than one donation, if you so choose. Click “Add Donation” (located below your first contribution), select another fund type, and add the amount you would like to donate. This gives you the opportunity to contribute for various purposes.
5. Under “Recurrence,” click the drop-down to select the frequency for your contributions. For instance, do you want to contribute weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
6. You can type in how many gifts (this is optional)
7. Then select the start date (this is the date the donation will be withdrawn from your selected form of payment)
8. You will then be prompted to fill out the information requested for the type of payment you choose from the options provided—for example, credit card, debit card, google pay, etc.
9. Click Submit

How to Sign In to Your Account/Edit Frequency or Payments

1. You can edit your donation amount or change the frequency of your contributions at any time
 2. Once you have clicked the “Online Giving Portal” tab (see instructions for How to Access Our Online Giving Portal), select the “Sign In” tab
 3. Enter your email address or phone number and click next
 4. If you already have an account, you can enter your password
 5. You can also sign in easily with a one-time code by selecting the tab, “Sign in with one-time code”
 6. This code will be emailed or texted to you (depending on if you have added your email address or phone number—in step 3)
 7. You will be prompted to add the six-digit code
 8. When you access your account page, go to the tab “Scheduled”
 9. You will see your recurring contribution amount and frequency
 10. To make any changes click the pencil icon (if you hover over it, it will say edit payment)
 11. There you will be able to make changes including, replacing the card used or editing the type of payment, the donation amount, the frequency, or stopping the contribution if needed
 12. There is also a “History” tab where you can review your past online giving contributions, both one-time and recurring contributions
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PARISH MINISTRY UPDATES

Thank You

FROM ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER:

We want to thank you and your parish for the generous donations given to our Giving Tree Program. We are so grateful for all of your support! Your kindness helped make our program a success and alleviates the burdens that many of our community members face each day.

Thank you all for so generously sharing your blessings. We pray for all in our community who are struggling through these difficult times.

We wish you all the best for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2023.

With gratitude,

Bernadette Murphy
Executive Director

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUPS IN OUR AREA

Organized by NAMI NJ (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

- **Online Family Support Group**
Every Wednesday at 7PM
Offered on Zoom

NAMI Family Support Group is a 60-90 minute support group for adult friends and family members (18+) of people with mental health conditions. Participants gain support from peers who understand their experience and gain insight into others' challenges and successes. Visit naminj.org/support/affiliates/union for more information.

- **In-Person Family Support Group**
Coping and support from 6:30–8:00PM
1st Thursday of the month
Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center
North Bridge Street, Bridgewater, NJ
Participation is free.

Contact Sue Ferranti at (908) 296-3732.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor. Please reach out to the Rectory Office at (973) 376-3044 to connect with this ministry or to submit a prayer request.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself." -Miriam Toews' All My Puny Sorrows

Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church is offering a 6-Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Thursday nights 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

April 13th, 20th, 27th & May 4th, 11th, 27th

Meetings will gather in the rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield New Jersey.

Participation is free however, registration is required. Please email Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org or contact the parish office at (908) 687-3327

There is also an ongoing bi-monthly Bereavement meeting offered every other Wednesday at Saint James the Apostle at 7:30PM in the rectory. Contact the parish office for more information.

MORE NEWS & UPDATES



Knights of Columbus®

2023 Annual Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus are offering their annual school scholarships for family members of the 5560 Council and children of Saint James parishioners. Scholarships are available for:

- Knights Family Members going into 1st year of High School
- Knights Family Members going into 1st year of College
- St. James Parishioners going into any year of Catholic Elementary School
- St. James Parishioners going into any year of Catholic High School or College

Please visit the link below for details and the online application:

springfieldkofc.org/annual-scholarships

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PSALM 130

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The joint choirs of St Joseph and
St Teresa of Avila will perform the
Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré
on Palm Sunday.

REQUIEM

Gabriel Fauré

APRIL 2 | 3PM

ST JOSEPH CHURCH
767 Prospect Street, Maplewood

Admission is free and open to the public.

For details, contact Director of Music Gregory Scime at
gscimestjoseph@gmail.com or call 973-761-5933.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

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 25

5:00pm John Montana
r/b Janice Montana
Florence Impellizzeri
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Susan Francis
r/b Friend
Rosalinda Lopez
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly
10:00am Ronnie Fusco
r/b Carmela Fusco
Raul Lavarino
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle
12:00pm Paul Macciachera
r/b Roethlin Family
Frank Nasto
r/b Lorraine Graziano

MONDAY, MARCH 27

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:30am Lou & Mary Cantagallo
r/b Lou Cantagallo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30am Leo Silva
r/b Austin Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:30am Charles Deeney
r/b Yannazzone Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:30am John Montana, Jr.
r/b Janice Montana

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:30am Annie L. Smith
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Randy Landicho
5:00pm Mary & John Ostrowski
r/b Family
Patria Figueroa
r/b Maria Sanagustin

SUNDAY, April 2

Palm Sunday

8:00am Matthew Swajkowski
r/b Cynthia
Susan Sullivan
r/b Sister, Pat
10:00am Michael Vespa
r/b Tony & Angela Russillo
Rosemarie Marucci
r/b Alberta Phillips
12:00pm Paul Macciachera
r/b Rossomando Family
Ronnie Fusco
r/b Carmela Fusco

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

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, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, 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 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 March 11/12

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,935.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,713.00
Total:	\$ 9,648.00

Weekend of March 18/19

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,592.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,888.00
Total:	\$ 9,480.50

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?... Signing up for online giving is quick and easy. The start of the Spring season brings with it warmer temperatures, longer days and a feeling of hope and rebirth. Take a fresh look at your giving to the church and sign up for online giving today. With a few quick selections, your giving can be set up for the rest of the year and beyond.

We reached out 2023 Annual Appeal Goal with pledges through March 19th! **THANK YOU** for your generous support and participation. To date we received \$59,760 in pledges, which is 120% of our Goal.

Remember... There's still time to participate in the 2023 Annual Appeal. Amounts pledged by June 30th over our Goal are eligible for a 50% rebate to the Parish.

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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