



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
Roman Catholic Church

In every age,
**LORD, YOU HAVE
BEEN OUR REFUGE.**



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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Springfield, NJ 07081
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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM

(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 10:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, September 11:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
Livestream Available Online
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:
Wednesdays at 7PM
Second Saturdays at 3PM

SAINT JAMES CENTENNIAL YEAR



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Employing a strategy used by great orators, Jesus uses hyperbole in this weekend's Gospel as a rhetorical device to emphasize something really important. He's shocking us with His words on purpose. What is He doing?

Well, I think it's this...but before I say, let me ask you a blunt question... ***Would you say that deep down you are happy? Are you really happy?*** And by "happy," I mean more than just feeling good. ***Do you possess in your life***

a deep-seated contentment?

To be honest with you, I don't know a lot of people who are really happy. **It isn't as common as one may think. People are much sadder than they seem.** Oh, and a lot of us – I know – put on a happy face. Most of us know how to look happy, but **are we really happy?**

Maybe we're not happy because we have this happiness thing all wrong! Maybe the way we think about happiness isn't what happiness really is! In fact, what we often do is create the illusion of happiness. What is the illusion, you may be asking? It is the illusion that says, I will be happy when... [fill the blank].

"Oh, I'll be happy when...I get enough pleasure."

"Ok, I'll be happy when...I have enough power."

"I'll be happy when...they admire me more."

"I'll be happy when...my kids grow up, or when I get that promotion, or when I have the perfect body, or when I retire..." ON and ON and ON!!! You see, we are all victims of this. The illusion that when I fill up my life with enough attachments/things **then** I'll be happy.

So here it comes, the hard, spiritual truth...**none of those things really make us happy**, none of it! At least not enough to make a real difference in our lives. When we take in these things - pleasure, honor, power, etc. – yes, we do experience a brief rush of excitement. But then we all know what happens. We all know that very soon thereafter we experience a sort of let-down, boredom, a restlessness, and **we find ourselves wanting more and more and more.**

And now our whole life has become this terrible quest to fill ourselves up with these things of the world in order to experience brief stints of happiness.

Now, what if I told you the secret to happiness?

Ready, here it is... **Right now, right here, you already possess everything you need to experience happiness!**

And I'm purposefully saying "experience happiness" because happiness isn't something you choose to make happen. You can't will your own happiness like it's some kind of internal switch. Happiness is a byproduct of life...it's something that **happens** to you as you live your life. But far too often we cling to things and people in an effort to possess happiness...as if that's possible!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Our possessions are not ours—God has given them to us to cultivate, that we may make them fruitful and profitable in his service. —Saint Francis de Sales

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Join the *Saint James Choir!*

You are invited to join the music ministry at Saint James the Apostle as we begin a new season in September under the direction of Mr. Philip La Gala.

Our choir provides music for the 10:00AM Mass on Sundays and on the last Saturday of the month at 5:00PM. (September through June). On occasion, we also enhance liturgies during holy days and special Masses.

Rehearsals will take place every Thursday in the church, beginning promptly at 7:00PM and typically lasting about an hour. All interested members (high school age and older) are welcome to join our community of song; no prior singing experience is necessary. Please contact Philip La Gala with any questions at musicdirector@saintjamesparish.org, or feel free to speak with him after Mass.

Our first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00PM in the church as we begin preparing for Fr. Santos' installation as our new pastor. We look forward to singing with you!

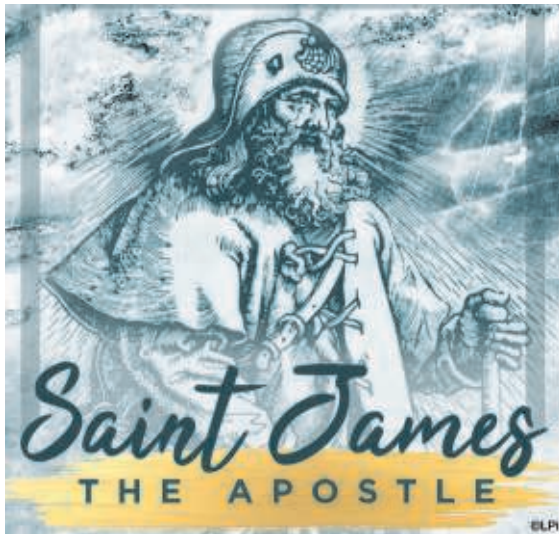
UNVEILING OF "SAINT JAMES WAY"

Please join us on Sunday, September 11, 2022, following the noon Mass as we celebrate the renaming of South Springfield Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road to "Saint James Way."

We will be gathering at the corner of South Springfield Avenue and Shunpike Road to unveil a new commemorative street sign. Light refreshments will be served at the church following the ceremony.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS FOR SAINT JAMES CYO BASKETBALL

If you are entering 3rd-8th grade and are enrolled in St James Religious Education/Faith Formation or are a male parishioner in high school, please call the rectory at (973) 376-3044 or email matt.mcelroy17@gmail.com to express interest.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:
Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

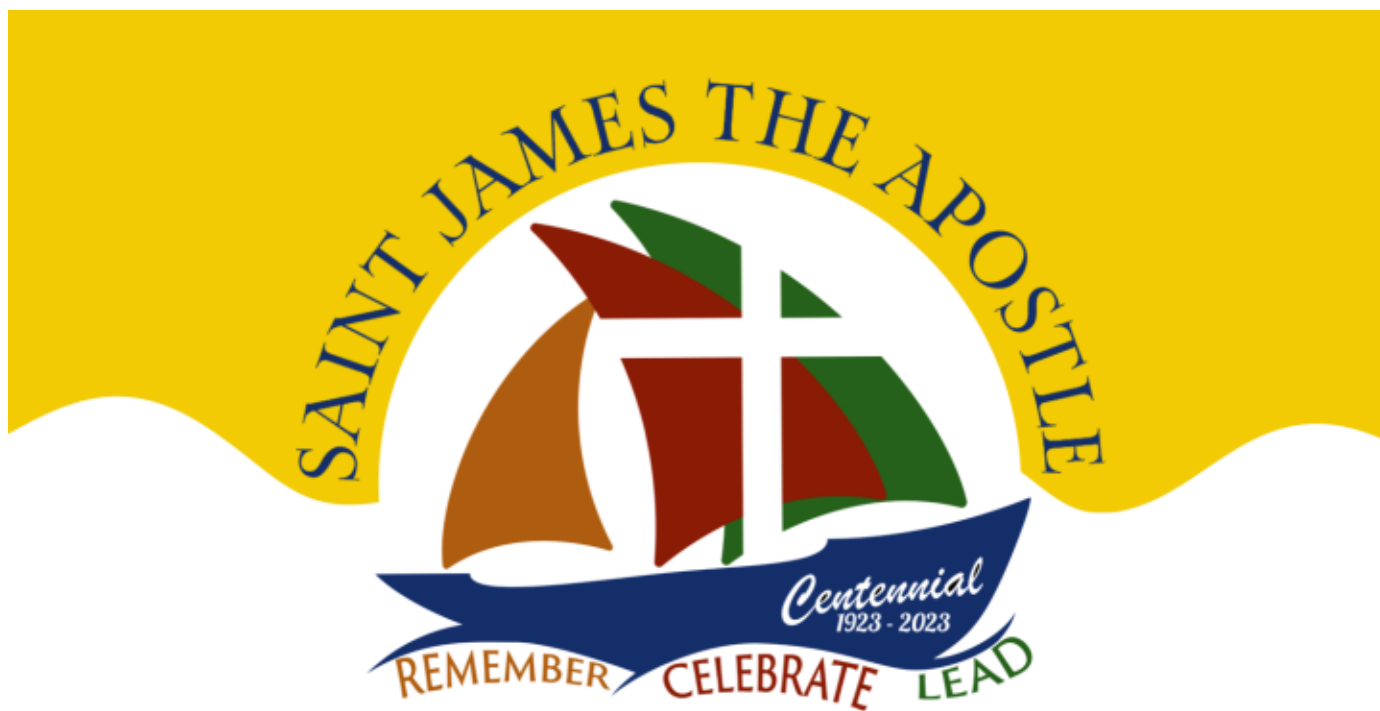
Second Reading:
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps. 119:135
Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

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





You are cordially invited to the joyful commencement of the
Centennial Year
and the
Installation of Reverend David C. Santos
as the fourteenth Pastor of Saint James the Apostle Church

We are honored to welcome
The Most Reverend, Elias R. Lorenzo, OSB
as the main celebrant
at the Noon Mass, Sunday, September 18, 2022

Reception to follow
45 S. Springfield Ave, Springfield, New Jersey 07081

*Your presence and participation are appreciated as we launch
our centennial year and welcome our new Pastor*

**RSVP
REQUIRED
September 9, 2022**

Call **973-376-3044** or
E-mail **parishanniversary@saintjamesparish.org**

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 11 - 15

Saint James the Apostle Church

FESTIVAL



GAMES * RIDES * FOOD * MUSIC * BEER TENT * TIN CAN BASKET AUCTION AND MUCH MORE FUN!

TIN CAN AUCTION

ONE OF THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH FESTIVAL IS THE **TIN CAN AUCTION** - AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN IN THE PAST. THE TIN CAN AUCTION IS A TRICKY-TRAY-TYPE EVENT DURING WHICH FESTIVAL GOERS PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PRIZES DONATED BY AREA RESIDENTS AND MERCHANTS.

SAINT JAMES NEEDS CONTRIBUTIONS OF PRIZES-GOODS, SERVICES, MONEY, EVENT TICKETS AND OTHER ITEMS - TO MAKE ITS TIN CAN AUCTION A SUCCESS.

IF YOU OWN A BUSINESS OR WISH TO DONATE GOODS, SERVICES, EVENT TICKETS OR OTHER ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT ANTOINETTE MILLER THROUGH THE RECTORY OFFICE AT 973-376-3044 OR YOU CAN EMAIL TINCANAUCTION@SAINTJAMESPARISH.ORG.

SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE

TICKETS FOR THE
SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE AT THE
FESTIVAL ARE BEING
SOLD AFTER EVERY MASS.
GET YOUR TICKETS TO
SUPPORT OUR FESTIVAL AND
RAISE THE TOTAL WINNINGS!



FESTIVAL SPONSORS

October 11 - 15, 2022

Would you like to learn about how to be a sponsor to support the Saint James Parish Festival? There are various opportunities available for individuals, families, and businesses. For additional information on how to support this great and very important fundraising event, email: festivalsponsors@saintjamesparish.org.

Saint James Fall into Fun Fair

**September 24th, 2022, 10:00AM - 4:00PM
at Saint James the Apostle Church**



BOOK SALE

**Gently used hard
& soft cover books
from many topics!**



CRAFT FAIR

**Support local artists
& vendors! Many
types of crafts!**



CAR WASH

**Get your car
sparkly clean!**

CALLING ALL VENDORS FOR THE

Saint James Craft Fair

Saturday, September 24 - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm - \$25 per table

Please fill out information below and return with

Your check for \$25 made out to: Saint James Parish

In Memo please put: Table at Craft Fair

Business Name: _____

Business Contact: _____

Craft Type: _____

Telephone: _____

For additional information, email: Specialevents@saintjamesparish.org



MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 30, 7:30-9pm

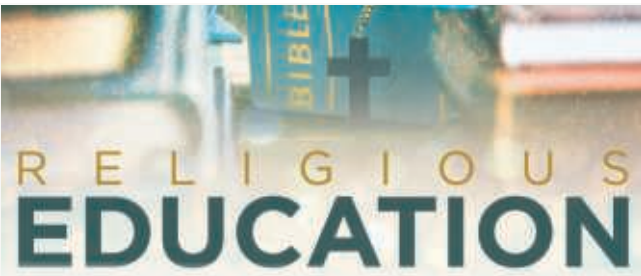
**Outside Saint James Parish in Springfield
(Parish Gym in case of rain)**



THE CHOSEN, EPISODE 1: "I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME"

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. Come and see what tens of millions of people won't stop talking about! **Sign up to attend at saintjamesparish.org.**

Parents: The Chosen is rated PG and features some subtle yet cautionary elements, particularly in Episode One. For more detailed information go to commonsensemedia.org/tv-reviews/the-chosen



OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Fr. Santos, Colleen and I send prayers and well-wishes to all of our teachers and students returning to school this week! We hope you made beautiful memories to last throughout the school year. Thank you to all of the families who have already registered for Family Faith. There is a lot of "behind the scene" preparation to be done, so please register online if you haven't already done so. If you need assistance, please call the Religious Education Office for assistance.

Just a reminder there is a Family Faith parent (only) meeting on Monday, September 12 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm in the Church. Please attend only one session. At this meeting, Fr. Santos and I will walk you through the program, send you home with a few items to get you started and (hopefully!) answer all of your questions about our new model of learning.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Welcome Baby Hezekiah!

Several weeks ago, we held a Virtual Baby Shower for an expectant mom who chose life for her child. Thank you to all who participated in providing for this mom in need. Baby Hezekiah was born on August 26th. 7lbs, 11oz. Mom and baby are doing very well! Thank you again for helping to welcome him into the world and making it possible for his mother to care for him.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sept. 10-11: In Service to the Church

The mission of Catholic University centers on the discovery of knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church. Guided by virtue, a spirit of generosity, and above all, a love for God, students grow in understanding and wisdom. The people's endowment is more than tuition assistance. It is a legacy built upon 130 years of education in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

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

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office: (973) 497-4365.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:00PM **Giovannia & Antonio Circelli**
r/b Carmela Fusco

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00AM **Robert Carvajales**
r/b Rose & Allie Carvajales
Jose Videna & Marcela Videna
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

10:00AM **Angie & Daniel Raimundo**
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser
and Marianne Van Volkenburgh

12:00PM **For the People of Saint James**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30AM **Raymond Alberti**
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30AM **Trinidad Durohom**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30AM **Richard Quagliato**
r/b the Duffy Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM **Estelita Dalupan**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30AM **Delfina Corpuz**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30AM **Victoria Bruno**
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

5:00PM **Anthony Bagnato**
r/b Wife, Ann & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM **Ronnie Fusco**
r/b Robert Fusco

10:00AM **Nathlie Monahan**
r/b Carol & Joe Chiari
Matthew Klein
r/b Pasquarelli Family
Joseph Dorneo
r/b Family

12:00PM **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James

To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, 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., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., 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, 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, 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 DIE

Helen Gois Fontinha
Deacon Leo Montini
Father Michael A. Russo

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 August 27/28

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,554.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,490.00
Total:	\$ 8,044.00

We also 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 Parish has a Grants Committee that works on researching foundations to solicit for donations to the parish. If there is any parish member that is aware of a foundation or is associated with a foundation that could fund a parish need, please convey that information to the parish office. Thank you.

Remember... But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:3-4

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