



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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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 24:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, September 25:
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
Livestream Available Online
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:
Wednesdays at 7PM
Second Saturdays at 3PM

THANK YOU FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS



Without a doubt, last weekend's Centennial Commencement was a high point in our beloved parish's life. Personally, I am grateful and humbled that the Centennial Committee recommended that the Installation be a part of the Centennial Commencement. Approximately 400 parishioners and guests joined in the festivities. Everything from the beautiful music at Mass to the delicious food and drink at the reception contributed immensely to the weekend's success...and there's still more to come!

I would like to begin by thanking Bishop Elias, Regional Bishop of Union County, for his support and presence. **Thank you** to the Liturgical ministers who diligently served at the liturgy – lectors, altar servers, ministers of hospitality...thank you! **Thank you** to our music ministry – the choir and instrumentalists - who helped make the liturgy truly glorious. To my staff, the Pastoral Council members, Finance Council members, the Parish Trustees – partnering with them in leading our beloved parish is a great privilege of mine. **Thank you** to the Centennial Committee and Parish Life Committee and the army of volunteers who worked so hard and so lovingly to make the festivities possible. **Thank you** to the Filipino Apostolate and local vendors who provided the food and drink at either a significantly discounted price or totally free! The food, drinks, and desserts were out of this world!

Finally, to the wonderful People of St. James the Apostle Church, whom I have been so blessed and feel so privileged to serve, thank you for your warm embrace, and, most especially, **thank you** for your trust in me. As we, together, commence our Centennial year – 100 years of faithful service to this community – I can hardly share how excited I am to be with you as we remember our past, celebrate our faith, and lead courageously into the future.

In my short time here with you, you have shown me something profound. Borrowing the words from one of my favorite stories (Les Misérables) – you remind me that “to love another person is to see the Face of God.” After all, a community alive with the Faith of Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit is a community of profound, self-sacrificing love. You have given me such beautiful glimmers of God's loving Face. Please know, that as your Pastor, I will serve you the best I can, and I will love you with all my heart.

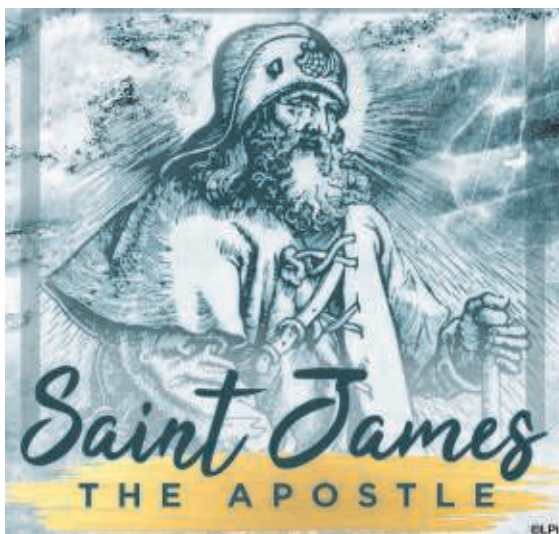
Thank you. I love you. And may God bless Saint James the Apostle Church for 100 years more, and beyond.

Centennial Capital Campaign Feasibility Study

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our feasibility study regarding the potential construction of our parish center. The results have been very positive, and many families and individuals have participated thus far. If you have not yet participated there is still time to participate. We ask that you complete and return the survey either online on the parish website or via paper (available in the narthex). We are working with the Archdiocesan Development Office who will continue to reach out to schedule time to speak with families. We anticipate more updates regarding the study and the parish center in the upcoming weeks. Thank you again.

Lease of the Saint James School Building - Temple Sha'arey Shalom

For the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this September 25th through the 27th and October 4th and 5th, the parish will be leasing the main floor of the school building to Temple Sha'arey Shalom, a local house of worship. We are pleased to provide a space for Temple Sha'arey Shalom to gather as a community of faith during the holiest of seasons. The parish is also negotiating with Temple Sha'arey Shalom on a potential year-long lease of the main floor of the school building. The potential lease will provide a temporary home for Temple Sha'arey Shalom here in Springfield, in addition to providing us with a tenant as we begin the formal process of soliciting proposals for redevelopment of the school and convent properties.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Amos 6:1, 4-7

*Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:
Woe to the complacent in Zion!*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith.

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Corinthians 8:9

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Gospel:

Luke 16:19-31

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY FAQ

QUESTION #1. What is the plan for the use of the school and convent buildings?

As previously reported to the parish, a Campus Development Committee of parishioners has been established that is working, in conjunction with the Parish Council and the Finance Council, in seeking proposals from developers to determine the highest and best use of the property to allow the parish to meet its determined objectives. This process is also proceeding in coordination with representatives of the township of Springfield and the assistance of the Office of Property Management Administration of the Archdiocese of Newark.

QUESTION #2. How will the proceeds from a potential lease agreement or property sale be utilized?

Currently the proceeds are intended to have a three-fold purpose, one is to extinguish the approximately \$800,000 parish debt to the Archdiocese, the second is to establish a permanent ongoing revenue source for the parish, and thirdly would be to purchase a residence to serve as the St. James rectory.

QUESTION #3. If the site of the new Parish Community Center is going to be where the rectory currently stands, then where will the rectory be?

Yes, the new Parish center will sit on the footprint of the existing rectory. Where the rectory will be relocated has been a key part of the planning process and will be addressed in the Campus Development Committee plan along with the developer proposals.

QUESTION #4. Will the new Parish Center be connected to the church building?

Currently the new parish center is not designed to be directly connected to the church building but indirectly connected through an extension of the already existent outdoor arcade. The design will provide quick and easy access to the parish center from the church.

QUESTION #5. How will the construction of a new Parish Center impact parking? Will parking be impacted if we sell the school and convent buildings?

As part of the planning for the new Parish Center and the planning for the usage for the school and convent property, parking is proposed to increase by a minimum of 70 spaces.

QUESTION #6. Why don't we renovate the school building and use that as the new Parish Center and move the parish offices in there?

We have explored this option with the Office of Property Management and Administration of the Archdiocese of Newark. The professional consensus is that renovating and repurposing the school building to serve as a parish center and parish offices would not work for the parish to meet its necessary and established objectives. First and foremost, the financial resources required for a total renovation of the school building would be enormous and are well beyond our means. The plan moving forward for the school and convent property, among other things, needs to include the ability to extinguish the debt to the Archdiocese and provide for a means for establishing an ongoing revenue stream for the parish.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



In celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis, the blessing of animals will take place outside the church, **Saturday, October 1st at 12:00PM**. All dogs must be leashed.



YOUTH NIGHT AT SAINT JAMES

As we settle back into the new school year, Saint James invites students in 8th grade and higher to enjoy s'mores and Bible Games on **Sunday, October 2nd from 6:30-8:00PM** in the lower parking lot behind the Saint James school building! Feel free to RSVP to the Rectory Office to make sure we have enough s'mores for all. Thank you and hope to see you there!



A SUCCESSFUL UNVEILING OF SAINT JAMES WAY

On Sunday, September 11th, our parish gathered for the renaming of South Springfield Avenue between Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue to "Saint James Way" to commemorate the start of the yearlong celebration of our parish Centennial! Union County Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski and Springfield Mayor Alex Keiser, participated in the sign unveiling ceremony, in recognition of the integral service contributions made by our parish to the Township of Springfield and the County of Union.



WELCOME DEACON THIAGO!

It was wonderful to be at the Parish this past weekend and to meet some of you during the Liturgies. I must confess that I came back to the seminary overjoyed and amazed to see how good and welcoming you all are.

I saw many beautiful families united in prayer and that reminded me of mine. Since my early years my beloved late mother Laura and my beloved father Sergio passed on the faith to me in our home back in Brazil.

Just as Abram left his home and set out to a distant land promised by God, I also left my home and my family in Brazil in January 2020, arriving in the U.S.A. ready to serve the Church in the Diocese of Fall River, MA. For the past two years I have been a seminarian at the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University.

I was ordained a deacon this past May in my home diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and - God willing - I will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fall River in June 2023. Part of the seminary formation process is for deacons to be assigned to a parish for weekend service. With great joy I was assigned to Saint James the Apostle Church to obtain more pastoral experience as I continue to be trained for the priesthood.

I would like to express my gratitude to God for being sent to Saint James. From the bottom of my heart, I feel that I will be very happy serving God and the people of Saint James during this year. Please pray for me so that the Lord may strengthen my desire to serve Him and give Him my heart and my whole being daily.

- Deacon Thiago Santos



FALL SMALL GROUP SERIES:

The CHOSEN

Join us for an exciting and unique small group sharing experience based on the acclaimed series "The Chosen." Learn more after all the Masses this weekend, or by visiting the parish website. In the meantime, listen to what your fellow parishioners said about their experience this past Lent:

How grateful I am to have seized this opportunity!! Participating in the small Lenten group this year was truly a beautiful and uplifting experience!! It served as a lovely, safe space in which we could freely share our thoughts and insights regarding God's Word (and other related topics!) or remain silent if we so chose, and simply take in the interesting perspectives of others. It also afforded me the chance to get to know some of my fellow parishioners on a deeper level, and for that, I feel genuinely blessed! - Carol Lesniewski

My testimonial is simple but true. It was such a spiritually uplifting experience Exploring scripture and discussing God and our faith. The added bonus was getting to know the other participants in our small group and sharing our life experiences and our belief! So good for the soul! - Nancy Starzynski

My wife and I are new to the parish and the Seniors Small Group Discussion was very helpful for us to meet other people in the parish. - Robert Ruple

My Lenten Small Group was not some conservative, stuffy Bible study, like one might expect. It was a light-hearted gathering of people of all ages and experience levels with Catholicism, coming together to share in the Good News of Jesus. No judgment, no pressure, but lots of laughs, ah-ha moments, reflection, and bonding. I loved my group and our weekly sessions so much I was sorry Lent was only 6 weeks! - Samantha Cappuccino

The Lenten small group sessions that were offered during Lent were wonderful! I liked knowing about the gospel for the week coming up and the discussions around it, I have to say it made me look at each gospel in a different way! And I made some new friends...people who were always familiar faces at St. James but now I'm happy to call them friends too! - Amy Rossomando

Leading our small group was a wonderful experience. Each participant shared their personal stories, connecting them to the words of the Gospel. It was a blessing to walk on my Lenten journey with fellow parishioners. Reflecting together on God's Word helped me to rely on the guidance of Jesus throughout the weeks. I am so grateful for our gatherings. - Darin Cerreto

I thought the Lenten Small Group would be a "nice thing" to do during Lent. Nancy and Pat led insightful, thought-provoking sessions. I looked forward to each week. Also, I met and enjoyed a varied group of participants. Very rewarding experience. - Camille Mitarotonda

Participating in the St James Lenten Small Group was a great way for me to focus on my relationship with God during lent. Being able to spend time with other friendly parishioners to reflect on the Word of God and exchange ideas with them helped me understand and see things from a different perspective. I really enjoyed this experience and look forward to being part of the group in the years to come! - Tony Bernard

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 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 send an email to 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.



Parish

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Our final opportunity to meet with parents regarding our new model of Family Faith takes place **Wednesday, Sept. 28th in the church at 6:00PM**. If you attended one of the previous sessions and think you might still have questions, feel free to join us! The Faith Formation registration link has been closed. If any family still needs to register, please call the Religious Education Office for assistance.



PATHWAYS

This week the Confirmandi continue their faith journey by meeting individually with Fr. Santos and begin the first of two preparation classes, Tuesdays Sept. 27th & Oct. 4 from 7-8:30PM in the church.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for the 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, prayer requests may also be emailed to: mcbcjb926@comcast.net

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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention: Abolishment of the Death Penalty

"Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country."

Pope Francis goes on to say that the death penalty is "morally inadmissible" because it destroys life, and insists that "up to the very last moment, a person can convert and change". The Pope argues further that "in the light of the Gospel, the death penalty is unacceptable, because the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill' refers to both the innocent and the guilty."

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:00PM **Lorraine Dowling**
r/b Deborah Del Viscovo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00AM **Laura Trowbridge**
r/b Eileen, Catherine & Tina

Ronnie Fusco
r/b Mother

10:00AM **Maria Lombardi**
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale

12:00PM **Ernie Reedy**
r/b Wife & Children
Antony Lofredo
r/b Sue & Bob Hagenbush

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:30AM **Carl Quick**
r/b Tupper Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Saint Vincent de Paul

7:30AM **Richard Quagliato**
r/b Keffer Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30AM **Dominick & Julia Piscopo**
r/b Lisa Graziano

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:30AM **Carl Quick**
r/b Francine Foscatto

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Saint Jerome

7:30AM **For the People of Saint James**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus

8:30AM **Richard Quagliato**
r/b Tupper Family

5:00PM **Carl Quick**
r/b Yannazzone Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00AM **For the People of Saint James**
Ronnie Fusco

r/b Carmela Fusco

10:00AM **Francesco & Salvatrice Giordano**
r/b Roglieri Family

12:00PM **Irene Villanova**
r/b Daughter, Carol

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

Sr. Margaret Annina Confoy
Rev. Thomas E. Pendrick
Mindy Santos Sweeney

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 September 17/18

Regular Collection:	\$ 7,518.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,760.00
Total:	\$ 10,278.00

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?... Signing up for on-line giving is quick and easy. The start of the Fall season brings with it cooler temperatures, back to school activities and before long the busy holiday season. Take one thing off your list by signing up for online giving today. With a few quick selections, your giving can be set up for the rest of the year and beyond.

Remember... Online giving makes for easier living.

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