



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

MAY 22, 2022 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### Office Hours:

Mon-Thu 8AM-3PM  
Fri: 9AM-3PM

### Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM  
Sat: 9AM-1PM

### MASS SCHEDULE:

#### Saturday, May 28th:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, May 29th:

- 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

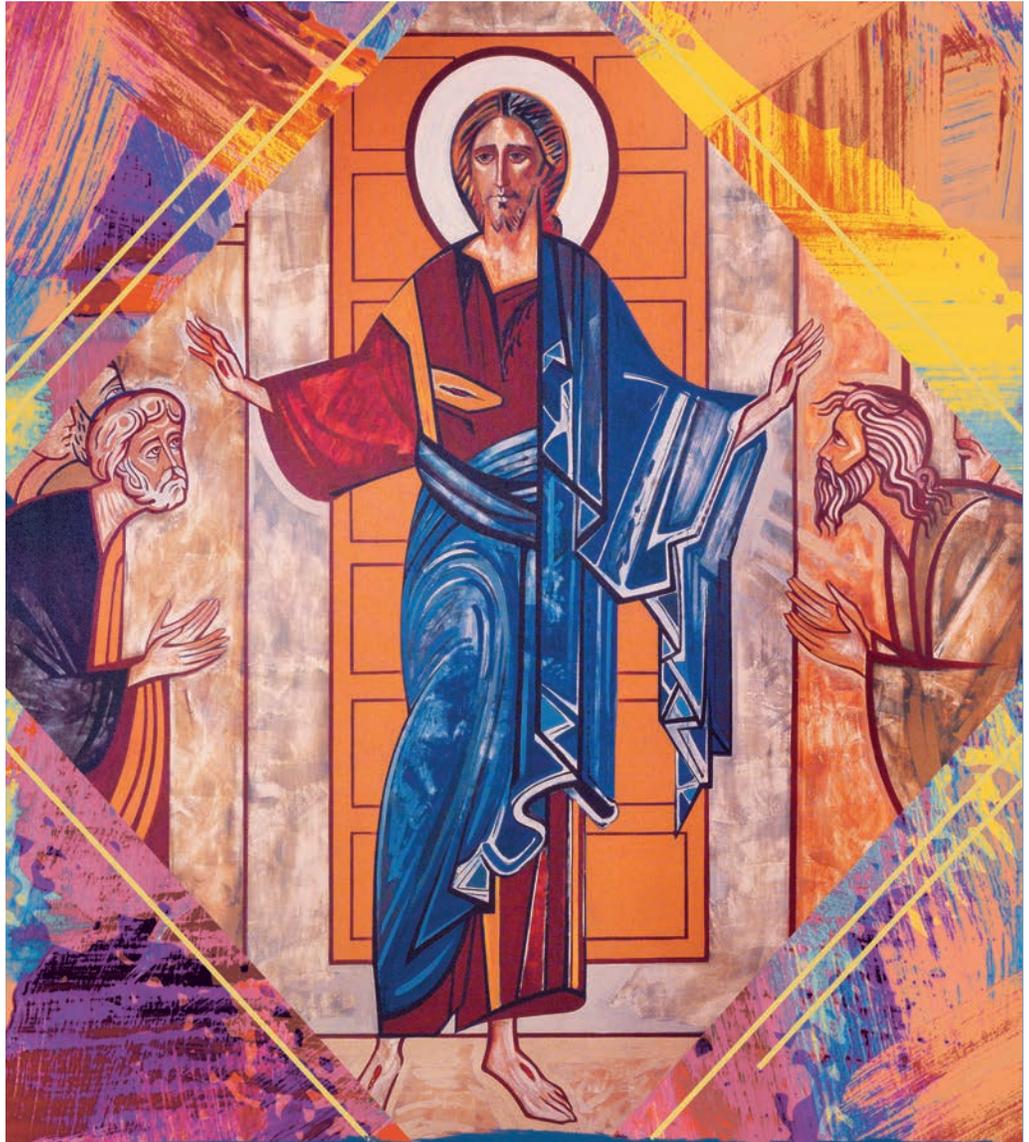
### RECONCILIATION:

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:**  
Second Saturdays at 3PM  
May 21st



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you.”  
- Jn 14:27a

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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

### NEWS AND UPDATES

Last weekend's celebration of First Communions was glorious! To see 34 beaming children receive the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist was spectacular.

A big shout out to the families who have supported our First Communicants in the practice of the Faith. I want to also thank Nancy Caputo, Colleen Tyra, our catechists and volunteers who have lovingly accompanied our little ones to the altar.

### Flocknote Launch

As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, this past week we launched a weekly electronic parish newsletter. The newsletter will be emailed every Thursday using our new communications platform FlockNote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more.

If you haven't received the emailed newsletter, there are multiple ways to sign up:

- **Text To Join** – text NEWSLETTER to 84576
- **Connect online** – [www.saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)
- **Fill out a Card** – you can fill out a Flocknote card at the info center in the church narthex

In addition to the email newsletter and email notifications, you can also opt-in for mobile phone text notifications for special events, Holy Day reminders, and other important communications from the parish through FlockNote.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

In our second reading this Sunday, St. John's vision in the Book of Revelation is a game-changer when he imagines the New Jerusalem devoid of a Temple. John, however, doesn't simply dispense with the Temple. He conceives that the city itself has become the dwelling place of God. Forget the tent; lose the walls. God lives in the heart of the community outright.

For centuries Christians have built places of worship. From the most ornate cathedrals to the simplest meeting houses, faith communities have recognized the need for a space in which to come together to feel close to God. It's good to remember, though, that a temple – or what we refer to now as a church - is more than a building.

Jesus said he would be present where two or three gather in his name—regardless of where they were; Saint Peter in his first letter called Christ a living stone and told believers to be “like living stones . . . built into a spiritual house”: The emphasis is less on the bricks and more on the living stones—the people who assemble. It's wonderful to have beautiful places to worship God. And we are so fortunate here at St. James to have a beautiful church to worship in. But don't let the building do all the work. You belong to a church of living, breathing people who in this season of Easter follow their risen Lord.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*The soul does not love like a creature with created love. The love within it is divine, uncreated; for it is the love of God that is passing through it.* — Simone Weil (1909-1943)



# State of THE Parish MID-YEAR UPDATE

- MAY 2022 -



## *Message from* **Father David Santos**

The Finance Council and I would like to provide a financial update to the State of the Parish report that was presented this past fall. Overall, as you will see in the updated State of the Parish report, there is good news to share.

One VERY IMPORTANT piece of information that you should keep in mind as you read the report is that the positive trend we are seeing could not have happened without you! As I said to you a few weeks ago in my Continuing the Conversation remarks, our successful future state can't be achieved without successful partnership.

With this good news is the very important and critical step that needs to be taken to ensure the successful future state of our parish and that is to address our large legacy debt. Currently the parish has an approximate \$800,000 obligation of prior year indebtedness that needs to be managed. While zero interest is being incurred because our debt is to the Archdiocese of Newark, we have, nonetheless, a moral and stewardship obligation to address this huge amount.

For some time now the Finance Council and I have been exploring options that would tackle the debt and address the deteriorated convent building and the vacant school building. The school building is of particular concern. Short-term tenancy for use as a school does not resolve the long-term problem with a building that has a non-working heating system and windows that also need to be replaced. As you can imagine, the resources required to address just these two issues alone is beyond our resource capacity and a major deterrent for potential short-term tenants.

With two deteriorating buildings and a legacy debt of hundreds of thousands of dollars, creative solutions are called for. The Finance Council and I have been hard at work, creatively exploring our options. At the top of our list has been to create a plan to prudently develop this property that not only addresses our debt obligation but also would provide potential future revenue for the parish. The Finance Council and I have been in steady communication with the Archdiocesan Office of Property Management Administration to explore school and convent property options and to assist us in soliciting proposals for future development. More information will be shared with parish members as plans mature.

Please keep me and the parish lay leaders who have been actively involved in this exploratory process in your prayers. My hope is to provide additional information to you in the upcoming weeks.

Thanks to the hard work of our Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Parish Staff, and you, the wonderful people of St. James, we have made great strides in laying the groundwork for a successful path forward for our parish.

I can hardly share how excited and optimistic I am about what we are going to accomplish together.

Thank you and God bless you!

**Rev. David C. Santos**



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### HELPING THE HUNGRY



### May Sandwich Collection and Ice Cream Party Monday, May 23rd from 5:00-6:30PM

On May 23, from 5:00-6:30PM in the Saint James plaza, Helping the Hungry will be collecting bagged and labeled sandwiches along with some additional lunch items. We are asking our donors to please use the Sign-Up Genius and to only donate what they sign up for due to space constraints at the receiving food pantries. Please scan the QR code here with the camera on your mobile device to sign up! Drop off your donations in front of the Church, then stay and enjoy some ice cream as a THANK YOU for supporting the Helping the Hungry Ministry!



### Fr. John Dennehy's 40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration Sunday, May 29th after the 12:00PM Mass

Let's celebrate!



### Fr. Joe Barbone's 50th Anniversary Mass Sunday, June 12th at 2:00PM

Mass and light reception at Saint James Church.



## *Vacation Bible Camp!*

**JUNE 27-30, 2022**

Open to children entering Kindergarten to 4th grade. Sign up today!

Call (973) 376-2061 or email [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org) to register your child.



## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus are generously offering school scholarships for Saint James parishioners and family members, as well as for family members of Knights in council 5560. More than one member per family can apply.



The due date for the scholarship application and backup documents is June 30, 2022. Scan the QR code for more information and to access the online application.



### ACTION ALERT: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STATE FUNDING

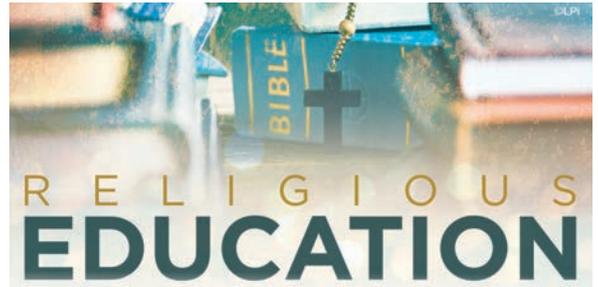
*Please Advocate for Catholic School Students in the New Jersey State Budget!*

State lawmakers are negotiating the FY23 State Budget. Two issues in the budget that are important to Catholic schools are requests for increases in transportation aid – so students can get to school safely – and compensatory education – extra help for struggling students. Many of our families rely on these programs.



The NJ Network of Catholic School Families and the NJ Catholic Conference ask that you use the Voter Voice system online to email your local State Legislator to request these modest increases in the State budget. Please scan the QR code here to access the contact form. It's easy and only takes a few minutes - pre-written messages are available and all you have to do is enter your information and click send. Your voice can effect change!

Thank you for supporting the students and families of our archdiocesan Catholic Schools. For more information, contact Mary McElroy in the Office of Catholic Schools at [mary.mcelroy@rcan.org](mailto:mary.mcelroy@rcan.org).



**OFFICE: (973) 376-2061**  
**FAX: (973) 376-4079**

We are excited to welcome back our First Holy Communion children today at the 12:00 Mass to lead the procession and crowning of Mary.

As the school year starts to wind down, we remind our 7th & 8th graders to record their community service reflections using the online link they were given. More Confirmation information will be shared with the parents soon. Please remember to look at the Vacation Bible Camp flyer. This week-long experience, open to children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade is coordinated by our very own Mrs. Q.

If interested or for more information, please email or call the Religious Ed Office.

### Spotlight ON FAITH

#### **Q. Why do Catholics make the sign of the Cross?**

A. The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to “put on Christ” and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us!

## SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



### **BAPTISM**

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

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### **RECONCILIATION**

4:00PM on Saturdays  
or by appointment.

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### **CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS**

Do you have a child that was baptized but never received their sacraments? Please call or email the Religious Education Office - we are happy to help!  
(973) 376-2061

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### **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.

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### **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.



### **THE EASTER CANDLE**

Will burn in Loving Memory of  
the members of the  
Bernstein & Butler Families  
*r/b The Family*

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia  
*r/b Battaglia Family*

### **THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT**

In Loving Memory of  
The Ragosa/Fischer/Dondero Families  
*r/b The Fischer Family*

### **THE SHRINE EASTER ARRANGEMENTS**

In Loving Memory of Max Porto  
*r/b Battaglia Family*

Carmela Zara  
*r/b Battaglia Family*

### **THE GATHERING AREA WREATHS**

Bernard and Susie LoMacchio  
James and Eleanor Carney  
*r/b Patty & John*

Susan Sullivan  
*r/b Pat Sullivan*

### **THE EASTER LILIES AT THE MARIAN SHRINE**

In loving memory of  
Tony Graziano  
*r/b Wife, Anne & Family*

### **THE EASTER LILIES AT THE ST. JAMES SHRINE**

In Loving Memory of  
Battaglia and Zara Families  
*r/b Battaglia Family*

### **EASTER "LITTLE WHITE BOOKS"**

In Loving Memory of  
John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri  
*r/b The Pflug Family*

# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, MAY 21

5:00PM **John Montana, Sr.**  
*r/b Janice Montana*

## SUNDAY, MAY 22

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00AM **Robert Hunrath**  
*r/b Sue & Bob Hagenbush*  
**For the People of Saint James**  
10:00AM **Margaret Furner**  
*r/b Sam & Family*  
12:00PM **Siegfried Roethlin**  
*r/b Roethlin Family*

## MONDAY, MAY 23

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:30AM **Donna Gentile**  
*r/b Cangiano Family*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

7:30AM **Raymond Alberti**  
*r/b Mom & Dad*

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

*Saint Philip Neri*

7:30AM **Carlos Paulino**  
*r/b Gene & Nieves Salle*

## FRIDAY, MAY 27

7:30AM **John Schaedel**  
*r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush*

## SATURDAY, MAY 28

8:30AM **Peter Szewzek**  
*r/b Keffer Family*  
5:00PM **Frank Impellizzeri**  
*r/b Michael & Theresa Quick*  
**Deceased Members of the Gartland Family**  
*req. by Barbara Dlugosz*

## SUNDAY, MAY 29

*The Ascension of the Lord*

8:00AM **Patricia Laguna**  
*r/b Angela Ragonese*  
**Annabelle Zeitler**  
*r/b Nancy & Nate Mahoney*  
10:00AM **Connor McTernan**  
*r/b Bernstein Family*  
12:00PM **Angela Raimondo**  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser and Marianne Van Volkenburgh*

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



## SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Memory of Margaret Furner  
*r/b Sam and Family*

## BREAD & WINE:

In Memory of Margaret Furner  
*r/b Sam and Family*

*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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, 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, 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., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, 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 BAPTIZE

Axel Musika  
Roman Lovie

## 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, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Philip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson

*Peace I Leave with You*



## *Gospel*

Jesus wants you to love Him so much that you will always do what He asks. Jesus knows that if you put God first, you will always have peace. Instead of wanting more toys, you will be happy to share them. Instead of wanting to get your own way, you will enjoy taking turns. You will feel good helping other people!

## *Prayer*

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

## *Mission*

I will invite a friend over to play. I will share and take turns.

## *Draw*

Draw a picture of you sharing your toys with a child who has none.



# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

## Collection Totals for May 14/15

Regular Collection:	\$6,427.00
Online Giving:	\$3,840.00
Total:	\$10,267.00

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 [saintjamestheapostle.org](http://saintjamestheapostle.org) or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



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## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are what make our parish community a true community.

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



## State of THE Parish MID-YEAR UPDATE

- MAY 2022 -

### POSITIVE STEPS TOWARDS IMPROVING OUR FINANCIAL POSITION...

#### STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES | Annual Appeal <sup>2022</sup>

AS OF 04/27/2022 178 DONORS PLEDGED



**\$62,521**

RECEIVED: \$51,014 GOAL: \$49,665



#### AVERAGE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

CURRENT YEAR - \$9,323\*

LAST YEAR - \$7,538

\* thru 9 months



#### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

CURRENT YEAR - \$55,075

LAST YEAR - \$37,782



#### EASTER COLLECTIONS:

CURRENT YEAR - \$43,368

LAST YEAR - \$28,753



#### ONLINE GIVING THROUGH ParishSOFT

Use our Online Giving option to help St. James meet the needs of our community and the parish. Visit our website to set up your account for automatic offerings donations.



SCAN ME

**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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