



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

MAY 8, 2022 | FOURTH 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 14th:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, May 15th:

- 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
- 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:

Second Saturdays at 3PM
May 21st





NEWS AND UPDATES

Did you know that Mother's Day was first observed soon after the turn of the twentieth century in the Methodist Church as a memorial service for those who had lost their mothers? The observance spread to other churches, and in 1914 became a civic holiday. Since the Middle Ages Roman Catholics had long observed the Fourth Sunday of Lent as "Mothering Sunday," with the liturgy's imagery of a mystical homecoming in "Mother Jerusalem."

Today is Mother's Day...and it's also Good Shepherd Sunday when the Church prays for vocations. And so, we pray for vocations—and mothers. Not such a strange pairing because many vocations into this world come by way of mothers.

Many learned to say their prayers from their mothers and were brought to Mass (later dragged to Mass) and sacraments and other parish involvements because it was important to their mothers. You learned her values and observed them in her example and maybe that left an impression on you. A lot of you are in church this weekend because of the woman we honor society-wide today. For many of us our memories of our mothers take us back to our youth when a simple smile and a generous hug would make all that was wrong in our lives right. And over the years, that really never changes. Some of us have also been blessed with those other mothers who are able somehow to fill the void created when our mothers could not be there for us. Today we find time to give them thanks as well.

And let us also take this opportunity to remember all those who have given us spiritual mothering along the journey of faith that has been our lives. They were able to teach us by the ongoing, everyday love they share with us and with others. This is the love we are able to see and sense and feel and be challenged to imitate. Before the altar of the Lord, we give thanks for our moms—all of them. Happy Mother's Day!

No one can take them out of my hand.

Good Shepherd, let us hear you in the beauty of our world,
in your poor, and in one another, on the rocky and rough roads we travel.
Please pick us up when our legs can walk no more.
Pull us from the brambles that snarl us:
climate, racism, divisions, Ukrainian suffering.
Carry all our brothers and sisters to safety.
Good Shepherd, hold us close, in your arms.
Speak to our hearts.
-Anne Osdieck

FLOCKNOTE LAUNCH

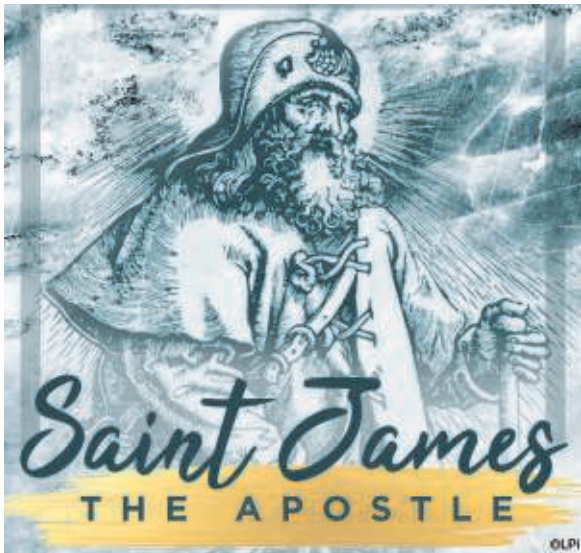
Flocknote is a parish communications tool that the Pastoral Council and I have selected as our primary communications platform here at St. James. This spectacular platform is super easy to use and will work to help keep parishioners - like you - connected and informed with all that's happening here at St. James.

On Wednesday, May 18th the first weekly parish newsletter will be sent via email through FLOCKNOTE to all our registered parishioners' email addresses. If we don't have your email address or you just want to make sure that we have your correct email address, please email flocknote@saintjamesparish.org.

In addition to email newsletters and email notifications for events, FLOCKNOTE will also provide mobile phone notifications for special events, Holy Day reminders, and other important communications.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Our life is a short opportunity to say yes to God's love. —Henri Nouwen



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

Responsorial Psalm 100

We are his people; the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

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

FORWARD IN FAITH: CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

It's hard to believe that it's been 7 months since our Forward in Faith Listening Sessions. The objective of the Listening Sessions was to invite parishioners to one of two in-person sessions at which the parish leadership (parish staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and myself) were present, or participate via an online survey or a paper survey. Both the in-person listening sessions and survey were meant to provide an opportunity for the parish leadership to hear parishioners' assessment of the state of the parish. The process was facilitated by an external consultant, Dennis M. Corcoran.

While the in-person sessions and survey feedback echoed a positive outlook and showed the love parishioners have for St. James Church, the overall participation was low (approximately 8% of registered parishioners). As such, the parish leadership and I would like to offer another opportunity for parishioners to provide feedback not only on the state of the parish but also on your hopes and dreams for our future.

Concluding this weekend, May 7-8, members of the parish Pastoral Council will be available in the narthex/gathering space after all the Masses (Saturday and Sunday) to hear from you.

Take some time to reflect on the following questions and share your thoughts with a member of the Pastoral Council after Mass or via email (pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org).

- How do we do as a parish share faith with others – both inside and outside the parish?
- Are our parish liturgies relevant, inspiring, and welcome participation?
- Does our parish have a sense of life-long formation and learning about our faith?
- How does our parish do at fostering a sense of unity – "many gifts one Spirit"?
- Does our parish reach out consistently to those in need, the hurting, disenfranchised, poor?
- Is there a system of leadership in our parish that addresses the needs of the parish and clearly plans for a successful future?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Second Saturday: May 21st at 3PM



SPEAKEASY CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, May 14th at 7:00-11:00PM
at Springfield Knights of Columbus

Buffet Menu | Cash Bar | \$75 Per Person
Blackjack | Roulette | 3 Card Poker and more
Play Money | 50/50 | Prizes



Tickets sold in advance. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets online or send/drop off a check to the parish office, Attention: Casino Night and payable to: Saint James Parish.



St. James Adopt-A-Plot Planting/Mulching Day Saturday, May 21st after the 8:30am Mass

A few years ago, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down the street from our parish. The parish is responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the euonymus shrubs, and weeding. A small team of parishioners has been working to maintain the island throughout the Spring and Summer months. We could use more help this year.

All are welcome to join in service! If you are able to help that day, or if you would like to be a part of the maintenance team, please send an email to: pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org (subject: Island). Thank you for your consideration!

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." -1 Corinthians 3:9



Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, May 22nd at the 12:00PM Mass

All First Holy Communion children are welcome to join the procession dressed in their Communion attire!



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

Mass and light reception at Saint James Church.

THIS WEEKEND

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

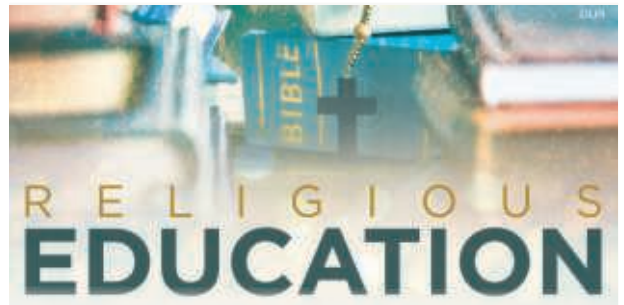
Send your Holy Spirit to help your people to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Mother's Day

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



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This coming weekend our children will come to the Table of the Lord for the first time! Please continue to pray for these children and their families. Seventh and eighth graders are reminded to log their community service hours online; the deadline is Monday, June 6th. Family Faith families are reminded that the online chapter reviews are also due on Monday, June 6th.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mother figures in our children's lives!



Saint James the Apostle Church

Celebrate Our Lady of Fatima's 105th Anniversary

of Her First Vision to the Children in Portugal

We invite the community to gather together at Saint James on

Friday, May 13th at 7:00 pm

to pray the Rosary as we thank the Blessed Mother and ask for her guidance and protection.

We ask for 100 men, women and children to pray the rosary and join our procession and place roses at the foot of the statue.

Children can take part by placing glow in the dark stones around the Rosary Garden.

Light refreshments will follow.



SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



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.



Easter Memorials



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 7

5:00PM For All Mothers

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM For All Mothers

10:00AM For All Mothers

12:00PM For All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 9

7:30AM Giochino Zotti
r/b Family

TUESDAY, MAY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

7:30AM Daniel Fansano
r/b Angela Ragonese

THURSDAY, MAY 12

7:30AM For the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, MAY 13

7:30AM Lorraine Dowing
r/b Deborah DelViscovo

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:30AM Vincenzo & Maddalena Pasquarelli
r/b Family

5:00PM Kathleen Ryan Noonan
r/b Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Connor McTernan
r/b Saint James Religious Ed.
Ernie Reedy
r/b Wife & Children

10:00AM Giuseppe & Domenico Mazzacuva
r/b Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva

12:00PM Amelia Montana
r/b Janice Montana

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Memory of Jose Garcia & Clotilde
Martinez, r/b Ramiro Martinez & Family

BREAD & WINE:

In Memory of Jose Garcia & Clotilde
Martinez, r/b Ramiro Martinez & 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 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

FOR THE KIDS

Jesus the Good Shepherd



Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are His precious child, and He wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about Him in your Bible. Find out what makes Him happy. Learn how He loves people who need help, and try to follow His example!

Prayer

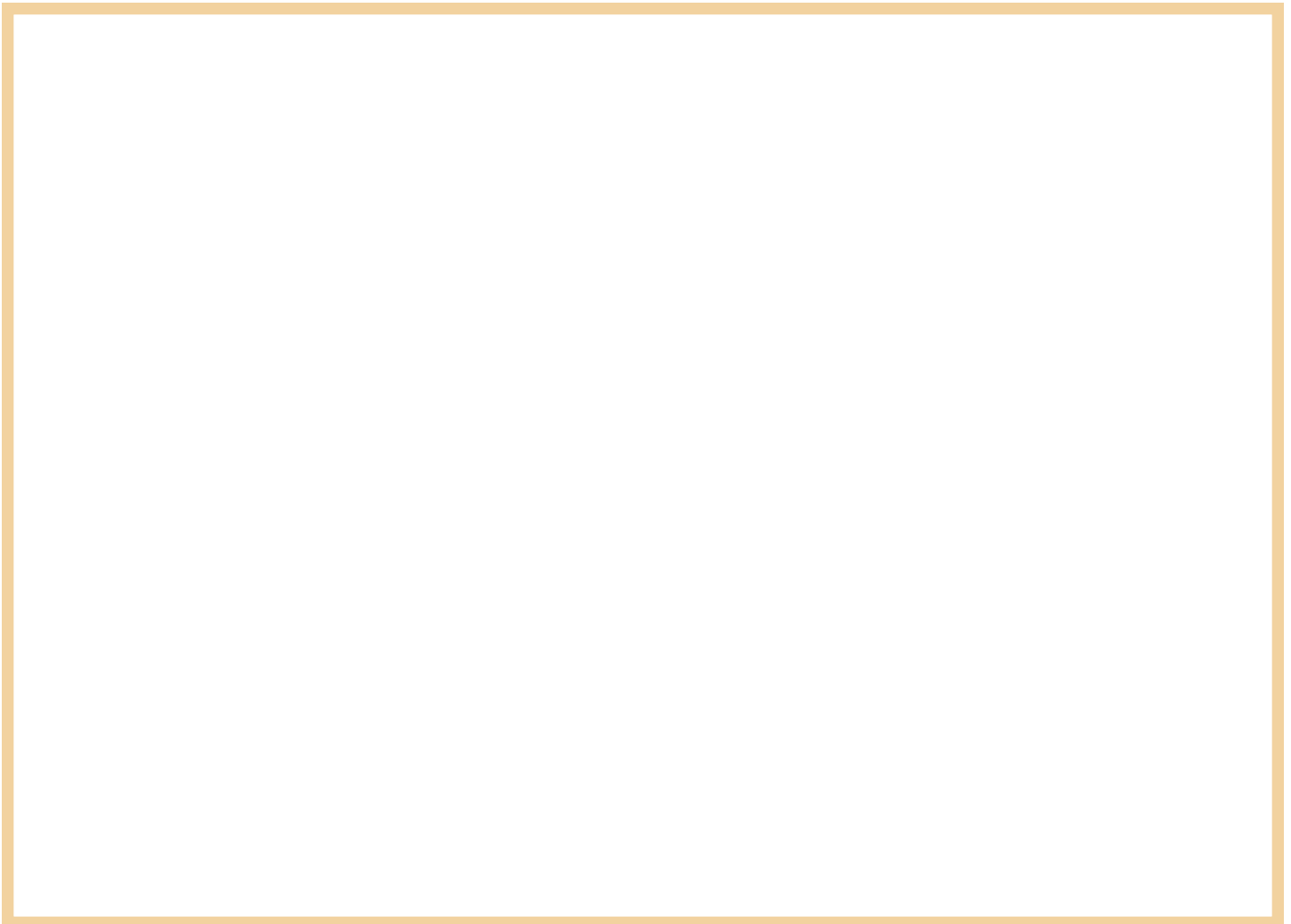
Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you.

Mission

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook.
Ask God to help you love Him more and more every day.

Draw

Draw a picture of you and Jesus being shepherds.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for April 30/May 1

Regular Collection:	\$6,031.00
Online Giving:	\$2,910.00
Total:	\$8,941.00

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 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

The Finance Council members would like to convey a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all the parish community for your continued giving of your time, talent and treasure to St. James.

Remember... We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. - Winston Churchill

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Catholic Home Missions Appeal: May 14/15

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal primarily supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. The Appeal supports a wide range of pastoral services. It focuses principally on evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople and support of poor parishes across the country. Thank you for your continued support.

Everyday Stewardship

"RELUCTANT SHEEP"

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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