

#### APRIL 10, 2022 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM Office: (973) 376-3044 Fax: (973) 376-0560

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### Saturday, April 16th:

• 7:30PM - Easter Vigil

#### Sunday, April 17th: Easter Sunday

- 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:**

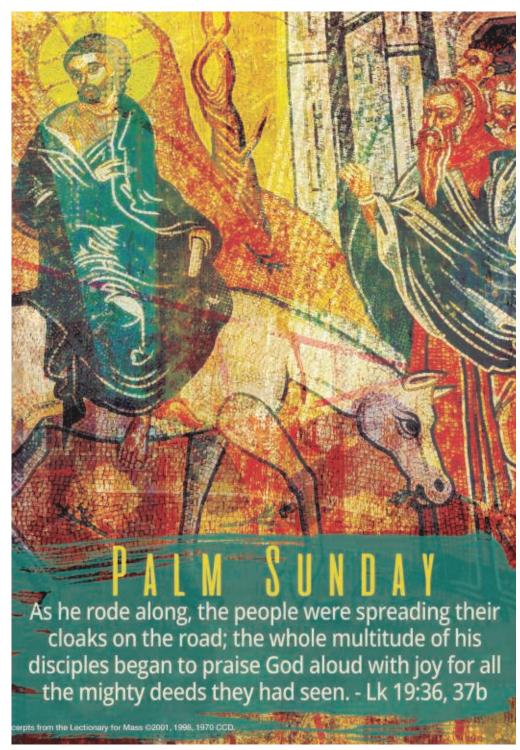
Saturday at 4:00PM or by Appointment; Please call the Office.

#### **DEVOTIONS:**

#### Rosary & Novena:

Mondays at 7:00PM in the Church and on Facebook Live

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Second Saturdays at 3PM



## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



#### **NEWS & UPDATES**

The parish staff, liturgical ministry leaders and I have been working and preparing for this year's Holy Week and Easter liturgies. From adding church visiting hours during the week to repairs ofthe parking lot; from music/liturgical rehearsals to extra cleaning and polishing, all is right on track to help make this year's Holy Week and Easter liturgies reverent and special. Now, all we need is your presence and participation.

May your participation in the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery bring you and your loved ones renewed peace and an increase in FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE.

#### **REFLECTION ON THE SEASON**

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the palm branches we bless symbolize the welcome Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem. In riding upon a colt newly pressed into service with people spreading their cloaks on the road before him, Jesus entered the city as the messianic king. Though he was not the Messiah they expected, the victory he went on to win on the cross over sin and death made him a king for all humanity, for all ages. May the palms we raise on this day be symbols of the praise we give our Savior as he begins the days of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. The first days of Holy Week, before the Triduum, have a unique character. Each day focuses on the Passion in preparation for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) and Easter.

#### Did you know?

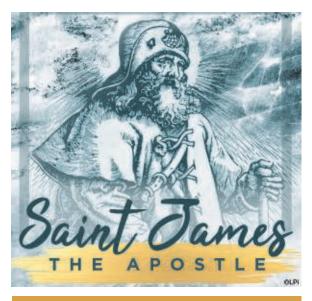
Each year, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Ancient Jewish and Christian poets saw the equinox as the anniversary of creation, with the spring equinox as the lovelier and richer of the two because it's followed by light winning out over darkness, itself an image of the paschal mystery. This year the first full moon of spring, also called the Paschal full moon, occurs on Saturday, April 16. Therefore, Easter Sunday 2022 falls on the following day, April 17.

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

-Saint Augustine

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## **SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to
shame.

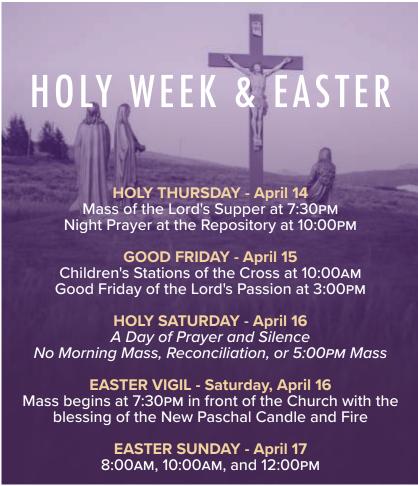
Responsorial Psalm 22
My God, my God,
Why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name...

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands I commend
my spirit"; and when he had said this
he breathed his last.

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



# Spotlight on holy week

Q. What happens during the Holy Week Masses that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

A. The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday.

# SIP & SUPPER

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD AND WINE ON

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 6:30PM

AT SOFIA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT IN SUMMIT

MULTI-COURSE, FAMILY-STYLE MEAL WITH WINES CURATED BY WINE "EDU-TAINER" SANDRA ZOTTI



\$75 PER PERSON ALL INCLUSIVE

Scan the QR code to make a payment or send checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Parish and mail/drop off payment to the Church Rectory. RSVP by April 14.

Questions? Contact: parishlife@saintjamesparish.org

Wines provided by Stirling Fine Wines





Thank you to the Family Faith families for the beautiful Easter Baskets they assembled for the children of Family Promise, Union County!

# Non-Perishable Food Collection



GOOD FRIDAY April 15 9:00-10:00 AM

Please donate only the items listed below:

Tuna Bags of Rice (1 or 2 lb bags) Pasta

Special Drop Off Location!!

School Entrance
facing S. Springfield Ave.



The Centennial Committee has started planning for our Parish Centennial Anniversary in 2023. The year-long celebration will be centered around our 3 themes of:

# Remember our Past Celebrate our Faith Lead the way into the Future

Look for periodic updates throughout this year and ways you can get involved in planning for this exciting and significant milestone for our parish.

#### **NEW MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

In Search of Team Members

The Archdiocese has reached out to the parish Health Ministries to establish a Parish Mental Health Ministry Team (PMHM). The goal is to recognize the pastoral need to care for those who deal with mental health issues themselves or within their families. Team members will serve as "prayerful companions" for fellow parishioners experiencing mental illness, provide spiritual support to families and provide parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness in order to break down the stigma and discrimination of people with a mental illness.

There are opportunities to do home visits to people who are homebound because of their illnesses, or host speakers or events (videos) on mental health topics, or provide the parish health ministry webpage with resources, news and events.

The Archdiocese will provide free Zoom training beginning on Monday night April 4th and continue weekly to May 23rd from 7PM to 8:30PM. It's important to remember that this is a ministry of accompaniment, not mental health care or treatment and the responsibilities of the team do not include medical, clinical, or behavioral support.

If you would be interested in getting involved as a team member, please contact the following email: wellnessministry@saintjamesparish.org

### **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

## Milestone Anniversaries

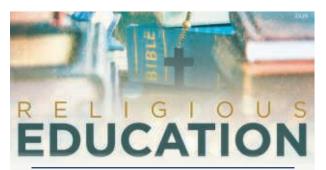
#### **CELEBRATION AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be celebrating Milestone Anniversaries celebrated during the 2022 year at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

> 5th & 25th Anniversaries: April 24, 2022 at 3PM

> > **50th Anniversaries:** May 15, 2022 at 3PM

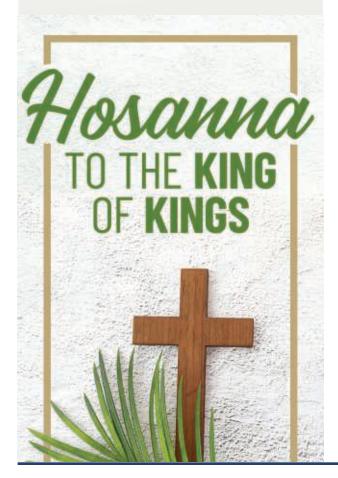




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Happy Palm Sunday! As we enter into the holiest week of the Christian faith, we hope that you will join us for the many prayerful opportunities our parish provides for us. Some of the children in grades 3-5, Peer Leaders and a few of our Confirmation Candidates will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10:00AM outside on the piazza of the church, all are welcome!!!

On behalf of Fr. Santos, and the entire staff of Saint James we extend a huge "thank-you" to our volunteer catechists and classroom aides who gave so graciously of their time this year to teach. May God continue to bless our parish with such amazing faith-filled people!



#### **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.



### **MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

5PM Vigil: Deceased Members of the

DiGiacomo Family r/b Assunta Cacciatore

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**8:00AM:** Marion Jacques

r/b Lou Cantagallo Philomena Palermo r/b Battaglia Family

10:00AM: Angelina DiLeo

r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

**12:00PM:** Ange & Daniel Raimondo

r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser and Maryanne Van Volkenburgh

**MONDAY, APRIL 11** 

7:30AM: John Montana, Jr.

r/b Janice Montana

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12** 

7:30AM: Leonido Salle

r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13** 

7:30AM: Aida Salle

r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

Liturgy Schedule

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15** 

3:00PM: Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16 7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17** 

8:00AM: For the People of Saint James

**10:00AM:** For the People of Saint James

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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Memory of Louis R. Puopolo r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

#### **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 Annelli, 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 homebound 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, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki. Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson

# Palm Sunday





One day the people were happy, praising Jesus and waving palm leaves to keep him cool. The next day, they were making fun of him and shouting for him to be crucified. It hurts when your friend says he or she likes you one day and treats you poorly the next day. Jesus will never leave your side. He is a true friend. He will always be there for you because he loves you.



Jesus, I want to be a good friend of yours every day. Thank you for all that you have done for me.



I will say kind things about my family and friends every day.



Draw people waving palm branches as Jesus rides into the city on a donkey.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for April 2 &3

 Church Collection:
 \$ 6,853.00

 Online Collection:
 \$ 3,125.00

 TOTAL:
 \$ 9,978.00

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 COUNCIL CORNER**

Did you know?... We reached our 2022 Annual Appeal Goal from pledges through April 1st! THANK YOU for your generous support and participation. To date we received \$51,390 in pledges, which is 103% of our Goal.

Remember... Amounts pledged by June 30th over our Goal are eligible for 100% rebate to the Parish.

Please consider supporting Saint James through our new partnership with...



Saint James has recently partnered with Amazon Smile! Please remember that while you shop and consider using smile.amazon.com. *The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to our church.* It's no additional cost to you! Choose Saint James the Apostle via this link: https://smile.amazon.com and start shopping or scan the QR code with the camera on your mobile device. Thank you for your support!

#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

# "APOSTLE IN ACTION" Holy Thursday, April 14th Charity Collection

The Apostle in Action Charity Fund provides parishioners and members of our local community with financial assistance. Whether it be rent, utility bills, unforeseen medical expenses, or mental health expenses. 100% of the funds donated to the Apostle in Action Charity Fund will be used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood.

Please be sure to write "Apostle in Action Charity Fund" in the memo section and when donating online through Parish Soft Giving, be sure to look for the Apostle in Action Charity Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity.

# Good Friday, April 15th Holy Land Collection

Christians throughout the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for their lives. The annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry.

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