



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

Rectory & Offices Closed on Fridays through Sept. 3

August 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

News and Updates

It's that time of year again...you know, when college students begin their trek to campus, high school students finalize their class schedules, and elementary students begin going to bed earlier to get ready for the school year... LOL.

Please know that I am praying for all our students who are returning or have returned to campus and the classroom. May this academic year be one that's filled with *opportunity*, *joy*, and a renewed sense of *hope* for the future. God speed, be safe, and do well!

Forward in Faith Listening Sessions

My first weekend with you I said that I didn't yet have a vision for the parish because I haven't asked you. As the leader of this faith community, it is important for me to **work with you** and **listen to you** as we map out a path into the future. Part of my plan in guiding the parish forward is to offer two in-person listening sessions where I and the parish's lay leadership are present (Parish staff, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and Trustees). These listening sessions are designed to encourage parishioners to share their thoughts on what the parish's priorities are and should be. My hope is that together we will formulate a vision for the future of our parish.

These are the two dates for the Listening Sessions, which will be held in the church:

Wednesday, September 22nd, at 10AM

Thursday, September 23rd, at 7PM

In addition to the two listening sessions, I'd like to make available both a paper and a digital survey for those who aren't comfortable/able to attend the in-person sessions.

Rev. John Dennehy

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Dennehy will return to St. James as a weekend assistant beginning September. Fr. Dennehy has been assisting our parish for over 20 years and so we are happy to have him back.

Reflection on the Readings

What a big difference it made to Tina and Rick when the last of their kids went off to school and just the two of them were in the house. They discovered that they had no one to blame things on! One day Rick was looking for a screwdriver and couldn't find it. He was sure that Todd, their youngest, had used it and failed to put it back where it belonged. For days he griped to Tina about the kids not taking responsibility and failing to respect the property of others.

Tina, as well, discovered the jar of her favorite moisturizer empty and was absolutely positive that Christine, their daughter, had used the last of it and failed to replace the jar. She echoed Rick's complaints about Todd with her own about Christine; about how her daughter expected mom to do everything and didn't take enough initiative, blah blah blah. Then Tina discovered the forgotten new jar of moisturizer that Christine had bought, in the same bathroom drawer where Rick found his screwdriver that he left there himself after fixing a leaky faucet. **Both had fallen victim to pinning their errors on others.**

Friends, Jesus reminds us that when things go wrong, we can most often find responsibility lying at our own doorsteps.

It is the *mea culpa* (*my fault*) of the true confession, the recognition that we are accountable for our actions.

So before you go blame someone else, be sure to check the *bathroom drawer*.

Quote of the Week

The highest form of wisdom is kindness.

—*The Talmud*



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,094.00

\$6,175.00 Mass Collection

\$1,919.00 Online Collection

\$2,224.00 Online Collection from Aug.14/15

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org*

*Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their
weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are
welcome to do so.*

\$1,781.00 ~ donated for the people in Haiti

\$819.00 ~ donated toward the Archdiocese Parish Assessment

Thank you for your continued generosity!



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

(10:30AM Mass Live on Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Rosary 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM

Saturday: Rosary 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM

**In person and livestreamed on Facebook /
YouTube**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00PM Saturdays in the Church



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ~ 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Have you heard the expression, “it takes a village”? Well, it takes a village, a community, it takes you and me, to bring our children into a closer relationship with our Lord. It takes all of us working together. In order for our parish to reopen for in-person learning, we need you. I have the children who want to come.... now I need the adults willing to teach them. We only offer in-person classes on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-5:15PM. This is our last year for our traditional classroom learning so it would be (approximately) a 2 hour commitment from September until the beginning of April, only seven months. Not comfortable teaching? That’s okay. We also need classroom aides to monitor the students who are attending the class virtually, adults to ensure the young children get to their classrooms safely upon arrival, and adults to stay in the classroom until the teacher arrives (we all run late sometimes!). There are many ways to give back to your parish; this is the one where you can see the fruits of your efforts immediately when a “thank you” is given with a smile on a child’s face! High school students are always welcome to volunteer to assist with virtual learners and to be classroom aides. This is a great high school community service project! If Tuesday during the day doesn’t work for you.....no problem! We also need adults to help with our small group, 7th & 8th grade Tuesday evening gatherings (no teaching involved!) and our Family Faith program needs adult volunteer hospitality greeters and assistants for our monthly Sunday morning gatherings (after the 10:30 Mass).

If your child is of school age and never baptized, baptized in a different faith, or has special learning needs, please email or call me. All children are welcome in our Faith Formation Program.

Please call or email to volunteer!



Office for Family Life Ministry

The fall Surviving Divorce Retreat will be held the following Saturdays from 9:00AM-12:00PM at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland. The 4 session retreats will be held on September 11th, October 2nd, October 23rd and November 20th. An additional session for those seeking information on the annulment process will be scheduled at a later time.

Each session features talks and videos that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations followed by small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families and were witnesses to the healing power of Christ in their lives. This retreat experience can offer valuable insight and support.

A few open spaces remain for the retreat. For more information and to register please visit,

<https://www.rcan.org/healing-retreats-events> or contact the Family Life Office for more details: 973-497-4327 or familylife@rcan.org.

PARISH NEWS



We invite you to watch this informational video about the 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese.

2021 Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal serves the needs of all in the diocese. Each parish in the diocese is given a monetary goal to contribute. Saint James has not reached our goal. Please consider helping your parish by making a donation.

You can do so online at rcan.org/sharing or by check, payable to Saint James Church (please write “Annual Appeal” in the memo section).

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Fr. Santos

20th Anniversary ~ 9-11 Prayer Vigil

Join us on Friday, September 10th at 7:00PM as we remember those lost on 9-11.



Saint James Parish Festival!!



“SAVE THE DATE”

**October 12th ~ October 16th
Mark your calendar!**



WE NEED YOU!!!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF JOBS!**

SAINT JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

One of the major highlights of the annual Saint James the Apostle Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction. 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, event tickets and other items to make its Tin Can Auction a success.

**So, if you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact:
Antoinette Miller: 201-306-0520**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mother Seton Regional H.S.
One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066
OUTDOOR CRAFT FAIR/FLEA MARKET
Saturday, August 28 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM
Contact Elaine at: 732-877-6884
“The Future is Hers”

Knights of Columbus #3240 4th Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show
Church of the Assumption
113 Chiego Pl., Roselle Park
Food Trucks, Music and Trophies.....
Saturday, September 25, 2021 (rain date Oct. 2nd)
10:00AM - 3:00PM
\$15 Registration for all vehicles before Sept. 18th
\$20 at the door....
Contact: Frank 908-858-0699 rebi622@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph Golf Outing at Galloping Hill in September!

The Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter and the Roselle Knights of Columbus will hold a golf outing on (Monday) Sept. 27 at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

The fundraiser for Council #3946 will feature an 18-hole scramble format with a shotgun start at 1:00PM following a BBQ lunch at 11:30AM. A post-golf dinner is planned for St. Joe's in Roselle at 6:30PM, when prizes will be awarded.

You can participate and help make the event a success in a variety of ways, including playing, sponsoring or donating. A foursome costs only \$600 (or \$160 for an individual golfer). Several sponsorship opportunities are still available, including hole sponsor.

To register, sponsor or donate, please contact Rich Biddulph (732-688-5045) or Joe Skrec (jskrec@hotmail.com).

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Prior to scheduling all parish events, the date(s) must be cleared through the rectory by **Michelle Sblendorio** **before** being sent to the bulletin for submission.

Email: msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or call: 973-376-3044

Information for the weekly bulletin needs to be emailed to **both** email addresses by

NOON ON MONDAYS:

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org **and** ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

Saints of the Week.....

Saint Gregory the Great. Feast day September 3.

Patron Saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

Gregory was born about A.D. 540 in Rome, the son of a wealthy senator. Like most of the nobility of his time, he was well educated. But unlike many, he was generous and concerned about those who were poor.

In his early thirties, Gregory was made the chief prefect, or governor, of Rome. Gregory was attracted to the religious life and soon left his position. He converted the family estate in Rome into the Abbey of Saint Andrew, became a monk there, and founded six Benedictine monasteries on his estates in Sicily. In about 578, he was ordained a deacon of Rome and sent as the papal ambassador to Constantinople, where he served until 585. When he arrived back in Rome, he was made the abbot of Saint Andrew's.

In 590, Gregory was acclaimed pope by the clergy and the people of Rome. Unwillingly, Gregory accepted the role, calling himself the "servant of the servants of God." Because of his political skill, learning, talents, and deep devotion to God, Gregory was able to make peace with the invading Lombards, save the city from famine by reorganizing the property and granaries of the Church, and restore order within the Church. In 596, he sent Augustine of Canterbury and 40 other monks to England to teach the Angles the faith. Gregory is called the "Apostle of England." He died March 12, 604.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

Are you a parishioner who is a Clinical Licensed Social Worker, Clinical Psychologist (Psy.D, Ph.D), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC/LPCC) or Marriage, Family Therapist (LMFT) and have a practice in the Springfield area?

If you would be interested in being on the Wellness Ministry Referral list, please contact Nancy at 973-376-6235 or nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Join us outside in the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Gathering Area of the Church (if raining) or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Facebook Page to join us on YouTube.

All are welcome!



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers by the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

For the People of Saint James

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, 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, Rick Ellmer, Deacon Stan Fedson, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, 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, Richard Quagliato, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, 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 TO DIE

Bernard Cunningham,
 For all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & 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



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, August 29

Twenty-Second Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Lou Vicidomini ~ *Pappas & Ryan Families*

7:30AM

Lenny King ~ *Baranda Family*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Barbara Ann Disko ~ *Bob Herbert*

12:00PM

Richard Bell ~ *Rossomando Family*

MONDAY, August 30

7:30AM

Clara Butler ~ *Bernstein Family*

TUESDAY, August 31

7:30AM

Ann Corbett ~ *Laura Hegen*

WEDNESDAY, September 1

7:30AM

Richard Soriente ~ *Angela Ragonese*

THURSDAY, September 2

7:30AM

Elia Mascibonetti ~ *Rosealba DiMio*

FRIDAY, September 3 Saint Gregory the Great

7:30AM

Antonio Lombardi ~ *Mr. & Mrs. Nick Lombardi*

SATURDAY, September 4

8:00AM

Marcela & Jose Videna ~ *Gene & Nieves Salle*

SUNDAY, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Mary Yobbi ~ *Gene & Nieves Salle*

9:00AM

Antonio & Giovannia Circelli ~ *Carmela Fusco*

10:30AM

Judith Policastro ~ *Tom & Rose Burger*

12:00PM

Papias Hautea ~ *Gaston Family*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS:

August 29, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings
(click the link to access the readings)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 ~ SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**We are called to welcome God's Word
and to let it take root in our hearts.**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,

We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**

Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth.**