



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH • SERVING SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY SINCE 1923



45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07081-2301
OFFICE: 973-376-3044 :: FACSIMILE: 973-376-0560



OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

ADMINISTRATOR

Father David C. Santos
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Father Antonio N. Kuizon
ankui@aol.com

WEEKEND ASSOCIATE

Father John Dennehy

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni
jerryjan133@aol.com

Deacon Hugh A. Keffer
hak07081@verizon.net

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ms. Michelle Sblendorio
msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Daniel R. Palko
dpalko@saintjamesparish.org

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ms. Nancy Caputo, M.Ed., Spec. Ed-ASD, Cert.
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mrs. Colleen Tyra
ctyra@saintjamesparish.org

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mrs. Janet Petino and Mr. John Pflug

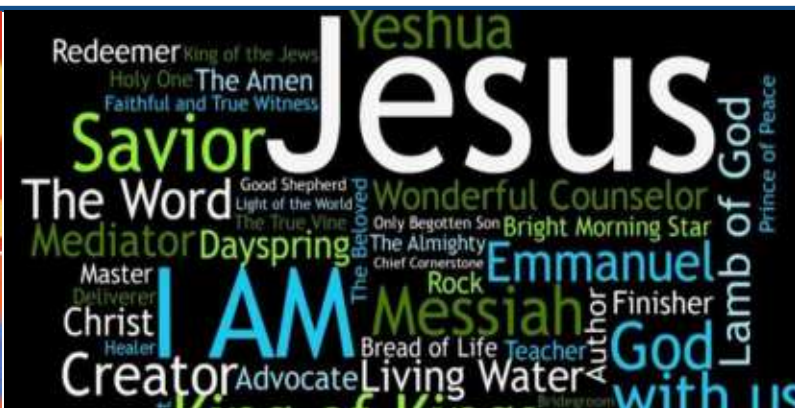
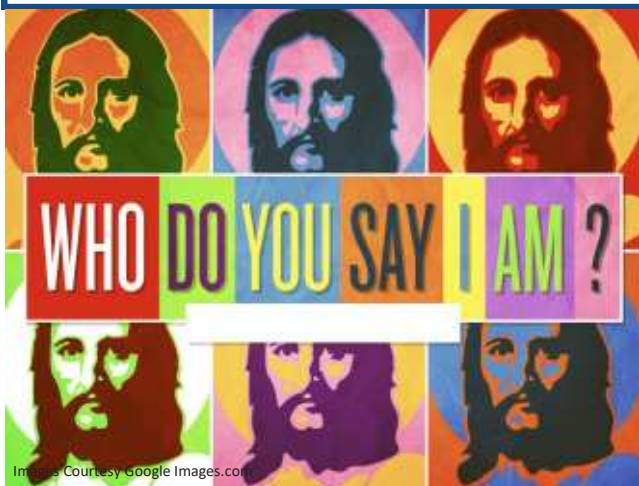
PARISH COUNCIL

saintjamesparishcouncil@gmail.com

RECTORY HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 8:30AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

[www. SaintJamesTheApostle.org](http://www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org)



September 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

NEWS AND UPDATES

This past Friday Saint James parish marked the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001 with a solemn and beautiful prayer vigil.

Like any American who lived through those days, the memory of 9/11 has become almost sacred, particularly if you lived in the New York Metropolitan area that year. Like countless others, I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing at 8:46 AM that beautiful Tuesday morning. I also cannot forget how that day and those events changed everything in **our** world and in **the** world. Yet despite images of falling debris and smoldering plumes of black smoke, there was also a renewed sense of patriotism, sensitivity to our common humanity, and an acute realization that we were all in it together. I really believe that, overall, the better angels of our American spirit pierced through the dark countenance of death, loss, fear, and uncertainty. Bright rays of light burst forth: random acts of kindness, fervent offers of prayer, generous gifts of service to the stranger and neighbor alike. Sometimes that which seems lost just needs to be reawakened.

I pray that through the intercession of our Mother of Sorrows, the grace of God may stir within each one of us so that our **better angels** may shine through us and into our world. Let us pray:

Gracious God, our world changed with the 9/11 attacks.

We have seen how easily buildings can fall and how quickly lives can end. As we remember 9/11, may it remind us that you are our only true security. Give us your strength to face the memory of this attack and the changes it made in our lives. Give us your compassion to help each other and recognize need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace. Amen.

FORWARD IN FAITH LISTENING SESSIONS

Before I articulate my vision for our parish, I'm eager to hear yours.

The listening sessions that are scheduled for later this month are designed with your participation in mind. I hope that you will join us for one of the two in-person sessions. Not only will it be a good occasion for you to share your thoughts on our parish's future, but you'll also have a chance to hear your fellow parishioners share theirs.

Please know that I am looking forward to **listening** to you and hearing what you have to say about our wonderful parish and its future.

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

Wednesday, September 22nd, at 10:00AM

Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:00PM

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

Continued on next page 3

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

I hate math. I've never been good at it. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, my brother-in-law is a math whiz and loved every minute of helping me with my math homework. I wanted to rush through it; he wanted to deliberate every problem and make sure I *really* understood it.

I know now that he wasn't trying to torture me, although it felt like it then. He was making sure I got decent grades (I did) and hoping I would develop his knack for numbers (I didn't).

Like a million other kids, I protested that I would never need to know algebra. Instead of insisting that I would someday (I haven't), he told me to think of it as cross-training for my brain. It'll make you smarter at everything else, he said. Of course, he was right.

To this day, phrases such as "show me your work" and "prove it" transport me back to my childhood dining room table, where I had to demonstrate my knowledge.

Today's readings say demonstrate your faith. Even if, especially if, you're reluctant. It's going to be hard, but you've got to show what you know. Prove it. Take up your cross. Do the work.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners.

—*Pope Francis*



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,669.00

\$5,085.00 Mass Collection

\$3,584.00 Online Collection

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.

2ND COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021

A MISSION IN SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

The mission of Catholic University centers on the discovery of knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, a service that is greatly needed today.

Guided by the virtues, a spirit of generosity, and above all, a love for God, students grow in understanding and wisdom. The people's endowment is more than tuition assistance; it is a legacy, built upon 130 years of education in the Catholic intellectual tradition.



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

We wish all the children a happy start to the new school year!

The school building is almost ready to welcome the children back. Parents can expect to receive class placement, drop off/ pickup information and PPE requirement information soon. In-person and virtual classes begin Tuesday, September 21 for grades 1 through 6.

Have you heard the expression, "it takes a village"? But not comfortable teaching? That's okay. We 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 (for the first few weeks), and adults to stay in the classroom until the teachers arrive (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.

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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us

3:00~ 4:00PM on the 2nd Saturday
of the month for Eucharistic Adoration

Confession at 4:00PM



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!

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**



Feasts and Saints of the Week...

St. John Chrysostom. Feast Day September 13. Patron Saint of Constantinople, education, epilepsy, lecturers, orators, preachers.

People who are willing to stand up for what is right and condemn what is evil leave their mark on the world. But they also may find themselves with enemies. John Chrysostom, an eloquent bishop-preacher of the fourth century, understood this.

John was born around 347 in Antioch, Syria. His father died when he was a child, so his mother guided his education. John was a gifted student. At 18, he experienced a religious conversion and began to study the Bible. Three years later, John joined a group of monks in the mountains. He left them to live as a hermit in a cave. But his health suffered, and he returned to Antioch. There others quickly noticed his gifts as a monk, a biblical scholar, and an eloquent speaker. Soon he was ordained to the diaconate and was ordained a priest at 39.

In 397, John was made the bishop-patriarch of Constantinople. He lived a simple life, giving his wealth over for the building of hospitals, and he set about reforming the clergy and the city. He deposed bishops for buying their way into office. John sold much of the expensive furniture in the bishop's residence and gave the money to those who were poor. He attacked wealthy people for misuse of their riches. John sought to reform the lax clergy, to straighten out the badly managed budget, and to rid the land of violence. His zeal for charity and justice angered the empress, Eudoxia, and provoked the jealousy of Theophilus, the patriarch of Alexandria. John was impeached and exiled. Even though he had the support of Pope Innocent I, John was exiled even farther away and died enroute in 407.

The role of a true prophet is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable. John Chrysostom did just that.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. September 14.

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and His Church is the cross.

Today we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as His own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

***“O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.”***
(Prayer of Christians)

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com>

Feasts and Saints of the Week...

Our Lady of Sorrows. Feast day September 15.

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15, the day after the feast of the Holy Cross **to show the close connection between Jesus' Passion and Mary's Sorrows.**

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord.

Traditional, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, 'This child (Jesus) is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

<https://www.catholiceducation.org>

Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian. Feast day September 16.

In the third century, the emperor Decius decided that all who would not give up their Christian faith should be killed. The pope, Fabian, was martyred along with many others. But there were apostates, Christians who did give up their faith. Emperor Decius thought that without a pope, the Church would die, so he prevented the election of another bishop of Rome. A council of priests secretly carried on the work. After a year, while the emperor was away at war, Cornelius was elected pope.

Cornelius found himself in the midst of problems. A priest named Novatian—who became an antipope—and his followers believed that apostates could not be accepted back into the Church even if they had repented. Cornelius called a council of bishops together to settle the dispute. The council reaffirmed Cornelius's position as pope and condemned Novatian's view. After two years as pope, Cornelius was arrested under the emperor's rule and sentenced to banishment. He died in exile in 253.

Cyprian, the bishop of Carthage in North Africa, was a friend and supporter of Cornelius's at this time. Cyprian was born in Carthage about 210, the son of pagan parents. Cyprian lived a virtuous life after being converted to Christianity as an adult. He was made a priest and then a bishop.

As bishop of Carthage for nearly 10 years, Cyprian had only one year of peace. After that, the persecutions under Decius began, as well as disagreements over what to do with apostates. Like Cornelius, Cyprian had to deal with Novatian. New persecutions broke out under Emperor Valerian. Cyprian was arrested and tried for being a Christian. When he was read his death sentence, he exclaimed "Blessed be God!" He was martyred in 258.

Cornelius and Cyprian encouraged each other to lead virtuous, self-sacrificing, and loving lives for God. There is no greater gift that one friend can offer to another. Today let us think of ways to help our friends grow closer to God.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com>



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

Rosario Alberto ~ Wife and Son

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, 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

Frances Pitonzo, Jose Sanchez
 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, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carol House ~ Bob House

7:30AM

Albert Joseph Van Havere ~ Denise Cooney

9:00AM

Robert Carvajales ~ Nancy Mahoney-Rajs

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

Tony Bagnato ~ Ann & Family

MONDAY, September 13 St. John Chrysostom

7:30AM

Ricardo Sanchez ~ Joyce Gastner

TUESDAY, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30AM

Gary & Laura Cunnane ~ Pappa & Ryan Families

WEDNESDAY, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30AM

George Hildner ~ Linda & Bob Donnelly

THURSDAY, September 16

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

7:30AM

Thomas Kallikkadan ~ Wife & Family

FRIDAY, September 17

7:30AM

John O'Neill ~ Lauren Bach

SATURDAY, September 18

8:00AM

Robert Conway ~ Deb Conway

SUNDAY, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Andy Selzam ~ Rita, Angela & Pasqual

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:

September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9a ~ SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?

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.**