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Ephphatha!

Gospel of Mark 7:34

Be opened!

September 5, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

NEWS AND UPDATES

As the unofficial end of the summer approaches ☺ I hope that these last days of summer are filled with peace, relaxation, and time with those you love...it's Labor Day!

The funny thing about Labor Day is that it's the one day of the year no one expects to work! We celebrate work by not doing any. We honor the value of labor by putting it out of our thoughts for an extra-long weekend. Work is an activity we esteem most when we're not doing it. In a period of unemployment, for example, work seems like the grandest and most longed-for opportunity of all.

In the reign of God we're given to understand that most situations are valued in a way distinct from worldly standards. The last are first, the highest-placed people find themselves demoted to the lowest place, and for all of us who do well to humble ourselves, the greater we rise. Those least appreciated in this world receive great esteem in the new creation. The idea of a compensation package still holds, but payday doesn't exactly come on Friday. When it comes to the heavy lifting of saving a fallen world, God takes on that job personally.

So, maybe, Labor Day isn't just a time to be grateful for our work and our ability to work, but a time to be grateful for God's **work** among us!

FORWARD IN FAITH LISTENING SESSIONS

Preparations are well underway to make our Forward in Faith Listening Sessions productive and successful. Be on the lookout for a video from me with more information on ways you can participate. I am looking forward to **listening** to you and hearing what you have to say about our wonderful parish and its future.

For now, please SAVE THE DATE:

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, 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 Saint 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

In a scene in the lighthearted romance *Just Like Heaven*, with Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo, the lead character, Elizabeth, a doctor, must coach landscape architect David through a risky procedure to save the life of a restaurant patron who has collapsed and stopped breathing. Elizabeth, who is unable to touch the patient, must tell David exactly what to do: feel for the space between his ribs, make an incision, pour vodka on the wound, insert the vodka pourer into the incision to allow air to escape. Immediately after David follows these steps, the man begins breathing.

The orthodoxy of the procedure may be questionable, but the point is that healing is very physical. It involves slices, pokes, pulls, pushes, yanks, jabs, and spits among other very earthy, corporeal moves. The physician's touch, actual or by proxy, is essential to the healing.

In the same way our spiritual healing requires one-on-one encounters with Christ through others, such as the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We are not simply spirits living in a material world. We are flesh and blood, body and soul, and our well-being requires physical as well as spiritual contact.

Today Christ commands each of us to "be opened," freed from our impediments, by His healing touch, which might come in the form of a kiss, an embrace, or a spit in the face. Prepare for all contingencies.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We are all healers who can reach out and offer health, and we are all patients in constant need of help.
—Henri Nouwen



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,350.00

\$5,321.00 Mass Collection

\$2,029.00 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.



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

Happy Labor Day! Colleen and I hope that the children have a wonderful 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 the beginning of next week. In-person and virtual classes begin Tuesday, September 21 for grades 1 through 6.

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 still are in need of teachers. 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.



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

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

20th Anniversary ~ 9-11 Prayer Vigil

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

9/11 ANNIVERSARY

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

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION **SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

Join us at
3:00PM on the 2nd Saturday
of the month for Eucharistic Adoration

beginning Saturday, September 11th



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!

No Rosary Monday, September 6th
Happy Labor Day!

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast day September 8.

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's Parents, we call them Joachim and Anne, probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Anne loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.



St. Peter Claver. Feast day September 9.

Have you ever been really, really thirsty? Maybe you were hiking or mowing the yard on a hot summer day. Maybe you just came in from the playground or off the basketball court. Think how good a drink of cold water would be. If some kind person brought you water, how would you feel? Peter Claver was that sort of person. Peter felt he was called to be a missionary. When he was 29 years old, Peter left his home in Spain and went to Cartagena (in what is now Colombia), South America. There he continued his studies and was ordained a priest.

Cartagena was a busy city, but its economic success came from dealing in human misery. Cartagena was the main market for the slave trade in the New World. Whenever a ship carrying Africans arrived in port, Peter was there. He would hurry down with a jug of water, and a basket full of medicine, fruit, bread, and clothing. He would greet the slaves by giving them a drink of water. His first concern was to tend to their human needs, to ease their suffering and somehow restore their sense of dignity. He saw the suffering Jesus in the people he served. And he heard in their cry: "What you do for others, you do for me." Peter nursed many back to health and, while they were in warehouses awaiting their sale, he told them that Jesus loved them and gave them the sacraments.

Peter Claver could not eliminate the strong hold that slavery had on society. The hearts and the consciences of many people had been so hardened that they refused to see this evil of slavery in their midst. But Peter did what he could. He tried to be a visible sign that the African slaves were indeed human beings, children of God. By bringing the love of Jesus to them, he was laying the foundations of justice and charity for the future. During his 40 years in Colombia, Peter Claver baptized nearly 300,000 Africans.



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

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, 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

Antony Lofredo, Joseph Perez

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 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*

MONDAY, September 6 Labor Day

8:30AM

Dave Bernosky ~ *Family*

TUESDAY, September 7

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM

Francis J. DiMaio ~ *Roealba DiMaio*

THURSDAY, September 9 St. Peter Claver

7:30AM

Joseph Dente ~ *Camille Mitarotonda*

FRIDAY, September 10

7:30AM

Dan Stiga ~ *Gianna & Brian Hayes*

SATURDAY, September 11

8:00AM

Maria Pisapia ~ *Family*

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*

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

TODAY'S READINGS:

September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a ~ SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us:
the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up.

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**.