#### FEBRUARY 6, 2022 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 12th: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

### NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE Sunday, February 13th:

- 8:00AM Fr. Santos
- 10:00AM Fr. Santos
- 12:00РМ Fr. Dennehy

#### **DAILY MASS:**

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM Saturday: 8:30AM U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

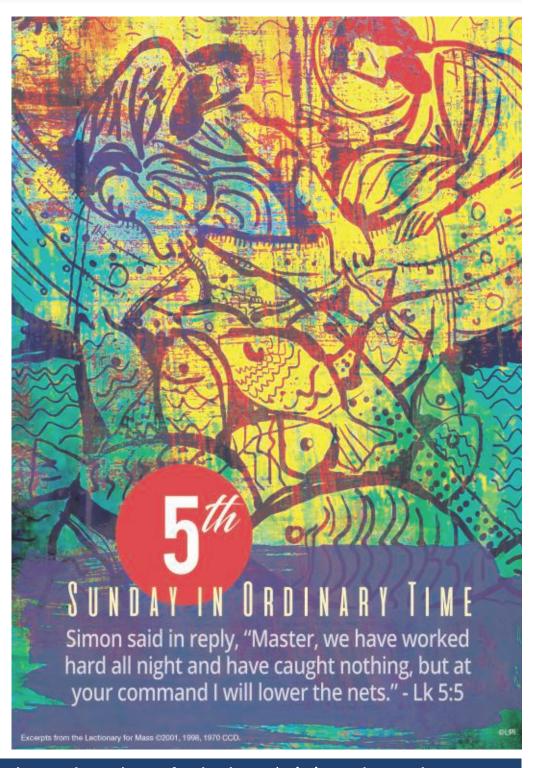
#### **RECONCILIATION:**

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: February 19th at 3:00PM (Transferred from 2nd to 3rd Saturday this month)



#### A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



#### **NEWS AND UPDATES**

**Eucharistic Ministers Workshop -** This past Monday evening I led our wonderful Eucharistic Ministers in a workshop. The workshop functioned as a time to regroup and refocus on this immensely important ministry in our parish. I am wholeheartedly grateful for their faithfulness to the Eucharist, our Church, and the ministry in which they are invited to participate.

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the gift that fulfills our Lord's words to us when He said: "I will be with you always, even until the end of time." As such, one of my primary

responsibilities as the shepherd of this beautiful parish community is to protect the Eucharist, nurture the faithful's understanding of the Eucharist, and celebrate the Eucharist as a community of faith.

If ever you or someone you know is ill, homebound, or hospitalized, and would like to receive Communion (even on an ongoing basis) please be sure to call the rectory office to make the request. Our Eucharistic Ministers are eager to visit their fellow parishioners and bring them Communion.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8th, at 7pm in the church, I will lead a workshop for our Lectors. I am looking forward to working with our Lectors in reflecting on the awesome gift of proclaiming the Word of God at Mass.

**Update to Sunday Mass Schedule** - With Fr. Tony's departure, many are wondering if we are receiving a parochial vicar who will replace Fr. Tony. For many reasons this will not be the case, at least not in the near future. Consequently, this will mean some changes to our pastoral and sacramental ministry here at St. James going forward, particularly our Sunday Mass schedule.

Friends, please be assured that I will continue to minister to this wonderful parish community with zeal and love and work hard to ensure that the sacramental needs of our parish are adequately provided for. Here are the most relevant reasons why my options are limited and how this will impact our parish:

**Priest Shortage** – An emerging reality is the decline in young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood, in addition to the limited pool of available priests. I serve on the Seminary Admissions Board, the archdiocesan board that reviews applicants for the seminary, and currently there are only two men entering the seminary for the Archdiocese of Newark this year. The numbers are quite disheartening and sobering. What this means is that there will be fewer and fewer priests available for the over 200 plus parishes within the Archdiocese of Newark. I earnestly implore you to pray that young men may courageously discern a call to the priesthood.

**Deficit Reduction** – One of my top priorities has been to work closely with our parish finance council to tackle our budget deficit and our debt. While we have already made great strides to improve our financial situation, simply put, our budget cannot support an additional priest.

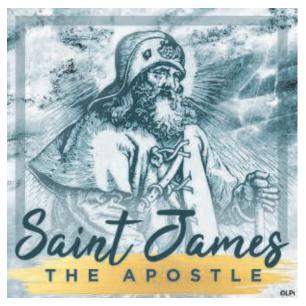
Sunday Mass Schedule Adjustment – While the parish will not be receiving a parochial vicar, I am happy to say that Fr. John Dennehy will continue to assist me regularly on the weekends. I am grateful for his priestly ministry among us, as I am sure you are as well. However, even with the continued assistance of Fr. John, we will adjust the Sunday Mass schedule beginning the first weekend in February. Having consulted my staff, the parish pastoral council, and parish finance council, we all agree that a new Sunday Mass schedule is needed at this time. Therefore, our new Sunday Mass schedule, beginning February 6th, is as follows:

Sunday Masses will now be held at 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00PM. The Saturday 5:00PM Vigil will remain the same. Saturday Morning Mass will now be held at 8:30AM.

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

Today we still cast the net. And Christ fills it. And Christ calls to conversion those who are found . . . among the waves and tempests of the world. — Cyril of Alexandria



#### **SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

"Here I am," I said; "send me!"

#### Responsorial Psalm 138

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.

#### Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

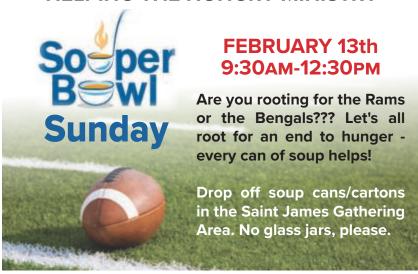
#### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**



10:00AM Sunday Mass at Saint James will now be livestreamed on our website! For those who are physically apart from the Saint James community, you are welcome to join us spiritually!

Visit www.saintjamestheapostle.org and click the Livestream button on the front page to access the video feed.

#### **HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY**





# TENT

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER LENT SMALL GROUPS

LENT is an opportunity to DECLUTTER our lives, to make SPACE for GOD, to GATHER and GROW with each other...

We hope you will journey with us!

Beginning the Week of February 28th Sign-Up the Weekend of February 12 & 13

For information, contact: smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org

#### **PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES**

#### **Second Collection: February 12/13**

Lenten Almsgiving - The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)





Saint James is preparing to launch a Saturday morning Men's Group. The group will be meeting monthly on Saturday morning to share in fellowship and discuss the Gospel passage for that weekend. The informal gatherings will provide any adult male an opportunity to connect with other guys while at the same time connecting with his faith through Scripture.

If you are interested in participating or want more info, please reach out to John Prescott via email at prescottjw11@gmail.com.

#### SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: "A LISTENING CHURCH"

Pope Francis has called for the people of God and clergy to convene and work together to listen and discern a vision for the future of the Church. Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road together. The Synod on Synodality is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be.

There are three questions that we are asked to pray over and consider. The Synod Prayer is on the back of the flier:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in your parish?
- How are we "walking together" as a Church, what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?
- How are we "walking together" as the Archdiocese of Newark, and what steps does the Holy Spirit
  invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

There will be a number of ways for you to share your answers:

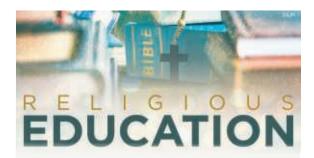
- The different ministries here at Saint James will be working together to answer the questions.
- You can share your answers on our website: saintjamestheapostle.org.
- You can reach out to one of us with your answers at: pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org.
- You can send a written response to the Rectory in care of "Synod."

Additional information regarding the Synod, as well as a video message from Cardinal Tobin can be found on the Archdiocese website at: www.rcan.org.

As we begin our listening and sharing, we invite you to consider what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do, reflect and prepare your thoughts on each question. We are asking that you send us your responses by March 15th, 2022.



Robin Melleno | Ana Prescott | Nancy Starzynski pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org



#### OFFICE: (973) 376-2061 FAX: (973) 376-4079

Due to the snow storm last week the children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday – we are so proud of our children! We pray that they seek this healing sacrament throughout their lifetime.

Reminder: 7th graders will meet this coming Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00PM.

Next Sunday, February 13th our families in Family Faith will attend the 10AM Mass and then gather in the school gym.





The story of **St. Josephine Bakhita** (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slav-

ery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

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#### **SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES**



#### **BAPTISM**

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

#### RECONCILIATION

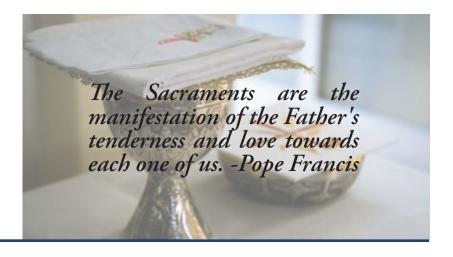
4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

## 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, FEBRUARY 5** 

5PM Vigil: Alicia Aguinaldo

r/b the Aguinaldo Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6** 

\*\*\*NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00AM: Betty Amend

r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

10:00AM: Susan Sullivan

r/b Pat

12:00PM: Tony Bagnato

r/b Wife, Ann & Family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7** 

7:30AM: Joanna Sheehan

r/b Mary & Patrick Corbett

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8** 

Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita

7:30AM: Joe Driscoll

r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30AM: Joseph Perez

r/b Sue & Bob Hagenbush

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Memorial of St. Scholastica

7:30AM: Dolores Salle & Pio Salle

r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 

\*\*\*NEW MORNING MASS TIME

8:30AM Ann Marie Villanova

r/b Family

5PM Vigil: Louise Driscoll

r/b the Aguinaldo Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 

\*\*\*NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00AM: Joe Driscoll

r/b Anne & Ed Fanning

10:00AM: Paul Centamore

r/b Family

12:00PM: Ernie Reedy

r/b Wife & Children

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

#### **BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL:**

In Memory of Raymond Alberti r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

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, 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, Carmen Lombardi, 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, Rose Sinopoli, 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.

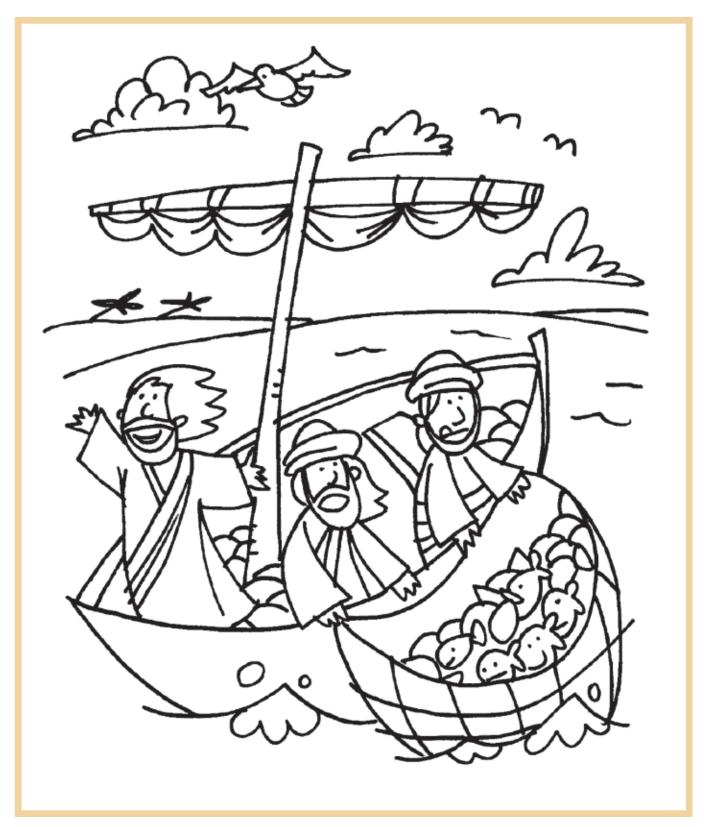
#### A TIME TO DIE

All who have died from Covid-19.

#### 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

## Jesus & the Miracle of the Fishes





Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself in one night. With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than the boat could carry.

When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?



Dear God, your power is so amazing!



With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, whatever we try will never work.



Draw fish swimming into Peter's net.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for January 29 & 30

Church Collection: \$5,141.00
Online Collection: \$2,662.00
TOTAL: \$7,803.00

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.



## Annual Appeal

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting this year's Annual Appeal. 100% of every gift will support the various ministries across the Archdiocese that help continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church today.

## EVERYDAY Stewardship



#### February 6th, 2022

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

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!



## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are what make our parish community a true community.

Remember... Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

#### **CONNECT WITH US!**



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