

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

## MARCH 20, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

#### Saturday, March 26th:

• 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

#### Sunday, March 27th:

- 8:00AM Fr. Santos
- 10:00AM Fr. Dennehy
  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:
Wednesdays at 7PM
during Lent and
Second Saturdays at 3PM



## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



#### **NEWS & UPDATES**

On behalf of the entire St. James parish community, it is a pleasure to welcome Bishop Elias to St. James Church. We are honored by his presence.

As an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Episcopal Vicar of Union County, his presence among us reminds us that our parish is a member in the ecclesial Body of Christ that is the Archdiocese of Newark. We are grateful for his visit, and we hope that his time with us will serve to strengthen the bonds of service and unity.

#### **Parish Centennial Committee**

Our Centennial Committee co-chairs – Joan Bratsch, Maggie Keffer and Rita Lombardi – have already met multiple times with the St. James Centennial Committee. The Centennial Committee has started planning for our Parish Centennial Anniversary to celebrate 100 years of dedication to faith and our local community. Here are a few highlights for what's to come:

- The centennial celebration will be a year-long celebration in 2023 centered around our 3 themes of: Remember our Past, Celebrate our Faith, and Lead the way into the Future
- With the highlight being a Centennial Mass with Cardinal Tobin as the main celebrant and homilist
- The team is also planning a Parish Picnic with lots of food, games, and activities that the entire family can enjoy.
- The committee will also be planning various events throughout the year to highlight and celebrate our parish history, strong connection to the local community, and ways to remember and celebrate our parish family and faith.
- Look for periodic updates from the Centennial Committee throughout this year and ways you can get involved in planning for this exciting and significant milestone for our parish

#### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Those ubiquitous Post-It notes we use—to mark a page, write a quick note, or place on a co-worker's desk—were a mistake! The 3M Company was trying to come up with a new kind of glue mixture and instead they created a glue that didn't really stick. How absurd! Such a blunder! . . . What a scathingly brilliant idea! You can almost hear the creators saying, "Just give us one more chance. We know this isn't quite right. But maybe we can make it work."

Friends, so, too, Jesus, as our advocate, says to God, just give this poor soul one more chance. Yes, there have been mistakes, but some good may come out of him or her yet.

Today's gospel is about second chances. And we all need them—at our jobs, in our families, with our friends, within our communities. Who among us is without sin? Not one of us. So what distinguishes one sinner from another? Jesus tells us it's the level of repentance.

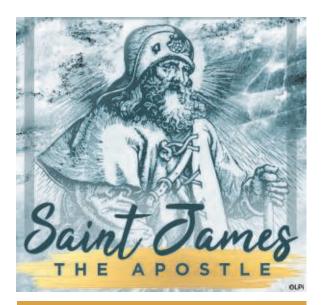
Ask for the second, third, fourth chance you need to be productive and fruitful. Let people know you are trying. Seek help. Don't succumb to despair. See your mistakes as golden opportunities to become that much better.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To the one who still remains in this world, no repentance is too late."

—Saint Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200-258)

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#### **SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm 103 The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.

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



For more information send an e-mail to parishlife@saintjamesparish.org

# **PRAY EVERY DAY** THIS LENT WITH

# Tallew the Catholic Prayer & Meditation app!

St. James has partnered with the Hallow Catholic app this Lent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the #Pray40 Challenge featuring daily Lenten meditations on Jesus' Last Seven Words from His Cross. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 3,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God. Hallow Plus includes Catholic prayers and meditations, mental health content, spiritual and uplifting music, prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more

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You can access our parish subscription at hallow.com/holydaypackage. Search for "Saint James the Apostle in Springfield" to gain access to all the features of the app. You can also scan the QR code here with the camera on your mobile device to sign up and join in the #PRAY40 Challenge!



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





#### LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE • 6:00-6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of prayer, music and reflection ~ geared for families of all ages, with a Lenten craft for each family to take home.



#### PRE-ORDER MEATLESS SOUP • 6:30-7:00 PM

Take it to-go for a simple Lenten supper. \$5 per 16 oz. cup of soup Pick up in the Gathering Area



#### DONATE DIAPERS AND/OR WIPES • 6:00-7:00 PM

Drop-off in the Gathering Area Supporting ABC Diaper Distribution, serving local families in need

#### **SOUP PICKUP INFO:**

Order a simple Lenten Supper to go!

Soup will be provided by Cosimo's Restaurant in Westfield. Each 16-ounce cup of soup will come with bread. The cost is \$5 per soup. You can also order a small garden salad for an additional \$5 per salad.

Please return orders and payment in the Sunday collection basket or to the Rectory. Make checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Church.

Pickup on Friday, March 25 in the Gathering Area between 6:30-7:00PM.

Contact the following with any questions: Claire Bernstein: clairebernstein@gmail.com Joanne Roethlin: jroethlin@yahoo.com

#### A LENTEN EVENING: SOUP ORDER FORM

Name:	Item:	Quantity:	Cost:
	Minestrone Soup:		
Phone Number:	Pasta Fagiloi Soup:		
	Escarole and Bean Soup:		
Email Address:	Small Salad:		
	TOTALS:		

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

SAVE THE DATE:
Saint James the Apostle Parish
Speakeasy Casino Night
May 14, 2022 | 7:00-11:00pm

Buffet Menu | Cash Bar | \$75 per person Blackjack, Roulette, 3 Card Poker, and more Play money, 50/50 and prizes!

All proceeds will benefit Saint James the Apostle Parish.

#### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you don't have to travel alone. We invite you to take part in our grief support program. The sessions include learning about grief and understanding the grieving process, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually.

March 23, April 6 & April 20 at 8PM on Zoom

Contact Jo Ann Andrasko with any questions or to sign up: jahocswim@gmail.com or 973-768-6222

## **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

"The Power of Yes"!

A FRIDAY YES FOR SUNDAY JOY EVENING RETREAT FOR WOMEN With Colleen Kelly-Rayner

Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00-9:30PM at Holy Spirit Church in Union, New Jersey



With Mary as our model, let's break open the power of our YES to God. Colleen Kelly Rayner is an incredibly moving speaker whose message of Eucharistic devotion is so necessary to all of us. If you feel a longing in your heart, an unsettledness, or you just want to grow in your relationship with Christ, come listen to Colleen's witness of Christ's unending presence in our lives.

With the presentation there will be uplifting music, time for adoration and refreshments.

Contact evangelization@rcan.org with any questions.



Holy Rosary Every Monday at 7:00PM

**Lenten Holy Hour and Evening Prayer** Every Wednesday at 7:00PM

Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 12:00PM and 7:00PM

Lenten Confessions Monday, March 28th at 7:00PM (No Rosary on this Evening)

#### FAMILY LENT RESOURCES



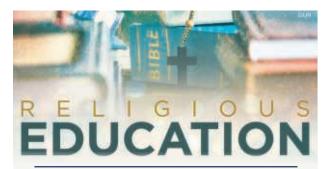
Scan the QR code with your mobile device for resources on living Lent as a family!

For a full list of Lent offerings, events and resources, please visit the Lent page on our website:

saintjamestheapostle.org/lent-2022

"Even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your
heart"...For he is gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger,
abounding in steadfast love,
and relenting in punishment.

Joel 2:12-13



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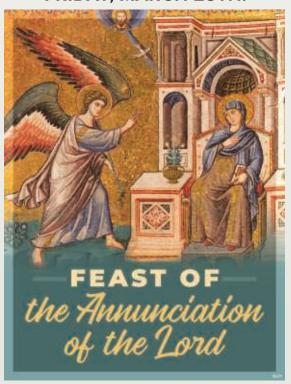
We hope that you and your family are taking advantage of the many Lenten opportunities our parish offers. It is wonderful to be able to gather again and we look forward to seeing you! Please see the Parish Events and Ministries pages in this bulletin for different ways you can pray and be involved in your parish this Lent.

Our Confirmation and Eucharist Candidates continue on their journey toward receiving the sacraments. We ask that you continue to pray for them.

Only 8th graders will meet this Tuesday for class. No classes for 1st-6th grades this week - class will resume next Tuesday, March 29th for both virtual and in-person learning.

Eighth graders will meet in the church on Tuesday at 7:00PM.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH:



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



#### **BAPTISM**

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

#### RECONCILIATION

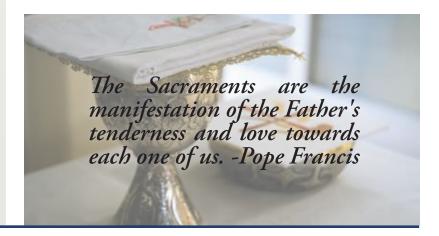
4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

# 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, MARCH 19 Feast of Saint Joseph

5PM Vigil: Florence Impellizzeri

r/b Michael & Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00AM: Richard Quagliato

r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

McNally Family

r/b Roethlin Family

**10:00AM:** Giuseppe Mazzacuva

r/b Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva

**12:00PM:** John Montana, Jr.

r/b Janice Montana Antonio Soares r/b Family

**MONDAY, MARCH 21** 

7:30AM: Matthew Noah Bernstein

r/b Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22** 

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
7:30AM: Amelia Montana

r/b Janice Montana

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24** 

7:30AM: Vincenzo Morico

r/b Daughter

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
Solemnity of the Annunciation

7:30AM: Ates Vigilante

r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

8:30AM Theresa Blasi

r/b Family

5PM Vigil: John Montana

r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM: Sr. Joanne Jankowski

r/b Inneo Family Ronnie Fusco r/b Carmela

10:00AM: Eleanor McCusker

r/b Family

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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

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

In Memory of Raymond Alberti r/b Joan Scelfo

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.

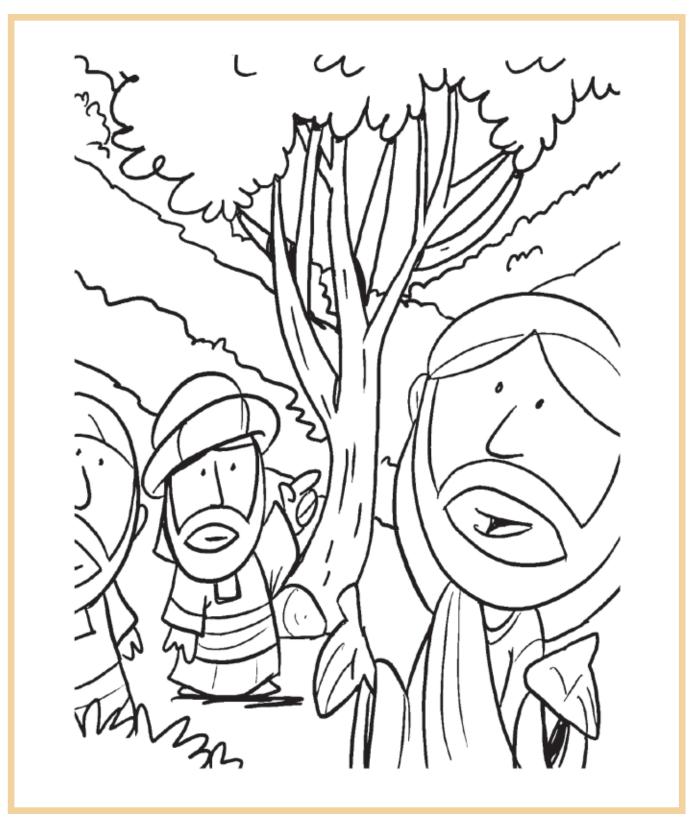
#### A TIME TO DIE

Rose Sinopoli

#### 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 and the Fig Tree





Everybody sins. God knows that we cannot be perfect like Him. But God wants you to love him and talk to Him. God wants you to be sorry for your sins, learn from your mistakes, and grow closer to Him every day. He always has love and mercy to give us whenever we make a mistake. He is our loving Father!



Dear God, help me to grow closer to you with every day you give me.



When you get into trouble, ask God to help you to change so that you do not do it again.



Draw a picture of yourself walking next to Jesus at your school.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for March 12 & 13

Church Collection: \$ 7.146.00 \$ 3,112.00 Online Collection: TOTAL: \$10,258.00

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 A

QR CODE TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

SCAN THE 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



#### March 27th, 2022

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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 donation helps to spread God's word.

Remember... Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES Annual Appeal 114 PLEDGES



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