



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
Roman Catholic Church

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 16, 2023

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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-3PM
(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM
Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 22:
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, April 23:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
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:
Wednesday Holy Hour at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the Roman Catholic Church, Easter has always been a celebration of the great love that God has for His Creation. A love that was shown when the Divine Son became incarnate and dwelt among us, sharing in our lot, showing us the way to the Father, and making the perfect offering in atonement for our sins.

On the First Sunday after Easter the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast based upon the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina. In extending this Feast to the entire Church, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized the resurrection context of Easter, citing St. Faustina's diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." In describing this feast, Blessed John Paul II says: "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ, a gift which it offers to all humanity."



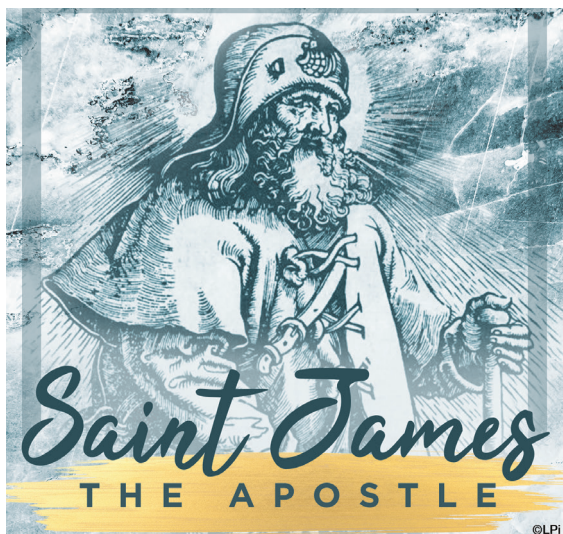
The first epistle of St. John declares to the entire world that "God is love;" and in his encyclical letter *Rich in Mercy*, Blessed John Paul II wrote "Mercy is love's second name." If we understand mercy in the Biblical sense, then without any fear of error contrary to the faith, it can be said, as John Paul II said, that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. This Biblically formulated relationship between love and mercy is expressed by St. Faustina when she says: "Love is the flower, mercy the fruit."

Divine Mercy is the form that God's eternal love takes when He reaches out to us in the midst of our misery and our brokenness. Whatever the nature of our need might be — sin, guilt, suffering, or death — He is always ready to pour out His merciful, compassionate love for us, to help us. Where there was only despair, loneliness, and heartache before, comes joy, fruitfulness, and abiding love.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us and wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting of our sins while asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others, extending our love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

We must realize that God does not do anything in portions. He is infinite and the amount of His Divine Mercy available to us is infinite. The only limiting factor is us. The more we trust in Jesus, the more graces we will receive and the more all will come to share His joy. This is the message Jesus is giving us through today's devotion to his Divine Mercy, a mercy which he tells us is unfathomable and which he wants us to spread throughout the world through our own actions and love for others.

by Deacon Bill Polingue



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith... may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Cor. 5:7

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

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

UPDATE ON HOLY COMMUNION

The outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020 required a temporary reduction of liturgical practices in the celebration of the Eucharist and administration of the sacraments. Until now, the only liturgical restriction remaining within the archdiocese is the prohibition regarding the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice. The archdiocese has asked all parishes to begin offering Communion under both kinds (bread and wine) beginning as early as Holy Thursday, April 6th, but no later than Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.



Here at St. James, before offering Communion from the chalice, I'd like to have some time for catechesis and preparation for the reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice. This will also be a time to foster the full participation of the faithful in the Mass.

It has been close to three years since Communion from the chalice has been offered at Mass. Rediscovering the sign value of Communion under both kinds (bread and wine) is important for us as a community of faith. Why? Because, as our Church teaches us, every effort is to be made to ensure that "the faithful should receive the Body of Christ from hosts (bread) consecrated at Mass and partake of the chalice (wine), so that even by means of the signs, Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 55, and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 85).

Over the next few weeks, you'll find in our parish bulletin a series of articles which have been prepared by the Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. These articles will help to catechize and prepare our community for the full participation of the faithful in the Mass. Our Eucharistic Ministers will be receiving careful training as we prepare for the reintroduction of the Communion chalice this Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.

While many communicants have waited in anticipation for the reintroduction of Communion from the chalice, there are others for whom Communion from the chalice is not desirable. Please know that while it is necessary for the church to provide the option of receiving Communion under both kinds (bread and wine) so that participation in the sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood is manifested, communicants are not obligated to receive both kinds (bread and wine).

As we continue to emerge from a period of necessary adjustment resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, we welcome this liturgical step forward which affords the lay faithful the opportunity to receive both the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass.

- Fr. David Santos, Pastor

Easter Memorials

THE EASTER CANDLE
will burn in Loving Memory of

The Bernstein & Butler Families
r/b The Family

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b The Battaglia Family

THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Jose Garcia & Clotilde Martinez
r/b Ramiro & Connie Martinez and Family

THE EASTER WREATHS AT THE SHRINES
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Max Porto and Carmela Zara
r/b The Battaglia Family

THE NARTHEX WREATHS
will hang in Loving Memory of

Bernard & Susie LoMacchio and James & Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty & John

Susan Sullivan
r/b Pat Sullivan

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE MARIAN SHRINE
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Tony Graziano
r/b Wife, Anne & Family

THE EASTER LILIES AT THE SAINT JAMES SHRINE
will be displayed in Loving Memory of

Battaglia & Zara Families
r/b The Battaglia Family

LENT "LITTLE BLACK BOOKS"
Donated in Loving Memory of

John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri
r/b The Pflug Family



COLLECTION FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Many emergency shelter families are still waiting for their SNAP benefit (food stamp) recertifications.

During the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, recertifications were waived. Now that the pandemic is waning, social services must recertify everyone's benefits which has resulted in a backlog of applications. The majority of families in our shelter program have not had any benefits for months.

We are presently in need of ShopRite gift cards and personal hygiene products for men, women and children. Thank you so much for your continued support!

COLLECTION DATES:
SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH
SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

We will collect after each mass.



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Caputo at ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org





Saint James Centennial Year

As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish, the Centennial committee invites you to save the date for the following special events to gather as a parish family!

June 12: Saint James the Apostle Golf Outing

July 22: Parish Day of Service

September 9: Centennial Mass with His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin

September 10: Parish Family Picnic

Please visit our Centennial website page at saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial for more information. There you can also check out the Centennial Boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to our Parishioners for your Generosity!

Recognizing that everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift God has given us is part of stewardship. We can take credit for nothing. We are called to return a portion of our gifts to God, time, talent and treasure, as a demonstration of our love and gratitude.

The parishioners of St. James responded generously to this call during Lent.

Meatloaf and sandwich collections:

Meatloaf: 8 (approximately 16 pounds)

Sandwiches: approximately 325

Shoprite Gift Cards for Family Promise: \$250

Breakfast bag collection: over 200

Helping the Hungry Ministry Food Collection

The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be holding a non-perishable food collection after all the Masses the weekend of April 29th and 30th. The collected items will benefit the Our Lady of Sorrows Pantry in South Orange. We will be collecting pasta, peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal, cereal, shelf stable milk, pasta and tuna (no glass jars please). Items can be dropped off in the gathering area after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

"Bullies to Buddies" Workshop at Holy Trinity Catholic Church April 20 at 7:00-8:00PM

Our "Bullies to Buddies" workshop provides skills to help parents teach their children to respond to bullying. The seminar will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Center, 512 Westfield Avenue, Westfield. The session will be presented by Connie Palmer, LCSW, a Certified Bullies to Buddies Trainer, Social Worker, Teacher, Therapist & School Counselor with almost 40 years of experience working with children.

The seminar is part of Holy Trinity Church's ongoing mental health education series. It is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation, and is at no charge.

According to Connie Palmer, "While the emphasis has historically been on identifying and punishing the bully, Bullies to Buddies, is a new social skills program based on the Golden Rule that uses role-playing to teach children how to respond to a bully in a way that immediately decreases the incidence of bullying and increases resilience. This method doesn't just change the lives of individual children; it has the potential to change the entire culture of a school and its community. This seminar will help you understand the causes of bullying and the challenges of the anti-bullying law and teach you techniques to make a difference in the lives of children and young people."

The seminar will be held on April 20, 2023, from 7 to 8 PM, at Holy Trinity Parish Center, 512 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.

Register at htccc.org/parishnurse. For further information, call Holy Trinity Parish Nurse Lori Arena at 908-232-8137 ext. 1006.

Gary Letitzia Memorial Blood Drive Friday, May 19th from 1:00-7:00PM

The blood drive will take place at the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ. Sponsored by the Springfield First Aid Squad, providing emergency medical services for Springfield and the surrounding community since 1949.

INVITATION

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH

SPEAKEASY *Casino Night*

April 29, 2023 • 7:00 - 11:00 pm
at Saint James School Building
South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

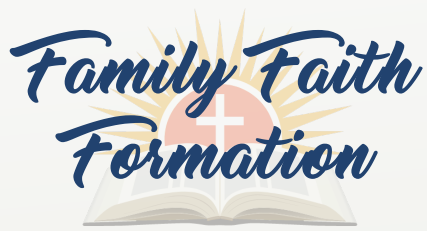
Buffet catered by *Sophia's Restaurant* • \$90 per person
Cash Bar • Play Money • 50/50 • Cigar Tent
Instructions on how to play

Tickets being sold in advance. Scan the QR code to
purchase tickets online or send/drop off a check to the
parish office, Attention: Casino Night and payable to
Saint James Parish.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
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For questions please email
SpecialEvents@saintjamesparish.org





OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061

Spring has arrived! The flowers are blooming, the grass is growing and the end of another catechetical year is upon us!

Our final Family Faith session is Sunday, April 30th. If you haven't sent in photos of your completed activities, please do so before the last session.

Seventh graders have completed classes, eighth graders finish in two weeks. Both grades should also be finishing their community service hours for the year; don't forget to log them online!

2023-2024 Family Registration information will be emailed to currently registered families soon. Families new to our parish, or have children entering 1st grade in September are asked to call the Faith Formation Office for additional information at 973.376.2061.

SACRAMENTS



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

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations.

Call: 973-313-6190. Email: info@newarkpriest.com.

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: newarkpriest.com

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Saint James the Apostle Church

June 26 ~ 30, 2023 for children entering Kindergarten ~ 4th Grade in September

Call: 973.376.2061 or email: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

8:00AM to 2:00PM Monday, June 26th through Friday, June 30th.

*The cost is \$250 for the 1st child, 10% discount for the 2nd child (\$225.00) etc.
Children must bring their own lunch and water bottle.*

Mrs. Annie ("Q") Quagliato Camp Coordinator!

The Registration Form will be available soon!!



MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

5:00pm **Paul Bongiovi**
r/b Carmela Fusco

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM **Kevin Morris**
r/b Carmen Lombardi
Lawrence Kaufherr
r/b Donato & Filomena Ruggiero

10:00AM **Paul Macciachera**
r/b Gorgia Family
William Wilkie
r/b Moragas Family

12:00PM **Rose & Orlando Cicalese**
r/b Family
Ernest Reedy
r/b Wife & Children

MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:30AM **Maria Circelli**
r/b Maria Reino

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:30AM **Michele Vespa**
r/b Michelina Vespa

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30AM **Matthew Noah Bernstein**
r/b Bernstein Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:30AM **Ann & Peter Brzozowski**
r/b Carol Balfour

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:30AM **Rosina & Pasquale Ruggiero**
r/b Maria Bruno

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:30AM **Antoinette Agrillo**
r/b Ed & Ann Fanning

5:00PM **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Paul Macciachera
r/b Belita Brown & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM **Rosa Mario Moreco**
r/b Rosa Zotti
Andrew DeGregorio
r/b Giaimo Family

10:00AM **Protection of the Unborn**
r/b Fernandez Family

12:00PM **Bernie LoMacchio**
r/b Patty & John Carney
James & Eleanor Carney
r/b Moragas Family

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:
For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Joseph A. Ficchi, Jr.
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., 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 Mugerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Erin Pado, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, MaryEllen Warren, Elisa Warshall

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 home-bound 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 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, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, 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, 2LT Raymond Williamson

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUNTY AND NEED HELP WITH:

Housing Insecurity?
Rental Assistance?
Legal Representation?
Credit Counseling and more?

Please contact **JOE CORREA** immediately:
jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org

www.thewaterfrontproject.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of April 1/2

Regular Collection: \$ 7,604.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,373.00
Total: \$ 10,977.00

Weekend of April 8/9

Regular Collection: \$ 5,303.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,668.00
Total: \$ 7,991.00

We 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 saintjamesparish.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.

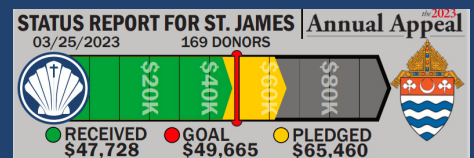


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FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... Signing up for online giving is quick and easy. The start of the Spring season brings with it warmer temperatures, longer days and a feeling of hope and rebirth. Take a fresh look at your giving to the church and sign up for online giving today. With a few quick selections, your giving can be set up for the rest of the year and beyond.

We reached our 2023 Annual Appeal Goal! **THANK YOU** for your generous support and participation.



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