



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

LORD,  
LET YOUR  
*mercy*  
BE ON US.  
WE PLACE  
OUR  
*trust*  
IN YOU.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 7, 2023

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,  
Springfield, NJ 07081  
(973) 376-3044

### 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, May 13:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, May 14:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Santos  
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
12:00PM - 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:**  
Wednesday Holy Hour at  
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



### Reflection on the Readings

There is something about a voice that is so expressive...

I remember when my mother would pray over my twin brother and I each night before we went to bed. Her voice was comforting and peaceful, not just because it was my mother's, but because I knew that what she wanted for me was good. Well, when I got older her voice had a different effect - more of a nagging effect...LOL...(don't tell her that I

said that).

**Voices are significant in our communication as persons.** But to know what makes the voice so effective in communication is our ability and willingness to LISTEN!!!

The story is told of Franklin Roosevelt, who often endured long receiving lines at the White House. He complained that no one really paid any attention to what was said. One day, during a reception, he decided to try an experiment. To each person who passed down the line and shook his hand, he murmured, "I murdered my grandmother this morning." The guests responded with phrases like, "Marvelous! Keep up the good work. We are proud of you. God bless you, sir." It wasn't till the end of the line, while greeting the ambassador from Bolivia, that his words were actually heard. Unperturbed, the ambassador leaned over and whispered, "I'm sure she had it coming."

Our lives are such that we are often too busy and too distracted to hear the voices of those around us, never mind the voice of God! And maybe we clearly hear the voices of other people, but do we hear the voice of God? If God spoke to you, would you know that it was Him who was speaking?

I know my mother and father's voice because both raised me, and so I am familiar with their voices. But are we familiar with the voice of God in our life? Are you able to tell when He speaks???

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus compares himself to a shepherd, and the Church to the sheep of His flock. Jesus teaches us something about who God is, and He wants us to see the interaction between those who know God and His voice, and those who do not.

We heard, "And the sheep hear His voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." This is a very familiar scene in the ancient world. The shepherd calling to his sheep. The shepherd may call by name or by a particular vocalization and the sheep would hear and they'd follow him. They wouldn't follow other voices.

**Here's the point: it is so easy to render God abstract.** To see God as distant; a God who is off doing "god" things, not really interested in what we do or who we are. Sometimes we think of Him kind of like we think of the "force" from the famous Star Wars saga. A "force" that runs through all things, etc. But the message of the Bible is that God has a voice; God speaks to us! He speaks to you and me, we who were built by Him to listen. We've been built to hear his voice.

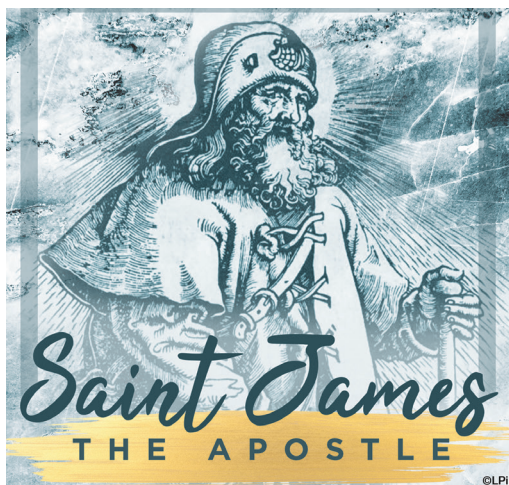
You and I, by nature, are ordered to God...we are born to hear Him. Our God communicates with us personally, directly, powerfully, creatively and with purpose.

### **How does God "speak"? Where can we hear His voice?**

Well, we hear God's voice in many places, but we hear Him always in:

- The Scriptures, the Bible
- Through the teaching of the Church
- Through the lives of the Saints
- Through the liturgy
- and through the conscience.





## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

*"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

*You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

### Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

### Gospel: John 14:1-12

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."*

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access full Mass readings online.

Friends, today God is speaking to you and me. Through His word in the inspired Scriptures - Did we really listen to Him speak to us? Do we seek to understand or even know what it is that the Church teaches, understanding that she is supported, guided and protected by the Holy Spirit? God speaks to us in our conscience. Do we listen to that "voice" inside of us that instructs us on what is good and bad, right and wrong?

Friends, we are God's children, and He is always speaking to us, but do we listen for His voice? I pray that you and I may recognize God's voice in our lives! Listen for Him, for He surely is speaking to you!

## Update Regarding 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

## Quote of the Week:

Suddenly I heard the words of Christ and understood them, and life and death ceased to seem to be evil, and instead of despair I experienced happiness and the joy of life undisturbed by death. —Leo Tolstoy

COME JOIN US THIS FRIDAY!

BASED ON THE TRUE STORY

# FATIMA

"It's the exceptional, necessary film  
for these troubled times."

Joseph Pronechen, National Catholic Register



*In joyful anticipation of our upcoming visit of the  
Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima, we invite you  
to join us for a very special*

## PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, May 12 at 7:00pm

School Gym

Bring your family and friends

***Snacks Provided!***



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY



Saint James the Apostle Mental Health Ministry

**MAY 15, 2023**

### FEAST DAY OF SAINT DYMPHNA

**PATRON SAINT OF ALL  
DEALING WITH WORRIES, TROUBLES,  
ANXIOUSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH  
CONCERNS, AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM.**

Although she was a young princess, St. Dymphna dealt with these circumstances and more. Her intercession has been a source of comfort and strength to God's people throughout the ages and is available to us today. St. James the Apostle Church is holding a prayer service in honor of St. Dymphna and seeking her intercession as we navigate the troubles of this life and help our loved ones doing the same.

**THE PRAYER SERVICE WILL BEGIN IN THE CHURCH ON MAY 15 AT 7:30PM.  
PLEASE COME FOR THE ROSARY AT 7:00PM AND STAY FOR THE SAINT DYMPHNA PRAYER SERVICE.**

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*We are hoping to restock our supply and would love your help!*

### Prayer Shawls:

- Typically 60 x 20, but flexible
- Any color

### Baptismal Blankets:

- Ranging from 18-24 inches square
- White only

### Common features:

- Method of creation: Knit, Crochet, Loom, Loop Knitting ... and more!
- Patterns: we have several to share, or use your own!

**Questions? Want more info?  
Maybe you have yarn to donate?**

**Contact us at**  
[prayershawlministry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:prayershawlministry@saintjamesparish.org)



Completed shawls and blankets can be dropped off at the Rectory or we can arrange pick up. They will be blessed, packaged and delivered to those in need (prayer shawls) and the newly baptized (blankets).



## Centennial Corner

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 8: Saint James School Alumni Reception  
September 9: Centennial Mass with His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin  
September 10: Parish Family Picnic

### Share Your Favorite Memory

During the weekend of May 13/14, the Centennial committee will give parishioners the chance to share their favorite memory of being a part of Saint James the Apostle parish through short video interviews after each Mass, in the Rosary garden located outside the church. Mark your calendar for this special opportunity!

### Centennial Page

Please visit the Centennial page on the parish website <https://saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial> for more information about these events. You can also view current Centennial videos featuring Fr. David Santos, Fr. Bob Stagg, and Deacon Hugh Keffer. Be sure to visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) on this page for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items.



Saint James the Apostle Church

# GOLF OUTING



**JUNE 12, 2023**  
**MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**  
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Join us for our golf outing or through our sponsorship packages. Proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church. Thank you for your support!

9:30AM-11:00AM.....Registration/Brunch  
11:00AM.....Shotgun Start  
4:00PM.....Cocktail Hour  
5:00PM.....Buffet Dinner

### Hole Sponsor: \$200

Sign with company/family name on a tee box during the outing

### Golf: \$350 per golfer

Includes player gift bag, brunch, cocktail hour, buffet dinner and open bar

### Dinner Only: \$125 per person

Includes cocktail hour and buffet dinner with open bar

**Scan the QR code here with  
your mobile device or visit  
our website to register:  
[saintjamestheapostle.org](https://saintjamestheapostle.org)**



For questions or more information, please reach out to [golfouting@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:golfouting@saintjamesparish.org).



## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Sacred Tribute Concert with the Caritas Chamber Chorale *Benefitting African Missions*

Sacred Tribute, a musical sharing of gratitude, benefits African Mission

Caritas Chamber Chorale, directed by Barbara Sanderman, will present two concerts of sacred a cappella choral music, entitled Sacred Tribute, for the benefit of Adorno Fathers' African Mission. Through the music, Sacred Tribute offers thanks to God and to all who make it possible for Caritas to support the African Mission. A diverse selection of choral music will provide a feast for the ears. The concert will be presented on:

**Saturday, May 20, 2023,  
7:30pm at Christ Church**

561 Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ, 07901

**Sunday, May 21, 2023  
4PM at St. Catharine Church**

215 Essex Ave., Spring Lake, NJ, 07762

The concerts are free and open to the public. The entirety of a freewill offering will benefit the Adorno Fathers' African Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa.

Caritas Chamber Chorale is dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music.

For more information, please visit  
[www.caritaschamberchorale.org](http://www.caritaschamberchorale.org) or call 732.718.0775.

### Gary Letizia 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.



### Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

MAY 19, 20, & 21  
2023



Saint James the Apostle  
Springfield, NJ

Archdiocese of Newark

### Prayer Line Ministry

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen C. Bernor - to connect with this ministry, call the Rectory at (973) 376-3044.

### Saint James is Giving Back to Springfield. Can you Lend a Helping Hand?

A few years ago, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down the street from our parish. The parish is responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the euonymus shrubs, and weeding. A small team of parishioners has been working to maintain the island throughout the Spring and Summer months. We could use more help this year.

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance team, please email [outdoorministry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:outdoorministry@saintjamesparish.org). Thank you for your consideration. God bless.



**OFFICE PHONE: (973) 376-2061**

Today Family Faith families gather for the last session before summer vacations begin. We hope the families will keep the Spirit alive in their homes through prayer and service to others during the summer months. We are looking forward to meeting with the parents at our wrap up meeting on Wednesday, May 24th to hear your feedback and ideas for enriching the program.

This coming weekend we welcome the Communicants to the Table of our Lord for the first time! We are so proud and excited for you!

**I CAN DO  
ALL THINGS  
THROUGH  
CHRIST WHO  
STRENGTHENS  
ME**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

## 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](mailto:info@newarkpriest.com).

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: [newarkpriest.com](http://newarkpriest.com)

### *Do you know someone who...*

**Was never baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination, and has expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?**

Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

*For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.*



## MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

**5:00pm** **Bedford Lydon**  
r/b Nancy Bernosky  
**Frank Impellizzeri**  
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**8:00am** **Audrey Hrynyk**  
r/b Bernstein Family  
**Mary Hayes**  
r/b Hayes Family  
**10:00am** **Ronnie Fusco**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Antoinette Agrillo**  
r/b Patti & Sal Milone  
**12:00pm** **Bernie LoMaccchio**  
r/b Patty & John Carney  
**Dario Salazar**  
r/b Maria Chavarriaga

### MONDAY, MAY 8

**7:30am** **Hannah Jane Bernstein**  
r/b Bernstein Family

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

**7:30am** **Protection of the Unborn**  
r/b Fernandez Family

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

**7:30am** **Giachino Zotti**  
r/b Rosie & Children

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

**7:30am** **Martin DeMarzo**  
r/b Beverly DeMarzo

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

**7:30am** **John Montana, Jr.**  
r/b Janice Montana

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

**8:30am** **Theresa Blasi**  
r/b Family  
**5:00pm** **For All Mothers**

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

**8:00am** **For All Mothers**  
**10:00am** **For All Mothers**  
**12:00pm** **For All Mothers**

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



### SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

### BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James

*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 Muguerza, 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](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

[www.thewaterfrontproject.org](http://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 22/23

Regular Collection: \$ 5,598.00  
Online Giving: \$ 2,908.00  
Total: \$ 8,506.00

Easter Collection To-Date: \$34,854

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](http://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.



**FINANCE**  
Parish Finance Council

## FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... The second collection for the weekend of April 29/30 is for Building Maintenance. This special collection supports our ability to address facility maintenance needs.

THANK YOU for your generous support and participation in the 2023 Annual Appeal. There's still time to participate. Amounts pledged by June 30th over our Goal are eligible for a 50% rebate to the Parish.

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38





## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Father David C. Santos  
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

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Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

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Deacon Thiago Menezes Santos  
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### **WEEKEND ASSISTANT**

Father John Dennehy

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

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