



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

God mounts  
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joyful shouts:  
a blare of  
trumpets for  
the Lord.

*Psalm 47*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | MAY 21, 2023

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,  
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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, May 27:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, May 28:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
10:00AM - Fr. Santos  
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

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



### Reflection on the Readings

"The Ascension"  
by Juan de Flandes  
Netherlands, 1447  
Palencia (Spain), 1514

A very intriguing painting that I've come across - certainly one of the more memorable ones - depicts the apostles standing around a large rock that has two very clear footprints imbedded in its surface. The disciples are gathered at the bottom of the frame with their heads tilted upwards looking up towards the sky with their mouths open. But all you see of Jesus are his feet dangling as he disappears at the top edge of the picture. Even though you can't see anything above the knees, you know it's Jesus because of the wounds on his feet. The Lord is be-

ing "lifted up" into heaven while the apostles look on.

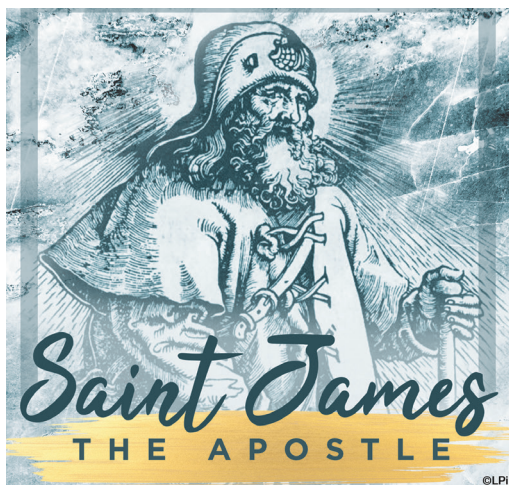
That's what's being described in our 1st reading from Acts and that's what's happening in our Gospel - Jesus is ascending to heaven.

In the painting, the apostles, for obvious reasons, are fixated on the heels of Jesus. The angels tell them something we could all take to heart, too: "Why are you standing looking up at the sky?"

This is an interesting question when we really think about it...I mean, if you had just seen Jesus ascend into heaven, you'd probably stand there with your mouth open, staring into the sky. But here's what the angels are getting at; here's what they want us to remember:

Although the Ascension is a spectacular event from the perspective of those on the ground, a relationship with Jesus enables us to be lifted up in dignity and purpose as we follow His ways by the power of the Holy Spirit that we've already received.

**Don't look up**, the angels say. **Look out. Look within! Don't get caught up in what is already passed but see what's happening right now!** Because Jesus ascended into heaven, He is now able - through the power of the Holy Spirit - to be a part of every decision you make, in each word and action, in your relationships, in the choices you make to love, to be compassionate, to forgive!



## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

### Second Reading: Eph. 1:17-23

*May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe...*

### Gospel Acclamation: Matt. 28:19, 20

*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.*

### Gospel: Matt. 28:16-20

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.*

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

## PASTOR'S COLUMN (cont.)

### Update Regarding Holy Communion

Next weekend, May 27th and 28th, the Feast of Pentecost, we will reintroduce Communion from the chalice. A brief instruction will be given at the beginning of each Mass regarding reception of Communion from the chalice.

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.

### Quote of the Week:

*Christ's ascension means our future destiny is secured in God's kingdom. That is a destiny to dream about!* -Donald K. McKim

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

We are joyful to announce that Mr. James McElroy, one of our parishioners, has been accepted into the Seminary for the Archdiocese of Newark to begin study and formation for the Priesthood!

### You might be wondering... What is a seminarian?

A seminarian is a man who is discerning the Lord's call to the Roman Catholic priesthood. While the priesthood has many elements that make it like a job, it is primarily a vocation: a calling from the Lord. Seminarians study to grow in four areas; human, spiritual, pastoral, and intellectual. At the seminary they grow in relationship to our Lord by praying, going to daily Mass and confession, and learning about theology and philosophy.

Please join us in praying for James as he prepares to enter the seminary this Fall!



HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

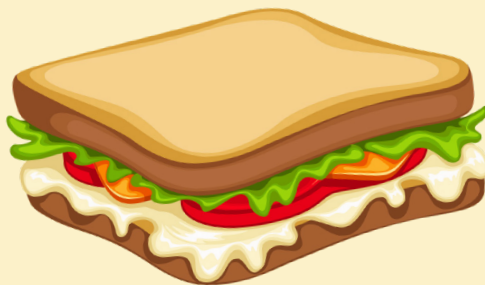
HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY  
**SANDWICH COLLECTION**  
AND RELATED SUPPLIES

**MONDAY, MAY 22**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH



*(Please only donate the  
requested items/quantities as  
space is limited at the donation  
site.)*



**DONATIONS  
WILL  
SUPPORT  
BRIDGES  
OUTREACH**

***THE WEEKLY ROSARY AND NOVENA STARTS AT 7:00 -- STAY AND PRAY, TOO!***

On May 22 from 6:00-7:00PM, Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting bagged and labeled sandwiches along with some additional lunch items for Bridges Outreach. ***We are asking our donors to please use the SignUp Genius to only donate what they sign up for due to space constraints at the receiving food pantries.*** Thank you so much for your continued support!

Please scan the QR code above with your smartphone camera or visit the following link to sign up:  
**[www.tinyurl.com/yupx4fmd](http://www.tinyurl.com/yupx4fmd)**

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# GOLF OUTING

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

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

## **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 with open bar

## **DINNER ONLY**

**\$125 PER PERSON:** Includes  
cocktail hour and buffet dinner with  
open bar.

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

***Contests, prizes and more!***

To register, scan QR code or  
visit:

[https://saintjamestheapostle.org/  
centennial-golf-outing/](https://saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial-golf-outing/)



For questions or more information email [GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org)



## 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

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in our video interviews last weekend to share their Saint James the Apostle Parish memories!

### Centennial Page

Please visit the Centennial website page: [saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial](http://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. Scan the QR code below to check out all our merch!



## PRAYER FOR OUR *Centennial Year*

Heavenly Father,  
 with grateful hearts and a steadfast spirit,  
 we jubilantly commemorate one hundred years  
 as a community of faith,  
 under the patronage of Saint James the Apostle.  
 Remembering the past, we honor the dedication  
 and faithfulness of our forebearers,  
 those who have built our community  
 on the solid rock of faith in Jesus Christ.  
 We will never forget the sacrificial love  
 on which they built this church.  
 In gratitude, we celebrate  
 your ever faithful presence among us.  
 In Word, in Sacrament, and in each other,  
 you continue to fill us  
 with many graces and blessings.  
 Finally, through intercession of Saint James  
 the Apostle,  
 who was first called to follow your son,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 before being sent to lend others to Him,  
 we beg for the grace, courage, and wisdom  
 needed to lead the next generation of faith.  
 Good and Gracious God,  
 may your goodness and love,  
 which has guided us those one hundred years,  
 continue to sustain us in the present  
 and lead us into the future.  
 Amen.

## SUPPORT SAINT JAMES THROUGH ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera, or follow the instructions below:

1. Go to our website:  
saintjamestheapostle.org
2. Scroll across to the "Give" tab at the top of the page and click it
3. Then, scroll down and click the blue tab that reads, "Online Giving Portal"
4. Follow the prompts from there to either set up a one-time donation or a recurring gift.

**Scan the QR code  
here with your mobile  
device to access our  
Online Giving Portal**



## Mental Health Ministry

This month Pope Francis asks us to pray for church movements and groups. Members of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers provide vital spiritual accompaniment for people experiencing mental health challenges and mental illness, as well as those who care for them. They walk with people living with mental health challenges helping them find pastoral support and services.

May the movements and groups in the Church that are dedicated to helping those who live with mental health challenges and illnesses be inspired by the Holy Spirit in their mission of service and presence.

## Updates from Saint James Events This Spring

Over 80 adults and children enjoyed sharing breakfast with the Easter Bunny when he made a special visit to St. James.

Casino Night - One 104 people enjoyed an evening of great food, games, prizes and fellowship. After all expenses were paid, St. James cleared \$7,420!

Feeding the Hungry Collection - Three car loads of food were donated to Our Lady of Sorrows food pantry due to your generosity.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Mary's Magnificat & Catholic Social Thought as a Blueprint for Dismantling Racism Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30PM

The Peace and Justice Committee of Holy Trinity and St. Helen's Parishes would like to invite you to join us as we engage in a dialogue and action plan that incorporates a spiritual practice to facilitate a movement toward being anti-racist through the encounter with Who is Mary in the Life of a Social Justice Advocate? Presented by Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosely

Plan to attend this talk in person:  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
512 Westfield Ave  
Westfield, NJ

OR, via the Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 869 0702 2251  
Passcode: 350573

### Union County Federation Knights of Columbus *Somerset Patriots vs. Binghamton Mets*

Spiderman Night Baseball game! BBQ from 5:30-7pm and free soft drinks until the 7th inning. Tickets are \$50 per person.

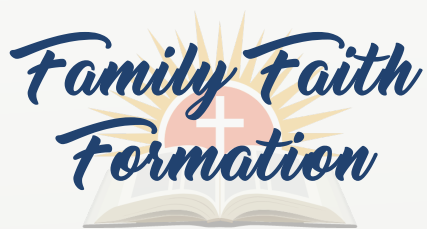
**Saturday, August 12, 2023  
at the Somerset Patriots**  
1 Patriots Park, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Contact Mike Peter with any questions:  
(908) 357-5673.

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

Congratulations again to our children who received the Body of Christ for the first time last weekend! We hope you join us at the Table of our Lord often!!! Today we not only celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, but our Communicants returned to crown the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church's traditional "May Crowning."

This coming weekend, our parish will re-institute the reception of the Precious Blood during Communion. The Worship Office at the Archdiocese has a series of articles that explain The Precious Blood of Christ during Communion. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.



## 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 20

**5:00pm** John Montana  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Rocco Paolino**  
r/b Tom & Judy Spera

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

### The Ascension of the Lord

**8:00am** Amelia Montana  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**  
r/b Marian Rivano  
**10:00am** Siegfried Roethlin  
r/b Roethlin Family  
**Giuseppe & Domenico Mazzacuva**  
r/b Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva  
**12:00pm** Michael Chencharik  
r/b Jo Ann Schwarzbek  
**Margaret Furner**  
r/b Sam & Family

## MONDAY, MAY 22

**7:30am** Betty Ann Feniak  
r/b John & Bernice Petersen

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

**7:30am** Teodulo Tarrayo, Sr.  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

**7:30am** Theresa DeSantis  
r/b Angela Ragonese

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

**7:30am** Raymond Alberti  
r/b Mom

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

### ST. PHILIP NERI

**7:30am** Luca Juliano  
r/b Carol Leys

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

**8:30am** John Macrina  
r/b Chris Gaston  
**5:00pm** Donald Barwick  
r/b Vicki Sarracino  
**Anna Gallagher**  
r/b Son, James

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

### Pentecost Sunday

**8:00am** Tatiana Pacifico  
r/b Rosemary & Jeffrey Moller  
**Deceased Members of the Brodeur Family**  
r/b Family  
**10:00am** Michele Vespa  
r/b Albert & Angela Circelli  
**Carmine Palumbo**  
r/b Maria Bruno  
**12:00pm** Jose Garcia  
r/b Dina & Connie Garcia  
**Arthur Bohse**  
r/b Linda Hrevnack

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Margaret Furner  
r/b Sam & Family

## BREAD & WINE:

Margaret Furner  
r/b Sam & Family

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

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Brayden Joseph Burrows

## 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, Diane Deitz, 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 May 6/7

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,056.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,568.00
Total:	\$ 8,624.00

Easter Collection To-Date: \$35,934

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?... 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 first-fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

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