



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

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## Roman Catholic Church

LORD, IN YOUR  
GREAT LOVE,  
ANSWER ME.

PSALM 69

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JUNE 25, 2023**

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### Office Hours:

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

### Church Visiting Hours:

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, July 1:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, July 2:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
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



### News & Updates

As the summer months begin, it is a great opportunity as a welcoming community of faith for each of us to be conscious and intentional about hospitality for our guests and new families. In this spirit of hospitality, I ask parishioners who are able-bodied and don't have small children to sit in the middle of the pew, to save seats at the end of the pew for guests and families with small children, and for those who arrive after Mass begins. I am sure that you'd all agree that having to climb over others to get a seat is not very welcoming. This simple yet thoughtful gesture goes a long way to help guests and families feel more comfortable and welcome. Thank you!

### Reflection on the Readings

Bird watchers have been known to refer to sparrows as "junk birds." What this phrase suggests is that sparrows are too common, plentiful, and uninteresting to merit any attention. When a birder gets his sights on a sparrow, he turns the binoculars away in pursuit of something worthier. So might end the prestige of the poor bird, but for one thing: God keeps an eye on the little fellow, even if we don't.

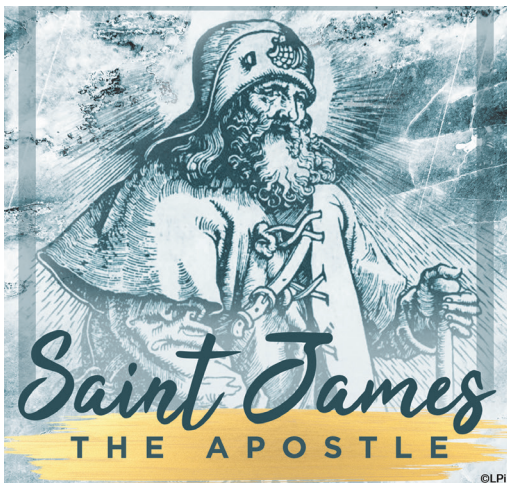
Apparently, stock in the sparrow has never been very high among humans, though. In our Gospel, St. Matthew sets the price of two at a small coin. It was the cheapest life in the marketplace. So, when Jesus tells us that God is vigilant for the sparrow and notes the destiny of each one, we might be reassured that our own lives are valued even more so. You and I cannot be overlooked when God is monitoring the fate of every hair on our heads. I read somewhere that we lose a hundred hairs a day. Do you know what becomes of yours? Probably not, but you don't have to!

Friends, God's eye is on the world. Sparrows and hairs and hearts are all accounted for. So, is there any record we should keep track of? Yes: We want to be on the list of those who acknowledge Jesus before others. Jesus says this testifying band alone will he acknowledge before his Father. That's the register that matters, and the only way to be sure we're on it is to provide our witness to the world. Wearing a cross, sporting a bumper sticker, or quoting the Bible is optional. But live in imitation of Jesus, and you're onto something.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. D. L. J. H." with a stylized flourish at the end.

### Quote of the Week:

*The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.* —G.K. Chesterton



## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

*Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"*

### Responsorial Psalm 69

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

*For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.*

### Gospel Acclamation: John 15:26, 27

*The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.*

### Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

*"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."*

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

## STAFF UPDATE

We are happy to welcome Ana Serra-Prescott to our St. James staff as our new Director of Family Faith Formation, beginning July 1st. Read more about her in her bio here:

*Ana Serra-Prescott is a native of Figueres, Spain. She came to the United States to attend Caldwell College, where she obtained her Bachelors in Business Administration. She went on to earn her Masters in Adult Education and Human Resource Development from Fordham University. While a student at Caldwell College, Ana met her husband John. They have been married for 26 years and live in Springfield with their two sons. Ana has been a parishioner of St. James the Apostle Parish for the past 25 years where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a Catechist, and along with her husband, is a member of the mentors group that helps engaged couples prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Ana has worked in the education field as a teacher, professor, and an administrator for the past 29 years. On her free time, Ana enjoys walking and being outdoors, especially when it is sunny, traveling, listening to music, crocheting, and spending time with family and friends. Ana considers the St. James the Apostle community her second family and is looking forward to working with our families in bringing their children up in the practice of the Faith and developing a close relationship with Jesus.*



Congratulations and welcome, Ana!

## This Weekend! Come Meet the Pastoral Council!

Members of the Pastoral Council will be in the narthex after all the masses this weekend (June 24 and 25). Please stop by, enjoy a coffee, and share with us your thoughts on these questions:

- "What does parish hospitality mean to you?"
- "How can we make our parish more welcoming?"



# MEATLOAF AND FROZEN FOOD COLLECTION

This month, we are pleased to present another great way to benefit those in need.

Currently, there is a need for frozen meals and 2-pound frozen meatloaves. Frozen meals must be already prepared meals such as TV dinners, Pot pies, prepared manicotti, stuffed shells, Gorton's frozen sea food meals, etc.

ShopRite gift cards are also always needed and greatly appreciated.

COLLECTION DATES:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

We will collect items after each mass.  
There will be a cooler in the Narthex  
and a sheet to record what you have  
donated.



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Caputo at [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org)





## Centennial Corner



### 100 YEARS OF SERVICE!

In recognition of our parish's centennial anniversary and 100 years of serving our community, the month of July will be a month of service. Throughout the month of July, look here for messages of service and opportunities and ideas to serve our community, serve our parish and serve each other.

**Saturday, July 22nd** will be a parish-wide dedicated day of service. Information to be provided soon on how you can participate along with your fellow parishioners in various service projects that day throughout our surrounding community.

### MORE CENTENNIAL NEWS

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!

**September 8:** Saint James School Alumni Reception

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

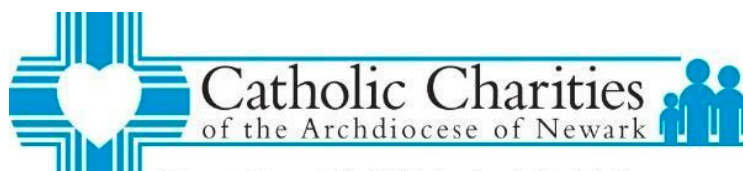
**September 10:** Parish Family Picnic

#### 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 merchandise!



## MORE NEWS & EVENTS



### True Freedom

True Freedom is found in our Lord Jesus Christ who liberated us from sin through His death and resurrection. As we rejoice with our fellow-Americans for the independence we enjoy in the United States, let us never forget those who are restricted by the chains of poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, knickknacks, tools, toys, stuffed animals, and children's books to our Donation Bin. Thank you.

### 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.

### Union County 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.

# SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The rectory and offices will be closed on Fridays beginning July 3rd through September 4th. Office hours remain the same Monday through Thursday: 8:30AM-3:00PM.

## FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH ANYWHERE!

There really is a app for everything... It's that time of year - Summer vacations are upon us! As we make time to rest and relax, let's remember to continue to make time for God! It can be difficult to coordinate when and where to go to Sunday Mass while you're out of town and travelling, but MassTimes makes it easy! Simply visit **WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG**, type in the zip code of the area that you are searching, and MassTimes will give you the locations of all Catholic Churches nearby and when Mass is celebrated. Or check out the Mass Times app!

## SUPPORT SAINT JAMES THROUGH ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. This is an easy way to continue your contributions over the summer. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera, or follow the instructions below:

1. Scan the QR code or visit 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:**



## STAY IN TOUCH WITH US OVER THE SUMMER!

Saint James uses FLOCKNOTE as our communication management tool to reach all of our parishioners through emails and text messages. As a member, you'll be in the know of the latest happenings at St. James through our weekly newsletter. You'll get reminders on important church activities and communication within the ministries or groups that you are a part of. You may unsubscribe anytime. No spam, we promise.

We  love  
having you as part of our *flock*



Keep in touch  
with us via  
email & text

Three ways to join:

- Text **STJAMES2021** to 84576
- Online at <https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com>
- Fill out the signup card and drop in the collection basket

Fill out this form and drop in the  
collection basket.



NAME:

EMAIL:

CELL PHONE:

## SPOTLIGHT ON PRAYER

Consider learning a new way to pray this summer! The spotlight for this week is called *Lectio Divina*, which is a method of praying with Scripture. It's a great way to meet God in His Word - read through the steps below and consider giving it a try this week!

# LECTIO DIVINA

"Lectio Divina" means 'holy reading', and it is a discipline which helps us to blend Scripture and prayer together so that we can go deeper in our relationship with God. It consists of four different steps: reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation.

### 1. Reading

- a. Choose a passage of Scripture (anything from 1 verse to 15 verses).
- b. Start by asking the Holy Spirit to shine light and insight on it as you read.
- c. Read it through several times. If possible, read it out loud.

### 2. Meditation

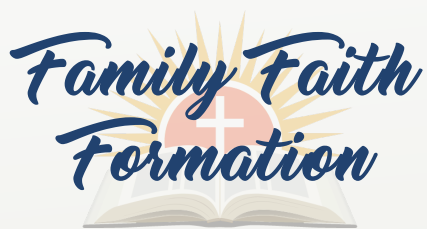
- a. Think about it. Make your brain work hard. What was the person writing trying to say?
- b. What happens in the story?
- c. What does it mean for your life today?
- d. Is there one word or phrase which really shouts at you from the page?
- e. What is it saying about you and your life today?

### 3. Prayer

- a. Respond to God. Speak out to Him your personal response to what you've read.
- b. Tell Him how it makes you feel. Tell Him what comforts you and what challenges you. Ask for His help to live out the truths you've uncovered today.

### 4. Contemplation: Resting in God's presence

- a. Stop. Be still. Stop talking, stop asking and slow your brain down. This is the time for listening to Him, for letting the Holy Spirit talk back to you.
- b. Spend some time silently listening to God. Go beyond all the words you've read, and allow God to root you in truth and wrap you in love.



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

Welcome summer!!! Before you leave on vacation, please remember to register your children for September! The registration form has been emailed to all families who participated in our program last year. If you have a younger child entering 1st grade, add them on to the family registration with your older children. We will need a copy of their Baptismal Certificate if they were not baptized here at St. James.

If you are either new to our parish or your oldest child is entering 1st grade in September, please contact us!



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

### 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.*

## UPDATE FROM MS. NANCY CAPUTO

Dear Parishioners,

Marc Anthony said, "When you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life" this is so very true! I have been blessed to serve our parish for 15+ years as the Director of Family Faith Formation. Preparing the children to receive their sacraments and partnering with their parents on their journey has been a true honor.

It is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that I share with you my intention to retire on December 31, 2023. As we say in our Centennial Prayer, "we remember our past, joyfully celebrate our faith, and courageously lead the next generation into the future," it is in that spirit that I will step down as Director of Family Faith Formation on June 30th and remain on staff in a different full-time position until the end of the year.

There is still much to do before the end of the year and I look forward to using the time to ensure there is a smooth transition for the families we serve as well as for the new director of the Family Faith Formation Program.

Thank you all for your support over the years, I am truly blessed!

Your Sister in Christ,



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**5:00pm** **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Andrew Foscato**  
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00am** **Agnes McConway Mahoney**  
r/b Rajs Family  
**Mary Dolan**  
r/b Ed & Anne Fanning

**10:00am** **Ronnie Fusco**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Antoinette Agrillo**  
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

**12:00pm** **Virginia Carollo**  
r/b Daughters  
**Ernest Reedy**  
r/b Wife

## MONDAY, JUNE 26

**7:30am** **Helen Fittin**  
r/b Ed & Anne Fanning

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

**7:30am** **Irene Housley**  
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

**St. Irenaeus**  
**7:30am** **Carmine Apicella**  
r/b Family

## THURSDAY, JUNE 29

**Saints Peter & Paul**  
**7:30am** **Leo Eckmann**  
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

## FRIDAY, JUNE 30

**7:30am** **Michael Amato**  
r/b Allen & Beam Families

## SATURDAY, JULY 1

**8:30am** **Al Blasi, Sr.**  
r/b Family  
**5:00pm** **Thaddeus (Ted) Godlewski**  
r/b Nancy Caputo  
**Estelle Sofko**  
r/b Mary Ann Sullivan & Family

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

**Thirteenth Sunday in OT**

**8:00am** **Mary Deeney**  
r/b Yannazone Family  
**Mary & Vincent McNany**  
r/b Dennis

**10:00am** **Froilan Serenas**  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle  
**Betty Macciachera**  
r/b Friends at HR

**12:00pm** **Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Rose Yanpaglia**  
r/b Giaimo Family

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Karen Mulvihill  
r/b Donna

## BREAD & WINE:

Karen Mulvihill  
r/b Donna

*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, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, 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, Carol Wade, Anne Wallis, 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 TO DIE

Carmine DiCosmo, Jr.  
Alphonse T. Faiella

## 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 June 17/18

Regular Collection:	\$	5,215.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,076.00
Total:	\$	8,291.00

*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](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 June 24/25 is for Building Maintenance. This special collection supports our ability to address facility maintenance needs.

The Finance Council members would like to convey a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all the parish community for your continued giving of your time, talent and treasure to St. James.

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

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

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

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Hugh A. Keffer  
hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org

### **WEEKEND ASSISTANT**

Father John Dennehy

### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

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