

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached

in his name

to all the nations

LUKE 24:47

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 14, 2024 www.saintjamesparish.org



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Office Hours:

(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Mon-Tue 8:30AM-3PM Wed 8:30AM-7PM Thu-Fri 8:30AM-3PM

Church Visiting Hours:

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 20: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, April 21: 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 6:30PM 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

George was an avowed atheist and loved challenging believers.

"So, Tom, you are a Christian," George confronted his friend Tom. "You must know a lot about this Christ person."

"I know a bit."

"So, do you know what year he was born?"

"No."

"Do you know how many miracles he performed?"

"No."

"And . . . have you read the Bible?"

"Not much."

"Do you know the history of the church?"

"Not really."

"Do you know anything about the saints?"

Tom, looking down, just shook his head.

George was on a roll: "Do you know Jesus' last name?"

Tom, looking defeated, quietly replied, "No."

"So," George concluded, smugly, "you don't know this Christ very well. How can you say that you are a Christian?"

"George," Tom replied after a moment, "two years ago I was an alcoholic in over \$100,000 in debt and Jenn was about to leave me. Today, I am sober, have no debt, and Jenn and I are more in love than ever. I thank Jesus for helping me turn my life around. I may not know a lot about Him, but *I know Him*.

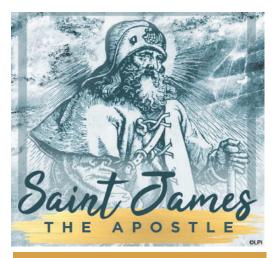
Then Tom added, looking at George, "I guess I could learn more things about Him. Wanna join me?"

Friends, it is far more important to **know** Jesus then to know a lot about Jesus, however, accomplishing both should be our aim.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Decide here and now to love things and [people] as Jesus loved them, that is, to the point of self-sacrifice. Do not bother with the bookkeeping of love; love without keeping accounts.

— Carlo Carreto



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 4

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1-5a

The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

He said to them,

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

This coming **Saturday, April 20th**, the children preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion this May, and their parents, will come together for their **Eucharistic Retreat**, which will take place in the school from **10AM to 12 noon**. We ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for such an important and exciting time in their faith lives.

Confirmation Year 2 Candidates, a reminder that our next and last session of this school year is on **Tuesday, April 23rd**.

If you have a child entering First Grade in September, it is time to begin his/her formation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist.

Please contact Ana Serra-Prescott for more information.

Family Faith 2024-2025 Registration is now open.

If you are seeking to grow in faith as a family, Family Faith Formation is the place for you. It's a partnership between our parish and parents of the children we teach. Our goal is to support each family in the spiritual development of their children. This partnership works best when we work together, each doing our part to ensure the children are receiving the foundation they need to develop a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. Together, we are one family, one body of Christ, and a true sign of His presence in the world.

All are welcome at St. James, and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our parish program!

Please use the QR code to access the Registration form and online fee payment.

(The form is to register 1st to 8th graders – One form per family)

Registration and payment are due July 31.

Any registrations received after July 31 will incur a \$50 late fee.



Families currently registered in the Family Faith program should have received a flyer with the QR code at our March Family Faith session. You should have also received an email with the link to the Registration form. If you did not receive my email, please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Family Faith Formation Office. We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!

Confirmation candidates in Year 2 do not need to register for next year; this year's registration included the preparation for Confirmation in the Fall.

Confirmation candidates Year 1 – Need to register for their <u>second</u> <u>year</u> of preparation for Confirmation using the QR code above or the link you received in the email.

If your child is entering the 7th Grade in September it is the time for him/her to start the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the office to make sure he/she has completed all the necessary requirements prior to registration.

Ana Serra-Prescott, Family Faith Formation Office (973) 376-2061 | aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



We are inviting men of the Parish to gather for hospitality and discussion of the Sunday gospel readings. This is a great opportunity for men to grow in their faith, meet new folks, and share their experiences of their faith journey.

All gentlemen of the Parish are welcome!

These meetings will take place in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory, on **Saturdays** at **9am** (after the 8:30am Mass). You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

Please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org to register if you are interested. There is no cost for attendance.

The St. James the Apostle Men's Ministry Group will be meeting on these dates:

Dec 21

April 20 Sept 21 May 18 Oct 26 June 15 Nov 23

Rosary and Novena Mondays at 6:30 PM



Bereavement Ministry



Spring 2024

6 Weeks ~ Thursday Nights

7:00 PM to 8:30

April 11th, 18th, 25th

May 2nd, 9th, 16th

To register call 973-376-3044 or email Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org

We meet in the rectory at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ







In April, we are having a non-perishable food collection for Family Promise.

Currently, there is a need for non-perishable food items. Rice, cereal, canned soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, ramen, cooking oil, salt/pepper, coffee/tea, pancake mix and anything that can be cooked in its container like soups, mac & cheese, or ramen cups.

ShopRite gift cards are also always needed and greatly appreciated.

Collection Dates: Saturday April 20th Sunday April 21st

We will collect items after each mass. There will be a bin and sign in the Narthex area.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory



NEWS & EVENTS AT SAINT JAMES







Easter Joy

How intense was your joy in this Easter season? Sharing Easter joy with a meal and the

support of family and friends is a yearly celebration that most of us cherish. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the sufferings of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books to the Donation Bin(s) located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

A special "Thank you" to the parishnors who unloaded and stocked the shelves at Our Lady of Sorrows after the food collection at St. James on Good Friday!

Thank you Saint James Family for your continued generosity!

2024 Saint James Photo Directory Photoshoot

Saint James the Apostle Parish cordially invites your family to an exclusive, wonderful opportunity to create lifetime memories.

Join us for a family Portrait (FREE, no sitting fee)

We offer flexible dates:

Friday, 4/26: 4p-9p Saturday, 4/13 or 4/27: 9a-3p Sunday, 4/14, 4/28 or 5/19: 9a-3p

Spots are limited and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the photo studio directly

at **201-681-5004** or scan the QR code to secure your place!

Plus, enjoy the option of a full family photoshoot and the opportunity to purchase portraits or digital images at a discounted fee.



MORE NEWS & EVENTS AT SAINT JAMES

Springfield Knights of Columbus Scholarships Available for St. James Parishioners

Scholarship Types:

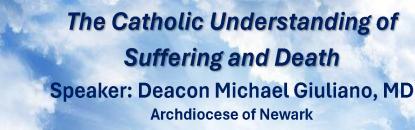
Going into Any Year of Catholic Elementary School: \$1,500

Going into Any Year of Catholic High School or College: **\$1,000**

Due date for receiving the application and backup documents is **May 15, 2024.**

*Awarding committee has total discretion to rearrange the awards based on the applications that are received.

To Apply: https://springfieldkofc.org/annual-scholarships



Saturday, April 27 at 11:30 am

Saint James the Apostle Church

45 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield https://saintjamestheapostle.org/

R.S.V.P.

https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.co m/signup/160199

Walk-ins welcome!

Send questions to: smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org

- ✓ Dignity of Life/Dignity of Death
- ✓ Care of the dying/Help for families
- ✓ Living Wills/Healthcare Proxies
- ✓ Ordinary vs. Extraordinary care
- √ Hospice/Palliative Care
- ✓ Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
- ✓ Cremation and Burial





Chisholm Community Cente 100 South Sprinfield Ave. Springfield, NJ Moke an appointment, visit http://nybc.org/letizia Appointments Encouraged, Walk-Ins Welcome!







Join us for an enlightening Meet & Greet with a memorial planning advisor from Catholic Cemeteries after the Masses

May 18th and May 19th

The Meet and Greet is a chance to gain insights, ask questions, and understand the spiritual journey of a Catholic funeral.

While there's no obligation whatsoever, the recommendations will be invaluable. For those who may miss it, and for more information, don't hesitate to visit our website: www.rcancem.org

Blessings and peace be with you all.

CELEBRATION AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Milestone Anniversaries

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be celebrating
Milestone Anniversaries celebrated during the
2024 year at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
Heart in Newark at the Noon Mass.

5th & 25th Anniversaries: May 5, 2024 50th Anniversaries: June 2, 2024

Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary during Covid restrictions are welcome.

Please return this information to the Rectory Office by the due date.

COUPLE'S LAST NAME:	DATE OF MARRIAGE:
WIFE'S FIRST NAME:	HUSBAND'S FIRST NAME:
COUPLE'S ADDRESS:	CITY, ZIP:
SUBMITTING PARISH:	PARISH CITY:
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY -	ALL COUNTIES JUNE 2ND - 12:00PM (DUE MAY 20TH)
5TH ANNIVERSARY -	ALL COUNTIES MAY 5TH - 12:00PM (DUE APRIL 22ND)
SILVER ANNIVERSARY -	ALL COUNTIES MAY 5TH - 12:00PM (DUE APRIL 22ND)

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 7:00 PM

Ready, Set, Soar!

In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential. Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special!

Visit our website to reserve your seat or call us at **908-889-1600**, ext. **302**

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 7:00 PM

Meet students and teachers to learn what a Catholic school education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls are welcome!

Register online at www.motherseton.org.

Seventh and eighth grade girls are invited to spend a day with us as a **Student for a Day**. Register online at **www.motherseton.org**.

At Mother Seton, the future is hers. 1 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 077066



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. Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: 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 call (973) 376-2061

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.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 5:00pm Julie Moore

r/b Karen & Paul Sanders

Eric Henrichs

r/b MaryAnn Benedetti

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
Third Sunday of Easter
8:00am Valerie Sp

Valerie Speller

r/b Claire Bernstein

10:00am Mary Fossella

r/b Paul Dlugosz **Jack Degnan** r/b Roethlin Family

12:00pm Angelina DiLeo

r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

Daniel & Angela Raimondo

r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &

Marianne Van Volkenburgh

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:30am Anton & Teresia Pfeiffer

r/b Daughter

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:30am For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:30am Robert (Bob) Roessner

r/b Uliano Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:30am For the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:30am For the People of Saint James

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:30am Mary Ann Bujnowski

r/b Patricia Kuzma, daughter

5:00pm Barbara Siino

r/b Pat & Al Gargiulo

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia r/b Battaglia Family & Sisters

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am The People of Saint James 10:00am Rose & Orlando Cicalese

r/b Family

Antoinette Ragonese

r/b Angela Ragonese

12:00pm Bernie LoMacchio & James J.

& Eleanor Carney r/b John & Patty Carney Deceased Members of the

Lesniewski Family r/b Lesniewski Family

Lord, Hear Our Prayer



SANCTUARY LAMP:

John Mannarino r/b The Mannarino Family

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 Annelli, 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, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, 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, John Mannarino, 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, 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 homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO DIE

Maria Barro, Sister Nancy Meister, George Pittenger

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Maj. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Capt. Brian Jacobs, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson





FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES ANNUAL²⁰²⁴APPEAL 137 DONORS \$37,739 \$51,819 \$49,665 \$58.169

Did you know?... The 2024 Annual Appeal is in full swing. As you consider your gift amount, please remember the funds you give support essential ministries and programs within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish. Each parish is assigned two goals: a Base Goal, that must be met by the parish, and a Stretch Goal, that if exceeded the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction.

Thank you to all who have made their **2024 Annual Appeal** gift so far. We reached our Base Goal and are getting close to reaching our Stretch Goal! Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a parish rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

You may be able to double the impact of your contribution to the Annual Appeal with a corporate matching gift. Ask your employer if they will match your donation.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9



Have you registered for our parish

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 OR

Visit saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

*Be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contact list

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of March 30 & 31

Online Giving: 4.535.00

Weekend of April 6 & 7

Regular Collection: 5.394.00 Online Giving: \$ 4,030.00 \$ Total: 9,424.00

Easter Collection to date: \$42.914

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.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT OR BE A SPONSOR!



Proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church.

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:// golf-outing-2024/



ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. We have hoodies, quarter-zips,

polos, and more!

Scan the QR code to check out all of our merchandise!



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