



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

LORD, LET US SEE  
YOUR KINDNESS

PSALM 85

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 13, 2023**

[www.saintjamesparish.org](http://www.saintjamesparish.org)

## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### Summer Office Hours:

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

### Church Visiting Hours:

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, August 19:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

**Sunday, August 20:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy  
10:00AM - Fr. Santos  
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

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

*Credit: loyolapress.com*

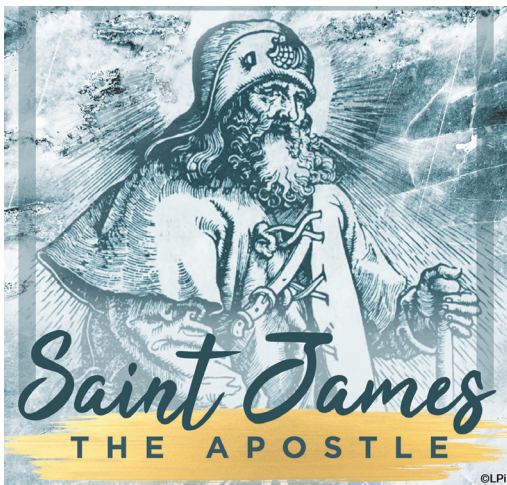
## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### This Tuesday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation!

All are invited as we celebrate and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Assumption into Heaven. Mass will be on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:30AM or 7:00PM.

Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

*credit: loyolapress.com*



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 85

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

### SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

### GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)



Thanks to the generous scholarship provided through Saint James parish, new seminarian, James McElroy, attended World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Participants from the Archdiocese were able to attend Mass at Porto, Braga, and Lisbon, Portugal, as well as the shrine at Fatima. While there, they also helped with tasks needed in the running of the shrine and were able to put the sacred in action, escorting elderly, infirm residents of a local nursing home to Mass at the shrine. The group was present for Pope Francis' visit to Fatima, and James was among the statue bearers from the Archdiocese that were able to carry the statue in the candlelight procession. During WYD, the group met youth from other countries, participated in an all-night festival of song and prayer, and were with a million of their newfound friends for the prayer service and Masses with Pope Francis. In true pilgrim fashion, they walked miles in and around the WYD activities.

A special highlight was a visit to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, our parish patron saint. Fr. Kevin celebrated Mass at the Chapel of Salome, mother of the Apostles James and John. It was meaningful for James to serve at that Mass, as well as at adoration and other Masses during this pilgrimage. At a Mass at a simple residence for older sisters of the Congregation of Fatima, James was asked to give a reflection. The Gospel was the feeding of the 5,000 and James focused on Jesus' words, "there is no need for them to go away." In reflecting on this, James said, "Jesus, who had just lost His own cousin John the Baptist and wanted time to be alone and pray, did not shy away from being there with those who needed Him in the end. The Apostles complained, just like us when we are faced with overwhelming odds, too many people, etc. And yet Jesus allowed Himself to be with them, and lives were changed as a result. This is the experience of a pilgrim, of all of us. God affects us most when we least expect Him to." Regarding his experience of Fatima, James said, "Our Lady of Fatima has certainly been looking out for me and all I want is to be a good son to her and a good disciple of her Beloved Son."

Special thanks to Fr. David Santos, Fr. John Dennehy, the people of Saint James parish for their generosity, and Fr. Kevin Kilgore, Ricardo Casimiro and Janet Natale for organizing and shepherding this experience.

James McElroy leaves this month to begin seminary formation. For this introductory year, he will study at St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie, Yonkers, NY. Please continue to pray for James as he takes this big step out in faith to see where the Lord is calling him. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement for James. It is an amazing and humbling blessing to have a parish that is truly a family; this will sustain James as he embarks on this new pilgrimage, and we are grateful.



You're Invited To The

# ALUMNI GRAND REUNION



September 8, 2023

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm



Springfield - Hillside Elks  
80 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ

---

\$35 per person • Cash Bar • Light Fare

RSVP: [SchoolAlumni@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:SchoolAlumni@saintjamesparish.org)



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

*Celebrating  
100 Years!*

The Centennial Committee looks forward to this special weekend to gather as a parish family!

**Centennial Mass with  
His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin**

Saturday, September 9th at 5:00PM Mass  
with Light Reception to Follow

**Parish Family Picnic**

Sunday, September 10th at 1:00PM  
Barbecue food, soft drinks provided

45 S. Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081

RSVP is required by August 28, 2023

Call (973) 376-3044

or email [parishanniversary@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:parishanniversary@saintjamesparish.org)



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

### *Centennial Prayer:*

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.

### **Celebrate the Centennial in Style!**

Check out our Centennial Boutique (online store) for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. We have hoodies, quarter-zips, polos and more! Scan the QR code below or visit the webpage to check out all our merchandise.

[saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial](http://saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial)



## *Saint James the Apostle Church Memorial and Honor Butterfly Release*

**September 10th, 2023  
at the Centennial Parish Family Picnic**

A butterfly release will be held as part of our centennial celebration.  
You can purchase a butterfly in memorial or honor of a loved one.

**Cost: \$25 per butterfly or \$100 for 5**  
Will be available after Masses or at the rectory.

### **Saint James Memorial & Honor Butterfly Release**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



### Help us make a difference in the lives of our children and families!

We are looking for volunteers to help out at this year's Family Faith Formation Sessions (for 1st through 6th grade) as Catechists, classroom Aides, and Hall monitors.

#### What will volunteers be doing?

- Catechists facilitate the small group discussion for one particular age group about our faith formation theme and explain and lead a small group activity.
- Classroom Aides help with classroom management, bathroom breaks, and passing out resources/materials.
- Hall monitors will help catechists and aids when they need more materials or have questions and will also be present to guide and direct children to their classrooms and bathroom when needed.

#### Will I need to prepare anything?

We will provide each catechist and aide with a guide that will help direct the 30 – 35 min session. We will send the small group guides ahead of time so you can review it, but the questions and activities will be prepared for you.

#### What is the time commitment?

It is a one-hour time commitment one Sunday a month (Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Jan. 7, Mar. 17, and Apr. 28). The sessions take place after the 8AM, 10AM, and 12 noon masses of those Sundays. We ask volunteers to commit to a specific time session and volunteer at the same time session for each of the six Family Faith Formation sessions.

#### What experience is needed?

Although experience teaching can be helpful, it is not expected or required. You don't even need to be an expert in Catholic theology or have all the answers. All you need is openness to being a witness of Christ for our children and their families.

#### Who do I contact for more info?

Ana Serra-Prescott either via email [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org), phone (973) 376-2061, or in person.

Thank you so much for considering sharing your faith and giving of your time and talent to make a difference on our children and families!



## Going Deeper with the Synod Next Steps for our Archdiocese



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

### All are Welcome!

Back by popular demand, the Going Deeper with the Synod on Synodality: The Lord's Call workshops will return in the fall with four gatherings for parishes that were unable to attend last spring or would like to send more participants. The workshops will provide time for prayer and sharing. It will also explore next steps for our Archdiocese and practical ways parishes and others can respond to the first priority from our report -- Welcome, Hospitality, and Outreach.

#### Choose one in-person session:

Thursday, September 21 at 6:30-9PM

JPII Youth Center, Kearny

Saturday, September 23 at 9:30AM-12PM

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Newark

Thursday, September 28, 6:30-9PM

St. Andrew Parish, Westwood

Saturday, October 7, 9:30AM-12PM

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Newark

Register at the QR code or visit  
[tinyurl.com/2kvprfxt](https://tinyurl.com/2kvprfxt)



## 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 Faith Formation Office at (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, AUGUST 12

**5:00pm** **Albert Uliano**  
r/b Clara Uliano & Family  
**Raymond M. Williamson**  
r/b Rocco & Marilyn Dragone

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

### Nineteenth Sunday in OT

**8:00am** **Genevieve Driscoll**  
r/b David Driscoll  
**Daniel & Angela Raimondo**  
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Marianne Van Volkenburgh  
**10:00am** **Maria & Silvio Lombardi**  
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale  
**Nancy Bandel**  
r/b Bernstein Family  
**12:00pm** **Betty Macchiachera**  
r/b Roethlin Family  
**Matthew Swajkowski**  
r/b Wife, Cynthia

## MONDAY, AUGUST 14

### St. Maximillian Kolbe

**7:30am** **Maria Stravato**  
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**7:30am** **For the People of Saint James**  
**7:00pm** **For the People of Saint James**

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

**7:30am** **Leo Eckmann**  
r/b Nancy Treiber

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

**7:30am** **Michelle McNany**  
r/b Dennis

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

**7:30am** **Gene Melleno**  
r/b Robin

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

**8:30am** **Gilda Tobia**  
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush  
**5:00pm** **Frank Impellizzeri**  
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick  
**Lawrence Kaufherr**  
r/b Angela & Albert Circelli

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

### Twentieth Sunday in OT

**8:00am** **Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Stephen Colligan**  
r/b Olga Vieira  
**10:00am** **Ronnies Fusco**  
r/b Fusco Family  
**Thomas Giaimo**  
r/b Giaimo Family  
**12:00pm** **Joseph McDonald, Jr., M.D.**  
r/b Schmidt Family  
**Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**  
r/b Marion Rivano

*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, 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 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 August 5 & 6

Regular Collection:	\$	4,912.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,628.00
Total:	\$	8,540.00

*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 the weekend of Aug 12/13 is for the Archdiocese Assessment...

...But do you know how St. James benefits from the assessment funding? We benefit greatly by being part of a larger Archdiocesan faith structure from receiving administrative services provided at no cost to the parish such as pension plan administration, legal and human resources services, as well as a number of other operational costs such as property and health insurance expense items that if purchased directly by the parish would far exceed our assessment cost. Will you help us cover this assessment expense?

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

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Michael DeRoberts  
deaconderoberts@saintjamesparish.org

### **WEEKEND ASSISTANT**

Father John Dennehy

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org

### **DIRECTOR OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Mrs. Ana Serra-Prescott  
aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

Ms. Nancy Caputo  
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Mr. Philip La Gala  
musicdirector@saintjamesparish.org

### **OFFICE MANAGER**

Mrs. Colleen Tyra  
ctyra@saintjamesparish.org

### **BOOKKEEPER**

Mrs. Katie Hyman  
businessoffice@saintjamesparish.org

### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

Mrs. Janet Petino and Mr. John Pflug