



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

LORD, YOUR LOVE IS
ETERNAL; DO NOT
FORSAKE THE WORK OF
YOUR HANDS.

PSALM 138

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 27, 2023

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, September 2:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, September 3:
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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Reflection on the Readings

The Blind Men and the Elephant is a well-known ancient parable (Blind Men and the Elephant – A Poem by John Godfrey Saxe).

It begins:

*It was six men of Indostan,
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.*

In this famous parable, each of the six blind men grasp a different part of an elephant's body, and in doing so make claims regarding its individual parts. Each grasped a part of the "truth" of the elephant but missed the "whole." The poem ends thus:

*And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion
Exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And all were in the wrong!*

This parable is used today by many skeptics as a warning for people who promote absolute truth or exclusive religious claims. They claim that, at best, we have only limited access to truth and thus cannot make absolutely true claims about God and religion.

In the Gospel, the Apostles' responses to Jesus' question of "who people say that I am?" seems to prove this point...that each fumble about in their responses. But if we take a closer look at the parable of the Blind Men and Elephant, doesn't the parable also point to something bigger – **the Elephant!?**

Indeed, each blind man has a limited perspective of the elephant, but that doesn't mean the elephant isn't real. And if we continue to press this point further we'll see that just because we have limited access to Truth, that doesn't mean any and all versions of Truth are equally valid...and I believe this is a point Jesus drives home.

Friends, today we come face-to-face with what it means to be Christian. Our religion is a religion whose mission throughout history has been to declare to the world that **Jesus Christ is Lord, the Son of God!** Jesus emphatically says, "if you want to know what God the Father is like then look at me."

This is such a unique and powerful claim...no other religion makes such a claim: *Buddha* said he wasn't God and that others should follow his path to enlightenment. *Muhammed* said he was the prophet and to follow the book, the Koran.

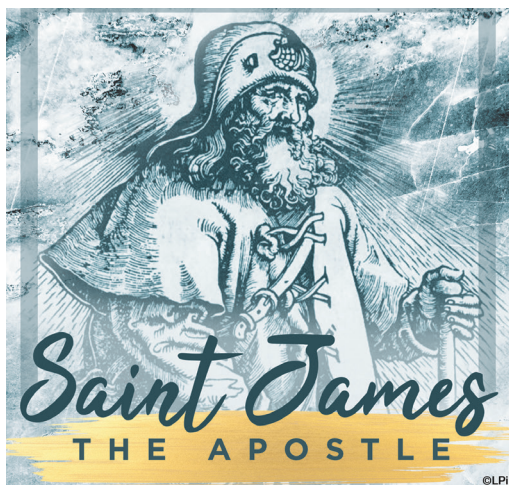
But Jesus said, "Follow me...because whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). Friends, if Jesus is who he said he is, then what He taught and what He did takes on a whole new meaning and significance.

-Fr. David Santos, Pastor



Quote of the Week

"Be a light wherever you stand and whenever you stand. . . Be an example of truth, kindness, and justice. Be a reflection of the Savior." —Justin Steckbauer



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Isaian 22:19-23

"...When he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 138

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 16:18

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscgb.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 10 - 14

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

FESTIVAL



**GAMES * RIDES
FOOD * BEER TENT
TIN CAN BASKET
AUCTION AND MUCH MORE FUN!**

Saint James Tin Can Auction Needs Your Contribution to Make it a Success!

One of the major highlights of the annual Saint James the Apostle Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction—and your help is needed to make this year's event even more successful than in the past. The Tin Can Auction is a tricky-tray-type event during which festivalgoers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants.

Saint James needs contributions of prizes - goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make its Tin Can Auction a success!

If you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact Antoinette Miller through the Rectory Office at 973-376-3044 or send an email to tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org.



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



Scan the QR code for online payments or write a check payable to "Saint James Parish" and mailed to the rectory office: 45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081. Reference "Alumni Reunion".

For questions please call the rectory Office at 973-376-3044 or the email provided on this flyer.



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

*Celebrating
100 Years!*

**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

Saint James Memorial & 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 is \$25 per butterfly or \$100 for 5. Available for purchase after Masses or at the Rectory - fill out the form below to reserve a butterfly.

Saint James Memorial & Honor Butterfly Release

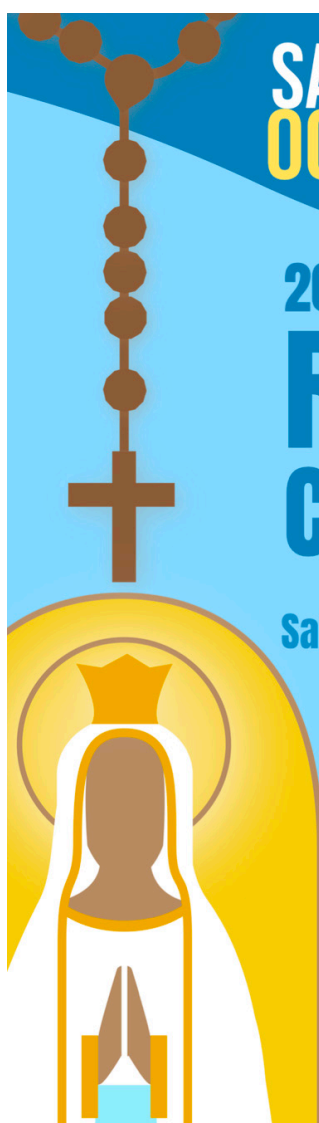
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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

MORE NEWS & EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 7 - 8

**2023 EUCHARISTIC
ROSARY
CONGRESS**
at
Saint James the Apostle

This Rosary Congress is for reparation, life and peace, healing, renewal, families, our country, evangelization and vocations.

Details and complete program will follow in the coming weeks

Mental Health & Wellness Ministry: Caregiver Wellness Program

Introducing the Caregiver Wellness Online Series, an exclusive and transformative program crafted specifically for caregivers, who deserve to prioritize their well-being and find balance in their lives.

In these engaging and interactive sessions, we will introduce you to techniques carefully curated to cater to your unique needs. Through immersive hands-on experiences, you will have the opportunity to explore these techniques firsthand, fostering a deep understanding of their potential to enhance your overall wellness.

By embracing the online series, you are taking the vital step towards reclaiming time for yourself and nurturing your well-being. We aim to empower you with the tools and knowledge necessary to flourish as a caregiver, finding harmony in both your caregiving responsibilities and personal aspirations. Join us on this empowering journey beginning in September!

Virtual meetings will be held on Wednesdays
at 7:00-7:30PM on the following dates:
September 13th, 20th, 27th and October 4th

Sign up online by scanning the QR code here with your mobile device, or visit this link: namiunioncountynj.org.



Join the Saint James Choir!

You are invited to join the music ministry at Saint James the Apostle as we begin our new season in September! **We will begin on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00PM** in preparation for our Centennial celebration with Joseph Cardinal Tobin on Saturday, September 9th at 5:00PM Mass.

Our choir provides music for the 10:00AM Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month, 12:00PM Mass on the second Sunday of the month, and 5:00PM Mass on the last Saturday of the month. (September through June). On occasion, we also enhance liturgies during holy days and special Masses.

Rehearsals will take place every Thursday in the church, beginning promptly at 7:00PM and typically lasting about an hour. All interested members (high school age and older) are welcome to join our community of song; no prior singing experience is necessary.

Please contact Philip LaGala with any questions at musicdirector@saintjamesparish.org, or feel free to speak with him after Mass.



Family Faith Formation Registration is Open for 2023-2024!

The registration form and the calendar dates for both the Family Faith Formation sessions for 1st to 6th graders and the Confirmation sessions for 7th and 8th graders can be found on the Family Faith Formation page of the parish website, saintjamestheapostle.org. Please know the registration fee will incur a \$50 increase after August 31st and registration will close on September 15, 2023. Family Faith Formation sessions for 1st to 6th grade will begin on Sunday, September 17th after the 8AM, 10AM, and 12 noon masses. Confirmation sessions will begin with a parent and child meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd (for 7th grade) and on October 17th (for 8th grade).

There will be a parent meeting for families who are new to the Family Faith program on Monday, September 11 at 7PM in the Church and a meeting for parents of children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this 2023-2024 year on Monday, September 11 at 8PM in the Church.

Volunteer for Family Faith Formation

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.

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!

For More Information, Please Contact:

If you need any further information on how to register your child, please reach out to Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org, (973)376-2061, or in person either at the rectory during office hours or if you see her after Mass or around town.

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



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 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 26

5:00pm **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Emanuel C. Sobretudo
r/b Resplandor C. Sobretudo & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Twenty-First Sunday in OT

8:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Serge Andre
r/b Myrna & Marie Andre
10:00am **Fred DeCaro**
r/b Bernstein Family
Joan Kelly
r/b Ria Zazzarino
12:00pm **Michael Patuto**
r/b Wife
Ernest Reedy & Alfonso Cacciatore
r/b Eugenia & Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

St. Augustine

7:30am **Nina Plaia**
r/b Graziano Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St John the Baptist

7:30am **Maxima Elreo Kerns**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30am **Guido Labagnara**
r/b Rita Lombardi, Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30am **Aurora & Ceferino Gozo**
r/b Ave Gozo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30am **Grace O'Brien**
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30am **Judith Natale**
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush
5:00pm **Peter DiCosmo**
r/b Wife & Family
Robert Roessner
r/b Ralph & Chris DeCicco

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in OT

8:00am **Aurora & Ceferino Gozo**
r/b Ave Gozo
Steven Trombecky
r/b Prescott Family
10:00am **Giovannina & Antonio**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Frances Naporano
r/b Dr. & Mrs. Paolo Moretti
12:00pm **Anne Lofredo**
r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron
Angelina & Carmelo Rivano
r/b Marion Rivano

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:
For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Philip Citro
r/b Daughter, Joan Bratsch

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

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 19 & 20

Regular Collection:	\$	4,371.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,548.00
Total:	\$	7,919.00

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 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 Parish has a Building Maintenance fund. Donations to this fund support the parish's ability to address maintenance needs around the campus. You can make donations anytime to the Building Maintenance fund but look for the second collection the week-end of August 26/27.

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

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

Father David C. Santos
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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WEEKEND ASSISTANT

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