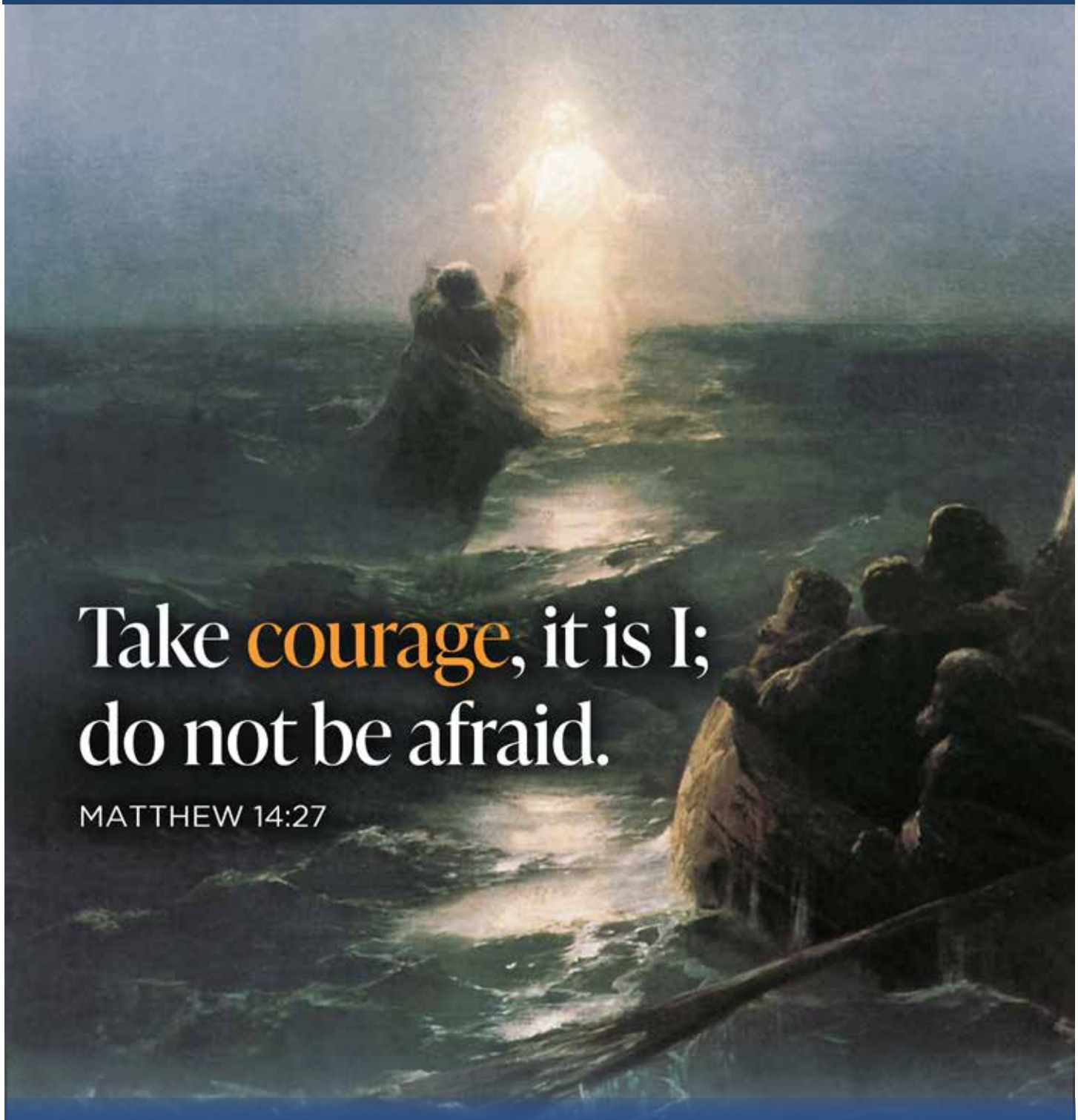
Saint James the Apostle
Roman Catholic Church



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 9, 2026

www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

Summer Office Hours:
(Closed 12PM-1PM for Lunch)

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 15:
5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, August 16:
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 *(Third Wednesday of each month will have live music.)*

Second Saturdays at 3PM

**The First Rosary and Wednesday Adoration of the month are for Priestly and Religious Vocations*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

This Sunday's readings speak directly to hearts that feel worn down by the noise and uncertainty of life.

Elijah stands on Mount Horeb after a season of ***fear, disappointment,*** and ***exhaustion***. He has seen dramatic signs of God's power before, yet in his moment of deepest need, the Lord does not come to him in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. **God comes in a quiet whisper.**

That is an important lesson for us. We often look for God in dramatic answers, immediate solutions, or unmistakable signs. But the Lord is ***frequently*** found in the **quiet places**: in **prayer**, in the **sacraments**, in a word of **encouragement**, in the **stillness** of conscience, and in the **daily duties of our vocation**. When the world around us feels chaotic, God's voice may not compete with the noise. Instead, He invites us to become quiet enough to hear Him.

The Gospel gives us the same message in another image. Peter steps out of the boat because Jesus calls him: "Come." For a moment, Peter does the impossible. But when he shifts his attention from Jesus to the wind and waves, fear takes hold and he begins to sink. Still, even then, Jesus does not abandon him. The Lord reaches out His hand and saves him.

Many of us know what it is like to feel tossed about by strong winds: troubling headlines, family worries, illness, financial pressures, discouragement in prayer, or anxiety about the future. The temptation is to stare at the storm until it becomes all we can see. But the **Lord calls us to keep our eyes fixed on Him**. He does not promise that we will never feel afraid. He promises that He is near, that He is faithful, and that His hand is ready to lift us up when our faith feels weak.

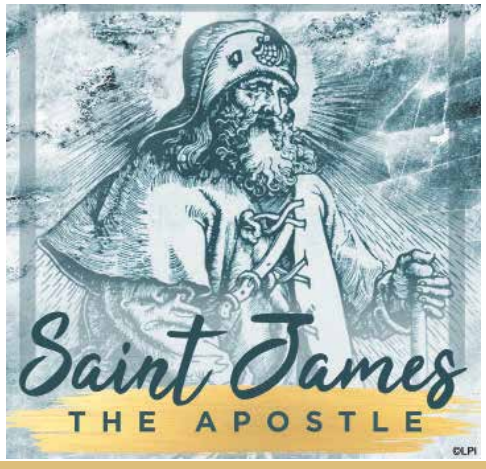
This week, I invite you to make room for the "quiet whispering sound" of God. Take a few minutes each day to step away from the noise, bring one fear honestly before the Lord, and listen for His invitation. Perhaps His word to you will be the same one He spoke to Peter: "Come." Come closer. Come in trust. Come without fear.

Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The fundamental dignity of each person is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified.

— Pope Leo XIV



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.”

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 14:22-33
During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 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 usccb.org

HOLY WHYS: DEACON HUGH REPLIES

Dear Deacon Hugh:

Why do we call a priest “Father” when the Bible tells us not to call anyone other than God our Father?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

The verse you are thinking of is Matthew 23:9, where Jesus warns His disciples not to call anyone “Rabbi,” “Master,” or “Father.” Taken by itself, that can sound like a simple prohibition. But Jesus is speaking into a very specific situation. He is correcting the pride of the Scribes and Pharisees, who loved titles, honor, and public recognition more than humble service. His concern is not the respectful use of a word, but the spiritual danger of allowing any title to become a throne. That is why He ends the teaching by saying, “The greatest among you must be your servant.” In the Church, every title is meant to bend toward service. Pope Gregory expressed this beautifully when he called himself *servus servorum De*i—the servant of the servants of God.

Calling a priest Father recalls Jesus’ promise in Matthew 19:29 that those who leave home, family, and possessions for His sake will receive a hundredfold in the kingdom of heaven and inherit eternal life. A priest lives this in a particular way. He gives up the natural family he might have had so that he can receive a spiritual family: a parish, a flock, a household of souls entrusted to his care. This is why St. Paul could write, “I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Cor. 4:14–15), and why St. John could address the faithful as his “children” (1 John 2:1). Spiritual fatherhood does not compete with God’s fatherhood. It participates in it and points back to it.

The custom of calling a priest “Father” is not limit to Roman Catholics. Eastern Orthodox Christians, Eastern Rite Catholics, many Anglicans and Episcopalians, and the Polish National Catholic Church have all preserved the practice of calling priests “Father.” That broad Christian witness helps us see that the title was never meant to replace the Fatherhood of God. It is meant to reflect it in a limited, humble, and pastoral way.

So, when we call a priest “Father,” we are not placing him beside God, much less above Him. We are recognizing that God, who alone is Father in the fullest sense, often chooses to care for His people through human instruments. The real danger is not the title itself but forgetting the One to whom every priest must lead us. Properly understood, calling a priest “Father” does not contradict Scripture. It expresses the servant-hearted spiritual fatherhood that begins in God, depends on God, and must always lead us back to God.

Deacon Hugh

If you have a question you would like to ask, please email Deacon Hugh at **hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org.**

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith 2026-2027 Registration is 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.
We look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our parish program!

Please use the QR code to access the Registration form and fee payment.
(The form is to register 1st to 9th graders – One form per family)

*****Anyone new to the program, please call, email, or make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Prescott before registering.*****

Families with **children** who will be **starting their second year of sacramental preparation this coming school year (2026-2027)** for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, should select both "Sunday Family Faith" and "First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion (in May 2027)" when registering.

Children who completed Family Faith Level 6 in 2025-2026:
Register for "Confirmation Year 1 (Receiving the Sacrament Fall 2028)"

Confirmation candidates who completed Year 1 last school year (2025-2025): Need to register for their second year of preparation process for Confirmation using the QR code above or the link you received in the email. Please select "Confirmation Year 2 (Receiving Sacrament Fall 2027).

Confirmation candidates receiving the sacrament this October, do not register for this coming school year.

DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S SESSIONS (2026-2027)

Although we are still waiting for confirmation on our Family Faith Sessions dates, please see our September meetings and Session below:

Monday, September 14 – 7PM: New families Orientation

Monday, September 14 – 8PM: First Holy Communion Parents Orientation

Sunday, September 27: First Family Faith Session (session will include distribution of at-home resources). More information on this day will be emailed to all registered families as the date is still pending approval.

As soon as our dates are confirmed, all families registered will receive an email.
Please know these dates provided above and the potential dates for the year can also be found in our parish calendar on the website. Thank you so much for your patience!!

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 SCHEDULE
(7th Grade)

Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30PM at the Church

September 8 – 7PM (Parent and child meeting)

October 6
November 10
December 1
January 12
February 9
March 16
April 6

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 SCHEDULE
(8th Grade)

Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30PM at the Church

September 8 – 8PM (Parent and child meeting)
October 20
November 17
December 15
January 26
February 23
March 23
April 20
June 1 – 7PM (Parent and child meeting)

*Retreat in Fall 2027 (Date TBA)
Last session in Fall 2027 (Date TBA)
Interviews in Fall 2027 (Dates TBA)

Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this October 2026

A reminder to **sign up for your interview** using the link that will be emailed to you next week.
Interviews are on Saturday, September 12.
Remember that your **last session** is on Tuesday, September 15 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.
And your **retreat** is on Saturday, September 26.

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

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Family Faith Formation Program to volunteer as Catechists, Classroom Aids, Adult Session Aides, and Hall Monitors.

If after prayerful consideration, you are interested and feel called to volunteering in any of those capacities, or have more questions, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org, call (973)376-2061, or stop by the rectory.

LOOKING FOR PEER LEADERS FOR THE 2026-2027 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are in high school, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are currently a parishioner at St. James, and are interested in being a peer leader for this coming year's Confirmation Prep Groups, call or email Ana Serra-Prescott to schedule an interview.

*Please know that if selected, you **must** be able to commit to:

- Attending all 7 sessions or 14 (if you chose to volunteer for both groups) plus the parent and candidate meeting on September 8.
- Attend the Confirmation retreat and the Confirmation Masses in the Fall of 2027 (if you will be volunteering for the Confirmation Year 2 group, unless you will be away in college)

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5 Reasons Your Child Should Be an Altar Server

1. Gets your family to Mass on time
2. Altar servers are actively involved during the Mass
3. Being an altar server means hands-on learning
4. Being an altar server may encourage future religious vocations
5. Being an altar server is a chance to meet others from the parish

Boys and Girls in 4th grade (or higher) are invited to join this special ministry!

Altar servers serve at the Saturday evening or Sunday weekly Masses and special Holy Days. Servers also serve at other special Masses during the year. Servers are scheduled for approximately one weekend every 3 or 4 weeks, as needed. **We are in most need of servers for the 5:00pm Saturday and 8:00am Sunday Masses.** Altar servers choose their preferred weekly Mass time to make serving easily fit into the family schedule.

If your child is interested in joining this ministry or you would like additional information, please email: **altarservers@saintjamesparish.org**

SAINT JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or have been in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any "Special Intention" (Restored Health).

If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor by e-mail:
PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

Please Note: *For privacy reasons and HIPPA regulations, names may be added to the prayer list by the individual themselves, or with their **explicit permission** from the one in need of prayers. Individuals in need of prayers may also call the rectory for assistance.*

SAINT JAMES BOUTIQUE

Visit our online boutique for St. James the Apostle Parish apparel and more!

HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

"Peace begins when the hungry are fed." - Dorothy Day

THANK YOU SAINT JAMES PARISHIONERS!!

WHO HAVE WE SUPPORTED IN 2026?

- Our Lady of Sorrows Food Pantry *(South Orange)*
- Family Promise *(Union County)*
- Mercy House *(Newark)*
- Loaves & Fishes at St. Teresa's *(Summit)*

WHAT HAVE WE PROVIDED?

- 100's of bags food
- 100's of personal care items
- 100's of dollars in Shop Rite gift cards
- TONS & TONS of love and support

UPCOMING COLLECTION DATES

September 13
October 11
November 15
December 6

COMING SOON AT SAINT JAMES!

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF OUTING

~~JULY 6, 2026~~ POSTPONED

POSTPONED TO

AUGUST 18, 2026

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

UPDATED SCHEDULE

11:00 AM : Registration/Brunch
1:00 PM : Shotgun Start
6:00 PM : Cocktail Hour
7:00 PM : Buffet Dinner

For questions and more information, email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GOLF OUTING

IMPORTANT UPDATE

GOLF OUTING 50/50

Drawing Date Changed

The 50/50 drawing originally scheduled for July 6, 2026 will now take place on **August 18, 2026** at 8:00 PM at Maplewood Country Club, 28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ 07040.

Due to inclement weather the Golf Outing has been postponed to August 18, 2026

All Tickets remain valid for the new date
Winner need not be present
For questions email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org
Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our event

SUMMER BOOK JOURNEY

THE SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SUMMER BOOK JOURNEY WITH:

HUMILITY RULES

By Fr. Augustine Wetta

"With warmth, wit, and honesty, Humility Rules presents a fascinating window into the way of the monk, showing how Saint Benedict's wisdom enables us to find freedom in Christ wherever we make our home."

AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK AND KINDLE ON AMAZON

PLEASE JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS!

- **Tuesday, September 22 at 7PM**
  In the Narthex

Questions? Email us at
adultfaithformation@saintjamesparish.org

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

HOMECOMING WEEKEND PARISH PICNIC

13 SEPTEMBER
SUNDAY, 1:00 PM
(AFTER THE NOON MASS)

FOOD | DRINKS | MUSIC | ICE CREAM

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DESSERTS, TENTS, TABLES, AND CHAIRS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A BUTTERFLY RELEASE IN MEMORIAL AND HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES.

PLEASE RSVP ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BY SEPTEMBER 4

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH THE EVENT SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP. YOU CAN SIGNUP TO HELP USING THE ONLINE RSVP FORM

FOR MORE INFO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (973) 376-3044

Saint James the Apostle Church

Memorial and Honor Butterfly Release

A butterfly release will be held as part of our Homecoming Weekend Parish Picnic on September 13. You can purchase a butterfly in memorial or honor of a loved one.

Submit this form to Joan Bratsch or Chris DeCicco after Masses or drop it off with payment at the rectory.

Cost: $25 per butterfly or $100 for five

Name

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Total Amount. $

Saint James the Apostle Adult Faith Formation

Women, Wine, and Wisdom

September 18, 7:00pm
Saint James Church and Narthex

"From Busy to Blessed"
Talk to be given by
Sr. Marlene Milasus, OSB
Retreat Center Director
Benedictine Sisters of Saint Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth

Scan the QR code to Register Today!

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LIFE IN CHRIST SEMINAR

A FIVE-SESSION FAITH SERIES

MONDAYS 7:00PM
Join us for rosary at 6:30PM
SEPT 21 & 29 | OCT 5, 12, & 19

45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07083

Are you seeking a deeper connection with Jesus and have your life transformed by the Holy Spirit? Are you interested in growing your faith and actively participating in church?

Meet Christ, Live Christ, and Share Christ

The Life in Christ Seminar is a course that aims to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Catholics. It comprises five sessions that incorporates prayers, songs, teaching, and group discussion.

Register today by scanning the QR code or visiting our website at saintjamestheapostle.org

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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 festival goers 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.

So, 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 you can email **tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org**.

MY PARISH FAMILY

The Dog Days of Summer

The dog days of summer are upon us. Most of us escape and find relief from the extreme heat in air-conditioned surroundings. We are most fortunate. There are those whose financial circumstances prohibit such a luxury as air conditioning. Catholic Charities strives on a daily basis to relieve suffering. Please be part of this effort by contributing to the Donation Bin(s). Thank you

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 about the priesthood? Are you being called? Reach out to Father Patrick Seo and the Office of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark! Visit **www.NewarkPriest.com**, email **NewarkPriest@rcan.org**, follow **@NewarkPriest** on social media, or call **(973) 313-6190**.

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 & OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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. Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
Saint Dominic
5:00pm **Albert Uliano**
r/b Clara Uliano
Sy Kahn
r/b Kahn Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am **Angelo Bonavitacola**
r/b Bill and Antoinette Miller
Micheline Nawrocki
r/b John and Cindy O'Reilly
10:00am **Nico Lombardi**
r/b Michelle and Joseph Mazzacuva
Anne and Tony Graziano
r/b Dennis Giaimo
12:00pm **Angelina Benson**
r/b Family
Kristin Vetesy
r/b Melissa Sarracino

MONDAY, AUGUST 10
Saint Lawrence
7:30am **Joseph Giaccio**
r/b Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
Saint Clare
7:30am **Joseph Giaccio**
r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
7:30am **Mario Garcia**
r/b Ramiro, Connie, Alicia, Josefina, and Zamuz Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
7:30am **For the Deceased Friends and Relatives of the Brodeur Family**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
Saint Maximilian Kolbe
7:30am **Angelo Bonavitacola**
r/b Linda and Bob Donnelly

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am **Robert Pruett**
r/b Diane Pruett
5:00pm **John Sr., Amelia, and John Jr. Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Frank Impellizzeri
r/b Theresa and Michael Quick

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am **Francis Gareza**
r/b Mary Baladad
Susana H. Fernandez
r/b Bill and Antoinette Miller
10:00am **Rita and Angelo Forcella**
r/b Rita and Lou Conte
Maria and Silvio Lombardi
r/b Rita, Angela, and Pasquale
12:00pm **Norman Cella**
r/b Roethlin Family
James F. Carney
r/b Patty and John Carney

SANCTUARY LAMP:
For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Mario Garcia
r/b Ramiro, Connie, Alicia, and Josephina

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

A TIME TO HEAL

If you would like a person to remain on the list after four weeks, please contact the rectory.

JoAnn Marie DeLouisa, Alberto Fernandez, Jocelyn Sperlazza ✝ Fran Wagner ✝ Yvonne Jezior, Joseph

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

James Gallagher, Joseph Proto, Mary Ann Stieve

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Major Jeffrey Bordenave, Brian Braine, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, 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

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Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 *OR*
Sign up on the website:
saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals
Weekend of August 1 & 2

Regular Collection:	$ 5,793.00
Online Giving:	$ 4,697.00
Total:	$ 10,490.00

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!

REPORT FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT CONFIDENTIALLY: If you suspect financial misconduct, use ***EthicsPoint***, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit ***www.rcan.org*** for the hotline and reporting link.

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 Finance Council has a Grants sub-committee that works on submitting proposals to foundations or government agencies to ask for financial support to fund a specific parish need. For example, the new generator that will provide immediate backup support to the church and new parish center was purchased fully through a Homeland Security grant.

Archdiocese Assessment - The second collection the weekend of August 8/9 is for the *Archdiocese Assessment*. This collection helps to offset our Archdiocese Assessment charge, which is the fee we pay to the Archdiocese for the various benefits we receive being part of the larger Archdiocesan faith structure. These benefits include 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.

Capital Campaign Update - Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or gift to the capital campaign. As of August 3rd, 325 families have pledged over $3.1 million. Thank you!

That's about 65% of the families/ individuals that have a record of active giving to the parish. But we don't want to stop there. We'd like to see even broader participation from the parish community. So, if you haven't already, make a pledge to be a part of this exciting campaign and help us reach our next goal of participation from over 300 families. Rest assured, every amount, no matter the size, is accepted with an abundance of gratitude.

Together, *centered in hope and growing in faith,* we will build a bright future for our parish for generations to come.

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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WEEKEND ASSISTANT
Rev. John Dennehy

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