



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

*Emmanuel*  
GOD IS WITH US

NATIVITY OF THE LORD | DECEMBER 25TH, 2022

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### Office Hours:

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

### Church Visiting Hours:

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, December 31:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, January 1:**  
**Solemnity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
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 7:00PM in the  
Church and on Facebook  
Live

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Wednesdays at 7PM  
Second Saturdays at 3PM

### RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Monday, Dec. 26th and  
Monday, Jan. 2nd the  
office will be closed.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



**"Merry Christmas!"** We greet each other this way at this time of year, casually or with warmth, and a host of meanings attend the phrase. We say with these words: Hope you have fun on the holidays! Enjoy this gift I've brought you. Please sit at our table and share our feasting. Have a safe journey and a lovely time with your family. In whatever context we utter the phrase, "merry Christmas" is a wish and a blessing of real, tangible, incarnate life. We wrap love in bright paper and top it with a bow. We bake love in fragrant kitchens and serve it on longer-than-usual tables. We find love with the people who are most important to us. We have intimate conversations we never find time for in any other season of the year. **Christmas celebrates our humanity, wonderful enough that God chose to share it. And He continues to do so.**

God wraps divine love in swaddling clothes and a baby's hungry cry. God serves up love to be eaten and drunk at tables the world over. God decrees that divine love can be discovered in coming together with people we love and also with people we don't love or even know. God is in our conversation, in the heart of the world and the heart of each one of us, but **He is most miraculously present in the Bread of Life that we partake in every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.**

Friends, God is in the world, in the flesh. God wants to be known as Emmanuel, God-with-us. **Not some God-out-there, but God-right-here.** Not a God who receives our prayers from faraway and may or may not reply—but a God who experiences our loneliness, sweats our fear, hopes for what we hope for, and works through us and with us to bring the future into being. Merry Christmas indeed!

In the Peace of our Incarnate Lord,

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor



**Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as a welcoming and diverse community, We, the Parish of Saint James the Apostle invite all to worship as we celebrate the Eucharist, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, and serve the needs of one another, as we help build the Kingdom of God on Earth.**



## SUNDAY READINGS

### ***Christmas Mass During the Day***

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"*

#### **Responsorial: Psalm 98**

*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6**

*...In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe...*

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.*

#### **Gospel: John 1:1-18**

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.*

*For Christmas Eve readings, visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).*

# Welcome Home!

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, and maybe you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Church. Maybe you are seeking purpose, meaning, or direction in life and hope to find answers through a life of faith. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. Welcome home!

### ***Questions about Catholic Faith, Sacraments, or Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church?***

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. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. No commitment is assumed - we welcome your questions and would be happy to walk with you no matter where you are at on your journey of faith!

***For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.***

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### ***Returning to Confession***

The sacrament of Confession is a great place to begin on your journey back to faith! Reconciliation is an opportunity to receive the outpouring of God's love and mercy - He waits for us with open arms, no matter what we've done or how long we've been away. Jesus is overjoyed to welcome you home! Confession is offered at Saint James every Saturday at 4PM or you can call the rectory to schedule an appointment (973-376-3044).

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, we encourage you to take a step in faith! You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in this Sacrament. If you feel nervous, it's okay! Tell the priest that it's your first time in awhile or if you feel nervous and he will guide you through it. Have no fear - Confession is a place of victory!

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# Christmas Memorials

**THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY  
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia***  
*r/b The Battaglia Family*

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY  
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Matthew Swajkowski***  
*r/b Cynthia & Matthew Vincent  
& Alison Swajkowski*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE NARTHEX  
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***The Swajkowski & Felegi Families***  
*r/b Cynthia Swajkowski*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE  
SANCTUARY ARE DISPLAYED  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***The Deceased Members of  
the Delmauro Family***  
*r/b The Battaglia Family*

***Grandson, Michael P. Bongiovanni***  
*r/b Deacon Jerry & Family*

***Susan Sullivan***  
*r/b Her Sister, Pat*

***Tony Graziano***  
*r/b Anne Graziano & Family*

***Paul & Ann Marie Bentivegna***  
*r/b The Bentivegna Family*

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Marie & Ettore Vecchione***  
*r/b Daughter, Jill*

**THE OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CRECHE IS  
DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Pete Petino***  
*r/b Family*

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF  
SAINT JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Philip & Rose Ann Citro***  
*r/b Daughters and Family*

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS  
INSIDE THE CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey***  
*r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis*

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS  
IN THE NARTHEX IS DISPLAYED IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF**

***John D. Pflug, III & Garrett Gurrieri***  
*r/b Family*

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR  
COLUMNS ARE DISPLAYED  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Deceased Members of the Battaglia Family***  
*r/b The Battaglia Family*

***The Zara Family***  
*r/b Battaglia Family*

***Angela and Daniel Raimondo***  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Maryann VanVolkenberg*

***Hanna Grasso***  
*r/b Niece & Family*

***Louis Stiglitz***  
*r/b Wife, Marilyn Stiglitz*

***Susan Lang***  
*r/b Mother, Marilyn Stiglitz*

***Mary Moessner***  
*r/b Daughter, Marilyn Stiglitz*

***Lewis Moessner***  
*r/b Daughter, Marilyn Stiglitz*

***The Deceased Members of  
the Mossner Family***  
*r/b Marilyn Stiglitz*

***Mary Stawasz***  
*r/b Marilyn Stiglitz*

# Ministry Spotlight

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Members of the Saint James Mental Health Ministry are called to provide vital spiritual accompaniment for people experiencing mental illness, or other life occurrences which disrupt mental and spiritual wellness. We also include those who care for them. Ministry members provide an environment for these individuals to share their experiences and Catholic faith with others and grow closer in their relationship with God.

Our goal is to provide a place to speak out and be heard in a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental environment, where isolation and stigma dissipate as supportive community is created. We understand that mental illness is a disease inside and part of a person who has a heart and soul in need of love and compassion. We work to eliminate the stigma and discrimination that people living with a mental illness encounter in society.

As people of God, we see persons living with a mental illness as unique individuals who are not defined by their illness. We create an opportunity for them to join us in as a spiritual community of faith, we do not provide mental health therapy. For more information and resources on mental health informed by our faith, scan the QR code here.



*"Every human being has a great, yet often unknown gift—to care, to be compassionate, to become present to the other, to listen, to hear, and to receive. If that gift would be set free and made available, miracles could take place." ~ Henri Nouwen*

## Giving Tree

Friends, thank you for donating over 400 gifts to the Giving Tree! Because of your generosity, we were able to help so many local families in need and brighten their Christmas celebrations. The staff at St. James and St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth are so grateful for your kindness and generosity!

-Gianna Hayes

## CONNECT WITH US!



**FACEBOOK:**  
saintjamestheapostle



**INSTAGRAM:**  
@saintjamestheapostle



**YOUTUBE:**  
Saint James the Apostle Church



**WEB:**  
saintjamestheapostle.org

## REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

If you would like to register as a member of the parish, please contact the rectory office by calling the number below or by talking to any of our priests after Mass.

## SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our newsletter - our way of keeping you up-to-date on parish news, events and much more. Here's how you can sign up:

- > Text **NEWSLETTER** to **84576**
- > Visit [saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com](http://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)
- > Fill out a card at the info center in the church narthex

## GIVE US A CALL

**Office Phone:**  
(973) 376-3044  
**Office Hours:**  
Mon-Fri 8:30AM-3PM





# COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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## COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Christmas • Luke 2:1-14



## GOSPEL

Long ago, God promised to send a Savior into the world. So when Jesus was finally born in Bethlehem, the angels praised God. The angels shared God's great news with the shepherds, so they could find Jesus and praise God, too.



## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into the world. I want to praise you like the angels did.



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

May the light of Christ shine through you this Christmas and all through 2023! Enjoy time with family and friends and making new memories!



## SACRAMENTS



### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

### 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.

### VOCATIONS

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations.

Call: 973-313-6190. Email: [info@newarkpriest.com](mailto:info@newarkpriest.com).

Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: [newarkpriest.com](http://newarkpriest.com)

### *Do you know someone who...*

**Was never baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination, and has expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?**

Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

*For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at (973) 376-2061.*



## MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### *Christmas Eve*

8:30AM Caesar & Edward Rivano  
r/b Marion Rivano  
4:00PM For the People of Saint James  
6:00PM For the People of Saint James  
12:00AM For the People of Saint James

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### *The Nativity of the Lord*

8:00AM For the People of Saint James  
10:00AM For the People of Saint James  
12:00PM For the People of Saint James

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

#### *St. Stephen*

8:30AM John Clark  
r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### *St. John*

7:30AM Rose Marie Bufo  
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### *Holy Innocents*

7:30AM Jose Videna & Maracela Videna  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30AM Michele McNany  
r/b Dennis McNany

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

#### *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

7:30AM William Patrick Sullivan  
r/b Mary & Joseph Cangiano

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30AM Jose Videna & Marcela Videna  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle  
5:00PM For the People of Saint James

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

#### *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00AM For the People of Saint James  
10:00AM Protection of the Unborn  
req. by Fernandez Family  
12:00PM Gloria Madrid  
r/b Michael G.

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



#### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

Msgr. William Hatcher  
r/b Nancy Caputo

#### **BREAD & WINE:**

Fr. John F. Tyks  
r/b Brenner Family

*To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.*

### A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Emily Rose Battaglia  
Nicholas Saint Del Mauro Rivera  
Edward Anthony Rodriguez  
William Rush  
Charles Arsenio Stewart  
Henry David Woodruff

### A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Marie Boin, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Beverly DeMarzo, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, 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, 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., John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Erin Wade, Anne Wallis, MaryEllen Warren, Elisa Warshall, Christopher Waryn, Peggy Wysock

*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 December 11th

Regular collection	\$ 8,262.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,113.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,375.00</b>

<i>Retirement Fund for the Religious</i>	<i>\$1,944</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>\$1,141</i>

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?... Your gifts of time, talent and treasure show your love for Jesus. During this season of giving, what will your gift to St. James be?

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

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## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Father David C. Santos  
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Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

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