

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

# This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.

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

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

**Church Visiting Hours:** Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 2: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, March 3: 8:00AM - Fr. Paladino 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 12:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### **DAILY MASS:**

Mon-Fri:	7:30ам
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 7рм

Second Saturdays at 3PM



# **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

#### UPDATE ON THE CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT

#### February 2024

I am happy to report that much has been happening behind the scenes to achieve the established objectives set by the Campus Redevelopment Committee. As a reminder the established objectives that any sale of the property must meet are to:

- Produce an end use for the property that would be in synergy with • the mission of the parish community.
- Provide a means for the parish to extinguish the parish debt to the Archdiocese.
- Provide an on-going revenue stream for the parish.
- Assist in building a new parish center and replacement of the rectory (in conjunction with funds from a parish capital campaign).

Listed below are bullet points of some of the many things that have been accomplished to date behind the scenes. I urge you to take the time to read them since they will answer some of your immediate questions.

#### 1. The Sale of the School/Convent Property

An agreement has been reached between St. James the Apostle Church and The Winston School of Short Hills for the sale of a portion of St. James property that includes the school and the former convent. The Winston School is a private special education school for children grades 1-8. Their intended plans are to renovate the existing school building and to raze the former convent building for use as recreational space and parking.

#### 2. Parish Capital Campaign

Over the summer of 2022 a capital campaign feasibility study was conducted to determine the parish's potential giving capacity and to test the Capital Campaign Case Statement (i.e. construction of a new parish center). The result of the feasibility study, which was presented to the parish in the fall of 2022, reflected a positive giving capacity and a substantial and enthusiastic support among respondents for the case statement. Our goal is to launch a capital campaign in the very near future with the goal of constructing a new parish center.

#### 3. The Proposed Plans for the new Parish Center

Our Architect has been updating the plans for the new parish center now that its exact location has been defined based on the property subdivision line. Besides event space on the main floor with a kitchen and parish office space being defined, plans for the second floor for optional classroom space as well as potential classroom space on the lower level plus a food pantry location have been defined. Additionally, the plan includes the creation of an open air plaza which will be located in the space between the church and the new parish center. Our engineer has moved forward with the site work and water drainage design that is required as part of the subdivision approval.

#### 4. Approval from the Archdiocese of Newark

The sale of the property and initiation of a capital campaign to construct the Parish Center require obtaining the approval from the Archdiocese of Newark. There are numerous steps involved with this process. We've presented the information of the potential sale of the property, the proposed parish center, cashflow projections, and the details and tentative timeline for a parish capital campaign to the requisite archdiocesan boards and officials. This approval has been obtained subject to a perfunctory approval needed from the Vatican that is currently in process.

# PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

Please know that from the onset of the campus redevelopment project, we have actively engaged and collaborated with local and archdiocesan officials to ensure due diligence and responsible and realistic planning. I can say confidently that we have explored all reasonable and available options for achieving our goals (listed above). Given the scope of this project and its lasting impact, it is incumbent on me to discern and develop, with the assistance of committed and skillful parish lay leaders, a vision for the parish that not only meets our present needs but also sets a trajectory for the successful future state of our parish. We are nearly at the point where we can more clearly convey and share that vision at a scheduled Parish Town Hall meeting. My goal is to schedule two Town Hall meetings (a weekday evening and a Sunday afternoon) that will also be a time to answer questions about the proposed vision for our St. James community going forward. I expect to announce the dates of the two Town Hall meetings in the coming weeks.

Friends, a lot of work has been done, and still more is expected. It has been and will continue to be a privileged labor-of-love for me and all the lay leaders who have been involved in this project. Thank you for your confidence and thank you for your support, but most especially, thank you for your continued prayers!

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, since every perfect gift must come from You, I pray, give skill to our hands, clear vision to our minds, kindness and meekness to our heart. Give us singleness of purpose, wisdom to courageously lead this parish community, and a true realization of the privilege that is ours. Give us the simple faith of a child, so that we may rely on YOU.

Amen!

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor





# SUNDAY READINGS

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

#### SECOND READING Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10 Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



A big Thank You to Fr. David for leading the two Walk Through the Mass sessions this past Tuesday and Saturday.

It is always so helpful to better understand what is happening throughout the Mass so that we can have a deeper appreciation for the beautiful gift it is.

A reminder to all **Confirmation** Candidates that this Tuesday, February 27th we will be having a Youth Rosary at 7PM in the Church. If you didn't sign up for it, you still have time to do so using the link that was emailed to you or just show up.

Everyone is welcome!!!

# Ana Serra-Prescott,

**Director of Family Faith Formation** aprescott@saintjamesparish.org (973) 376-2061

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

St. James RCIA catechumen and candidates attended the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark the weekend of February 17-18.



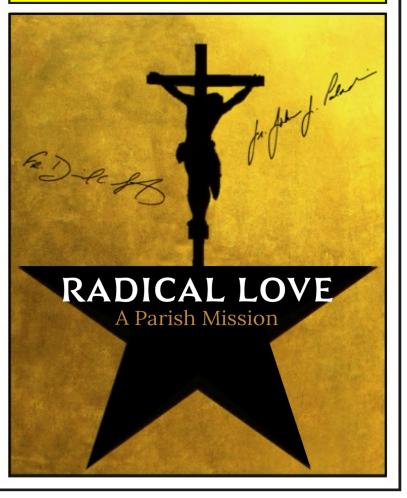
PHOTO: Catechumen Brandon Fontanes with his godparents Carol and Donald Huber.

PHOTO: Candidates Connor Palestis and Gabriella Martins (center) with their sponsors Carmen Morano and Caroline Mahoney.



# **PARISH MISSION 2024**

PRAYBI SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH



# **"ENTERTAINING AND INSPIRATIONAL!"**

We invite you to join us on March 4 (Monday), March 5 (Tuesday), and March 6 (Wednesday) from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for our Lenten Parish Mission titled "Radical Love". Presented by Fr. David Santos and Fr. John Paladino.



# SIGN UP FOR A RETREAT!



# WOMEN'S AFTERNOON RETREAT Beloved Guided by love on every STEP of our lives

How has our image of God changed since we were children? Has our relationship with God remained the same or developed as we have matured? The Lenten season is the perfect time to reflect and renew our prayer life. This presentation will focus on what it means to be beloved, and how to deepen our relationship with God. Our afternoon retreat will include: presentation, prayer, time for questions.

> SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH 45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE., SPRINGFIELD, NJ

Register online using the QR code or go to saintjamestheapostle.org/womens-retreat-2024.

#### Presenter Dr. Kathleen Detlet

Kathleen Detlet, D.Min. is a certified spiritual director and graduate of the An Croi' Spiritual Guidance Program, receiving a diploma in Spiritual Guidance from the Jesuit Milltown Institute in Ireland. Kathy has taught on all levels of education and now enjoys offering retreats, days of prayer and journeying with others as a spiritual guide.She holds a Masters in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University, a Masters in Education from Seton Hall University, and a Doctorate in Ministry from Drew University.Dr. Detlet is Co-Director of the Lumen Center, sponsored by the Caldwell Dominicans, and is on the Sacred Thread Ministries Retreat Team founded by Fr. Peter J. Krebs, S.T., PhD.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Caputo at 973-376-2061

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

# CALLED TO SERVE

FRI. MARCH 8TH AT 6PM - SAT. MARCH 9TH AT 8PM

Scan the QR Code to Register



# **CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER AT SAINT JAMES**



Women's Retreat Saturday, March 2 1:00<sup>PM</sup> - **4**:00<sup>PM</sup>

Feast of Saint Joseph Prayer Service & St. Joseph's Table

> Tuesday, March 19 7:00<sup>p</sup> Mass

Lenten Individual Confessions

> Wednesday, March 20 7:00<sup>PM</sup> Every Saturday, 4:00<sup>PM</sup>



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 23 9:00<sup>AM</sup> - 12:00<sup>PM</sup>

Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We have games, crafts, and face painting.



### Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, March 2 ► 12:00PM

Parish Mission Radical Love

Presenters: Fr. David Santos & Fr. John Paladino March 4, 5, & 6 ► 7:00<sup>pm</sup>

#### Lenten Holy Hour

Wednesdays ► 7:00<sup>PM</sup> Except March 6th

Stations of the Cross

Fridays ► 7:00PM

Holy Rosary & Novena

Mondays ► 6:30<sup>PM</sup> *Except March 4th* 

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

All events take place in the Church except where noted

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 23 Saturday 5:00PM

MARCH 24 8:00<sup>AM</sup>, 10:00<sup>AM</sup> & 12:00<sup>PM</sup>

All masses will begin in the Narthex of the Church for Blessing of Palms

#### DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 7:30AM

#### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25 Chrism Mass 8:00<sup>pM</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

#### EASTER TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28 Morning Prayer - 9:00<sup>AM</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30<sup>PM</sup> Night Prayer at the Repository - 10:00<sup>PM</sup>

#### GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29 Morning Prayer - 9:00<sup>AM</sup> Children's Stations of the Cross - 10:00<sup>AM</sup> The Lord's Passion - 3:00<sup>PM</sup>

#### HOLY SATURDAY

MARCH 30 Blessing of Easter Food - 10:00<sup>AM</sup> <u>No</u> Reconciliation and <u>No</u> 5:00<sup>PM</sup> Mass



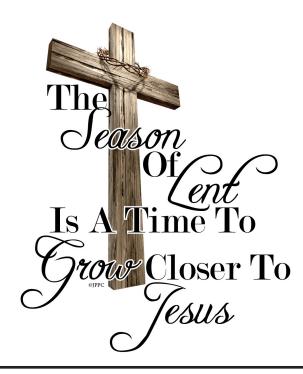
#### EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 30, 7:30<sup>PM</sup> This special vigil Mass begins in front of the Church with the blessing of the New Paschal Candle and Fire

#### EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 8:00<sup>AM</sup>, 10:00<sup>AM</sup> & 12:00<sup>PM</sup>

🜔 Livestream



Milestone Anniversaries

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

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

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

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

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

#### ROSARY AND NOVENA Every Monday at 7:00 PM



# MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL THE FUTURE IS HERS

March Enrichment Saturdays for 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls

March 9th, 16th, and 23rd

\$40 per session

Session I: 8:45am - 10:15am Session II: 10:30am-12:00pm

Choose from: Engineering, Culinary Arts, Fashion Design, Volleyball, Creative Writing and Multimedia Art

Register online: www.motherseton.org/apps/ forms2/?f=42725

St. Bartholomew Academy HSA Presents

#### SBA 5K RUN & WALK Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00am - 11:00am

Oak Ridge Park 136 Oak Ridge Road, Clark, NJ

Early Bird (Before 3/1/2024): \$30 Adult/\$20 under 18 years

After 3/1/2024: \$35 Adult/\$25 under 18 years

Online registration required: www.raceforum.com/sba

# SACRAMENTS



### BAPTISM

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

# RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

# VOCATIONS

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations. Call: 973-313-6190. Email: info@newarkpriest.com. Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: newarkpriest.com

# Do you know someone who...

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

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

For more information, please call (973) 376-2061

#### ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

# **MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

SATURDAY, F	EBRUARY 24
5:00pm	Anthony Graziano
-	r/b Family
	John Walsh
	r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly
SUNDAY, FEE	
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8:00am	Mary & Vincent Inneo
	r/b Inneo Family
	Pat Morris
	r/b Carmen Lombardi
10:00am	John Collins
	r/b Roethlin Family
	Teresa Bianchini
12 00	r/b Maria Bruno
12:00pm	Janet Skinner
	r/b Walsh Family
	Daniel & Angela Raimondo r/b Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser &
	Marianne Van Volkenburgh
MONDAY, FEI	0
7:30am	Keneth Tristan Dungo
7.50am	r/b Gene & Nieves Salle
TUESDAY, FE	
7:30am	Joseph DeFuria
/ o o u m	r/b Joyce Gastner
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28
7:30am	Theresa Regina
	r/b Camille Mitarotonda
THURSDAY, F	
7:30am	Victor Vecchione
	r/b Vickie Steinbeck
FRIDAY, MAR	CH 1
7:30am	Nicalene Weismantel
	r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron
SATURDAY, M	
8:30am	Aurora and Ceferino Gozo
	r/b Ave Gozo
5:00pm	John Montana
	r/b Janice Montana, daughter
	Anna Sausnock
CUNDAY MAA	r/b Rosenberger Family
SUNDAY, MA	
Third Sunday 8:00am	Amelia Montana
0.00am	r/b Janice Montana
	Mary Mathew
	r/b Daughter
10:00am	Antonio & Giovannina Circelli
lotocalli	r/b Carmela Fusco
	Mary Matear
	r/b Bob & Sue Hagenbush
12:00pm	James J. Carney
	r/b John & Patty Carney
	Daniel & Angela Raimondo
	r/b Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser &
	Marianne Van Volkenburgh



#### 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 BAPTIZE Reese Rosenbruch, Delilah Hope Scott

#### A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, John Mannarino, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Erin Pado, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall

**Please Note:** For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

#### A TIME TO DIE

Rosemarie Romano

### A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

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





# **Safe Environment Corner How to Report Abuse**

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

# 201-407-3256



Have you signed up for our *flocknote* Flocknote yet? As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, we have launched

an e-newsletter through a platform called Flocknote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more. Here's how you can sign up:

- Text NEWSLETTER to 84576
- Visit saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

If you signed up but haven't received emails or found the newsletter in your spam folder, be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to vour email contacts list and/or choose the option "Mark as Not Spam," or similar when you open the email.

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

#### **Collection Totals** Weekend of February 17 & 18

<b>Regular Collection:</b>	\$ 5,274.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,348.00
Total:	\$ 9,622.00

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 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 weekend of February 24/25.

The 2024 Annual Appeal is in full swing. As you consider vour gift amount, please remember the funds you give support essential ministries and programs within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish. And... If we exceed our 2024 Annual Appeal stretch goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

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

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish

commemorative apparel and items.

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



# **OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:**

PASTOR

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