

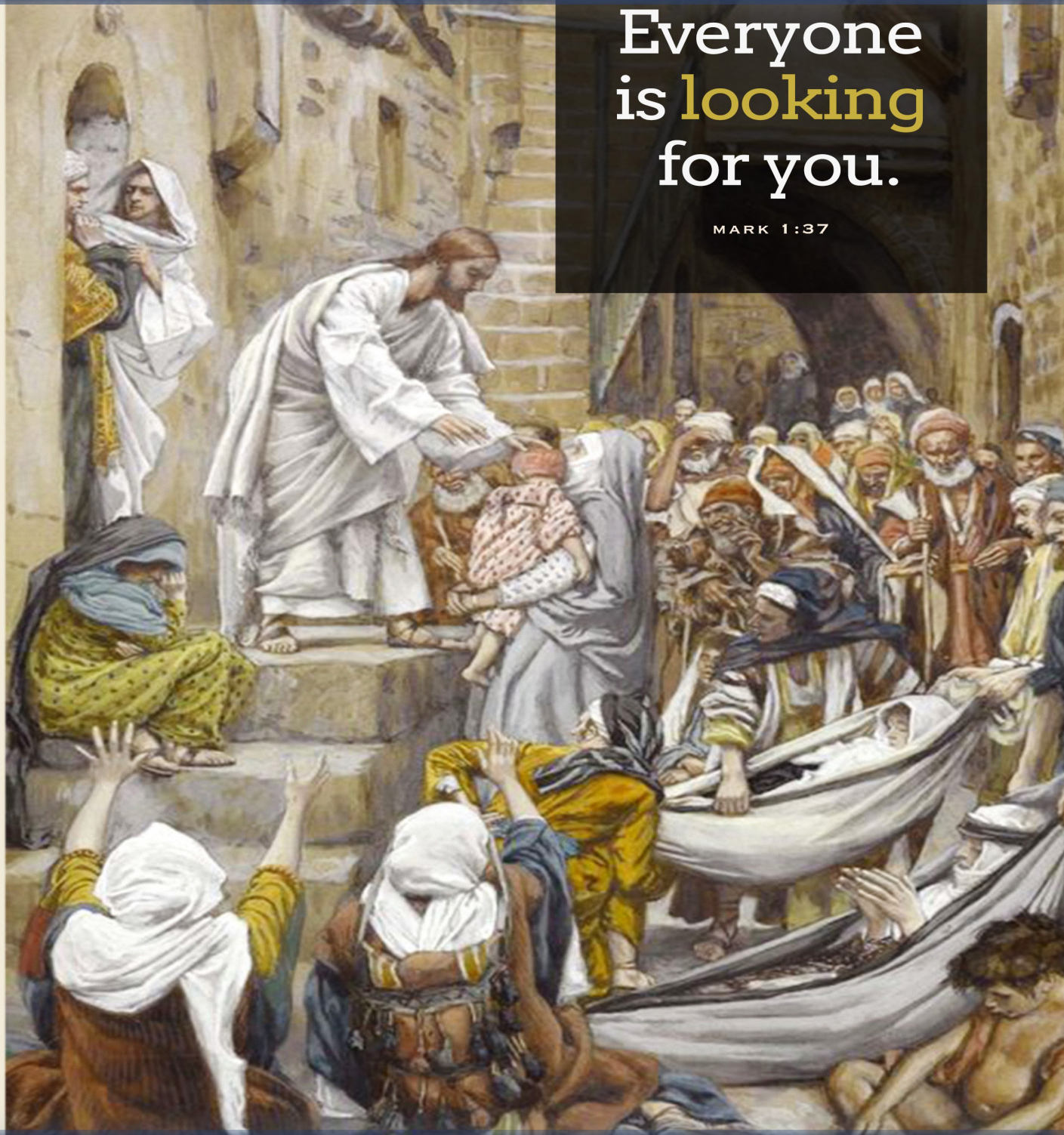


# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

Everyone  
is **looking**  
for you.

MARK 1:37



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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

## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### 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, February 10:

5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

#### Sunday, February 11:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

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:

Wednesday Holy Hour at  
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

We see a lot of things advertised with that four-letter word these days: "Free!" (*Maybe not as much as we'd hope*). And we've grown wisely skeptical of such claims. We've all learned by now, sometimes bitterly, that there's no free lunch, no free subscriptions, and no free merchandise. The hard truth is that everything costs something, and if we can't see the price tag, even more reason to suspect we're about to be fleeced.

So when Saint Paul says he offers the gospel free of charge wherever he goes, we have good reason to doubt that. **The gospel isn't free and doesn't even come cheap.** The gospel cost Jesus the cross; cost many saints their martyrdom; cost Paul himself continuous turmoil. If Paul brought the gospel to his audiences for free, it's because he was making the down payments on their behalf every day.

And when we hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed today, it may seem like it's free, or at least like cheap grace served fresh daily. It's not. Think of how Peter's mother-in-law was healed of a fever at the touch of Jesus' hand. Was that free? Instantly she felt compelled to service. Jesus, too, after being waited on by this grateful and generous woman, might have wanted to settle in after sunset to a little casual conversation with his friends. But no: The whole town was brought to him with their diseases and demons. Did Jesus give it all away for free? He may not have charged each sick person, as a doctor would, but the cost to him was everything he had: time, comfort, space for family and friends. Eventually the ministry of Jesus cost him his security and his life.

It's ironic, really, that the lectionary folks coupled this gospel passage about the exhausting ministry of Jesus with Job's lament: ***Isn't life on earth a drudgery?*** But where Job goes wrong is in his final summary: ***"I shall not see happiness again."*** Friends, we know the story: Job's hope is restored, as well as his family and his livelihood, just as Paul receives his martyr's crown and Jesus has Easter morning. **The gospel may not be free, but it's worth every penny!**

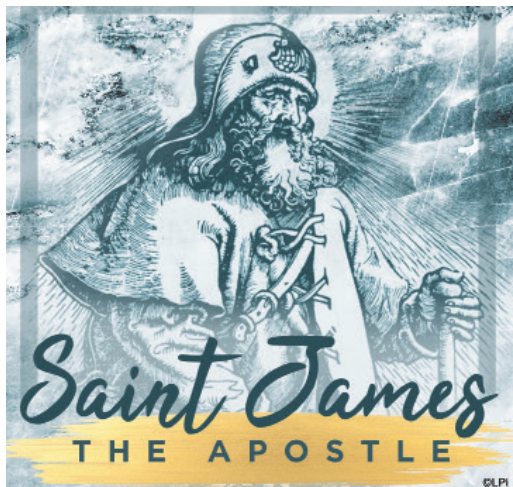


Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

—Helen Keller



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

#### Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?  
Are not his days those of hirelings?  
He is a slave who longs for the shade,  
a hireling who waits for his wages.  
So I have been assigned months  
of misery, and troubled nights have  
been allotted to me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Psalm 147

Praise the Lord, who heals the  
brokenhearted.

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Although I am free in regard to all,  
I have made myself a slave to all  
so as to win over as many as  
possible. To the weak I became weak,  
to win over the weak. I have become  
all things to all, to save at least some.  
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,  
so that I too may have a share in it.

### GOSPEL

#### Mark 1:29-39

Rising very early before dawn, he left  
and went off to a deserted place,  
where he prayed. Simon and those  
who were with him pursued him and  
on finding him said, "Everyone is  
looking for you." He told them, "Let  
us go on to the nearby villages that  
I may preach there also. For this  
purpose have I come." So he went  
into their synagogues, preaching and  
driving out demons throughout the  
whole of Galilee.

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

## SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



## Family Faith Formation

On Saturday morning, February 3rd, the children preparing to receive their First Holy Eucharist this May celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray that they enjoy this beautiful gift our Lord has given us, and they celebrate it often throughout their lives. Please keep on praying for them and their families as they continue preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**Confirmation preparation Year 1 group** – Our next session will be **this Tuesday, February 6th from 7PM to 8:30PM** in the Church, and we will be discussing the topic of using our gifts to serve others. A reminder that you will have two sessions this month (the next one is the walkthrough the Mass of February 20th).

A reminder to our Family Faith families (with children from 1st to 6th grade) that our meeting this month (February) will be held on **Saturday, February 24th at 3PM** in the Church for all families (there will only be one session). It will be a walkthrough the Mass that will be taught by Fr. David Santos. For those families with children in the Family Faith Formation program and the Confirmation process, since all the Confirmation candidates must attend their walkthrough of the Mass on Tuesday, February 20th at 7PM in the Church, you will attend the Tuesday session instead. This way you will be able to experience the session with all your children at the same time instead of having to come to two sessions.

Ana Serra-Prescott, Director of Family Faith Formation  
[aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org)  
(973) 376-2061

## Helping the Hungry Ministry



## February 10 & 11 Super Bowl Weekend Food Collection

Drop off in the Gathering Area  
before all weekend Masses



While we are primarily collecting

## SOUP

we are also accepting donations of

## TISSUES/KLEENEX PASTA SAUCE

(Regular-sized PLASTIC JARS and Cans ONLY --  
Please, NO GLASS jars or Costco-sized sauces)

All donations  
will support  
the Food Pantry  
at  
Our Lady of  
Sorrows,  
South Orange

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

# YOUTH

**FEB 16TH**  
**6:45 PM**

**EVENT**

*Escapology*

300 South Ave, Garwood, NJ 07027

**\$40 ENTRY FEE**  
**ONLY 18 SPOTS AVAILABLE**  
**SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP**

*8th-12th  
graders  
welcome*

A FUN FILLED EVENING

## ESCAPE ROOM

FEATURING FR. DAVID ON THE HOT SEAT

**INCLUDES TICKET AND PIZZA DINNER!**



### 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](http://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.

**RESERVE YOUR MEAL TODAY!**



**THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 6:00 PM  
SAINT JAMES SCHOOL GYM**

Cooked on premises by The Chipperry of Union. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 2 pieces of cod, chips, cole slaw, bottled water, and dessert.

BYO beverage (bottled water available).

**Please RSVP with payment by  
Monday, February 12th.**

• *Take Out Dinners available* •

Use the QR code or send payment to the rectory. Make checks payable to Saint James the Apostle Parish with memo: 'Fish Fry.'



**2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

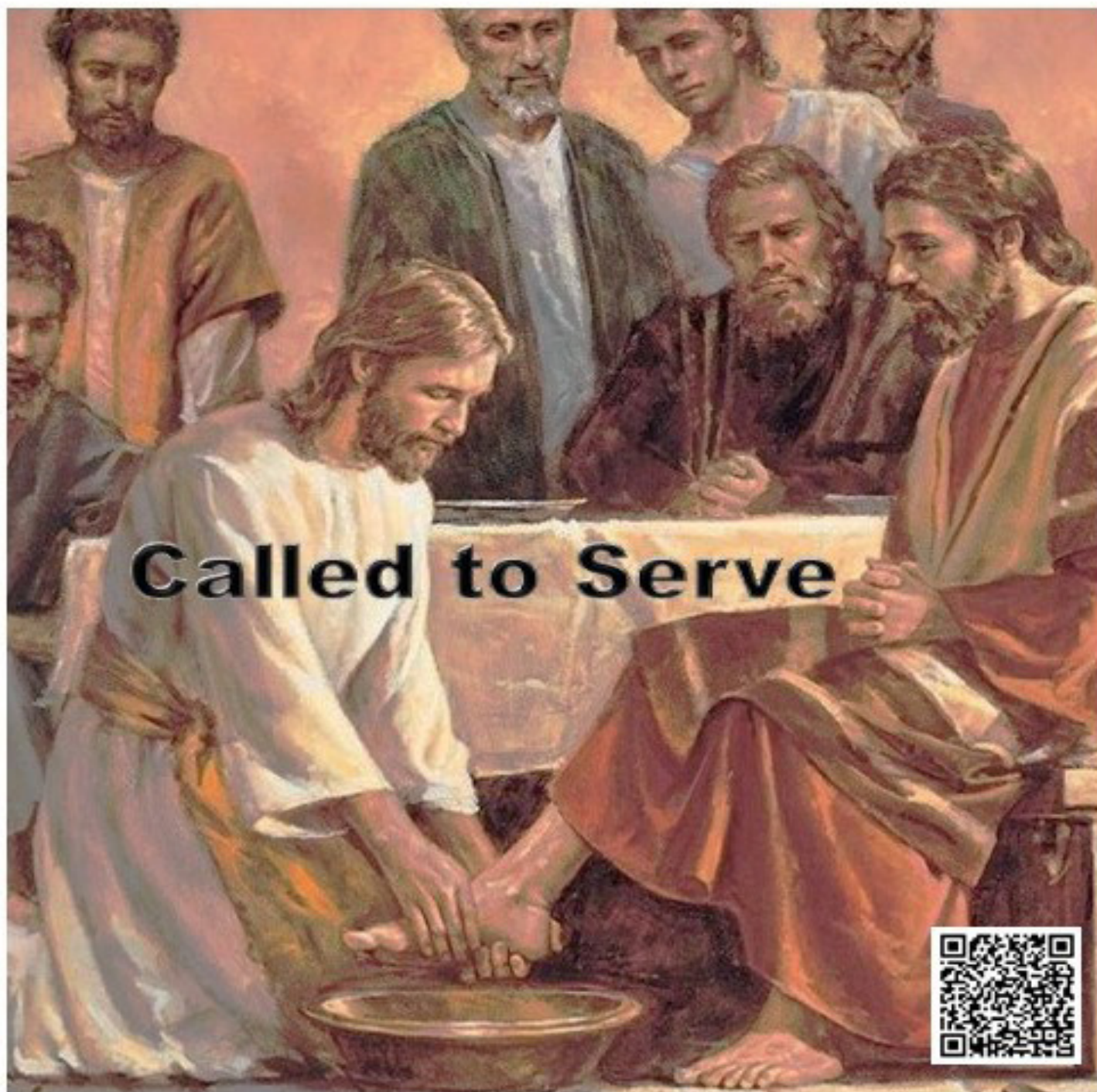
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



**SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT**

# **Men's Cornerstone XV**



**St. Bartholomew the Apostle &  
St. James Parishes  
March 8-9, 2024**

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SAVE THE DATE



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH  
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

# GOLF OUTING

Save the  
Date!

JULY 8, 2024  
MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

A THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



**Springfield First Aid Squad, Inc.**

10 North Trivett Avenue • Springfield, NJ 07081

January 22, 2024

Father David C. Santos  
Pastor  
St. James Catholic Church  
45 South Springfield Avenue  
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

RE: Your donation – 5K run – November 23, 2023

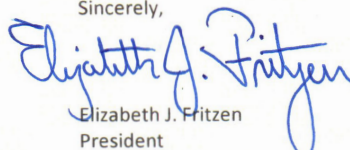
Dear Father Santos,

Thank you so much for the Church's generous donation of \$1,155.00 to the Springfield First Aid Squad representing donations from your 5K run on Thanksgiving morning.

We rely on generous contributions such as yours and thank you for naming the Springfield First Aid Squad as the recipient.

The Springfield First Aid Squad is the primary emergency medical services provider for the Township of Springfield celebrating 75 years this year! We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth J. Fritzen  
President

Celebrating 75 years of Service! (1949-2024)

## JOIN CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF SUMMIT

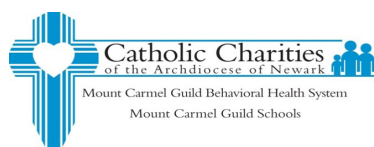
We are a nonprofit volunteer organization that serves children in need in the Summit area.

If you are looking for an organization where you can be as active as your schedule allows, pop in once or twice a year or participate more regularly, CCS Summit is the perfect choice!

**Our annual membership drive is happening now!**

Please go to [www.christchildsummit.org](http://www.christchildsummit.org) or email [loismelka@gmail.com](mailto:loismelka@gmail.com) (VP, Membership) to join and learn more about how we are making a difference.

### Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take few moments and look in your closet today?

The Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) accept clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels, toys, knickknacks, and Children's books. Thank you with all our heart.

SEASONS welcomes anyone who has lost a significant other to participate in our activities and to meet people who are in a similar situation. SEASONS is a non-denominational support group for individuals who have experienced the loss of a partner, including divorced, separated, or widowed individuals, and for those never married.

***Our meetings take place monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.***

Please enter through the middle door on Springfield Ave., or call **908-418-8602**.

## SACRAMENTS



### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

### VOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

***For more information, please 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, FEBRUARY 3

**5:00pm** **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana, daughter  
**Pat Morris**  
r/b Michael and Theresa Quick

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00am** **Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Jane White**  
r/b Deacon Kevin & Marcia Reina

**10:00am** **Judith Natale**  
r/b Carol & Howard Balfour  
**Jimmy Finan**  
r/b The Roethlin Family

**12:00pm** **Barbara Germinder**  
r/b Robin  
**Robert (Bob) Roessner**  
r/b The Uliano Family

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

### Saint Agatha

**7:30am** **Helen Hudak**  
r/b Elaine Conway

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

### Saint Paul Miki and Companions

**7:30am** **Lawrence Kaufherr**  
r/b Lisa, wife

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**7:30am** **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana, Sister

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**7:30am** **Pat Lalevee**  
r/b Olympia Lau & Family

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**7:30am** **Dolores & Pio Salle**  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### Saint Scholastica

**8:30am** **Anna Maria Villanova**  
r/b Family

**5:00pm** **Eloy Mosquera**  
r/b Wife & Children  
**Rose Dente**  
r/b Camille Mitarotonda

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00am** **Tania Miller**  
r/b Elizabeth Ferri  
**Valerie Materia**  
r/b Camille Mitarotonda

**10:00am** **The Deceased Members of the Gartland Family**  
r/b Barbara Dlugosz  
**Kathleen Telesca**  
r/b Phyllis Bibbo

**12:00pm** **Angelina & Carmelo Rivano**  
r/b Marion Rivano  
**Jean Walsh**  
r/b Rossomando Family



## SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the people of  
Saint James

## BREAD & WINE:

Jim McElroy  
r/b Family

*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, 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 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



*Lord,  
Hear Our Prayer*

## DEACON MICHAEL'S KNEE REPLACEMENT RECUPERATION UPDATE

Hello all, thank you for your concerns, thoughts and prayers. Back on December 11th, 2023, I had a total knee replacement that was supposed to happen back in September, but I could not get the medical clearance for the surgery due to some recurring heart issues. What I thought was going to be a simple recuperation turned out to be a very painful ordeal. I've been going through physical therapy for past seven weeks but have not been progressing to the point that the doctors feel I should be at, so this past Wednesday I had to return to the OR at Overlook, for a procedure called "a manipulation" where they manually bend and twist the knee to normal capacity. OUCH! They say in a day or two afterwards there would be significant improvement. I am anticipating on returning to active ministry in hopefully 4 weeks depending on how the procedure turns out.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers and hopefully I'll at least be seeing you at a weekend Mass.

With God's Every, Grace, Peace and Blessings,  
Deacon Michael

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals Weekend of January 27 & 28

Regular Collection:	\$	6,501.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,458.00
Total:	\$	10,959.00

**Total Christmas Gifts through 1/29/24: \$65,374**

***Thank you for helping us reach our  
Christmas Collection Goal!***

*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?... If we exceed our 2024 Annual Appeal stretch goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.  
Proverbs 3:9



## ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. We have hoodies, quarter-zips, polos, and more!

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



## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Father David C. Santos  
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

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Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni  
*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Hugh A. Keffer  
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### **PERMANENT DEACON**

Deacon Michael DeRoberts  
deaconderoberts@saintjamesparish.org

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