

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

# FOREVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 1, 2023 45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 | (973) 376-3044 | www.saintjamesparish.org



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Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8:30AM-3PM (Closed 12-1PM for Lunch) Church Visiting Hours: Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM Sat: 9AM-1PM

### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, July 8: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, July 9: 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

### **DAILY MASS:**

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM Saturday: 8:30AM U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday at 4:00PM or by Appointment; Please call the Office.

### **DEVOTIONS:**

Rosary & Novena: Mondays at 7:00PM in the Church and on Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday Holy Hour at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

# **PASTOR'S COLUMN**



### Reflection on the Readings

Loyalty is a quality we value highly. We want our friends to be loyal. We expect our families to be. We hope for some modicum of reliability from bosses or employees. In fact, every meaningful relationship involves loyalty to be viable.

This week we celebrate Independence Day, a festival of flag-waving and fireworks through which we declare our pride in the nation that provides us so many liberties. As Americans, we are deeply

grateful that we do. We know that many around the world would be just as eager to belong to this story because of all the freedoms and opportunities it provides, even if our story isn't a fairy tale.

How our nation grows that belonging sensibly, safely, and justly remains a problem to be solved and worth pondering as we approach the celebration of Independence Day. This is a tension that is on display for the whole world these days.

With that being said: what is the foundation of your many loyalties?

It's quite frightening these days to see fellow Americans rabidly tearing at each other's throats. I can't help but ask over and over again in my heart: Where are we to go? What are we to do as a nation, as a people?

Friends, my intention with this reflection isn't to preach with political rhetoric, since I believe that is outside the scope of a religious reflection. My intention as a priest is to bring to bear the Gospel - that we all believe and value as Christians - into a time that's marked by tumult, ideologies, disparaging narratives, fear and **the lack of a willingness to listen to each other.** 

In short, I believe the Gospel is where our loyalties should stand firm, particularly when (for better or for worse) so much around us seems to be crumbling or changing (depending on which perspective you hold).

### Friends, our loyalty needs to be anchored in the Gospel for the simple reason that the Gospel can guide us towards the realization of God's will in the here and now.

We can see this dynamic in many of the most successful protests of the Civil Rights era which were predicated on Christian ideas of nonviolence, and a Scriptural understanding of the human person. Remaining loyal to the Gospel helps us to come face-to-face with important principles of Catholic social teaching, principles on display for us in our readings today:

-the dignity of the human person. -the value of solidarity, "we're all in this together." -a preferential option for the poor.

These principles need to be present in any Catholic's response to injustice. If it's not grounded in these principles, then it inevitably ends up being about power— that I need to assert my power, in situations where I feel powerless. It becomes a struggle over power, rather than a transformational relationship into how God wants us to live as brothers and sisters.



### SUNDAY READINGS

#### FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 89

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### GOSPEL Matthew 10:37-42

"...Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

# **PASTOR'S COLUMN (cont)**

Friends, today's the message is clear: **we must keep our eyes on Christ**...not our television set or social media accounts. Jesus must be our premier social commentator and influencer. Because if not, we will make the fatal mistake of thinking our own ideas are the solutions to society's problems. Only with Christ can we develop authentic reforms and programs which ensure true justice and freedom for all.

May God continue to bless the United States of America!

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### **Quote of the Week:**

Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grow. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

# **CONGRATULATIONS FR. THIAGO!**



### Fr. Thiago's Mass of Thanksgiving Weekend of July 15/16

Please join us here at Saint James the weekend of July 16th as we celebrate Fr. Thiago and his recent Ordination to the Priesthood. *He will be celebrating Mass with us here at 5PM on Saturday, July 15th, and at the 10AM Mass Sunday, July 16th*. A light reception will follow both Masses.

We are grateful for Fr. Thiago's service to our parish during his time with us as a transitional deacon. We wish him abundant blessings as he begins his ministry as a priest of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Fall River, MA.

# **STAFF & CLERGY UPDATES AT SAINT JAMES**



### Welcome Deacon Michael!

We are happy to welcome Deacon Michael DeRoberts back to St. James as our newest Permanent Deacon, beginning July 1, 2023. Read more about him in his bio here:

Deacon Mike grew up in East Summit, NJ and currently resides in Mountainside. He joined our St. James family as a parishioner in 1975. Deacon Mike met the love of his life, Anna, here in Springfield. They were married at Saint James on April 30, 1977 by Fr. Stephen Lynch, who also led them through their Pre-Cana experience. They raised 2 beautiful daughters, Danielle and Lauren, and have gained 2 wonderful sons-in-law, Anthony and Tommy. They are now blessed with 5 amazing grandsons. For the past 45 years, Deacon Mike has been a self-employed tax accountant.

Deacon Mike started his formation in 1997 and was ordained June 1, 2002, at the Cathedral Basilica by Bishop Myers. His classmate was our long time permanent Deacon, Deacon Daniel O'Neill. Interestingly enough, the first Mass Deacon Mike served here at St. James was the first Mass celebrated in our new church.

One of his proudest accomplishments was being heavily involved in prison ministry for 24 years where he helped give hope and direction to people who had none. He is heavily involved with social justice, enjoys the game of golf, where he affectionately developed the nickname, "Tiger in the Woods", and appreciates a good cigar.

Deacon Mike left Saint James in 2007, served a short period at The Church of Saint Anne in Garwood, and spent the last 15 years at Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside. Now he is back here at Saint James where he hopes to serve with love, compassion, and peace in anyway he can. When asked how it felt to be back here at Saint James, he replied, "It feels so good to be home!".

### Welcome Ana, our Director of Family Faith Formation!

We are happy to welcome Ana Serra-Prescott to our St. James staff as our new Director of Family Faith Formation, beginning July 1st. Read more about her in her bio here:

Ana Serra-Prescott is a native of Figueres, Spain. She came to the United States to attend Caldwell College, where she obtained her Bachelors in Business Administration. She went on to earn her Masters in Adult Education and Human Resource Development from Fordham University. While a student at Caldwell College, Ana met her husband John. They have been married for 26 years and live in Springfield with their two sons.

Ana has been a parishioner of St. James the Apostle Parish for the past 25 years where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a Catechist, and along with her husband, is a member of the mentors group that helps engaged couples prepare for the sacrament of marriage.



Ana has worked in the education field as a teacher, professor, and an administrator for the past 29 years. In her free time, Ana enjoys walking and being outdoors, especially when it is sunny, traveling, listening to music, crocheting ,and spending time with family and friends. Ana considers the St. James the Apostle community her second family and is looking forward to working with our families in bringing their children up in the practice of the Faith and developing a close relationship with Jesus.



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St. James the Apostle Parish is going into our Community to be of service to others.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023 Starting with 8:30 am Mass, light breakfast, then

off to your service project!!! Morning & Afternoon Sessions Available

Clean up Projects around Campus • Food Drive for the Hungry • Visit the Sick • Car Wash • Make Rosaries • Pray Rosary • Knit Prayer Shawls for Elderly or Sick • Cannonball House Fence Project Sign-ups and More Info to Follow

# **Centennial Corner**



### **100 YEARS OF SERVICE!**

In recognition of our parish's centennial anniversary and 100 years of serving our community, the month of July will be a month of service. Throughout the month of July, look here for messages of service and opportunities and ideas to serve our community, serve our parish and serve each other.

**Saturday, July 22nd** will be a parishwide dedicated day of service. Information to be provided soon on how you can participate along with your fellow parishioners in various service projects that day throughout our surrounding community.

### MORE CENTENNIAL NEWS

As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish, the Centennial committee invites you to save the date for the following special events to gather as a parish family!

**September 8:** Saint James School Alumni Reception

**September 9:** Centennial Mass with His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin **September 10:** Parish Family Picnic

### **Centennial Page**

Please visit the Centennial website page: saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial for more information about these events. You can also view current Centennial videos featuring Fr. David Santos, Fr. Bob Stagg, and Deacon Hugh Keffer. Be sure to visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) on this

page for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. Scan the QR code below to check out all our merchandise!



# MORE NEWS & EVENTS

### Food Collection for Family Promise Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent meatloaf/frozen food collection.

8 pounds of meatloaf 20 Frozen dinners \$125 ShopRite gift cards.

Collections will be suspended for the remainder of the summer but will resume in September. Watch the bulletin for updates.

### **Prayer Line Ministry**

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen C. Bernor - to connect with this ministry, call the Rectory at (973) 376-3044.

### Saint James is Giving Back to Springfield. Can you Lend a Helping Hand?

A few years ago, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down the street from our parish. The parish is responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the euonymus shrubs, and weeding. A small team of parishioners has been working to maintain the island throughout the Spring and Summer months. We could use more help this year.

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance team, please email outdoorministry@saintjamesparish.org. Thank you for your consideration. God bless.

### **Union County Knights of Columbus** *Somerset Patriots vs. Binghamton Mets*

Spiderman Night Baseball game! BBQ from 5:30-7PM and free soft drinks until the 7th inning. Tickets are \$50 per person.

> Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the Somerset Patriots 1 Patriots Park, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

> Contact Mike Peter with any questions: (908) 357-5673.

# SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The rectory and offices will be closed on Fridays beginning July 3rd through September 4th. Office hours remain the same Monday through Thursday: 8:30AM-3:00PM.

# FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH ANYWHERE!

There really is a app for everything... It's that time of year - Summer vacations are upon us! As we make time to rest and relax, let's remember to continue to make time for God! It can be difficult to coordinate when and where to go to Sunday Mass while you're out of town and travelling, but MassTimes makes it easy! Simply visit **WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG**, type in the zip code of the area that you are searching, and MassTimes will give you the locations of all Catholic Churches nearby and when Mass is celebrated. Or check out the Mass Times app!

# SUPPORT SAINT JAMES THROUGH ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, simple, and easy option to contribute to the church. This is an easy way to continue your contributions over the summer. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera, or follow the instructions below:

1. Scan the QR code or visit our website:

### saintjamestheapostle.org

- 2. Scroll across to the "Give" tab at the top of the page and click it
- 3. Then, scroll down and click the blue tab that reads, "Online Giving Portal"
- 4. Follow the prompts from there to either set up a one-time donation or a recurring gift.

Scan the QR code here with your mobile device to access our Online Giving Portal:



# We are hoping to restock our supply and would love your help!

# **Prayer Shawls:**

- Typically 60 x 20, but flexible
- Any color

# **Common features:**

- Method of creation: Knit, Crochet, Loom, Loop Knitting ... and more!
- Patterns: we have several to share, or use your own!

# **Baptismal Blankets:**

- Ranging from 18-24 inches square
- White only

Questions? Want more info? Maybe you have yarn to donate? Contact us at prayershawlministry@saintjamesparish.org



Completed shawls and blankets can be dropped off at the Rectory or we can arrange pick up. They will be blessed, packaged and delivered to those in need (prayer shawls) and the newly baptized (blankets).



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

Apologies for not having the registration form available. The form and information will be emailed to families who participated in Family Faith this year after July 5th. If you are new to our parish or have a child starting 1st grade in September, please call the Family Faith Formation Office to register.

Starting next Sunday, the new Director of Family Faith Formation, Ana Serra-Prescott, will be writing this column. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Ana when you see her at Mass and stay connected by reading the weekly bulletin which you can also find on our website!

The bulletin is a great way to keep in touch about upcoming meetings, gatherings and also to stay in touch with parishioners who may not have children in the program but are interested to hear what Family Faith is doing and opportunities to become involved!

As I transition into my new role as Pastoral Associate I will be working with Ana, and will teach the incoming 8th grade classes on Tuesday evenings as well as work with the freshmen class who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in October.

There are many exciting things happening at Saint James the Apostle Church and I am looking forward to experiencing them with all of you.

Sincerely, Nancy Caputo

# SACRAMENTS



### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

### VOCATIONS

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

# Do you know someone who...

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

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

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

### ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

SATURDAY, JU	JLY 1	
5:00pm	Thaddeus (Ted) Godlewski	
	r/b Nancy Caputo	
	Estelle Sofko	
	r/b Mary Ann Sullivan & Family	
SUNDAY, JUL		
Thirteenth Su		
8:00am	Mary Deeney	
0.00411	r/b Yannazone Family	
	Mary & Vincent McNany	
	r/b Dennis	
10:00am	Froilan Serenas	
10.000	r/b Gene & Nieves Salle	
	Betty Macciachera	
	r/b Friends at HR	
12:00pm	Amelia Montana	
12.00pm	r/b Janice Montana	
	<b>Rose Yanpaglia</b> r/b Giaimo Family	
MONDAY, JUL	.1 5	
St. Thomas 7:30am	Parkara Cormindor	
7:50am	Barbara Germinder r/b Robin	
TUESDAY, JUI		
Independence		
8:30am	Protection of the Unborn	
WEDNECDAY	r/b Fernandez Family	
WEDNESDAY,		
7:30am	Beverly DeMarzo	
THUDCDAY	r/b Beverly DeMarzo	
THURSDAY, J		
7:30am	Paul & Betty Macciachera	
	r/b Annette Alberti	
FRIDAY, JULY		
7:30am	Gloria Madrid	
	r/b Wendi R.	
SATURDAY, JU		
8:30am	Pricilla Salle	
	r/b Gene & Nieves Salle	
5:00pm	Cacciatore Family	
	r/b Assunta Cacciatore	
	Janet Skinner	
	r/b Bernstein Family	
SUNDAY, JULY	r 9	
Fourteenth Su	inday in OI	
8:00am	Salvatore & Cosma DeNichilo	
	r/b Inneo Family	
	In Thanksgiving	
	r/b Jean DePasquale	
10:00am	Carmine Palumbo	
	r/b Keffer Family	
	Silvio Lombardi	
	r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale	
12:00pm	Dominico & Dominica D'Agostini	
	r/b Grandchildren	
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Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP: Pete Petino

r/b Family

BREAD & WINE: Victor Vecchione r/b Vickie Steinbeck

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

# 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, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Erin Pado, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Carol Wade, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall

**Please Note:** For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and 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, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki. Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

# DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUNTY AND NEED HELP WITH:

Housing Insecurity? Rental Assistance? Legal Representation? Credit Counseling and more?

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately: jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org

# www.thewaterfrontproject.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

# **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES**

### **Collection Totals**

### Weekend of June 24/25

<b>Regular Collection:</b>	\$ 5,716.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,798.00
Total:	\$ 9,514.00

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?... Online giving is a convenient and efficient option for parishioners to give to the church. It also helps the parish administratively by cutting down on some of the administrative processing.

As you plan your summer vacations, don't let your giving to the church take a vacation too. Plan your giving to the church this summer and beyond by signing up for recurring giving online. Go to the parish website today or scan the QR code in the bulletin to get started. If you have any questions, contact the rectory office and they will connect you with a member of the Finance Council.

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

# **OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:**

PASTOR

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