



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

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harvest.

PSALM 65

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 16, 2023

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
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Summer Office Hours:

Mon-Thur 8:30AM-3PM
Closed Fridays through
September 1st)
(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Church Visiting Hours:

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 22:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, July 23:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
12:00PM

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

One of the details from this weekend's familiar parable of the sower and the seed begs the question: Why does this fellow waste so much seed? Anyone who's ever tried to plant a garden knows that some parts of the yard are just no good for growing things. Too much clay there, too many rocks here. Not enough sun or enough to fry an egg. And don't put your prize blossoms where the bunnies will munch each bloom away before you get to enjoy them. When it comes planting time, a prudent gardener knows the soil and judiciously uses the seed.

But not the guy in the parable! No, he throws seed by handfuls on the path, among rocks and thorns, as well as on decent, viable dirt. If you saw this guy at work you'd think he must own a seed company, the way he wastes the stuff. And in fact, he does. There's an exuberant generosity with which the sower lavishly sows. He's obviously not judging the quality of the soil the way you or I would before he goes to work. He's got boundless hope and optimism despite all evidence to the contrary. And sooner or later, he will get his harvest of thirty- or sixty- or a hundredfold.

We are meant to think of this uneven planting field as the life of the average believer. This parable leads my mind to ponder on the fact that we've all got hearts that are not uniformly receptive to the great work of the Kingdom being sown in us. God, who never tires of the task at hand, keeps on cheerfully offering us opportunities for love, justice, peace, mercy, salvation. This joyous seed is scattered liberally through our days as we duck, shirk, refuse, and deny. I bet that there are those who are reading this right now who may be too depressed for the good news of the Kingdom—or too busy, too scared, too needy, too tired, too sick, too outraged, too old, or too young. We may have as many excuses as there are seeds. Meanwhile the seeds rain down on all sides of us, right across our path as we try to make our way, a sleet of seeds behind us, and crunching under our feet with every step we take. And still, sadly so, there are way too many of us who refuse this joyous new life, saying: "Not now. Conditions are simply not favorable."

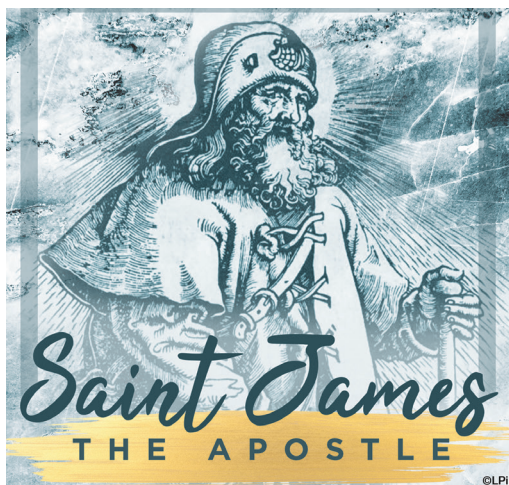
Friends, God lavishly scatters the seeds of opportunity for new life in your life **CONSTANTLY**. Our job is to do what we can to ensure that the seed-ground is hospitable enough for the seed to take root. **What kind of soil are you?**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fr. David Santos'.

Fr. David Santos, Pastor

Quote of the Week:

Every moment and every event of every [person's] life on Earth plants something in his soul. —Thomas Merton



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord..."My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us...

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

CONGRATULATIONS FR. THIAGO!

Fr. Thiago Santos Mass of Thanksgiving

This weekend, 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.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Introducing "EthisPoint"

"The Archdiocese of Newark and its parishes, schools and other ministries are committed to proclaiming the Gospel, forming missionary disciples, and faithfully serving all of God's people, especially the poor. To fulfill the mission of our Church, we must always conduct our work in an ethical manner."

For this purpose, the Archdiocese of Newark has launched EthisPoint, an independent reporting service that allows employees, parishioners, volunteers, clergy, religious, vendors, or other individuals to submit concerns about suspected unethical behavior, misuse of resources or financial misconduct within our Archdiocese anytime. EthisPoint is live as of July 1, 2023 and can be accessed here, via this shortened link: tinyurl.com/2p8k5428 or by calling (844) 675-7687.

The reporting system is **NOT** intended to receive information about misconduct or sexual abuse allegations. Abuse allegations should be reported immediately and directly to local law enforcement and to the Office of the Protection of the Faithful by calling 973-497-4254.

"I hope the implementation of this new platform reminds us of our obligation to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us and continue to move our archdiocese forward in our commitment through accountability and transparency in the many ways in which we serve the people of this local Church. Let us continue to work together in the vineyard to become always better stewards in the Lord." -Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH



GOD'S
WORK
OUR
HANDS
AND FEET

NOTHING IS
SIGNIFICANT
UNTIL IT
SERVES GOD

SERVING TOGETHER • SERVING OTHERS

PARISH DAY OF SERVICE

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

JOIN US AS WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

Next weekend is our Saint James Day of Service! We hope that you can join us as we continue our year of activities to celebrate our Centennial Year! The sign up for our service day can be found at the QR code on this page. All activities will be on Saturday, July 22nd, except for the power washing of statues which will be on Friday, July 21st.



In honor of our Centennial celebration, we will try to make 100 rosaries and 100 cards, collect 100 books and 100 food items, and pray 100 rosaries.

- The Children's Books collection will be from 9:30am-1:00pm at the Church.
- See below for info on our food collection for Mercy House.

PARISH DAY OF SERVICE

SERVING TOGETHER



SERVING OTHERS



FOOD COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

8:30-10:00 AM

DONATIONS WILL SUPPORT MERCY HOUSE
THEY HAVE REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

PASTA
CEREAL
TUNA
GRANOLA BARS
PASTA SAUCE
(PLASTIC JARS ONLY)

PANCAKE MIX
SYRUP
BARS OF SOAP
TOOTHPASTE
DEODORANT
BABY WIPES

DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING AREA

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.

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!



FAMILY PROMISE "OPERATION BACKPACK"

"Children experiencing homelessness are already at a disadvantage when it comes to education," says FPUC Executive Director Geleen Donovan, noting that children who experience homelessness or shelter stays are at an increased risk for learning disabilities and academic failure, mental and physical health challenges, and even suicide.

"Their lives are in chaos," she adds. "We don't want them to start a new school year even further behind than they already are due to their housing situation. These children need as much support as we can provide."

Please contact Nancy Caputo [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org or 973.376.2061] if you are interested in sponsoring a backpack for a child.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Seeking to grow in faith as a family? Family Faith Formation is the place for you!

Family Faith Formation is 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 our world. All are welcome at Saint James and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our parish program!

The registration form opposite this page may be cut from the bulletin and turned in to the Rectory Office here at Saint James. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Family Faith Formation office (contact information below). We look forward to walking with you!

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



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FAMILY FAITH REGISTRATION 2023-2024
973-376-2061 or aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

REGISTRATION FEE: one child: \$150 - two children: \$175 - three (or more) children: \$200

Checks payable to Saint James Church

Family Name:

Home Phone:

Father's Name:

Father's Cell Phone:

Father's Occupation:

Mother's Cell Phone:

Mother's Name:

Family E-mail:

Mother's Occupation:

Custodial Parent:

Home Address:

Our family will attend the session following the:

CIRCLE ONE: 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass

Does your child(ren) have any special needs – medical or educational [] Yes [] No
(If yes, please provide details on back of this form)

Does your child[ren] use an EpiPen? [] Yes [] No

Child #1: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Entering Grade in Sept. ____

Please check sacraments received: [] Baptism [] Reconciliation [] Eucharist

Child #2: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Entering Grade in Sept. ____

Please check sacraments received: [] Baptism [] Reconciliation [] Eucharist

Child #3: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Entering Grade in Sept. ____

Please check sacraments received: [] Baptism [] Reconciliation [] Eucharist

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE THE START OF CLASSES: Families needing financial assistance please contact Ana Serra-Prescott

My child WAS / WAS NOT (Circle one) baptized at Saint James the Apostle Church. If your child(ren) was NOT baptized at Saint James, please include a copy of their Baptism Certificate (for 1st Graders and new registering children only).

[] Please check here if you **DO NOT** wish your child to be photographed, videotaped or your child[ren]'s name to be used in News Releases, social media or in any publication used by or for Saint James Church.

Date: ____/____/2022

Signature Parent/Guardian: _____

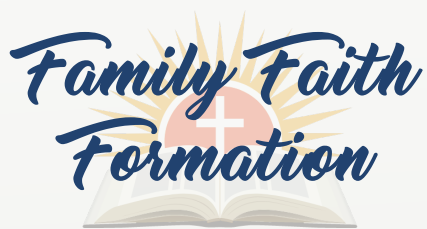
Office Use Only

Check # _____

Online _____

Amount: \$ _____

Date Received: ____/____/2023



Family Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Dear Saint James family,

I am happy to announce that I survived my first week at the Family Faith Formation Office and still feel thankful and so happy to have the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. God is so good!

As Nancy mentioned two weeks ago, registration was opened on July 5th and I have emailed it to any families who are currently registered for the Family Faith program. If you did not receive it, please do not hesitate to contact me or see the Registration Form on the opposite side of this page. Any families with children entering first grade this coming year, or older children who have not received formal Religious Education, please contact me.

Peace,
Ana

Reach out with any questions to:

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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 Faith Formation 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, JULY 15

St. Bonaventure

5:00pm

John Montana

r/b Janice Montana

Antonina (Nina) Plaia

r/b Jeff, Carrie & Ben Colandrea

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Fifteenth Sunday in OT

8:00am

Letizia Salonga

r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

Antoinette Palma

r/b Giaimo Family

10:00am

Ronnie Fusco

r/b Carmela & Robert Fusco

Maria G. Circelli

r/b Anthony & Carmelina Reino

12:00pm

Alice & Joseph Swakowski

r/b Cynthia Swakowski

Matthew Swakowski

r/b Cynthia Swakowski

MONDAY, JULY 17

7:30am

Maria Circelli

r/b Maria Reino

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:30am

Deceased Members of the Brodeur

r/b Family & Friends

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:30am

John Manna

r/b Claire Bernstein

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:30am

Daniel Patrick Deeney

r/b Yannazzone Family

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:30am

John Montana, Jr.

r/b Janice Montana

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30am

Frank Habenschaden

r/b Yannazzone Family

5:00pm

Gene Melleno

r/b Robin

Jack Sullivan

r/b Daughter, Pat

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Sixteenth Sunday in OT

8:00am

Robert Roessner

r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

Arthur Edell

r/b George Diaz

10:00am

Edwin Michaels

r/b Rosenberger Family

Antoinette Agrillo

r/b Michael & Rosemary Jorda

12:00pm

Peter Crincoli

r/b Mary Walsh

Antoinette Agrillo

r/b Dennis & Marie Ryan

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

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 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, 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 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 TO BAPTIZE

Edgar Jayden Rueda Deyro
Luke William Drechsel
Cataleya Iglesia

A TIME TO DIE

Judith Natale

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 July 8/9

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,337.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,008.00
Total:	\$ 9,345.00

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
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... The second collection the weekend of July 15/16 is for the Archdiocese Assessment... but do you know how St. James benefits from the assessment funding? We benefit greatly by being part of a larger Archdiocesan faith structure from 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. Will you help us cover this assessment expense?

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

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

Father David C. Santos
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

PERMANENT DEACON

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

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