



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

LORD, YOU ARE GOOD
AND FORGIVING.

PSALM 86

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 23, 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 29:
5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, July 30:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
12:00PM - Fr. Paladino

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 surprising thing about the parable of the weeds and the wheat is the calm, patient reaction of the landowner. This was a wealthy and powerful man - only wealthy and powerful people had multiple servants. How do wealthy and powerful people usually react to enemies who try to interfere with their business?

Not with such calm and patience, but with quick revenge.

So why was this landowner able to take this attack in stride?

And we should not be naive - this was a serious attack.

- It will cause the landowner more than four times the normal amount of investment to bring in the harvest.
- They will have to harvest twice the weight as normal.
- Then they will have to disassemble the harvested bundles in order to re-assemble two separate sets of bundles.
- This was a smart and efficient enemy!

The landowner is able to stay **calm and patient** because he represents God, the landowner of the world.

- And God isn't just wealthy and powerful; God is all-powerful.
- And when you are all-powerful, no attack of evil can really bother you.
- As the First Reading puts it, "your God's mastery over all things makes you lenient to all... for power, whenever you will, attends you."
- He will use even the evil actions of his enemies to build up his Kingdom - omnipotence is like that.
- An omnipotent God can afford to be merciful, because in the end, **he will be able to put all things right.**

If we thought about this characteristic of God more often and more deeply, it would make a difference in our life. We would be more like the farmer in the parable, able to remain calm and patient in the face of life's troubles and injustices.

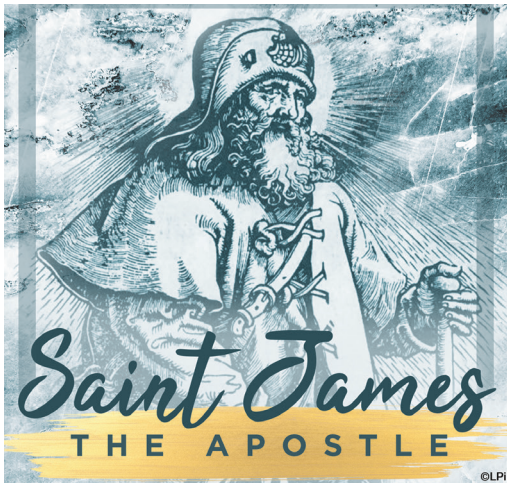
Our God is all-powerful, and it matters.

Fr. David Santos, Pastor

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

Quote of the Week:

Celebrating the Eucharist as a remembrance of Christ means practicing God's justice towards neighbors, strangers, and enemies alike. —Patrick T. McCormick



FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, July 26

Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Anne & Joachim on July 26th. An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Anne & Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbors because they had no children.

Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Saint Anne, remaining at home, dressed in mourning clothes and wept because she had no child of her own. Seeing her mistress distressed, a servant girl reminded Anne to put her trust in God. Saint Anne washed her face, put on her bridal clothes and went to a garden to plead with God for a child.

Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. The new parents ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and with a kiss rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs.

Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE

Good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
grandparents of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
When life seems barren, help us to trust in God's mercy.
When we are confused, help us to find the way to God.
When we are lost in the desert,
lead us to those whom God has called us to love.
When our marriage seems lifeless,
show us the eternal youth of the Lord.
When we are selfish, teach us to cling only to that which lasts.
When we are afraid, help us to trust in God.
When we are ashamed, remind us that we are God's children.
When we sin, lead us to do God's will.
You who know God's will for husband and wife, help us to live chastely.
You who knows God's will for the family, keep all families close to you.
You who suffered without children, intercede for all infertile couples.
You who trusted in God's will, help us to respect God's gift of fertility.
You who gave birth to the Blessed Mother,
inspire couples to be co-creators with God.
You who taught the Mother of God,
teach us to nurture children in holy instruction.
You whose hearts trusted in God, hear our prayers for
[Mention your intention(s) here...]

Pray with us for the ministry of Catholic family life.
Pray with us for the ministry of Natural Family Planning.
Pray with us for all who give their time, talent, and treasure to this good work.

1 Our Father...1 Hail Mary...1 Glory Be...

God of our fathers, You gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of Your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation You have promised to Your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 86

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 11:25

"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org



Dear Saint James family,

Registration is open for this coming school year Family Faith Formation and Confirmation programs. Please see detailed information on the programs and the meeting dates within the bulletin. As always, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

To make the Family Faith formation program a success, **WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!** We need volunteers in various capacities. Most volunteers will be asked to serve one Sunday a month for one hour. If interested and/or have questions, please reach out to me at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org or (973)376-2061.

Thank you!
Peace,
Ana

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AT SAINT JAMES

We are excited to begin a new year of Family Faith Formation! St. James the Apostle Families with children in 1st – 6th grade are invited to attend one session a month. At least one parent is required to attend with their children, but both are highly encouraged. Sessions will run for two hours, beginning with Mass, and followed by a welcome and introduction to the theme for the month. Then, children will gather into age-appropriate groups for a deeper dive into that theme. During that time, we will offer a parent session that helps support your families practically in how to best develop the faith at home. Each session concludes with a family activity/experience that ties into the monthly theme and a resource to continue the conversation at home.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Start by choosing the time of the Mass that works best for your family. The Mass time slot that is chosen by each family will remain their designated session for the entirety of the year. Scan the QR code below, print the registration form, complete it, and email it to Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org or bring it to the Rectory Office.

MASS TIMES FOLLOWED BY FAMILY SESSIONS IN THE GYM:

8:00AM - 10:00AM
10:00AM - 12:00 NOON
12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM

GATHERING DATES:

September 17
October 22
November 19
**December 6
January 7
February 25
March 17
April 28

** Wednesday, December 6 at
7:00PM is the Feast of St. Nicholas Prayer Service

MORE IMPORTANT INFO:

- Cost: One child \$150, Two children \$175, Three or more children \$200.
- If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org
- New family Orientation meeting – Monday, September 11 at 7PM in the Church.
- Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Orientation meeting will be Monday, September 11th at 8PM in the Church.

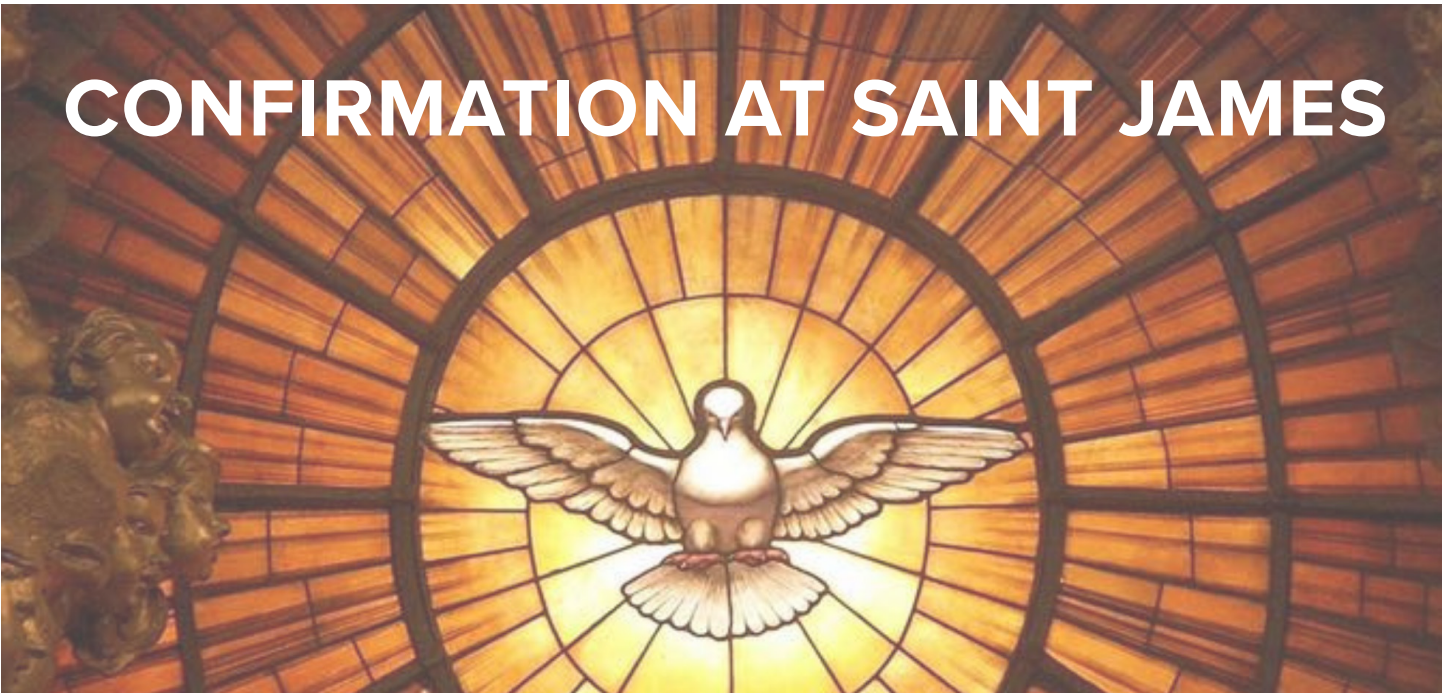
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***Reach out with any
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CONFIRMATION AT SAINT JAMES



Our Confirmation preparation initiative seeks to inspire our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will help unpack the journey of faith, identify how the Spirit is at work in our lives and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is a 2-year process for anyone in 7th grade or older. Our program involves learning, sharing, serving, fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

7th GRADE SCHEDULE (Confirmation 1)

7:00-8:30PM at the Church

October 3
November 7
December 5
January 9
February 6
March 5
April 9

*Retreat date to be announced

8th GRADE SCHEDULE (Confirmation 2)

7:00-8:30PM at the Church

October 17 (Parent and child meeting)
November 21
December 19
January 23
February 20
March 26
April 23

*Retreat date to be announced

MORE IMPORTANT INFO:

- Parents are welcome to stay but are not required to do so.
- We look forward to welcoming you back this Fall and walking with your family on the journey of faith!
- If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott: aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

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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!



PRAYER FOR OUR *Centennial Year*

Heavenly Father,
with grateful hearts and a steadfast spirit,
we jubilantly commemorate one hundred years
as a community of faith,
under the patronage of Saint James the Apostle.
Remembering the past, we honor the dedication
and faithfulness of our forebearers,
those who have built our community
on the solid rock of faith in Jesus Christ.
We will never forget the sacrificial love
on which they built this church.

In gratitude, we celebrate
your ever faithful presence among us.
In Word, in Sacrament, and in each other,
you continue to fill us
with many graces and blessings.

Finally, through intercession of Saint James
the Apostle,
who was first called to follow your son,
Jesus Christ,

before being sent to lend others to Him,
we beg for the grace, courage, and wisdom
needed to lead the next generation of faith.

Good and Gracious God,
may your goodness and love,
which has guided us those one hundred years,
continue to sustain us in the present
and lead us into the future.

Amen.

NEWS IN THE CATHOLIC WORLD: WATER CREMATION

It is traditional for a deceased Catholic to be buried in the ground or interred in a tomb or mausoleum. While the Catholic Church does allow for cremation, it comes with some requirements – like that the remains must still be buried or inurned in a columbarium – and strictly restricts the scattering of the ashes. There is a newer method of cremation, however, that uses an alkaline water mix that completely dissolves biological materials, and bishops are warning it is not suitable for Catholics.

The process is known as alkaline hydrolysis, aquamation, or “water cremation.” According to the Cremation Association of North America, the process entails placing the body of the deceased within a sealed chamber, where an acidic watery mix breaks down the body while being pressurized and heated... The biological remains dissolved into the fluid, however, are simply disposed of in the local wastewater treatment, or even used for fertilizer, and this is where the Catholic Church has a real problem with the process.

The Catholic Church insists that human remains be treated with respect to protect the dignity of the deceased, just the same as when they were alive. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy, it honors the children of God who are temples of the Holy Spirit.”

While the Vatican has yet to weigh in on water cremations, US bishops have offered guidance to the faithful... Recently retired St. Louis Archbishop Robert J. Carlson concluded that “this form of cremation in its current practice violates the dignity of the deceased human person.” The archdiocese went on to caution Catholics to avoid water cremations “until another suitable means of disposing of the liquid remnant can be established.”

[Some bishops] question if the process really is more eco-friendly, as the remains and chemicals used to dissolve them are all sent into the sewer. They also noted that, although water cremations are cheaper, respect and reverence for human bodies must not be sacrificed for a cheaper, quicker disposition for medical research facilities.

Adapted for our bulletin from aleteia.org

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Introducing "EthicsPoint"

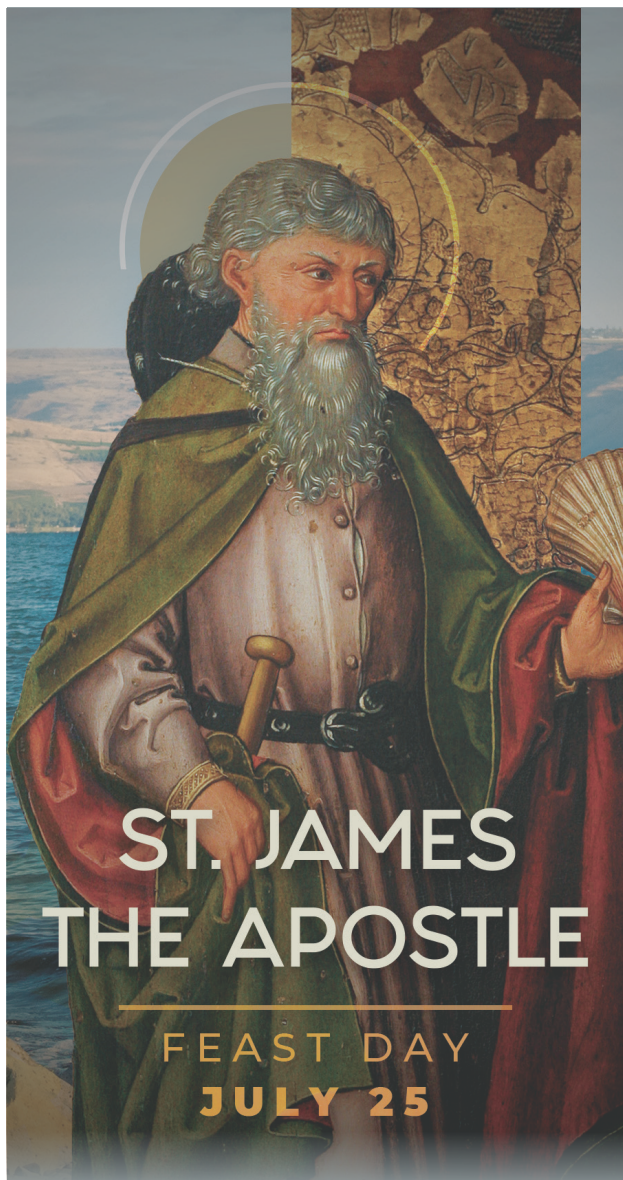
"The Archdiocese of Newark and its parishes, schools and other ministries are committed to proclaiming the Gospel, forming missionary disciples, and faithfully serving all of God's people, especially the poor. To fulfill the mission of our Church, we must always conduct our work in an ethical manner."

For this purpose, the Archdiocese of Newark has launched EthicsPoint, 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. EthicsPoint 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





ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
JULY 25

PRAYER TO SAINT JAMES:

O Glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of your fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; you, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.

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 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

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

MONDAY, JULY 24

7:30am

Kevin McGinley

r/b Mary Vesey

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Feast of Saint James the Greater

7:30am

For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Saints Joachim & Anne

7:30am

Helen Fittin

r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:30am

**Deceased Friends & Relatives of
the Brodeur Family**

r/b Family

FRIDAY, JULY 28

7:30am

Joseph Sheridan

r/b Mary Vesey

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:30am

Viviana Betancur

r/b George Diaz

5:00pm

Carlyn & Tom Ryan

r/b Family

Janet Skinner

r/b Roethlin Family

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Seventeenth Sunday in OT

8:00am

William Cappiello

r/b Angela Ragonese

Laurel Devoti-Reuss

r/b Susan Freda

10:00am

Joseph Rieger, Jr.

r/b Rosenberger Family

Fred DeCaro

r/b Bernstein Family

12:00pm

Ida Boettcher

r/b Deacon Hugh & Maggie Keffer

Romano Ferraro

r/b Pat Sullivan

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 DIE

Father Patrick W. Donohue

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 15/16

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| Regular Collection: | \$ | 5,362.00 |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 3,388.00 |
| Total: | \$ | 8,750.00 |

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 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 week-end of July 29/30.

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

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