



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church

LORD, I LOVE YOUR  
COMMANDS.

PSALM 119

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 30, 2023

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## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### 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, August 5:**  
5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

**Sunday, August 6:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Paladino  
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

Remember the story of The Wizard of Oz? Four characters—the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and of course Dorothy—are in search of what they believe will make them complete. The Scarecrow wants a brain, the Tin Man needs a heart, the Cowardly Lion seeks courage, and Dorothy just wants to go home. Together they make a perilous journey to the Land of Oz where they encounter a wonderful wizard who shows them that everything they desire is already in their possession.

To awaken them to this truth, the wizard gives them outward signs of their inward realities. The Scarecrow gets a diploma, the Tin Man a testimonial, the Cowardly Lion a medal for bravery, and Dorothy finds out that home is where her heart is.

Like our four heroes, we are all in search of the treasure of life, the priceless pearl of fulfillment. It is for this reason that God made us. "I came that you might have life," Jesus says, "and have it to the fullest" (John 10:10).

All that we seek is within us, but not of our own creative invention, but by the gift of God. Maybe a better way to say it is, because we are baptized, God's divine life is radically present in us, as is the Kingdom of God. But to obtain this buried treasure of God's kingdom, it is necessary to divest ourselves of worldly attachments. The seekers of the parable sell all that they have. What good are the wealth, power, security, and comfort of this passing world if we never achieve the real treasure of God's lasting kingdom?

Fr. David Santos, Pastor



### Quote of the Week:

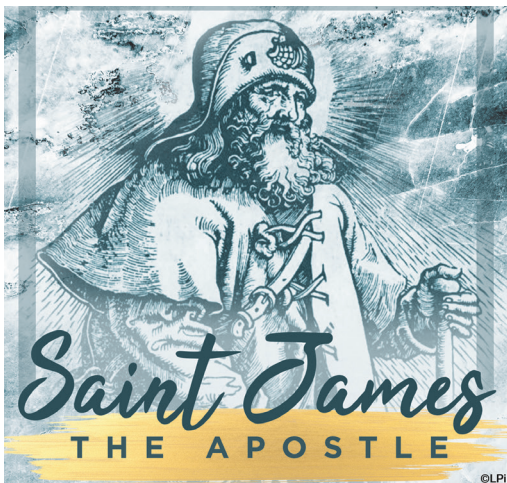
*We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.* —Nelson Mandela



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## MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING MINISTRY

### Resource for Overcoming Stress & Anxiety

It comes for us the moment we wake up in the morning:  
“Do the kids have their clothes ready?”

Throughout the day it plagues us:  
“Will I get that work project done by the deadline?”

And as we lie in bed, it keeps after us:  
“How will I get everything done!”

“...wow...I need to do this ALL OVER AGAIN tomorrow!”

Stress → It is in every corner of our lives! And following close behind stress comes anxiety. There is so much to be stressed and anxious about these days.

But what does Our Lord say?  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. — John 14:27

A life filled with chaos, fear, and anxiety is the last thing that Jesus wants for us. He wants us to surrender our burdens to Him, not be weighed down by them. That does not mean it is easy to do so.

#### But it is not impossible!

So how do we respond to the inevitable stressors of life in a Christ-centered, holy, and peaceful way? Through the Good Catholic Organization you have a chance to participate in their online digital subscription 21-day series called Overcoming Stress & Anxiety. It launches on August 8th

Employing the Church’s understanding of the human person and his extensive experience in Catholic psychological counseling, licensed marriage and family therapist Dr. Sacasa will teach lead you step-by-step into a deeper understanding of yourself, the nature of stress and why we experience it, how we respond to it in healthy and unhealthy ways, and how we can tackle it successfully.

Read more about the series on their website:  
[www.goodcatholic.com/product/overcoming-stress-and-anxiety](http://www.goodcatholic.com/product/overcoming-stress-and-anxiety)

Or scan the QR code below:



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?” The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119

Lord, I love your commands.

### SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 11:25

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

### GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

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

## Centennial Corner



### 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](http://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!



## Thank you for 100 Years of Service!

During the month of July we remembered and celebrated how Saint James the Apostle Church has spent 100 years serving our local area. Thank you to the whole community for a wonderful day of service this past weekend and for helping Saint James celebrate our Centennial. Father David Santos began the day celebrating mass with over 100 people in attendance.

We collected 100 bags of food for the hungry, 100 books for children, and we made 100 cards for Veterans and children in the hospital with the help of the Springfield summer camp. We wanted to let the Veterans and the people in the hospital know that we are thinking of them, praying for them and wishing them well. We made 100 rosaries and prayed 100 rosaries. We also washed cars with all monies collected to benefit the 1st Aid Squad.

We are grateful for the generous support from the Springfield Rotary as well as the Springfield Hillside Elk Lodge. Their donations will be used to purchase books for children with special needs at Elks Camp Moore and Children's Specialized Hospital. We visited 2 Assisted Living Facilities and entertained the residents. We worked on various projects around our parish campus. We also spent the morning maintaining Eckel Island, the strip of roadside greenery adopted by St. James. Thank you to all who participated in any way with all our activities, especially young and old working together for the benefit of others. The weather was perfect; we couldn't ask for a better family day.



You're Invited To The

# ALUMNI GRAND REUNION



September 8, 2023

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm



Springfield - Hillside Elks  
80 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ

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\$35 per person • Cash Bar • Light Fare

RSVP: [SchoolAlumni@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:SchoolAlumni@saintjamesparish.org)



# Family Faith Formation

Dear St. James Families - I am including the Family Faith Formation and Confirmation flyer again this week, because one of the dates for the Family Faith Formation meetings, the one in February, has changed to a Saturday afternoon, and for the Confirmation groups, that date has also been added to their calendar. I will explain it at our first meeting, but I wanted to make you aware of it, so that you know ahead of time and can add it to your calendars.

**We are looking for volunteers to help at this year's Family Faith Formation Program.** The commitment would be for only one session a month (for 1 hour), but we would ask that you commit to a specific time session (after the 8AM Mass, after the 10AM mass, or after the 12PM mass) and volunteer at the same time session for each of the six Family Faith Formation sessions. The volunteers would serve in various capacities: Catechists, classroom Aids, and Hall monitors. We are also looking to start a Pre-K and K craft room, so that parents with younger children can have that hour session and the younger children could have a fun arts and craft hour as well. If anyone is interested and feels called to volunteering in any of those capacities, please contact me at [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org). You can also call me at (973)376-2061 or stop me when you see me after Mass or around town. Have a blessed week!

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](mailto: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 24  
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](mailto: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.

SCAN THE QR  
CODE HERE FOR  
THE REGISTRATION  
FORM:



**Reach out with any  
questions to:**

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

# 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  
February 24\*\*  
March 5  
April 9

\*Retreat date to be announced

\*\*Saturday, February 24 at 3PM in the Church

### 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  
February 24\*\*  
March 12  
April 23

\*Retreat date to be announced

\*\*Saturday, February 24 at 3PM in the Church

## 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](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org)

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FORM:**



## 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*

## 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 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 29

**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

## MONDAY, JULY 31

**7:30am** **Alicia & José Aguinaldo**  
r/b Aguinaldo Family

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

### St. Alphonus Liguori

**7:30am** **For the Protection of the Unborn**  
r/b Fernandez Family

## WEDNESDAY, August 2

**7:30am** **Ida Boettcher**  
r/b Vickie Sarracino &  
Dominick Barone

## THURSDAY, August 3

**7:30am** **Ricky Lubischer**  
r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron

## FRIDAY, August 4

### St. John Vianney

**7:30am** **Escolastica & Pedro Aguinaldo**  
r/b Aguinaldo Family

## SATURDAY, August 5

**8:30am** **Mercedes Agatep**  
r/b Aguinaldo Family

**5:00pm** **Lawrence Kaufherr**  
r/b Mezzo Family  
**Andrew, Sr., Andrew, Jr., &  
Madelyn Benavente**  
r/b Kim Herbert

## SUNDAY, August 6

### Transfiguration of the Lord

**8:00am** **Rocco & Christina Coles**  
r/b David Driscoll  
**Daniel & Angela Raimondo**  
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Marianne Van Volkenburgh

**10:00am** **Antoinette Agrillo**  
r/b Caroline LaVacca  
**Thomas V. Giaimo**  
r/b Giaimo Family

**12:00pm** **Tony Bagnato**  
r/b Wife, Ann  
**Dolores Guaida**  
r/b Roseanne Egnatuk

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



## SANCTUARY LAMP:

Nicolaos Cacouris  
r/b Saint James Parish

## BREAD & WINE:

Nicolaos Cacouris  
r/b Saint James Parish

*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 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](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

**[www.thewaterfrontproject.org](http://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 22/23

|                     |    |          |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| Regular Collection: | \$ | 5,586.00 |
| Online Giving:      | \$ | 3,133.00 |
| Total:              | \$ | 8,719.00 |

*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](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?... 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



## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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*Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry*

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