

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.

Mark 6:4



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### **Summer Office Hours:**

(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Mon-Tue 8:30AM-3PM Wed 8:30AM-7PM Thu 8:30AM-3PM Fri CLOSED

#### **Church Visiting Hours:**

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 13: 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, July 14: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Paladino 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 6:30PM in the Church and on Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday Holy Hour at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

# **PASTOR'S COLUMN**



#### Mid-Year State of the Parish Report

June 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to share with you the mid-year update for our beloved parish. The spirit of our community continues to flourish, and I am filled with gratitude for

your partnership.

Many people have been commenting on how noticeably full and active the Masses and parish events have been. It is a great joy to welcome new families, greet returning parishioners, and engage with our loyal and long-time parish families. Wonderful things are happening here at St. James, and I feel blessed to work with you in building up the Kingdom of God here in Springfield, NJ!

As we approach the summer, I ask for your continued attention to the weekly bulletin for additional **News and Updates** regarding the Campus Redevelopment Project and other upcoming facility enhancements and parish programming.

I'd like to highlight **two** enhancements to our campus that will be taking place in the next few weeks. Members of the Finance Council have worked diligently to secure a series of federal, state, non-profit and private grants to fund various projects here at St. James.

We have been awarded the New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of this grant is to support security enhancements for houses of worship. In the next few weeks, 1) a new black metal fence will be installed on the property line dividing the St. James property and the Florence M Gaudineer Middle School. The new fence will replace the old, dilapidated wood split rail fence. 2) New enhanced LED light fixtures will be installed on the existing light posts in the parking lot and a new light post will be installed near the Catholic Charities clothing container.

A few months ago, we made important repairs to problematic areas of the church roof paid for by an Archdiocesan grant. This grant money will also enable us to do the following repairs and work to the church building:

- Repair and painting of the church narthex interior
- Repair and painting of the church worship space interior
- New sconce light fixtures for the exterior columns of the church

With our success in accessing grant money and your generous response to our appeals for giving (both to the regular weekend collection and the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal) we are making great headway towards solid financial footing while at the same time addressing longstanding physical infrastructure repairs.

# PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

Please know that your dedication to our parish's wellbeing and the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel continues to inspire me. Whether through volunteering, participating in liturgical ministries, or supporting our various initiatives, you all contribute to the vibrant life of our parish.

Thank you for being an integral part of our parish family. Let us continue to pray for one another, support each other, and grow together in faith.

May God bless you abundantly during the summer months.

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

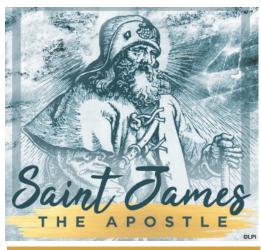


### St. James Prayer-Line Ministry

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or have been in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any "Special Intention", (Restored Health).

If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor by e-mail:

PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org.



# **SUNDAY READINGS**

# FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:2-5

Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house— they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 123

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

# SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

# **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

#### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR

We are looking for volunteers to join our Family Faith Formation Program to volunteer as Catechists, Classroom Aides, 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 once a month hour session and the younger children could also have a fun arts and craft hour on the topic of the day.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Ana.

After prayerful consideration, if you are interested and feel called to volunteering in any of those capacities, please contact Ana at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org, call (973)376-2061, or stop by the rectory.

#### The Steubenville Youth Conference is fast approaching!!





This Sunday, the twelve members of the St. James Parish who will be travelling to the Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio from July 12 to 14 (Darin, Jocelyn, Gabriel, Antoine, Dominic, Jerome, Ashley, Patrick, Vanisha, Victoria, Penelope, and me) will be receiving a special blessing at the 12 noon Mass.

We ask that you all keep us in your prayers, especially the teenagers going on the trip as they embark on this exciting faith journey.

Please know that you, our parish family, will be on the trip with us, as you will be in our thoughts and prayers throughout the trip. If there are any intentions you would like us to pray for, please use the QR code above to submit your intentions and we will make sure to pray for them throughout our trip.

If you prefer to not use the QR code, feel free to email me or drop off a note with your intentions at the rectory. Make sure that you write "Steubenville Trip Prayer Intentions" on the subject of the email or on the envelope to make sure it goes to the right office.

We ask that you please submit them by no later than July 11th at 3PM (the day before we leave).

# Family Faith 2024-2025 Registration is now open.

Please use the QR code to access the Registration form and online fee payment.

(The form is to register 1st to 8th graders – One form per family)

Registration and payment are due July 31.

Any registrations received after July 31 will incur a \$50 late fee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Family Faith Formation Office.

We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!



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

# ST. JAMES GOLF OUTING THIS MONDAY!



Join us for our golf outing or through our sponsorship packages.

Proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church.

#### **HOLE SPONSOR**

\$200 Sign with Company/Family Name on a tee box during the outing. GOLF

\$350 PER GOLFER: Includes player gift bag, brunch, cocktail hour, buffet dinner with open bar

#### **DINNER ONLY**

\$125 PER PERSON: Includes cocktail hour and buffet dinner with open bar.

9:30AM-11:00AM	Registration/Brunch	
11:00AM	Shotgun Start	
4:00PM	Cocktail Hour	
5:00PM	. Buffet Dinner	
Contests prizes and more!		

To register, scan QR code or visit: <a href="https://saintjamestheapostle.org/golf-outing-2024/">https://saintjamestheapostle.org/golf-outing-2024/</a>



For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

# **SHOP FOR A CAUSE!**



St. James the Apostle Church Outdoor Pop-Up SALE July 13, 2024 9:00am – 3:00pm

Church Parking Lot; 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ

All Brand New, Stylish Clothing, Gift Items & Household Goods at low-low prices

Cash & Carry

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

# JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF SERVICE!

In honor of our Patron Saint,

James the Apostle

Thursday, July 25, 2024 9:45am-11:45am

Community Foodbank in Hillside





18 Slots Available - All Parishioners 12 and older are welcome!

Please use the sign-up on Flocknote:

https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/171535

# 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 the upkeep of the island. Together, we can make this a light task while giving back to the community. If you have a lawnmower and are able to mow the grass on the island one or more weekends, please signup using the QR code. You can mow at any time you're available that weekend. Thank you for your consideration and God bless.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. - Corinthians 3:9





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VOLUNTEER

# PARISH HOMECOMING WEEKEND



# Sunday, September 8

1:00 PM (after the noon mass) to 4:00 PM

We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, mustard, ketchup, and a sweet treat (ice cream).

Please bring your own side dishes, desserts, tents, tables, and chairs.

There will be **music** and **games** for the kids!

There will also be a **Butterfly Release** in memorial and honor of our loved ones.



\*Rain Date: September 22

RSVP by August 16th!
Visit our website or
scan the QR code





Saint James the Apostle Church

# Memorial and Honor Butterfly Release

A butterfly release will be held as part of our Homecoming Weekend Parish Picnic (Sept. 8). You can purchase a butterfly in memorial or honor of a loved one.



Submit this form to Joan Bratsch or Chris DeCicco after Masses or drop it off with payment at the rectory.

Cost: \$25 per butterfly or \$100 for five

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In Memory of:

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# **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



# **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Union County Federation**

The Union County Federation Knights of Columbus is planning our second annual night at TD Bank Ballpark to watch the Somerset Patriots (Yankees) vs. the Binghamton Ponies (Mets).

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

Who: Knights of Columbus

What: Baseball Night fund raiser for our local charities

Where: TD Bank Ballpark – 1 Patriots Park Bridgewater, NJ 08807

GPS Address: 860E Main Street Bridgewater Township, NJ 08807

When: Saturday August 10, 2024

BBQ Time 5:30 PM – Game Time 7:05 PM Price Per Ticket: \$50/Adults, \$35/Children

The price includes an all you can eat BBQ before the game, free soft drinks until the 7<sup>th</sup> inning and Fireworks after the game. There will be a cash bar near our seats.



Please contact Mike Peter at 908-357-5673 or dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com for tickets or more information



# OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD

We will host Lower School Information Tours beginning on **Monday, October 7**.

Hear directly from the Director of Lower School Admission, gain insights into our admission process, and tour our beautiful campus.

Visit our website at www.oakknoll.org or call the Admission Office at 908-522-8109.

#### A Time to Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes which served you so well during the winter season? We also need small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books. Please donate them to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

#### **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 about the priesthood? Are you being called? Reach out to Father Patrick Seo and the Office of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark! Visit www.NewarkPriest.com,

email NewarkPriest@rcan.org, follow @NewarkPriest on social media, or call (973) 313-6190.

# Do you know someone who...

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

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

For more information, please call (973) 376-2061

# ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

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

# **MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 6** 

5:00pm John Montana

r/b Janice Montana, Daughter **Paul and Betty Macciachera** 

r/b Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 7** 

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00am Amelia Montana

r/b Janice Montana

**Al Blasi** r/b Family

10:00am Paul Brenner

r/b Circelli Family Barbara Siino

r/b Giovanna Circelli

12:00pm Jessica Smolenski

r/b Pat Sullivan **Anna Base** 

r/b Elvira and Marvin Oakerson

**MONDAY, JULY 8** 

7:30am Michelle Mendez

r/b Julie Colon

**TUESDAY, JULY 9** 

7:30am Audrey Muratore

r/b The Ellmer Family

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10** 

7:30am Donato Reino

r/b Anthony Reino

**THURSDAY, JULY 11** 

**Saint Benedict** 

7:30am Pio & Dolores Salle

r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, JULY 12

7:30am Mary Deeny Gervel

r/b Yannazzone Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 13** 

8:30am Alex Chavarriaga

r/b Maria Chavarriaga Alfanso Cacciatore

r/b Wife & Children Giuseppe Graziosi

r/b Joana Masini & Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 14** 

5:00pm

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Michael Carollo

r/b Family

**Donald Hudson** 

r/b Ed & Anne Fanning

10:00am Silvio Lombardi

r/b Rita Lombardi &

Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva

Robert Ruple r/b Family

12:00pm Daniel & Angela Raimondo

r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh Caesar & Edward Rivano

r/b Marion Rivano



#### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

The People of Saint James

#### **BREAD & WINE:**

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

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

#### A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Maj. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Capt. Brian Jacobs, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson



# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

# DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUN

AND NEED HELP WITH:

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

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately: jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org



As part of our effort to communicate flocknote more effectively with you, we have launched an e-newsletter through

a platform called Flocknote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more. Here's how you can sign up: Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 OR Sign up on the website: saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

If you signed up but haven't received emails or have found the newsletter in your spam folder, be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contacts list.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

**Collection Totals** Weekend of June 29 & 30

Collection totals not available at time of printing. Please check back next week for updates.

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



# ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

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

polos, and more!

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



# **OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:**

#### **PASTOR**

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#### PERMANENT DEACON

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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