



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

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MARK 4: 31-32

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JUNE 16, 2024
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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Mon-Tue 8:30AM-3PM

Wed 8:30AM-7PM

Thu-Fri 8:30AM-3PM

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM

Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 22:

5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, June 23:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM

Saturday: 8:30AM

U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM

or by Appointment;

Please call the Office.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:

Mondays at 6:30PM

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



A father remarked: *"when I think of perspective, I am often reminded of a conversation between me and my son in the summer he turned four. That spring my son Mark had asked for a spot in the family garden to call his own. He turned the soil, broke the clumps, and planted his favorite vegetable - corn. Toward the middle of July, Mark was concerned that his corn was not growing fast enough. I tried to reassure him that the corn was doing just fine by quoting him the familiar benchmark used by farmers, "...knee high by the fourth of July."* My lesson on perspective came with his retort: **"My knees or yours?"** 😊

The famous spiritual writer Father Henri Nouwen recounts his first meeting with Mother Teresa of Calcutta this way, he writes: *"I had the opportunity of meeting Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I was struggling with many things at the time and decided to use the occasion to ask Mother Teresa's advice. As soon as we sat down, I started explaining all my problems and difficulties – trying to convince her of how complicated it all was! When, after ten minutes of elaborate explanation, I finally became quiet, Mother Teresa looked at me and quietly said: "Well, when you spend one hour a day adoring your Lord in prayer and never do anything which you know is wrong...you will be fine!"*

At that moment, Mother Teresa's simple advice punctured his big balloon of complex self-complaints and pointed him far beyond himself to the place of real healing. Reflecting on this brief but decisive encounter, Henri realized that he had raised a question from **below**, and that she had given an answer from **above**. At first, her answer didn't seem to fit his question, but then he began to see that her answer came from God's place and not from the place of his complaints.

Friends, isn't it true that our lives are inundated with urgent questions (from below)?

- *How can I find joy and happiness?*
- *What is the right way of living?*
- *What am I to do with my life?*
- *Whom shall I marry?*
- *Where shall I live?*
- *What gifts do I have to share?*
- *What do I do with my loneliness?*
- *Why am I so needy for affection, approval, or power?*
- *How can I overcome my fears, my shame, my addictions, and my sense of inadequacy or of failure?*

PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

We all have a lot of questions throughout our lives, especially in tough moments. But I think that most of the time we respond to these questions from **below** with answers from **below**. We stay fixed in **our** world; in our particular situation, limiting our vision to what is immediately around us, what we can see, hear, and touch. And the result is often more confusion.

Henri, at the time of his encounter with Mother Teresa, was struggling with many of these questions. He learned something that he already knew but wasn't living out. His perspective changed from **below** to **above**. He began seeking answers from **above** to his questions from **below**.

Friends, when we begin to see things from God's place – **above** – a whole new world opens up to us. **That's what's happening in our readings this Sunday.**

The little boy Mark in the story that I shared with you was willing to determine the readiness of his precious corn crop by using his own measure, the height of his knees rather than that of his father's, who knew better. **We often fall into the same trap, don't we?**

From **below**, our faith can appear as small as a mustard seed; but from **above**, such *faith* is enough for the Lord to work with. So next time you ask a question from **below** may you seek the answer from **above**, then watch your perspective change.

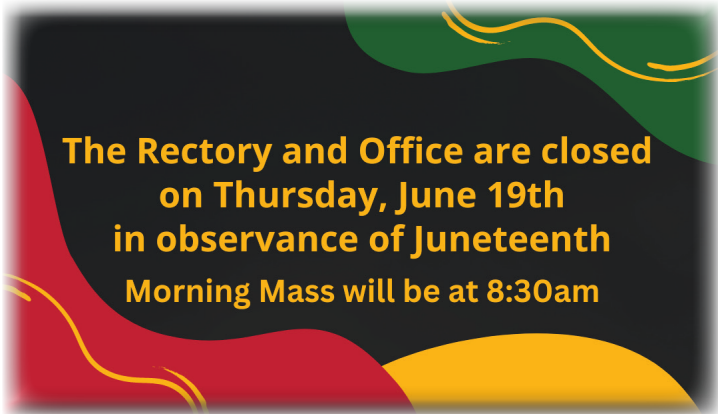


Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

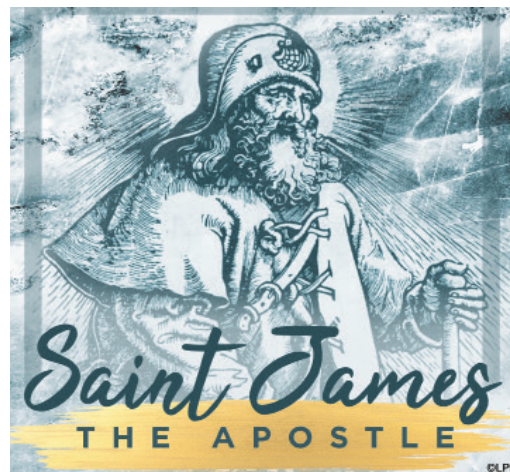
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

— Saint Basil the Great



**The Rectory and Office are closed
on Thursday, June 19th
in observance of Juneteenth
Morning Mass will be at 8:30am**



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

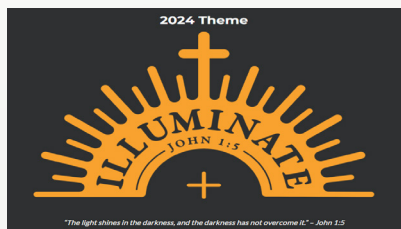
GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

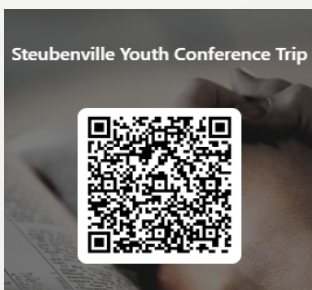
Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



On July 12-14, twelve members of the St. James Parish will be travelling to the Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio (3 chaperones and 9 teenagers).

We ask that you please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to embark on this exciting faith journey.



Please let us know if there are any intentions you would like us to pray for on the trip. Please use the QR code to the left to submit your intentions and we will make sure to pray for them throughout our trip.

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



2024 SAINT JAMES PHOTO DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT

Saint James the Apostle Parish cordially invites your family to an exclusive, wonderful opportunity to create lifetime memories.

Join us for a family Portrait
(FREE, no sitting fee)

**Appointments from 9a-3p on
Sunday, 6/16/24**

Call the photo studio directly at **201-681-5004** or scan the QR code to secure your place! Plus, enjoy the option of a full family photoshoot and the opportunity to purchase portraits or digital images at a discounted fee.



Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry

Calling All Caregivers!

Do you provide care to someone on either a full-time or part-time basis who needs help taking care of themselves? It may be a spouse, parent, family member, or friend. The Saint James Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry invites you to lunch on

Saturday, June 29th, 2024 at 12 PM
Sofia's Restaurant on Morris Avenue in Springfield, NJ

We look forward to providing support, and fellowship.
Please take some time for yourself and join us!

To register by June 21st, 2024, please leave a message at the parish office: 973-376-3044

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

**Back by popular
demand!**

**HOME
VISITATION
OF
OUR LADY
OF
*Fatima***



SIGN UP IS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY.

**VISITS ARE EITHER FROM SUNDAY TO
WEDNESDAY OR WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY.**

SIGNUP BY USING THIS LINK:

<https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/169235>



DONATION OPPORTUNITIES NEXT WEEKEND!



HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

FOOD COLLECTION JUNE 22 & 23

*All donations
will support
the
Food Pantry
at
Our Lady of
Sorrows*



Drop off in the Narthex
before all weekend Masses

Requested Items:

Low Sugar CEREAL
Plain OATMEAL
Canned BEANS (no garbanzo)
Bars of SOAP

*Regular, grocery-sized items (not Costco)
are best for storage and distribution.
Thank you!*



Frozen Meatloaf and Sandwich COLLECTION



In the month of June, we are having a meatloaf and sandwich collection. This initiative is a great way to use your talents to benefit those in need.



We are collecting 2-pound frozen meatloaves and sandwiches. Sandwiches should be wrapped in cellophane or put in sandwich bags and have no condiments in or on the sandwich. Please ensure all items are securely wrapped when you bring them to church.



Shoprite gift cards are always needed and greatly appreciated

Collection Dates:
Saturday June 22nd
Sunday June 23rd

We will collect items after each mass.
There will be a bin in the Narthex area.
If you have any questions, please contact
the Rectory at 973-376-3044



RESERVE YOUR SPACE OR BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF OUTING

Sign up today
to secure
your spot!

JULY 8, 2024
MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

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
4:00PMCocktail Hour
5:00PM..... Buffet Dinner
Contests, prizes and more!

To register, scan QR code
or visit: [https://
saintjamestheapostle.org/
golf-outing-2024/](https://saintjamestheapostle.org/golf-outing-2024/)



For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org



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.



Name

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Total Amount. \$

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

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

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

St. James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island, just down the street from our parish. We are responsible for the upkeep. 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 one or more weekends, please scan the QR code below. Thank you and God bless.



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 7th 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



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 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.

*Dads are the
Greatest!*



MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:00pm For All Fathers

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Father's Day

8:00am For All Fathers

10:00am For All Fathers

12:00pm For All Fathers

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:30am Al Ferri
r/b Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:30am Deceased Members of the
Brodeur Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Juneteenth
8:30am Paul Conway
r/b Elaine Conway

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:30am Joseph Dorneo
r/b Dorneo Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Saint Aloysius
7:30am Mary Ann Bujnowski
r/b Tom Bujnowski

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:30am Michael Cocco
r/b Deacon Kevin and Marcia Reina

5:00pm Mathew Joseph
Jeanne Morey
r/b Eugenia Reedy & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am John Lyna
r/b John and Cindy O'Reilly
Leotha Babcock
r/b Stephen and Janet Wolcott

10:00am Aida Salle
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

Rosaalba Baliani
r/b Marvin and Vera Oakerson

12:00pm Deceased Members of the
Aquilino Family
r/b Lesniewski Family
Daniel and Angela Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser and
Marianne VanVolkenburg



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Victor Vecchione
r/b Vickie Steinbeck

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 BAPTIZE

Luca Gerlando Galo Cacciatore
Andrew Javier Conforme
Dylan Grace Daly
Augustin Felix Ocasio

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, 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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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



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As part of our effort to communicate 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 6 & 8

Regular Collection:	\$	5,654.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,240.00
Total:	\$	9,894.00

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 weekend of June 22/23.

The Finance Council members would like to convey a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the parish community for your continued giving of your *time, talent* and *treasure* to St. James.

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



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!



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