

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35



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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 15: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, June 16:** 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 6:30PM in the Church and on Facebook Live

**Eucharistic Adoration:**Wednesday Holy Hour at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

# PASTOR'S COLUMN



#### **NEWS and UPDATES**

This weekend I'm away in Rhode Island attending an Army reunion (just in case you're wondering where Father Santos is...LOL). My time in the U.S. Rhode Island Army National Guard was a very formative time and proud moment in my life. Having an opportunity to catch up and reminisce the "good ol' days" with

many of the men I had the privilege of serving with is something I've eagerly looked forward to. This anticipated military reunion and all the "media" hoopla surrounding my military experience these recent weeks has invited me to reflect a bit deeper on my time in service to our wonderful nation and my life in general. In short, I consider myself extremely blessed and privileged to have been called by God to serve in two extraordinary capacities – first as a **soldier in the Army**, and now as a **soldier of Christ** in the priesthood of Jesus Christ!

You've heard the expression "if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." That certainly rings true in my life! Honestly, I could not have imagined the path the Lord has laid out for me. And I am certain that no other path could have brought me as much **peace**, deep-seated **joy**, and **meaning** than the one He's led me on! And, by the way, I totally acknowledge that this isn't an easy truth to learn, and it's one we have to constantly remind ourselves of.

Friends, maybe I can sum it up this way – my life is not about ME, and your life is not about YOU! Our life, our talents, our gifts - and even our crosses - are all meant for the purposes of God!

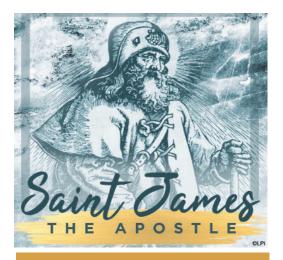
Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions.

Saint Faustina





# **SUNDAY READINGS**

#### FIRST READING Genesis 3:9-15

Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me— she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 130

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

# SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I* believed, therefore *I* spoke, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

## **GOSPEL**

#### Mark 3:20-35

But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man.
Then he can plunder the house.
Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Confirmation 2024**

A reminder that this Tuesday, June 11, we are having our parents and candidates meeting at 7PM in the church. All candidates receiving their sacrament of Confirmation this October must attend. See you there!



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.

#### 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!

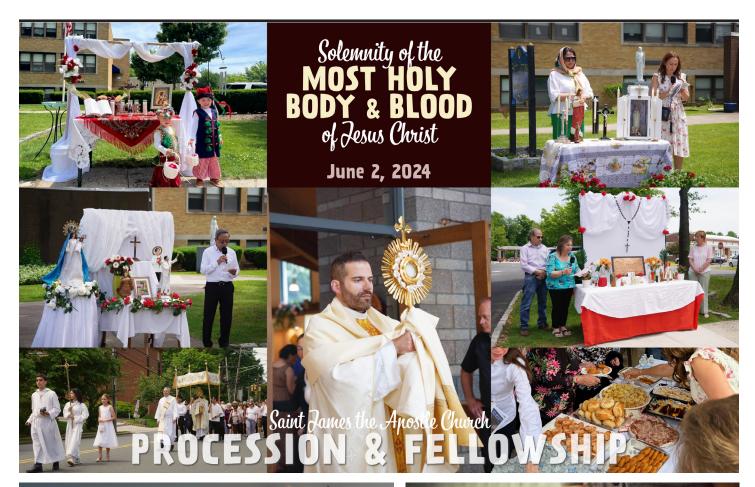
Family Faith Formation Office Ana Serra-Prescott (973) 376-2061 | aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

## **St. James Prayer-Line Ministry**

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

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

Prayer-LineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org





Each year young people from our parish families graduate from grammar, high school and college. Since this is a significant event in their lives we would like to acknowledge it. If a member of your family is graduating this year, please call the rectory at 973-376-3044 by Monday, June 10th. Please include their name, the school they are graduating from and grade or college degree, and we will include them on our graduation list which will be published in the June 23rd bulletin.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

-Eleanor Roosevelt



We are inviting men of the Parish to gather for hospitality and discussion of the Sunday gospel readings. This is a great opportunity for men to grow in their faith, meet new folks, and share their experiences of their faith journey.

All gentlemen of the Parish are welcome!

These meetings will take place in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory, on **Saturdays** at **9am** (after the 8:30am Mass). You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

Please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org to register if you are interested. There is no cost for attendance.

The St. James the Apostle Men's Ministry Group will be meeting on these dates:

June 15 Oct 26 Sept 21 Nov 23

Dec 21

# **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, 6/9/24 or 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.





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



# **SAVE THE DATE TO DONATE!**



#### HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

# FOOD COLLECTION JUNE 22 & 23

All donations
will support
the
Food Panty
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



# **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 St. James Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry would like to invite you to lunch

Saturday, June 29th, 2024 at 12 PM. Sofia's Restaurant, 272 Morris Avenue in Springfield, NJ

We look forward to providing support, and fellowship. We hope you will be able to take some time for yourself and join us!

Please register by **June 21st.**Leave a message at the parish office: **973-376-3044** 

# RESERVE YOUR SPACE OR BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!



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

To register, scan QR code or visit: <a href="https://saintiamestheapostle.org/">https://saintiamestheapostle.org/</a>

saintjamestheapostle.org/golf-outing-2024/



For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

## **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.
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  $7^{\text{th}}$  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



# Our June Graduates help us to reflect...



June is traditionally the time for graduation. Each graduate represents an accomplishment in academic achievement. For many people, however, providing the next meal is an "achievement" due to living in poverty. Would you be willing to clean out your closets and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s)? The proceeds help Catholic Charities in their work with the poor. Thank you.

#### **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.

# **MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8** 

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00pm Antonio Sequeira

r/b Wife & Children **Giuseppe Graziosi** r/b Carmela Fusco

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9** 

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00am Amelia Montana r/b Janice Montana

Ernest Reedy

r/b Wife & Children

10:00am Vincent McNany r/b McNany Family

Paul Brenner r/b Erene Basilone

12:00pm Caesar & Edward Rivano

r/b Marion Rivano

**Juan Torres** 

r/b Rossomando Family

**MONDAY, JUNE 10** 

7:30am Mary Ann Congema

r/b Mary Ellen and Gary Capron

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 Saint Barnabas

7:30am Francisco Videna

r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12** 

7:30am Alphonse Faiella

r/b Stephen DePiro

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
Saint Anthony of Padua

7:30am Mindy Santos Sweeney

r/b The Santos Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

7:30am Bruce Becker

r/b Bernice and John Petersen

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15** 

8:30am Anna Maria Villanova

r/b Family

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



#### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

The People of Saint James

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

John Mannarino r/b The Mannarino Family

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., 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 1 & 2

Regular Collection: 6,491.00 \$ Online Giving: 4.725.00 Total: 11,216.00

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 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.

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... 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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