

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church



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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, March 16: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, March 17:** 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 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**

#### LITURGICAL LESSON

Today is *Laetare Sunday!* On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday (*Laetare* means "rejoice"), we rejoice in the salvation the Lord is giving us as we continue entering into the discipline of Lent. Today is named for the entrance antiphon which sings: "Rejoice, Jerusalem!" We have reached the midway point of our Lenten journey...well done!!! This might

be a good time to take stock of how far you've come or how much you've done in your Lenten journey. How have you brought the Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting,** and **almsgiving** to bear over these past weeks?

#### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

To speak of faith as an activity may sound strange. Most of the time it seems like such a passive commodity. We make professions of faith, reciting lists of doctrinal statements that someone else wrote long ago. Reciting these lists costs us nothing. We don't even have to think about them or understand them (think about what happens each time we "profess" our Faith using the Creed at Mass).

Even the fact of our Christianity may seem like a passive situation. Before we could speak a word, chances are water was poured over our small, baby sized heads. Writing "Catholic" into the block marked "Religion" on most forms can be as impersonal as writing the color of our hair and eyes or the letter that describes the type of our blood. What, if anything, does that have to do with our essential nature, with us?

Yet faith is not an incidental trait or a random accident of birth. *Faith is a gift from God*, one of three theological virtues that cannot be acquired by personal effort. It's not a gift you can put in the back of the closet after registering perfunctory thanks, much less re-gift to someone who can make better use of it. God chooses to reveal the divine presence in our midst; our response to this invitation to relationship is faith.

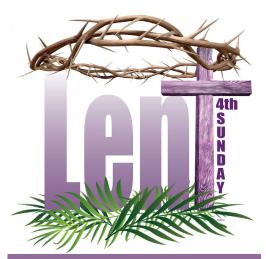
Friends, appreciating faith not as a holy medal to wear but a response to make helps us to identify our role in the action. God invites, and we respond. That's *faith*.

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

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

This is how you pray continually—not by offering prayer in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer.

-Saint Basil the Great



# SUNDAY READINGS

## FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

## GOSPEL

#### John 9:1-41

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

# SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Our next Family Faith session is on Sunday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day! A reminder that the session will be longer than an hour due to the nature of the final activity. Please plan accordingly.

Confirmation Candidates, please check your emails for a service opportunity on Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30 to 7PM.

Trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference (July 12th to 14th) If you are **currently in grades 8 through 12** and are interested in experiencing a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ, join us for an Information Session on

Monday, March 18 at 6PM in the church.



"Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your journey of discipleship with thousands of Catholics from around the world"

Ana Serra-Prescott. **Director of Family Faith Formation** aprescott@saintjamesparish.org (973) 376-2061

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

#### Coffee with the Council after all masses this weekend!

Each month the council will present a question for parishioners to consider. We hope to connect with parishioners on a personal level to support the spiritual health and growth of St. James.

Bring your thoughts and suggestions to the council members after mass or you may email the council at:

pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org.

Check out the new Coffee with the Council banner in the narthex! There is a QR code you can access to respond to the monthly question at your leisure.

This month's question: "What can St. James do to get all the children of the parish more involved and bring them closer to God?"



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour this Sunday!

# MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING MINISTRY

## **Prayer for Those Suffering Mental Illness**

Loving God, we pray today and in this season of Lent for those who are confronted by the sadness, ambiguity, and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend for attention and compassionate care. Look with mercy on all whose afflictions bring them weakness, distress, confusion, or isolation.

Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give to them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEK!



In March, we are pleased to present our first Family Promise food Collection of 2024.

Currently there is a need for frozen meatloaf. When making the meatloaf, it should be approximately two pounds and it must be wrapped and frozen.

ShopRite gift cards are also always needed and greatly appreciated.

Collection Dates: Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>

We will collect items after each mass. There will be a bin and sign in the Narthex area.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory





Lent – Sacrifice – Donations – Bins – Any Connection?

Lent is a time of sacrifice to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals,

tools, knickknacks, toys, and children's books for the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s)? If you do, you have made the connection.

Gift Card







## **RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**



## **CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER AT SAINT JAMES**



Feast of Saint Joseph Prayer Service & St. Joseph's Table

> Tuesday, March 19 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Mass

Lenten Individual Confessions

Wednesday, March 20 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Every Saturday, 4:00<sup>pm</sup>

> Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday, March 23

9:00<sup>AM</sup> - 12:00<sup>PM</sup> Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We have games, crafts, and face painting.

# LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### Lenten Holy Hour

Wednesdays ► 7:00<sup>PM</sup> Except March 6th

Stations of the Cross

Fridays ► 7:00PM

Holy Rosary & Novena

Mondays ► 6:30<sup>PM</sup> *Except March 4th* 



# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

All events take place in the Church except where noted

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 23 Saturday 5:00<sup>pm</sup>

MARCH 24 8:00<sup>AM</sup>, 10:00<sup>AM</sup> & 12:00<sup>PM</sup>

All masses will begin in the Narthex of the Church for Blessing of Palms

#### DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 7:30AM

#### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25 Chrism Mass 8:00<sup>pm</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

## EASTER TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28 Morning Prayer - 9:00<sup>AM</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30<sup>PM</sup> Night Prayer at the Repository - 10:00<sup>PM</sup>

#### GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29 Morning Prayer - 9:00<sup>AM</sup> Children's Stations of the Cross - 10:00<sup>AM</sup> The Lord's Passion - 3:00<sup>PM</sup>

#### HOLY SATURDAY

MARCH 30 Blessing of Easter Food - 10:00<sup>AM</sup> <u>No</u> Reconciliation and <u>No</u> 5:00<sup>PM</sup> Mass



EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 30, 7:30<sup>PM</sup> This special vigil Mass begins in front of the Church with the blessing of the New Paschal Candle and Fire

#### EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 8:00<sup>AM</sup>, 10:00<sup>AM</sup> & 12:00<sup>PM</sup>

🜔 Livestream



## **UPDATE ON CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT: FEBRUARY 2024**

I am happy to report that much has been happening behind the scenes to achieve the established objectives set by the Campus Redevelopment Committee. As a reminder the established objectives that any sale of the property must meet are to:

- Produce an end use for the property that would be in synergy with the mission of the parish community.
- Provide a means for the parish to extinguish the parish debt to the Archdiocese.
- Provide an on-going revenue stream for the parish.
- Assist in building a new parish center and replacement of the rectory (in conjunction with funds from a parish capital campaign).

Listed below are bullet points of some of the many things that have been accomplished to date behind the scenes. I urge you to take the time to read them since they will answer some of your immediate questions.

#### 1. Agreement Established for the Sale of the School/Convent Property

An agreement has been reached between St. James the Apostle Church and The Winston School of Short Hills for the sale of a portion of St. James property that includes the school and the former convent. The Winston School is a private special education school for children grades 1-8. Their intended plans are to renovate the existing school building and to raze the former convent building for use as recreational space and parking.

#### 2. Parish Capital Campaign

Over the summer of 2022 a capital campaign feasibility study was conducted to determine the parish's potential giving capacity and to test the Capital Campaign Case Statement (i.e. construction of a new parish center). The result of the feasibility study, which was presented to the parish in the fall of 2022, reflected a positive giving capacity and a substantial and enthusiastic support among respondents for the case statement. Our goal is to launch a capital campaign in the very near future with the goal of constructing a new parish center.

#### 3. <u>The Proposed Plans for the new Parish Center</u>

Our Architect has been updating the plans for the new parish center now that its exact location has been defined based on the property subdivision line. Besides event space on the main floor with a kitchen and parish office space being defined, plans for the second floor for optional classroom space as well as potential classroom space on the lower level plus a food pantry location have been defined. Additionally, the plan includes the creation of an open air plaza which will be located in the space between the church and the new parish center. Our engineer has moved forward with the site work and water drainage design that is required as part of the subdivision approval.

#### 4. Approval from the Archdiocese of Newark

The sale of the property and initiation of a capital campaign to construct the Parish Center require obtaining the approval from the Archdiocese of Newark. There are numerous steps involved with this process. We've presented the information of the potential sale of the property, the proposed parish center, cashflow projections, and the details and tentative timeline for a parish capital campaign to the requisite archdiocesan boards and officials. This approval has been obtained subject to a perfunctory approval needed from the Vatican that is currently in process.

Please know that from the onset of the campus redevelopment project, we have actively engaged and collaborated with local and archdiocesan officials to ensure due diligence and responsible and realistic planning. I can say confidently that we have explored all reasonable and available options for achieving our goals (listed above). Given the scope of this project and its lasting impact, it is incumbent on me to discern and develop, with the assistance of committed and skillful parish lay leaders, a vision for the parish that not only meets our present needs but also sets a trajectory for the successful future state of our parish. We are nearly at the point where we can more clearly convey and share that vision at a scheduled Parish Town Hall meeting. My goal is to schedule two Town Hall meetings (a weekday evening and a Sunday afternoon) that will also be a time to answer questions about the proposed vision for our St. James community going forward. I expect to announce the dates of the two Town Hall meetings in the coming weeks.

Friends, a lot of work has been done, and still more is expected. It has been and will continue to be a privileged labor-of-love for me and all the lay leaders who have been involved in this project. Thank you for your confidence and thank you for your support, but most especially, thank you for your continued prayers!

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



## 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**

	MASS INTENTIONS			
SATURDAY, MARCH 9				
5:00pm	Jeanne Harrison			
	r/b Kathleen Farrell & Family			
	Florence Impellizzeri			
	r/b Michael & Theresa Quick			
SUNDAY, M	ARCH 10			
Fourth Sund	lay of Lent			
8:00am	George Kimmel			
	r/b Michael Tobia			
	Kathleen Telesca			
	r/b Carmen Lombardi			
10:00am	Antonio Almeida			
	r/b Camille Mitarotonda			
	Connie Marucci			
	r/b Colleen & Eugene Duffy			
12:00pm	Gerardo DiLeo			
	r/b The Clark & DiLeo Families			
	Patrick Ammiano			
	r/b Camille Mitarotonda			
MONDAY, M				
7:30am	Cynthia C. Eichel			
THEODAY	r/b Bruce & Virginia Shiu			
TUESDAY, N				
7:30am	Joanne Bolaro			
WEDNECDA	r/b Zia Rosa			
	Y, MARCH 13			
7:30am	Joan Kelly			
THUDCDAY	r/b Joanne Lofredo			
THURSDAY, 7:30am	Maria Covino			
7:50am	r/b The Covino Family			
FRIDAY, MA				
7:30am	Clem Daly			
7.50am	r/b Andrrew Maybo			
SATURDAY,				
8:30am	Frances Naporano			
0.50am	r/b Daughters			
5:00pm	Joseph Fusco			
5.00pm	r/b Carmela Fusco			
	Eric Henrichs			
	r/b Diane & Family			
SUNDAY, MARCH 17				
Fifth Sunday				
8:00am	Sister Joanne Jankowski			
	r/b Innes Family			
	Gerald and Stephanie Kerrigan			
	r/b Kerrigan, Tyra, &			
	Delfino Families			
10:00am	Giuseppe Mazzacuva			
	r/b Angela & Pasquale			
	Mazzacuva			
	Nancy K. Hanger			
	r/b The Hyman Family			
12:00pm	Deceased Members of the			
	Sullivan Family			

Angelina & Carmelo Rivano r/b Marion Rivano



#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

John Mannarino r/b The Mannarino Family

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 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



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

# WHY BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER?

The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with Barnabas Health Hospice/ VNA Health Group.

Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Essex or Hudson Counties, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our West Orange office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. A Specialized 15-hour Training provided by members of the Barnabas Health Hospice Team/VNAHG Hospice Team, over the course of 3 weeks, in our office: 80 Main Street, West Orange, NJ 07052

For more information, please contact: Ruth Sorbanelli, MPH, CHES®, Manager, Volunteer Services 201-510-6426



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
- Visit saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

If you signed up but haven't received emails or found the newsletter in your spam folder, be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contacts list and/or choose the option "Mark as Not Spam," or similar when you open the email.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### **Collection Totals** Weekend of March 2 & 3

<b>Regular Collection:</b>	\$ 7,019.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,918.00
Total:	\$ 11,937.00

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?... You may be able to double the impact of your contribution to the **Annual Appeal** with a corporate matching gift. Ask your employer if they will match your donation to the Annual Appeal. You can also visit the Archdiocese of Newark 2024 Annual Appeal site for more information on how to match vour aift.

Thank you to all who have made their 2024 Annual Appeal gift so far. We're halfway to our goal! Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a parish rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9

# **ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE**

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



## **OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:**

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