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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 17, 2024 www.saintjamesparish.org



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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 23: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, March 24: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 12:00PM - Fr. Santos

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri:	7:30ам
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

Life in a fallen world is full of crosses, no matter what. No one is an exception when it comes to suffering and struggling in life. But as Catholics, members of Christ's mystical body, we find meaning in these crosses, because we don't have to carry them alone - **Christ bears them with us.** We are the lucky ones, because we know that. But what about the people who don't

know it?

One of the most important activities we can engage in during Lent is *almsgiving* - helping those in need.

And one critical - and beautiful - way to do this is by helping others find meaning in their crosses.

We all know people who are suffering.

- They may be *suffering economically* their marriage and family life stressed by financial pressures beyond their control.
- They may be *suffering physically* their body and mind weakened or ravaged by disease, injury, or old age.
- They may be *suffering emotionally* working through an experience of betrayal, infidelity, or loss.
- They may be *suffering existentially* wondering why they are on the planet and where they can find a reason for living.

As Catholics, we experience those same forms of suffering, but we know what to do with them. **We bring them to Christ**; we grip our crucifixes; we offer them to the Father for the salvation of souls and the reparation of sins.

Friends, in the few remaining weeks of Lent, let's reach out and help lighten someone else's cross, just as Christ constantly helps lighten ours. Let's tell someone else about the one Cross that transforms all other crosses. Who knows, maybe by sharing the good news of God's love with others, we will come to believe it more deeply ourselves.

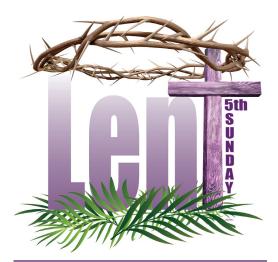
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

One truth stands firm. All that happens in world history rests on something spiritual. If the spiritual is strong, it creates world history. If it is weak, it suffers world history.

— Albert Schweitzer





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:12-14

O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 130 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

But if Christ is in you,

although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL John 11:1-45

And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! This Sunday is our Family Faith session for the month. We look forward to our time together.

Confirmation Candidates, please check your emails and make sure you sign up

to donate items for the sustainable lunches we will be putting together on Tuesday, March 19 (the feast of St. Joseph!!) from 5:30 to 6:55PM in the School Gym.

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

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.

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



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 16th Sunday March 17th

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



ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP

Come Join Us on Our









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 your faith and meet new folks to 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, once a month on **Saturdays at 9am, after the 8:30am Mass.** You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

To register, please email John Prescott at **mensministry@saintjamesparish.org**. There is no cost for attendance.

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

March 23	Sept 21
April 20	Oct 26
May 18	Nov 23
June 15	Dec 21

LAST WEEKEND TO RSVP!



CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER AT SAINT JAMES



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

> Tuesday, March 19 7:00^{pm} Mass

Lenten Individual Confessions

Wednesday, March 20 7:00^{pm} Every Saturday, 4:00^{pm}

> Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday, March 23

9:00^{AM} - 12:00^{PM} Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We have games, crafts, and face painting.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Holy Hour

Wednesdays ► 7:00^{PM} Except March 6th

Stations of the Cross

Fridays ► 7:00PM

Holy Rosary & Novena

Mondays ► 6:30^{PM} *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^{pm}

MARCH 24 8:00^{AM}, 10:00^{AM} & 12:00^{PM}

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^{pm} at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28 Morning Prayer - 9:00^{AM} Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30^{PM} Night Prayer at the Repository - 10:00^{PM}

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29 Morning Prayer - 9:00^{AM} Children's Stations of the Cross - 10:00^{AM} The Lord's Passion - 3:00^{PM}

HOLY SATURDAY

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



EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 30, 7:30^{PM} 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^{AM}, 10:00^{AM} & 12:00^{PM}

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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 goals 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





Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church Bereavement Support Group

Spring 2024

6 Weeks ~ Thursday Nights 7:00 PM to 8:30 April 11th, 18th, 25th May 2nd, 9th, 16th

To register call 973-376-3044 or email Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org

We meet in the rectory at Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey



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, I	MARCH 16
5:00pm	Joseph Fusco
•	r/b Carmela Fusco
	Eric Henrichs
	r/b Diane & Family
SUNDAY, MA	ARCH 17
Fifth Sunday	of Lent
8:00am	Sister Joanne Jankowski
	r/b Innes Family
	Gerald & 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
MONDAY, MA	ARCH 18
7:30am	Evelyn M. Sanders
	r/b The Prescott Family
TUESDAY, M	
Saint Joseph	, Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary	
7:30am	Jane White
	r/b Deacon Kevin & Marcia Reina
	(, MARCH 20
7:30am	Donald Hudson
	r/b Linda and Bob Donnelly
THURSDAY,	
7:30am	Edith Bachmann
	r/b The People of Saint James
FRIDAY, MAR	
7:30am	Janet Skinner
SATURDAY, I	r/b Joseph and Elena Skinner
	Vincenzo Morico
0.50am	r/b Rosa, daughter
5:00pm	Joan Alverso
oroopin	r/b Papa & Ryan Families
	Antonio Soares
	r/b Family
SUNDAY, MA	
	of the Passion of the Lord
8:00am	Kathleen Telesca
	r/b Consales Family
	Ruth Esslinger
	r/b Kerrigan, Tyra, & Delfino Families
10:00am	Ronnie Fusco
	r/b Carmela Fusco
	Robert Ruple
	r/b Mary Portelli
12:00pm	Alexander & Elsie Boyko
	r/b The Lesniewski Family
	Daniel & Angela Raimondo
	r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
	Marianne Van Volkenburgh



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Jessica Viruet

r/b Donna

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

Salome Betancur, Cecilia Penelope Lopes-Glenn, Natalie Madison Rufolo

A TIME TO HEAL

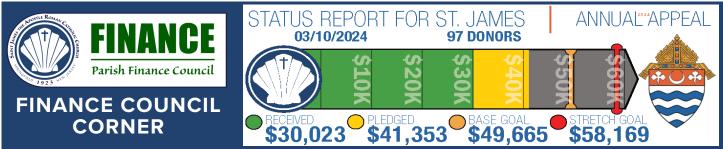
Pat Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, 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





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 your gift.

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

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4,235.00

9,411.00



As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, we have flocknote 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

Please 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 9 & 10

Regular Collection:	\$
Online Giving:	\$
Total:	\$

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.

ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

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

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



REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting MyCatholicWill.com.

This Lent, protect those you love most in under 15-minutes through the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including the parish in your will.

www.MyCatholicWill.com Use code: **PARISH20** to save 20%



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