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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 15: 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, March 16:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 10:00AM - Fr. Paladino 12:00PM - Fr. Santos

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

I've played soccer my whole life and every year when I'd go back to training we'd begin with the basics, the fundamentals:

- conditioning
- dribbling
- ball control
- passing

In fact, today, the most successful professional teams begin their first weeks of training with the <u>fundamentals</u>. They begin with the basics of the game before they kick off the season and compete for the title. **Lent** is for the Christian what the pre-season or Spring Training is for professional athletes. **Lent is a time to go back to the basics and fundamentals** so as to overcome the obstacles that work as stumbling blocks on our path to holiness.

So, what are some of the struggles that most of us face during these 40 days (and throughout life), and what can we do to overcome them?

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus' own experience of temptation points to the kinds of temptations we face in our journey to become saints. The Church offers us the spiritual weapons to combat these struggles. Let's take a look.

Struggle #1:

The temptation to focus our life on **material things** and the satisfaction of **desire**.

Lenten Weapon #1:

FASTING helps us to see that food and drink, and comfort and pleasure are not what satiate what our heart truly "craves." The discipline of **Fasting** reminds us that the things of this world cannot satiate the hunger in your soul!

Struggle #2:

The desire to wield **power** is one of the strongest temptations that tempt us all.

Lenten Weapon #2:

The discipline of **PRAYER** is the spiritual weapon that helps to ward off the temptation for power. In prayer we realize that we don't have as much power and control as we think we do. Prayer helps us to accept the fact God is in control and that He has our back.

Struggle #3:

The temptation to seek **honor** is the desire to seek privilege and admiration from others. The temptation here is to want to become the center of attention. This last temptation, friends, is all about the **EGO**.

Lenten Weapon #3:

During Lent we are asked to deploy the discipline of **ALMSGIVING** to combat this struggle. Almsgiving helps us to realize that we are not the most important person in our life. Almsgiving helps us to acknowledge that we have a responsibility to care for others, that God has given us gifts and blessings to share with others, especially those in need.

PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

NEWS and UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who attended our Campus Redevelopment Town Hall meetings. The positive feedback that was received was confirmation that our vision for campus redevelopment is on the right track!

In the coming weeks newly updated Parish Center renderings will be posted and displayed. Also, more information regarding the plans for a major parish capital campaign to support the construction of the new parish center will be provided.

Friends, this is an exciting time in the life of our beloved parish. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Campus Redevelopment Committee if you have questions or comments.

For your information, here is a list of names of parishioners who serve on the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee:

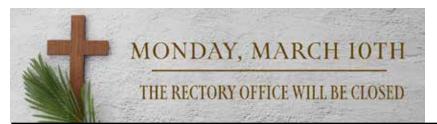
- **Dennis McNany**, Coordinator
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- Chris Capodice
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- Deacon Hugh Keffer
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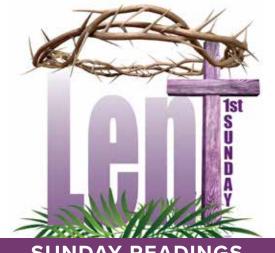
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

During this sacred season, let us look upon ourselves as on the Mount with Jesus—learning his love and his fear unlearning ourselves, and growing up unto him.

-Saint John Henry Newman





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

"Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 91

Be with me. Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

What does Scripture say? The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him. "It is written. One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

Our next Family Faith session is on Sunday, March 23.

NEXT SESSIONS for <u>Confirmation preparation</u> groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group -

On <u>Tuesday, April 8</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM. This will be our last session of this school year. Don't forget to register for the Confirmation Year 2 for 2025-2026 before July 31, 2025!

Confirmation Year 2 Group -

This Tuesday, March 11 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

(Don't forget to complete your reflections on The Chosen episodes assigned. They are due the day before the sessions mentioned above.

Also, as we are nearing the end of this school year, remember to complete all your other requirements ASAP.)





Steubenville Youth Conference 2025 July 11-13, 2025

As we did last summer, we are organizing a trip to the **Steubenville Youth Conference** at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio this summer for our teens currently in 8th to 12th grades.

If you want to attend this Summer's Youth Conference, please use the QR code to register and reserve your spot. Space is limited and on a first come first serve basis.



To our parishioners,

We are raising funds to support our group of young teenagers who want to attend this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference.

We hope that many young people from St. James will be able to join this life-changing experience and these funds we raise will ensure that the cost (\$400 per participant) will not be a barrier for any teen wanting to participate.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our teens who want to take part in this amazing opportunity to grow in their faith by hearing from engaging and inspiring Catholic speakers, attending the sacraments, and building friendships with other teens who like them are excited about their faith.

Donations will go directly towards this trip.

If interested in donating, please use the QR code or contact Ana Serra-Prescott. If using the QR code, you will be able to select for your donation to go to sponsor a specific participant or to the general cost, which will first help any teen in need of financial assistance to attend and then pay for any other expenses to make the trip happen.



Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers for our teens!

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



SAINT 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

SAINT JAMES BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The "Healing Hearts" bereavement group will **not** be meeting for the month of March. We will reconvene on **Wednesday April 2, at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. We will be meeting every other Wednesday evening.

Meetings often include scripture readings, guided discussions helping members navigate their grief while drawing strength from their faith of to move forward. It is open to all who seek comfort. It offers a journey of mourning and renewal guided by faith, hope, and the support of others.

ST. JAMES LENTEN EVENTS & SCHEDULE



Lenten Fish Fry Dinner School Gymnasium

Friday, March 14, 6:00PM Take Out Available

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

Wednesday, March 19 7:00PM Prayer Service

Lectio Divina Lenten Small Groups

Mondays, March 10 through April 7 School Gym, 7:00PM



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 5 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We have games, crafts, and face painting.

Parish Family Day of Service

Saturday, April 12, 9:00[™] - 12:00[™] at the School Gymnasium

Individual Confessions in Church 10:00AM - 4:00PM



Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, March 15 • 12:00PM

Lenten Reflection on the Seven Last Words

Wednesday, March 26 • 7:00PM with Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR Chaplain of the Blue Army Shrine

Individual Confessions

Wednesday, April 9 • 7:00PM

Lenten Holy Hour

Wednesdays • 7:00PM Except March 19, 26 & April 9

Stations of the Cross

Fridays • 6:30PM Except April 18

Holy Rosary & Novena

Mondays • 6:30PMo

GOD BLESS DEACON MIKE!

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that I formally acknowledge



Deacon Michael DeRobert's retirement from his diaconate ministry. His faithful service to the people of Saint James has been a blessing. Over the years, he has demonstrated dedication and compassion and served faithfully as a deacon in the Church here at St. James and throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Working alongside Deacon Mike has been a privilege. His collaboration with me, the parish staff, and the entire parish community has been marked by a spirit of loving service and mutual respect.

Thank you, Deacon Mike, for the blessing of your ministry which has enriched our parish family in countless ways. Your ministry has touched the lives of many, and your presence among us has echoed the Gospel values you were ordained to share.

While we are all saddened to see Deacon Mike retire from active ministry, we understand, respect, and support his decision. It will take some time for us to adjust to seeing Deacon Mike in the pews with his wife Anna rather than serving on the altar. Nonetheless, we look forward to his participation in the life of the parish "from the pews."

On behalf of the parish staff and the entire Saint James community, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your many years of devoted ministry. May God bless you abundantly as you enter into this new chapter of your life. You will always remain a cherished member of our parish family. Ad Multos Annos!

With tremendous gratitude,

Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

JUBILEE 2025

Saint Helen's Church in Westfield has been chosen as a designated pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year in Union County. Pilgrims are welcome to come here to pray, reflect, and deepen their relationship with God, preparing their hearts to celebrate this extraordinary Holy Year of grace and spiritual renewal. Please scan the QR code to visit the website and stay upto-date on celebrations throughout the year. All are welcome!



JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

6:30 PM

LED BY THE DEACONS AND PARISH MINISTRIES

WEEKLY MINISTRY LEADERS:

MARCH 7: Monday Rosary Group

MARCH 14: Bereavement Ministry

MARCH 21 : Saint James Lectors

MARCH 28: Adult Faith Formation &

Men's Ministry

APRIL 4: Saint James Choir

APRIL 11: Family Faith Formation

MARCH 7 and APRIL 11: Pizza will be served in the Narthex after Stations. **MARCH 14**: Sign up for the Fish Fry and enjoy dinner after Stations.

Every Friday, we will collect **diapers** and **wipes** as part of a parish Lenten almsgving activity. Please drop off donations in the Narthex. The collection will support ABC Diaper Distribution in Summit.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 9th

REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Lenten Small Groups 2025

"LECTIO DIVINA" (Divine Reading)

Each week we will listen to the Gospel for the coming Sunday and Respond/Reflect in Small Groups

Mondays from March 10-April 7

7-8PM in the School Gym

(Following the Weekly Rosary)

Babysitting available for children in Pre-K3 - 6th Grade (space is limited so please use sign-up on Flocknote)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP ON THE FLOCKNOTE WEBSITE:



Questions? Send email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org

SIGN UP TO DONATE OR HELP TODAY!



BREAKFAST BAG COLLECTION Sunday, March 23

Drop off in the Narthex before all Masses An opportunity for individuals and families to participate in an almsgiving activity during Lent.



The Breakfast Bag should contain the following (in a large Ziploc bag):

All donations will support nourish.NJ

and their efforts to support local children and families in need.

- Single-serve box of cereal
- Single-serve box of shelf-stable milk (i.e. Parmalat)
- 100% fruit juice box or small water bottle
- Granola or protein bar
- Fruit cup
- · Plastic spoon and napkin

SIGN UP LINK

- Breakfast Bags
- Delivering bags to Morristown
- Boxes for storage

Please scan the QR code below to sign up to donate completed breakfast bags, banker boxes for storage/transport, or to volunteer with delivery to nourish.NJ in Morristown.



We are limited in the number of breakfast bags we can donate due to storage limitations.

Please donate only the items and quantities listed in the flyer.

Questions? Contact helpingthehungry@saintjamesparish.com

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday March 23rd 2025 2-5PM









\$12 Advance \$15 door Kids ≤12 free





Knights of Columbus Council 5560 59 Shunpike Rd, Summit, NJ 07901

MSGR. Francis X. Coyle Council Columbiette #5560 Springfield, NJ

STUDENT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

The award is being offered to a High School Senior Catholic Girl by the New Jersey State Council of Columbiettes.

To be eligable for the award, the student should demonstrate leadership, service, dependability and patriotism at home, school and the community.

The application deadline is **April 15th**.

Please see your high school guidance counselor for an application.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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 & OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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. Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

5:00pm **Vincent Genco**

r/b Nancy Caputo Peter Villani

r/b Donna, Al, and Janet

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 First Sunday of Lent

8:00am John Montana

r/b Janice Montana

Denise Allen r/b Michael Ellmer

10:00am **Thomas Botte**

> r/b Angela Ragonese Giuseppe Mazzacuva

r/b Angela and Pasquale Mazzacuva

12:00pm Elizabeth Koch

r/b Walter Popiel Joyce McManamy

r/b Grace O'Brien and Family

MONDAY, MARCH 10

7:30am Florence Impellizzeri

r/b Theresa and Michael Quick

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7:30am Cesaria Puno

r/b Sharleen Louie

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7:30am Joanne Centamore Bollaro

r/b Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 7:30am Dante D'Sole

r/b Angela Ragonese

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

7:30am **Leonard McGinley** r/b Missy Levy

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:30am **Angelina and Carmelo Rivano**

r/b Marion Rivano

5:00pm Jane White

> r/b Family **Leslie Larson**

r/b Colleen O'Rourke-Heredia

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 Second Sunday of Lent 8:00am **Dennis Wolfe**

r/b Mezzo Family Rocco Bonavita

r/b Kelly Delfino

10:00am Joseph Fusco

r/b Carmela Fusco

Sister Joann Jankowski

r/b Inneo Family

Rakeem and Shavon 12:00pm

> **Stewart-Oliver** r/b Hyman Family **Gerardo DiLeo** r/b Marie Clark



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Peter Villani r/b Donna, Al. and Janet

BREAD & WINE:

Peter Villani r/b Donna, Al, and Janet

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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, M.D., Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, John Mannarino, Angie Mazzarisi, Thomas McGarvey, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Anna P., Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, 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, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, 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



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER



Did you know?... The second collection the weekend of March 8/9 is for the *Archdiocese Assessment*. This collection helps to offset our parish assessment expense, which is the fee we pay to the Archdiocese for the various benefits we receive being part of the larger Archdiocesan faith structure.

The **2025** Annual Appeal is in full swing. As you consider your gift amount, please remember the funds you give support essential programs and ministries within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish. Each parish is assigned two goals: a <u>Base Goal</u>, that must be met by the parish, and a <u>Stretch Goal</u>, that if exceeded the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction.

Pledges made by <u>June 30th</u> that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by <u>June 30th</u> the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction. This is a potential savings for our parish.

Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of March 1 & 2

Regular Collection: \$ 6,555.00 Online Giving: \$ 4,938.00 Total: \$ 11,493.00

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.



Keep up-to-date with parish news, event updates, and more!

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576

OR Sign up on the website:
saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

Lent – Sacrifice – Donations Bins – Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order 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 items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the property?

If you do, you have made the connection.

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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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Father John Dennehy

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