



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 25, 2025
www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
(973) 376-3044

Office Hours:

(Closed 12PM-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, May 31:

5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, June 1:

8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

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 (Third Wednesday
of each month will have live
music.)

Second Saturdays at 3PM

*The First Rosary and
Wednesday Adoration of
the month are for Priestly
and Religious Vocations

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Message from Fr. David Santos

Campus Redevelopment Update

The process has been steady. I previously reported that all parties had signed the contract of sale. Since the signing, the 10% deposit proceeds required under the contract have been received and escrowed by our attorney to be held until the closing.

Additionally, a preliminary meeting was held with representatives from the Springfield Township to review the subdivision plan including the plans for the proposed parish center. Based on that meeting, St. James and the Buyer are making final revisions to the subdivision to submit the application to the township for a hearing date to be scheduled. I hope to soon announce the date of the township meeting for the approval of the subdivision of the property. Please continue to keep the Campus Redevelopment team and our work in your prayers. 🙏

Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian, who said: "with you I am a Christian and for you I am a bishop". In this sense, we can all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

— Pope Leo XIV, May 8, 2025

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Honoring all who have served

The Rectory Office is closed.

Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am.

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).

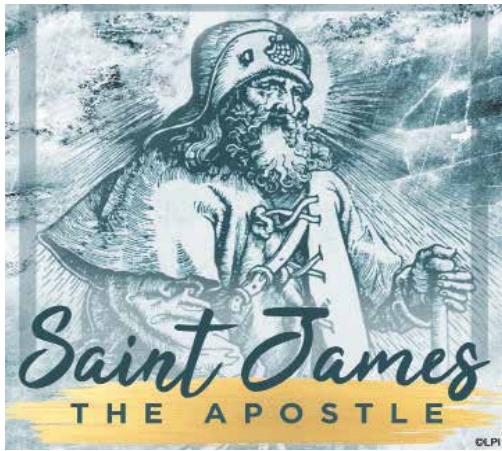
If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor by e-mail:

PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

SAINT JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

The next meeting will take place **Saturday, June 21 at 9am.**

If you are interested, please email John Prescott at
MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

"...It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67

O God, let all the nations praise you!

OR

Alleluia.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

Family Faith 2025-2026 Registration is now open.

If you are seeking to grow in faith as a family, Family Faith Formation is the place for you.

It's a partnership between our parish and parents of the children we teach. Our goal is to support each family in the spiritual development of their children. This partnership works best when we work together, each doing our part to ensure the children are receiving the foundation they need to develop a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. Together, we are one family, one body of Christ, and a true sign of His presence in the world.

All are welcome at St. James, and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our parish program!

Please use the QR code to access the Registration form and fee payment.

*(The form is to register 1st to 9th graders –
One form per family)*



Early Registration and payment received **on or before July 31** will have a \$50 discount.

St. James Parishioners, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



Steubenville Youth Conference 2025 FUNDRAISER

We are **raising funds** to support our group of young teenagers who want to attend this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference (July 11-13, 2025).

It is a life-changing experience, and we want to make sure all who registered can attend, regardless of whether they can afford it or not. These funds we raise will ensure that the cost 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. **No donation is too small** and it will all help us make this happen for all the teens wishing to participate in this Conference.



Donations will go directly towards this trip.

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. If you prefer to donate with cash or a check, please put in an envelope labelled

Steubenville Conference Donation.

Drop it off at the rectory or the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for our teens!

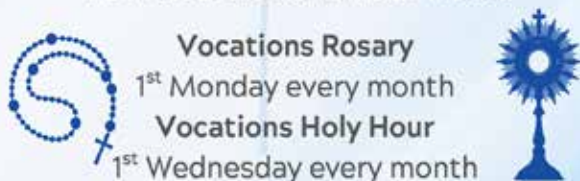
**Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office
(973) 376-2061 | aprescott@saintjamesparish.org**

St. James Vocations Ministry Pray + Talk + Encourage

**"The harvest is abundant,
but the laborers are few;
therefore beg
the Lord of the harvest
that he may send laborers
into his harvest."**

Luke 10:2

**Pray Together for Laborers
for the Lord's Harvest**



Discerning your vocation? Ideas for the ministry?
Email vocationsministry@saintjamesparish.org.

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 up-to-date on celebrations throughout the year. All are welcome!



Visit Saint Helen:
A Pilgrimage Church for 2025



Jubilee Pilgrimage

THE BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART IS A
DESIGNATED JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCH
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

JUNE 14, 9:45 AM

GUIDED TOUR OF
THE BASILICA

MASS AT THE CHAPEL
W/ FR. DAVID SANTOS

\$12 FEE. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30.
**MEET AT 86 RIDGE ST, NEWARK (LEFT SIDE
OF THE BASILICA)**

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RESERVE YOUR
SPOT TODAY!



Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry



Mental health awareness plays a crucial role in reducing stigma, encouraging early intervention, and fostering empathy and understanding.

Throughout the month of May our ministry will be providing opportunities for all to become more informed on mental well-being through handouts on the table in the narthex, on the parish Facebook page and on our webpage at

<https://saintjamestheapostle.org/mental-health-ministry/>

"Mental health is not just the absence of mental illness. It is not just the absence of pain. It is emotional, physical, and social well-being."

~ Meghan McCain

MARCH WITH US THIS MONDAY!

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

*Come march with us and let us celebrate our
heroes who fought for our country together.*

Monday, May 26, 10am

Veterans Park

Corner of Mountain Ave. and
Shunpike Road, Springfield NJ



Saint James parishioners will gather at 9:45am. Wear your Saint James swag and look for the Saint James banner to find us. If you will march with us, please send an e-mail to parishlife@saintjamesparish.org

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT JAMES!



Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church *Bereavement Support Group*

Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church is offering a 6 Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

*"Letting go of
grief is just as
painful or even
more painful
than the grief
itself."*

Miriam Toews'
All My Puny Sorrows

Thursday nights 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

May 29
June 5, 12, 19, 26

Meetings will be in the parish rectory. Participation is FREE but registration is required. Please email Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org or contact the parish office at (973) 376-3044.

Let us be your companions for the journey.

Our goal is to provide a process for healing within a safe and supportive environment.



ALL ALUMNI, STAFF, AND PARISHIONERS

Celebration of Memories and a Fond Farewell

Come walk the halls, revisit memories, take photos,
and maybe even take some memorabilia.

MAY 31, SAT.
3:00pm - 7:00pm

JUNE 1, SUN.
After each Mass
until 3:00pm

**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
SCHOOL AND FORMER CHURCH**

41 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ, 07081



ISLAND ADVENTURE

**St. James is Giving
Back to Springfield.
Can you Lend a Helping Hand?**



A few years ago,
Saint James adopted
a plot of land called
Dr. Eckel's Island in
Springfield, just down the
street from our parish.

The parish is responsible for the upkeep
of the island. 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 on the island one or
more weekends, please
click on the Flocknote
sign-up link or QR code.



You can mow at any time you're available
that weekend.

Thank you for your consideration.
God bless.

*For we are co-workers in God's service;
you are God's field, God's building.
- Corinthians 3:9*

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO COMPLETE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY!



DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

The survey will close on May 25th. We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future, as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ.

Don't miss out on this opportunity.

DMI Survey Link:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/c42dbc>

Scan DMI Survey
QR Code



FIRST FRIDAYS "LUNCH AND LECTIO"

11:30 AM in the Narthex

*Join us as we read, reflect on and
discuss Holy Scripture.
Lunch Provided.*



SIGN UP ON THE PARISH WEBSITE
OR CALL THE RECTORY



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, May 31
Noon

Anointing of the Sick is appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death or the elderly, but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness.

The sacrament can be received more than once.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hope is that, through the power of the sacrament and if it be God's will, the person be healed of illness. Even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany the illness or the frailty of old age.



Join us for refreshments after Mass.

Church of the Little Flower | 310 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights | 908-464-1585

A DAY DEDICATED TO **BLESSED**
CARLO ACUTIS
AND THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY

JUNE 21ST

LYNDHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL
619 PAGE AVE. LYNDHURST NJ

TICKETS PRICES — \$30 — \$100
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 AM
PRESENTED BY

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"A SAINT IN SNEAKERS"



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<https://CarloAcutis.eventbrite.com>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF OUTING

**Sign up today
to secure
your spot!**

JULY 7, 2025
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.



For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

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.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

*Our Lady Of Fatima
Prayer Garden Restoration
Eagle Scout Project*



I'm Penny Williams,
from Troop 19, in
Short Hills. For my
Eagle Scout project,
I am restoring a
prayer garden at the
Dominican Monastery of
Our Lady of the Rosary in
Summit. Please scan this QR
code for more information or
to make a donation, or email
Samantha Cappuccino at
desciseaux@gmail.com.



Thank you for
your generosity!



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, MAY 24

5:00pm **Theodore Prescott**
r/b Prescott Family
Ethan Crasto
r/b Parents and Sister

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am **Raymond Alberti**
r/b Mom
Joey Sudyka
r/b Barbone and Reynolds Family
10:00am **Giuseppe and Domenico Mazzacuva**
r/b Angela and Pasquale Mazzacuva
Dante D'Sole
r/b Frank and Margherita Sarracino
12:00pm **Maria Soledade Santos**
r/b Kathy Rosenburger
Dante D'Sole
r/b Roseanne Egnatuk

MONDAY, MAY 26

Saint Philip Neri

Memorial Day

8:30am **For Deceased Veterans**

TUESDAY, MAY 27

7:30am **No Mass (Communion Service Only)**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

7:30am **No Mass (Communion Service Only)**

THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:30am **No Mass (Communion Service Only)**

FRIDAY, MAY 30

7:30am **Karen Mulvihull**
r/b Family

SATURDAY, MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am **Jose Garcia**
r/b Martinez and Garcia Families
5:00pm **Ruth Sullivan**
r/b Tom and Judy Spera
Peter DiCosmo
r/b Wife and Children

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00am **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Joan Gfroehrer
r/b Antoinette and Bill Miller
10:00am **Priscilla Salle**
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle
Maria Soledade Santos
r/b Lynn Reynes
12:00pm **Angelina and Carmelo Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano
Patricia Castello
r/b Kathy and Gary Rosenburger



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Jose Garcia
r/b Martinez and Garcia Family

BREAD & WINE:

Jose Garcia
r/b Martinez and Garcia Family

To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, M.D., Ronald D'Angelo, Dave Darby, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Kevin Keating, 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, Joseph Siorenza, 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





FINANCE

Parish Finance Council

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.

Thank you to all who have made their 2025 Annual Appeal gift so far. We reached our Base Goal and are getting closer to reaching our Stretch Goal! Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

Remember... Not only does your gift support essential programs and ministries within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish, but it may also lead to potential savings for our parish. Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a 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

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES

04/21/2025

147 DONORS

ANNUAL APPEAL



PLEDGED

\$61,355

RECEIVED

\$48,900

BASE GOAL

\$61,173

STRETCH GOAL

\$73,408



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of May 10 & 11:

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,964.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,270.00
Total:	\$ 10,234.00

Easter Collection to date: \$45,417

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

ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE



Visit the online boutique for St. James the Apostle Parish apparel and more!

GOD KNOWS
when to send you exactly what you need.

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