

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

Go, therefore, and make *disciples* of all nations

MATTHEW 28:19



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | MAY 26, 2024 www.saintjamesparish.org



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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, June 1: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, June 2: 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

Campus Redevelopment Project Update - May 2024

As I had reported to the parish a month ago, I had planned to organize two Parish Town Hall Meetings in May to convey and share the following:

- Plans for the subdivision and sale of the school and convent property
- Plan to conduct a capital campaign
- Plan for the construction of a new parish center
- Plan to address the legacy debt of the parish to the Archdiocese of Newark
- Plan for identifying a new rectory location

The goal of the town hall meetings is to answer and discuss questions from parishioners regarding the campus redevelopment project. Due to the multifaceted nature of our ambitious project, we presently do not have a sufficient amount of the *definitive* answers to provide so I am asking your indulgence as we postpone the Town Hall sessions until a later date. The good news is that we have taken major steps forward that require additional time to clarify and resolve.

I'd like to use this update to the parish to highlight some questions you may have. Here are some of the points that the Campus Redevelopment Committee and I, in coordination with the Finance Council, along with our legal counsel, architect and engineers, are currently addressing.

A. Do we have a Buyer for the school and convent properties?

Yes! A letter of agreement has been signed and a draft of a contract is currently being reviewed by the parish counsel and the proposed buyer's counsel for the purchase of the school and convent property once subdivided. The stated intention by the buyer is to renovate the school building and raze the convent building for a play area and additional parking. The buyer is a successful private day-school that empowers individuals with learning differences. The final contract is anticipated to be finalized within the next few weeks.

Important Points to Consider:

- As requirements of a signed contract, there are inspections that need to be completed to determine if there are any major environmental issues. These take time to complete.
- » There are easement and joint utility usage agreements that have terms that have to be negotiated and finalized.

B. Has the Archdiocese of Newark approved the sale?

Yes, the request for permission to sell the former school and convent properties was reviewed and approved by the Archdiocese of Newark College of Consultors. However, because the dollar amount of the sale exceeds a certain threshold, approval from the Vatican is required to ensure that proper procedural and canonical steps were taken by both the parish and the archdiocese. This request has been submitted to the Vatican for approval.

<u>Important Points to Consider:</u>

- » The College of Consultors in the Catholic Church is a diocesan body of priests (and diocesan lay/clerical officials) required by canon law. Its role is to advise the Archbishop (Cardinal) on major decisions and give consent on major financial transactions.
- » For the sale of any and all Catholic School Properties including schools that have been closed for extended periods of time and convents that housed religious personnel who worked in the Catholic school, 25% of the net proceeds are retained by the Archdiocese for use towards Archdiocese Catholic School. The amount of that assessment and its terms are presently being negotiated between the parish and the Archdiocese.

PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

C. Is the Site Plan and property subdivision application being completed to submit to the Township of Springfield for subdivision and site plan approval?

Yes. Our legal counsel is in the process of completing a draft of the application and all the required attachments to request a preliminary review meeting with the township before the submission of a final application. The Township has been very helpful to the parish in providing direction as we go through this process. The hope and plan is that a review meeting will take place sometime in the next few weeks.

Important Points to Consider:

- » There are engineering estimations, assessments, findings, and reports that are required as part of the application process. Included in the parish's site plan is the construction of a new parish center on the site where the parish rectory offices currently are. Our architect is presently coordinating the efforts of the Structural, MEP (Mechanical, Plumbing & Electrical) and Civil Engineers, each of whom has their own set of mandates, conditions, and challenges to resolve related to the site plan application and the construction of the new parish center.
- D. What about the new Parish Center? What's the Scope of Work and how much will it cost to build? We have two contractors who have provided preliminary cost estimates to construct the new Parish Center.

Important Points to Consider:

» While we do have a very rough estimate of the cost of the new parish center, until the engineers have completed their work the contractors cannot complete their final cost estimates. The plan is to provide this information to the contractors at the same time as it is being provided for the Site Plan and Subdivision review

E. What is the status and timing for conducting a Capital Campaign? Why do we need to have a parish Capital Campaign?

As stated from the outset of this undertaking, to complete all the established goals set by the Campus Redevelopment Committee, parish Finance Council, and myself, it will be necessary to conduct a major parish Capital Campaign. While the sale of the school and convent property will provide a substantial cash infusion to the parish, we simply cannot achieve our goals by relying on the revenue from the sale of the school and convent properties alone. If you remember, a capital campaign feasibility study was conducted by Mr. Tom Smith, Director of the Office of Development and Stewardship of the Archdiocese of Newark, in the fall of 2022. The study found that the parish does have the giving capacity and enthusiasm to successfully conduct a major capital campaign.

Important Points to Consider:

» The timing of the Capital Campaign can only be determined once all the actions identified in the above points have been completed. A fall 2024 kick off of the capital campaign is presently planned.

F. What is the present status for replacing the rectory residence?

Properties close to the parish campus will continue to be viewed and investigated. Should the demolition of the current rectory building take place before a replacement rectory residence has been acquired, I do have contingency plans for temporary housing.

G. Has a budget and plan been established to accomplish all the established objectives?

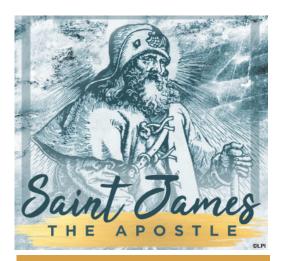
Yes. From day one of this planning a detailed budget and cash-flow projection has been established by the Finance Council, Campus Redevelopment Committee, and me. It has been consistently updated and revised as new information has been obtained. As it guides us, it will continually be monitored, challenged, and supported with the input of all involved.

Friends, thank you for your patience and confidence. I take seriously the sacred duty entrusted to me to lead this beautiful and faithful community of faith. It is hard for me to contain the excitement and optimism I feel for the bold and bright path we are taking. More is certainly to come. As always, I ask you to join me to pray for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Peace,

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

Rectory and Offices are closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

"This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 33

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17

forever."

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Wishing all the families a happy and blessed Memorial Day weekend!

Family Faith 2024-2025 Registration is now open.

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

(The form is to register 1st to 8th graders – One form per family)

Registration and payment are due July 31.

Any registrations received after July 31 will incur a \$50 late fee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Family Faith Formation Office.

We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!

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



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

Can you Lend a Helping Hand?

St. James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island, just down the street from our parish. We are responsible for the upkeep. Together, we can make this a light task while giving back to the community. If you have a lawnmower and are able to mow the grass one or more weekends, please scan the QR code. Thank you and God bless.

HONOR AND CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS!



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

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

Monday, May 27, 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

2024 SAINT JAMES PHOTO DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT

Saint James the Apostle Parish cordially invites your family to an exclusive, wonderful opportunity to create lifetime memories.

Join us for a family Portrait (FREE, no sitting fee)

Appointments from 9a-3p on Sunday, 6/9/24 or Sunday, 6/19/24

Call the photo studio directly at **201-681-5004** or scan the QR code to secure your place! Plus, enjoy the option of a full family photoshoot and the opportunity to purchase portraits or digital images at a discounted fee.





JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!





CALLING ALL CAREGIVERS!

Do you provide care to someone on either a full-time or part-time basis who needs help taking care of themselves? It may be a spouse, parent, family member, or friend.

The St. James Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry would like to invite you to lunch Saturday, June 29th, 2024 at 12 PM. Sofia's Restaurant, 272 Morris Avenue in Springfield, NJ

We look forward to providing support, and fellowship.

We hope you will be able to take some time for yourself and join us!

If you have any questions or want to register, please email us at

Mentalhealth@saintjamesparish.org or leave a message at the parish office: 973-376-3044

RESERVE YOUR SPACE OR BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!



Join us for our golf outing or through our sponsorship packages.

Proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church.

HOLE SPONSOR

\$200 Sign with Company/Family Name on a tee box during the outing. GOLF

\$350 PER GOLFER: Includes player gift bag, brunch, cocktail hour, buffet dinner with open bar

DINNER ONLY

\$125 PER PERSON: Includes cocktail hour and buffet dinner with open bar.

9:30AM-11:00AM.....Registration/Brunch 11:00AM......Shotgun Start 4:00PM.....Cocktail Hour 5:00PM....Buffet Dinner Contests, prizes and more!

To register, scan QR code or visit: https:// saintjamestheapostle.org/ golf-outing-2024/



For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

GET TO KNOW CHEYENNA COOK



"And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent" (John 17:3).

What does it mean to know God? What does it mean to know Jesus? Many people know of God and know of Jesus, but do they really know Him?

My name is Cheyenna Cook, and starting at the end of May I will be a missionary with FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. FOCUS is the largest Catholic collegiate missionary organization in the country, and its mission is to help others come to know Him and fulfill His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Through outreach and evangelization, we bring Christ into a student's world, meet them where they are at, and help them come to know Christ, deepen their relationship with Him, and teach them how to live as His disciple.

I am deeply passionate about helping others come to know Christ because I, like many others, used to only know of Him. Born and raised in New Jersey, I grew up Catholic but did not live out my faith. Chasing what the world offered, I quickly became consumed with the things of this earth, and it wasn't until the end of my senior year in college after an incredible encounter with Christ that my life radically changed - it's a pretty cool story and I'd love to share it with you sometime!

Knowing Christ truly changes everything, and we are all called to be His disciples and make disciples of all nations. Now more than ever do college students need someone to bring Christ to them, and that's what we do as FOCUS missionaries! In order to do this mission, I need to build a support team of faithful financial and prayer supporters who will join me on mission through their generous support. I would love for you to join me on mission, and together we really can reach the world (John 15:8)! If you are interested in learning more about FOCUS, our mission, and/or about how you can partner with me on mission, I would love the opportunity to meet with you and get to know you and hear about your story!

God Bless!

Cheyenna

*If you'd like to contact Cheyenna please call the rectory office or email Fr. Santos.

Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH **AWARENESS MONTH**

On the table in the Narthex in the plastic handout holder you will find articles on the following topics:

Helpful Verses Harmful: Ways to Manage Emotions

4 Things Likely Affecting Your Mental Health, & 4 Things You Can Do About It

What To Say When Someone Tells You They Are Fine But They're Not

Additional Resources for Mental Health

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



The Springfield First Aid Squad

SATURDAY June 1, 2024 10 AM to 3 PM

- A fun community event for the whole family!
 - FREE ADMISSION
- ► Food & Refreshments
- Games & Activities
- Ambulance Tours
- And so much more!

10 N. Trivett Ave Springfield, NJ 07081

We look forward to seeing you there!

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

Who: Knights of Columbus

What: Baseball Night fund raiser for our local charities

Where: TD Bank Ballpark - 1 Patriots Park Bridgewater, NJ 08807

GPS Address: 860E Main Street Bridgewater Township, NJ 08807

When: Saturday August 10, 2024

BBQ Time 5:30 PM - Game Time 7:05 PM Price Per Ticket: \$50/Adults, \$35/Children

The price includes an all you can eat BBQ before the game, free soft drinks until the 7th inning and Fireworks after the game. There will be a

cash bar near our seats.



Please contact Mike Peter at 908-357-5673 or dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com for tickets or more information



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, MAY 25

5:00pm Frank Impellizzeri

r/b Michael & Theresa Quick

Pete Listowski r/b Family

SUNDAY, MAY 26 The Most Holy Trinity 8:00am Tania Miller

r/b Liz Ferri

George Pittenger

r/b Bob and Sue Hagenbush

10:00am Michael Hudak

r/b Elaine Conway **Anna Sausnock** r/b Hyman Family

12:00pm Jose Garcia

r/b Wife & Daughters **Dolores Nahirny**

r/b John & Patty Carney

MONDAY, MAY 27 Memorial Day

8:30am Tommy Murray

r/b Vicki Sarracino

TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:30am Michael Cocco

r/b The Butler Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 7:30am Silvio David

r/b Patricia David

THURSDAY, MAY 30 7:30am Clem Daly

r/b Andrew Maybo

FRIDAY, MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am Al Ferri r/b Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Saint Justin

8:30am Priscilla Salle

r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

5:00pm John Montana

r/b Janice Montana, Daughter

Gloria Schrama

r/b Bob & Sue Hagenbush

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 8:00am Josephine & Otto DeGregorio

r/b Dennis Giaimo Rafik Abboud

r/b Lindsay Condrat

10:00am Amelia Marcasciano r/b Filomena Bibbo

Paul Brenner

r/b Diana Gann

12:00pm Angelina & Carmelo r/b Marion Rivano

Pat Morris

r/b Pastoral Council



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Pablo Santiago r/b Lisa Veloso

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

Emilia Love Chirichiello, Annabelle Duprey, William Duprey, Mia Rose Horton, James Thomas McSherry, Charlotte Wren Singer, Dylan Lee Singer, Jr.

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



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.

We reached our 2024 Annual Appeal Stretch Goal! **THANK YOU** for your generous support and participation.

Remember... Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. - Proverbs 3:9



"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should THANK GOD such men lived."

- George S. Patton

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of May 18 & 19

 Regular Collection:
 \$ 6,220.00

 Online Giving:
 \$ 4,600.00

 Total:
 \$ 10,820.00

Easter Collection to date: \$44,304

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.



As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, we have launched an e-newsletter through a platform called Flocknote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more. Here's how you can sign up:

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 *OR*Sign up on the website: saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

If you signed up but haven't received emails or have found the newsletter in your spam folder, be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contacts list.

ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

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

polos, and more!

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

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