

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

The Parable of the Ten Virgins.

MATTHEW 25:1-13

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 12, 2023 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, November 18: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, November 19: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

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 7:00PM in the Church and on Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday Holy Hour at 7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM



PASTOR'S COLUMN

UPDATE ON THE CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT November 2023

November 2023 The goal to determine the most beneficial use and disposition of the school and convent property while meeting the established objectives set by the Campus Redevelopment Committee has to-date been an arduous task. 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).

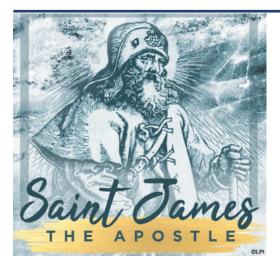
The last update provided to the parish conveyed that an RFP (Request for Proposal) had been developed, in coordination with the Archdioceses, that invited submissions of purchase offers for the property in conjunction with a planned subdivision of the property to be purchased. Six (6) proposals were received from interested parties. Of the six (6) proposals, five (5) proposed the construction of market rate apartments or senior citizen housing. The sixth (6th) proposal was submitted from a private school who educates students who, though intellectually capable, have had difficulties in school typically due to language-based learning differences. The private school intends to refurbish the school building, raze the convent and improve the surrounding property for their planned purpose of continuing to utilize as an educational facility.

Over the summer months, the evaluation process by all the interested parties as to what potentially could be built or established on the property was severely affected by the State of New Jersey's newly published stormwater management regulations. In short, these regs require all new projects to account for a higher rainfall intensity that will increase flood elevations and amend groundwater discharge standards. All this evaluation has taken time, amended estimates and revised plans. As of today, the private school has shown the greatest interest in purchasing the property and discussions have moved forward with them. A Letter of Intent was offered by the school and terms for purchase are still being negotiated to assure they meet the parish's objectives.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we believe we are very close to finalizing an agreement. We will continue to report on how these discussions proceed in the weeks ahead and we ask for your continued prayers and support as we look to complete this phase of the redevelopment process and move forward with the next. Once concluded, it will set the stage to advance with the planning for the new Parish Center and the launch of a parish capital campaign which will be necessary to ensure that the parish meets its objectives.

Friends, your continued prayers are essential as we approach finalizing the deal. As I have stated in the past, my plan is to schedule a parish town-hall meeting at which time the plan for the campus redevelopment will be presented to parishioners.

Vc.Z Fr. David C. Santos



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16

For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

Famíly Faith Formation



Our Confirmation year 1 preparation group met this past Tuesday and worked on the topic of Creating a personal experience with God.

The **Confirmation Year 2 group** will have their monthly session on **November 21st** from 7PM to 8:30PM in the Church.

Next Sunday, November 19th, we will have our November Family Faith session.

On **Tuesday, November 14th at 7PM**, we will be having **Holy Hour for young people**. Come spend some time visiting and adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and see how powerful and what a blessing that hour can be. **Everyone is welcome** to attend.

If you need any information or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org, (973) 376-2061.

Saint 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 a "Special Intention".

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**

ROSARY AND NOVENA Every Monday at 7:00 PM



CENTENNIAL CORNER

Thank you to everyone for making our Centennial Celebration Weekend such a memorable and joyous event for all! Please read through the bulletin for the many events still to come this year to continue gathering as a parish family to celebrate and honor our 100th anniversary.

Be sure to visit the Centennial website page: **saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial** to see photos of past events, view Centennial video interviews, and visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) 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!

PARISH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PADRE PIO



VOLUNTEERS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord as well as your fellow neighbor? Well, then you've come to the right place. St. James needs your help. We're currently looking for volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers at all masses (the 10 a.m. on Sunday in particular).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during the daily, weekend, Holy Day, and special liturgies as needed. These individuals can also be trained to bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound.

Parishioners 18 years of age and older are invited to become an EMHC. Those interested must attend a Protecting God's Children workshop as well as the required training and be commissioned by the Archdiocese of Newark before participating in this ministry. There is an E.M. training currently scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:45am-12:30pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center (171 Clifton Ave, Newark).

Please consider joining this extraordinary ministry. If interested, contact Theresa Fischer at **emministry@saintjamesparish.org** or call the rectory for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!



HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Thanksgiving Bags Sign up and Donate Food Supplies SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE GATHERING AREA BEFORE ALL MASSES SIGN UP REQUIRED

USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS:



- Turkey Gravy 13 oz. can (no glass jars)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes 13 oz. box
- Cranberry Sauce 15 oz. can
- Corn 15 oz. can
- String Beans 15 oz. can
- Canned Fruit 15 oz. can
- Canned Yams 40 oz. can
- Boxed Stuffing 6 oz. box
- Package of Cookies
- Plastic Bottle of Juice 48 or 64 oz. bottle (no glass)
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Family Faith Formation students and families will assemble completed bags

Completed bags will be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry at St. Teresa's in Summit





November

11th & 12th 18th & 19th

There will be a box at the church narthex where you can drop off your toy donations.

NEXT WEEKEND



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Community Food Bank Turkey Collection DROP OFF IN THE SAINT JAMES PARKING LOT DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

On November 19th, The Community Food Bank of New Jersey will be holding a frozen turkey drive at St. James from **9:00AM-1:00PM**. In addition to frozen turkeys, they welcome non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, boxes of mashed potatoes, cereal, and stuffing. As always, thank you for your generosity and support in helping those in need this time of year!

REGISTER NOW!

Saint James the Apostle Church presents The 2nd Annual

5K FOR THANKS Run/Walk Kid's Turkey Trot Obstacle Course Nov. 23rd-Thanksgiving Morning

8:00am Check-in/Registration - 9:00am Start - 9:45am Awards 8:45am Kid's Turkey Trot Obstacle Course

Race Start/Finish: Saint James the Apostle Church 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ

Timing/Scoring by Split Second Racing

Awards Top Female/Male Top Girl/Boy (age 17 & below) Top Female/Male Parishioner Fastest Family

Music Refreshments Fun For All

Fee Schedule	Before 11/12/23	After 11/12/23		
5K Run/Walk	\$30	\$40		
Kid's Turkey Trot	\$10	\$10		
All Fees Are Non-Refundable T-shirts guaranteed to all who register before 11/12 T-shirts not available for Kid's Turkey Trot				

10% of all net proceeds will be donated to the Springfield First Aid Squad

Use the QR Code to register or go to:

https://www.raceforum.com/thanks



Questions, volunteer inquiries or sponsor opportunity information? Contact the Rectory or email 5KForThanks@saintjamesparish.org

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR FOR THE 5K FOR THANKS?

Businesses and individuals alike are welcome to become sponsors for this community event. There are different levels of sponsorship available.

To get more specific information and to fill out the sponsorship form, please scan the QR code:



SAVE THE DATE

* CONTIN	NENTAL B	REAKFA	AST CAMES *
	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:00AM - 12:00PM \$10.00 PER PERSON. KIOS UNDER 3 ARE FREE. NAME: Children must be		DER 3 ARE FREE.
	# OF ADULTS: Phone number:	# OF CHILDREN	Please sign-up online using the QR code or fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory office with payment by NOVEMBER 27TH.
FOR QU		RY AT (973) 376-3044 OR E-MA	IL PARISHLIFE@SAINTJAMESPARISH.ORG

Springfield Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 20th, 2023 7:00 pm

> In-Person at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael 60 Temple Drive, Springfield and online via Zoom

To attend in person, register by November 19th at https://tinyurl.com/Springfield-TGiving-IN-PERSON

To attend online, register or join the service at https://tinyurl.com/Springfield-TGiving-Svc-ONLINE

Participating Congregations: Antioch Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Great Shepherd Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, Renaissance Church, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Temple Sha'arey Shalom



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 59 Shunpike Rd, Springfield NJ 07081

FEE: DONATE A TOY FOR "TOYS 4 TOTS" ALL KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT NOTIFY US IF CHILD HAS FOOD ALLERGIES

> RSVP: BY DECEMBER 2, 2023 DIANE (201) 787-2737 KOSTIBOSD@GMAIL.COM

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program.

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2028 will be held on

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 12 noon.

There is a \$35 fee to take the exam; there is no makeup date.

Over \$120,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam.

To register for the Scholarship Exam, scan this QR Code:

For more info or questions, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org



GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Fall courses from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

Interested in learning more about your faith? Learn more about graduate theological courses offered this Fall in Biblical Studies, Church History, Christian Ethics, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Evangelization, and Multicultural Catechesis.

> For details, please e-mail theology@shu.edu or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

DID YOU KNOW?

Why do Catholics go to confession?

Jesus entered this world to forgive sins. Jesus called the sinner to realize the sin, to repent of it, and to be reconciled with God and neighbor. We tell our sins to priests who have the authority to administer His forgiveness so we as sinners can reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes is clean."

Source: https://www.archmil.org/Becoming-Catholic/ Why-Do-Catholics-Do-That.htm

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, NOVEMBER 11				
Saint Martin o				
5:00pm	Dennis Troy			
•	r/b Russ & Loretta Werner			
SUNDAY, NOV				
	Sunday in OT			
8:00am	Mary Hayes			
	r/b Hayes Family			
	James T. Gilbey			
	r/b Kristen Blasco			
10:00am	Dean C. Bruno			
	r/b Wife & Children			
	Charlotte Wirth			
	r/b John Leone			
12:00pm	Deceased Members of the			
	Patuto Family			
	r/b Family			
	Leo Eckmann			
	r/b Kathleen Farrell & Family			
MONDAY, NO				
Saint Francis				
7:30am	William Burke			
	r/b Cocoa & John Catallo			
TUESDAY, NO				
7:30am	Nick Addessa			
r/b Lou	Cantagallo			
	NOVEMBER 15			
7:30am	Alan & Patricia Stalker			
	r/b Carole & Louis Papale			
THURSDAY, N				
7:30am	Doug Feder			
	r/b Yannazzone Family			
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17				
Saint Elizabet				
7:30am	Brian Palestis			
	r/b Wife, Meghan Palestis			
SATURDAY, N	OVEMBER 18			
8:30am	Nicoloas Cacouris			
	r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron			
5:00pm	John Montana			
	r/b Janice Montana			
	Timothy Litka			
	r/b Nancy Caputo			
SUNDAY, NOV	/EMBER 19			
Thirty-Third S				
8:00am	Mary & Vincent Inneo			
	r/b Inneo Family			
	Jane White			
	r/b Bernstein Family			
10:00am	Carmella, Ann & Vincent			
	r/b Ann & Family			
	Francesco Ruggiero			
	r/b Maria Bruno			
12:00pm	Deceased Members of the			
	Marcasciano Family			
	r/b Family			
	Caesar & Edward Rivano			
	r/b Marion Rivano			



SANCTUARY LAMP: Lighting the Way For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE: For the People of Saint James

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, 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, Carol Wade, 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, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki. Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson



SECOND COLLECTION

"APOSTLE IN ACTION" **Charity Collection**

The Apostle in Action Charity Fund provides parishioners and members of our local community with financial assistance. Whether it be rent, utility bills, unforeseen medical expenses or mental health expenses. 100% of the funds donated to the Apostle in Action Charity Fund will be used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood.

Please be sure to write "Apostle in Action Charity Fund" in the memo section and when donating online through Parish Soft giving, be sure to look for the Apostle in Action Charity Fund. Thank you for your continued generousity.



Have you signed up for our Flocknote yet? As part of our effort flocknote 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

> Visit 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 and/or choose the option "Mark as Not Spam," or similar when you open the email.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of November 4 & 5

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,363.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,063.00
Total:	\$ 9,426.00

We accept online credit card donations. Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamesparish.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

The Finance Council would like to say THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support of our parish. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure have enabled the parish to report a surplus from operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, which enables the parish to continue to do the great work that we are doing here in fulfilling our mission and service to the community. See the 2023 State of the Parish Report. Below are some highlights:

- Increase in collections and support of fundraising activities, average weekly collections up 5%
- Decrease in salaries and benefits expenses
- Increase in insurance and utilities costs
- Completed various repairs and maintenance to the church, rectory and campus grounds
- Increase in registered families and average attendance at mass

The Finance Council continues to work closely with Father David to be good stewards of our parish's financial resources in faithfulness to our Parish vision and mission. Each of us is called on to share our gifts and talents with each other and the community. May we continue to grow together in faith and service.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

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