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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 25: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, November 26:

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

#### **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 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

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.

Fr. David C. Santos

#### 2023 STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT

1,770 40

7 29 259

810

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#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Families registered
Baptisms
First Communions
Confirmations
Marriages
Funerals
Children in Religious Education Program
Average number of people attending Mass each weekend
Average number of people attending Mass each weekday

#### **OFFERTORY REPORT**

770	Number of parishioners				
40	Receiving Weekly Collection Envelopes	688			
48	48 Making Recurring Gifts Online				
36	Parishioners who pledge their Offertony gift each yea	r			

Parishioners who pledge their Offertory gift each year helps us to accurately plan our budget expenditures. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who have consistently pledged and given increased Offertory gifts for the last several years.

#### **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

During the last year we completed various repairs & maintenance to the church, rectory and campus grounds.

We continue to focus on the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and grounds, in addition to our Campus Redevelopment Project to address the vacant school and convent buildings as well as the potential construction of a Parish Center.

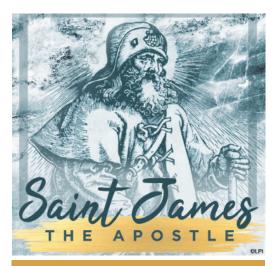
#### ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH · FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED: JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUES	June 30, <b>2023</b>	June 30, <b>2022</b>	June 30, <b>2021</b>	
Collections: Sunday, Christmas & Easter	611,736	581,685	458,538	
Fundraising Revenue Before Expenses	243,548	168,048	7,141	REVENUES - 2023
Donations, Gifts, & Other Restricted Revenue	69,339	117,407	35,173	7%3%
Religious Education Revenue	30,395	35,450	32,364	24% 60%
Archdiocesan Assessment Collections	18,069	6,224	861	
Candle Revenues	9,600	4,441	-	
Interest Income	7,792	3,508	3,466	
Miscellaneous Revenue	34,892	2,070	2,427	YEARS OF SERL
TOTAL REVENUES	1,025,371	918,833	539,970	
<u>EXPENSES</u>				CENTENNIAL
Salaries, Benefits, Pension Costs, & Payroll Taxes	341,509	374,822	380,374	SPANYGEIELD. NEW JEESEN
Building, Utilities, & Equipment Costs	197,839	197,671	136,292	23.20
Fundraising Expenses	151,429	105,260	5,270	EXPENSES - 2023
Contracted & Professional Services	73,585	88,298	76,644	20/
Archdiocesan Assessments	80,196	69,840	81,252	8% 9% 35%
Liturgical, Office, & Residence Supplies	82,995	60,835	30,029	16% 20%
Religious Education {Excluding Salaries}	18,078	12,509	7,463	
Miscellaneous Expenses	28,789	10,601	7,305	
TOTAL EXPENSES	974,420	919,836	724,629	
OPERATIONS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	50,951	(1,003)	(184,659)	



NOTE: This financial summary does NOT include extraordinary and non-recurring items including renovation donations, renovation expenses, capital campaign donations, capital improvement expenses, bequests, and other one-time revenues and expenses. This summary is intended to reflect the results of operations only.



## SUNDAY READINGS

#### FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 128

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

#### SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

#### GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

#### **SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES**



# Family Faith Formation

Welcome families to our third Family Faith Sunday!! Our hearts are filled with joy seeing the Church filled, as we celebrate Mass together as a community of faith. Today we will explore the topic of God's Grace and

the Sacraments. Children in level 1 will focus on the Mass, children in level 2 will discuss the sacraments of initiation with a spotlight on Reconciliation, and the other levels will discuss all the Sacraments.

A reminder to the **Confirmation** preparation **Year 2** group – Our next session is this **Tuesday, November 21st from 7PM to 8:30PM** in the Church. Make sure to complete the reflection on The Chosen – Season 1 (episode 1) before Tuesday's session.

# The Family Faith Formation Office wishes everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

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** 

#### **PARISH GIVING TREE 2023**

We will be participating in providing gifts for the needy during this Holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

If you can purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated. We will collect gifts under the tree in the vestibule.

Place the UNWRAPPED gift with tags attached in a large gift bag with tissue paper. Please attach the tag you selected from the tree on the outside of the gift bag.

Return your gift to Church after Mass ONLY starting Saturday, November 25th but no later than Sunday, December 10th.

If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they are also needed at the Center.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your generosity. Please call the rectory with any questions. **973-376-3044**.

#### **CENTENNIAL CORNER**

Be sure to visit the Centennial website page:

saintjamestheapostle.org/ centennial to see photos of past events, view Centennial video

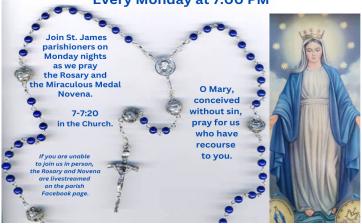
interviews, and visit the Centennial Boutique (online

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!



#### ROSARY AND NOVENA

**Every Monday at 7:00 PM** 



#### HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND





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

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

Music Refreshments Fun For All

	Before	After					
Fee Schedule	11/12/23	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**



#### **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



Twelve – Local Support Group for Family/Friends of Those Suffering with Addiction

> Mondays 7:30 - 8:30 PM St. Helen's Church in Westfield

This is a support group for those who are suffering with the struggles of a family member or other loved one afflicted with an addiction of any kind. This group is for parents, spouses, siblings, adult children, and friends and is anonymous.

We hope you will find in the loving support of others gathered here a sanctuary where you can come to share your struggles and to find inspiration and hope from others who have suffered the same hardships as you.

We welcome you to try our program. *For information, call 908-232-1189.* 

# PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 6:30 - 9:30PM

Saint James School Gym



# 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



**True Gratitude** 



A very popular Thanksgiving prayer concluded with the supplication, "Let us live true lives of gratitude, as we pray in thanks to you, our God, who lives forever and ever. Amen." One way to express gratitude is to help those who are struggling. Are you willing to spend some time to clean out your closets, attics, and basements to fill the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s)? Thank you.

#### **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 18** 

5:00pm John Montana

r/b Janice Montana **Timothy Litka** r/b Nancy Caputo

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19** Thirty-Third Sunday in OT

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

**Deceased Members of the** 12:00pm

**Marcasciano Family** 

r/b Family

Caesar & Edward Rivano

r/b Marion Rivano

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20** 7:30am Mildred Genco

r/b Daughter, Nancy Caputo

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21** 

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:30am Stephen F. Colligan r/b Denise Duetsch

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22** 

Saint Cecilia

7:30am **Mary Pulical** 

r/b Sister

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23** 

**Thanksgiving Day** 

For Our Nation 7:30am

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24** Saint Andrew Düng-Lac 8:30am Lee Bryer

r/b Barbara Dlugosz

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25** 

8:30am Rosemaire Brodeur

r/b Friends and Family

5:00pm **Ernest Reedy and Parents** 

r/b Eugenia & Children Mary & Jack Lane

r/b Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26** 

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00am Teresa Yannazzone

r/b Yannazzone Family Daniel & Angela Raimondo

r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

10:00am Jose & Marcela Videna

r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

Ana Mango

r/b Karen & Walt Lashuk

**Amelia Montana** 12:00pm

r/b Janice Montana **Eloy Mosquera** 

r/b Wife, Children & Grandchildren



#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

For Our Nation

#### **BREAD & WINE:**

Fr. John F. Tyks 30th Anniversary r/b Brenner Family

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. 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

#### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Siena Marie Dast, Aiden Losavio England, Anthony Ferreira, Emilio Dos Santos, Luca Tettamanti

#### A TIME TO DIE

Patricia Lalevee, Kathleen Telesca, Herman Vasquez



Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

# FINANCE Parish Finance Council

#### FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... 100% of the funds donated to the *Apostle in Action Charity Fund* are used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood. You can donate to this parish-based fund at any time but look for a special collection on **Thanksgiving Day**.

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

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 arish 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

#### **Collection Totals**

#### Weekend of November 11 & 12

 Regular Collection:
 \$ 6,636.00

 Online Giving:
 \$ 3,793.00

 Total:
 \$ 10,429.00

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.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

# Why do Catholics give each other a Sign of Peace during Mass?

A Sign of Peace, or the "kiss of peace" is a traditional Christian greeting dating to early Christianity. It was customary in Judea (as it still is today) for people to greet each other with a kiss on the cheek. Today, the ancient "kiss of peace" has been "translated" to a handshake in Western society. During the Rite of Peace at Mass, the Priest asks for peace and unity for the Church and for the whole congregation to express their communion and charity before receiving the Eucharist.

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

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