

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

MY KINGDOM DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD.

JOHN 18:36

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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 24, 2024 | 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 30: 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, December 1: 8:00AM - Fr. Santos 10:00AM - Fr. Paladino 12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri:7:30AMSaturday:8:30AMU.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



RELECTION ON THE READINGS

As we come to the end of the liturgical year of the Church's calendar, the Church celebrates the **Feast of Christ the King.** When we think about it, it's kind of funny that as American Catholics we honor Jesus as King. There aren't many kings or queens today, and those that do exist are usually figureheads.

So, this feast may seem out of place and even comical, like a joke. And it's technically appropriate...you see, a joke occurs at the juxtaposition of two incompatible, absurd elements. We laugh when incompatible things come together.

- Like when you have a sophisticated man in a suit, who is all well-puttogether trips as he's getting out of his nice car.
- Or when a dog acts like a human or a cat plays the piano...we laugh

We find these things funny because it's the coming together of incongruent, absurd or incompatible things. G.K Chesterton appreciated this. He said that *"All of Christianity rests upon a kind of sacred jest or joke."* What he was getting at is at the heart of Christianity. Christians claim that God became man; that **divinity** and **humanity** met; that Jesus Christ is **God** and is **human**. This is kind of like a sacred jest or joke because it presents two things that you wouldn't ordinarily associate coming together *–humanity* and *divinity, meekness* and *strength, power* and *love.*

From the beginning, Jesus on the cross has been seen by the world as a joke – something that doesn't make sense - the coming together of two incongruent, incompatible things...like the sophisticated man in the suit who trips and falls, or the cat that plays the piano.

So how do we make sense of this outrageous Christian claim that **this man on a cross is a King?** And what does this claim have to do with us and our lives? I believe that the celebration of this Solemnity helps us to remember who Jesus is as our **Lord** and **King, but it also reminds us of who we ought to be.** You see, **on the cross Jesus reunites two things that we tend to separate,** two things that are seemingly incongruent and incompatible. On the cross, Jesus the King, reconnects **Love** and **Power.**

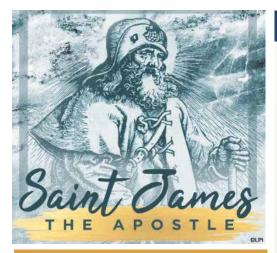
Friends, on the Cross, **Love** and **Power** coincide, they are reunited again. So, sure, **within the framework of a sinful world I can see how the thought of Christ as King is laughable.** But in terms of a transformed world; in terms of the deepest truths, **it's not a joke!** In fact, it's the most serious thing you can conceive of!

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader; a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.

-Eleanor Roosevelt



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Daniel 7:13-14

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 93

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:5-8

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

GOSPEL John 18:33b-37

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

Last Sunday, at our November Sunday Family Faith session we talked about the topic of vocations and our universal call to holiness.



Although our next Family Faith session is on Sunday, December 8th, we will also have an event to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas on Friday, December 6th at 6PM in the church. We invite all our Family Faith families to attend as it will be a fun event to celebrate this Saint who brings so much joy to all of us, but especially to children.

Our Confirmation preparation groups

Our Confirmation Year 1 group had their retreat with the Confirmation Year 1 group of St. Bartholomew Church, last Sunday. The candidates and their parents started the retreat celebrating Mass together and then proceeded to the St. Bartholomew School gym, where the presenter, Mr. Ray Boswell, shared with them the importance of having a close relationship with God and how much we are all loved by Him through an interactive presentation using clay and his potter's wheel.

This past Friday, November 22, a group of Confirmation candidates came together to collect and put together 50 Cold Weather kits to be donated to Bridges in Summit. The kits will be distributed by Bridges volunteers to help make living outside a little more bearable for people who are not able to find shelter.

NEXT SESSIONS:

Family Faith Sunday – <u>Sunday, December 8</u>. At those Masses the children who will be receiving their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this year, will receive their enrollment blessing. Let's keep them in our prayers as they prepare for such an important time in their lives.

Confirmation Year 1 group – Next sessions are on <u>Tuesday,</u> <u>December 3</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM in church AND <u>Tuesday,</u> <u>December 10</u> at 7PM in church (this second session will begin in church but will conclude with a service project in the school gym. We will finish at our usual time, 8:30PM).

Confirmation Year 2 group – <u>Tuesday, December 10</u> from 7PM to 8:30PM (the session will be for both Confirmation groups together. It will start in church but we will move to the School gym after our presentations to do a service project).

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



Questions, volunteer inquiries or sponsor opportunity information? Contact the rectory or email SKForThanks@saintjamesparish.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

ADVENT PRAY25 WITH HALLOW

You're invited! Join our parish this Advent season for Hallow's Pray25: For God So Loved The World. This year, we'll journey through the powerful memoir A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Vanauken and be joined by some incredible guides, to be announced!

To sign up: First, join St. James Parish's page on the app. To do so, visit the Community tab, search for our parish (zip code is fastest), and join! Then, on Sunday, Dec. 1st, be sure to join the Pray25 challenge on our parish page to take part.

Never used Hallow before? Visit hallow.com/parish and watch the brief tutorial. We look forward to praying with you!



Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on **Hallow**

"My morning meditation and prayer time have increased substantially since I heard about and joined Hallow during Advent. My faith has deepened in ways that words just cannot describe. I am blessed and so grateful!"

"This Advent challenge pierced my heart. My heart wasn't open enough to Christ before, but now it's like a spark of light came into it."

"I am so much more aware of God's presence in my everyday life because of Hallow's Advent Challenge."

Your parish has partnered with Hallow. Join us in prayer this Advent!

Scan the QR code to sign up hallow.com/parish

DAILY PRAYERS

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, imaginative prayer or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

FAMILY CONTENT & KIDS CHALLENGE

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, Saints Alive, Kids Holy Hour and guide your little ones through the season with our Advent challenge for children.

BIBLE STORIES & SLEEP CONTENT

Close your day with Christ with Night Prayer, an Examen, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.



Advent Evening Prayer

Advent is a time of promises and waiting. Christmas is the promise fulfilled. Our scriptures during Advent teach us about waiting and what happens when we wait for Christ. Advent waiting is expectant and purposeful. Come celebrate the Advent season with us as our two parishes join together in song and prayer.

DEC 2, 7:30PM St. Rose of Lima Parish 50 Short Hills Ave, Short Hills DEC 16, 7:30PM St. James the Apostle Church 45 S Springfield Ave, Springfield



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	SAINT JAMES GYM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:00AM - 12:00PM \$15.00 PER PERSON. KIDS UNDER 3 ARE FREE.					
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	# OF ADULTS: Phone number:	# OF CHILDREN	using the QR code or fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory office with payment by	out this form and drop it off at the rectory office with payment by		
			DECEMBER 2.			

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE RECTORY AT (973) 376-3044 OR E-MAIL PARISHLIFE@SAINTJAMESPARISH.ORG

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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ADVENT CONCERT WITH SARAH HART AND STEVE ANGRISANO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 4:00PM - 5:30PM

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH 45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVE. SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

Featuring award-winning Catholic composers and musicians Sarah Hart (This Winter's Eve) and Steve Angrisano (God With Us (Emmanuel)), the popular event will center around the music of Advent and Christmas. Don't miss this sought-after duo and their uplifting storytelling and songs of hope and joy! Sing along, pray, be uplifted, and truly enter into the season!

Concert Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$10 students (Ages 5-18)



Concert + Dinner at Sofia's with Sarah and Steve: \$100



Please use QR codes to purchase tickets or send a check to Saint James Rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Questions? Please call the Parish Rectory or send an email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today, her award winning songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. She has been nominated for a Grammy award for the song "Better than a Hallelujah" recorded by Amy Grant, and has performed in Saint Peter's Square for Pope Francis. Based in Nashville, Tennessee she spends much of her time on the road – juggling a busy songwriting, recording, concert and event schedule.

Steve Angrisano is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. For over two decades, Steve has traveled worldwide, sharing his unique blend of humor, story, and song. Connecting head to heart, renewing faith, and inspiring young and old alike, his daily work is dedicated to presenting parish missions, and composing music for Oregon Catholic Press.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Presented by Karen Scott, Community Educator/YWCA

Intimate Partner Violence Intervention & Prevention



Chisholm Community Center 100 South 100 South Springfield Avenue Springfield, NU

SRD

Monday 12/2/24 Parents: How to Talk to Your Teens & Tweens About Teen Dating Violence

Monday 12/16/24 Teens: Teen Dating Violence & Discussing Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships

Questions? Email erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us

Register at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield



UNION CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2029 Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 12 noon.

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

Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam.

To register scan this QR Code:



Contact the Admissions Office: **908-889-1600** 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

VOCATIONS

Thinking about the priesthood? Are you being called? Reach out to Father Patrick Seo and the Office of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark! Visit www.NewarkPriest.com,

email NewarkPriest@rcan.org, follow @NewarkPriest on social media, or call (973) 313-6190.

Do you know someone who...

Was never baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination, and has expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

For more information, please call (973) 376-2061

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & OCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the OCIA process. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:00pm Deceased Members of the Cacciatore Family r/b Assunta Cacciatore Margaret Krack r/b Dlugosz Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe				
8:00am	Maryann Bujnowski			
	r/b Thomas, Patricia, and Laura			
Josephine Genevrino				
	r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush			
10:00am	Paul Brenner			
	r/b Dorothy Stewart			
	Giuseppe Graziosi			
	r/b Pasquale and Elba Circelli			
12:00pm	Daniel and Angela Raimondo			
	r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser and			
	Marianne Van Volkenburgh			
	Jim Genco			
	r/b Patty and John Carney			

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:30am Jose and Marcela Videna r/b Gene and Nieves Salle
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 7:30am Maryann Bujnowski r/b Trecia
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 7:30am Toni Irwin r/b Maria Chavarriaga

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 Thanksgiving 7:00am For Our Nation

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 8:30am Teresa Yannazzone r/b Yannazzone Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 Saint Andrew

8:30am Matteo Apicella r/b Wife and Children 5:00pm James Congema r/b Mary Ellen and Gary Capron Ralph and Sabino Battaglia

r/b Miller Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent				
Amelia Montana				
r/b Janice Montana				
Maria Santos				
r/b Annette Alberti				
Mary Ann Congema				
r/b Mary Ellen and Gary Capron				
Orlando and Rose Cicalese				
r/b Family				
Caesar and Edward Rivano				
r/b Marian Rivano				
Constantine "Gus" Solazzi				
r/b Mary Solazzi				



SANCTUARY LAMP: The People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE: 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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Bion, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski. Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, 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, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Anna P., Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, 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



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUNTY AND NEED HELP WITH:

Housing Insecurity? Rental Assistance? Legal Representation? Credit Counseling and more?

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately: jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org

flocknote

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of November 16 & 17					
Regular Collection:	\$	5,680.00			
Online Giving:	\$	4,540.00			
Total:	\$	10,220.00			

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

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 parishbased fund at any time but look for a special collection Nov 28th, Thanksgiving Day.

Remember...

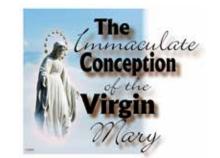
The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9

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!





Monday, December 9, 2024 is now a Holy Day of Obligation Mass will be celebrated at 7:30am & 7pm

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