



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

PSALM 23

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 15, 2023
www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

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, October 21:

5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, October 22:

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

12:00PM - Fr. Paladino

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



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

"The trouble with politicians today", a friend said to me one evening, "is that they always tell us that if we vote for them things will get better. If only they'd tell us the truth – that the world is a dangerous place, that there are lots of wicked people trying to exploit each other, and that they will do their best to steer us through - then we might believe them." "Yes", another friend chipped in, "and that's what happens in the church as well. We are so eager to tell people that God loves them, that everything's going to be all right, that God welcomes wicked people as well as good ones – and then ordinary Christians have to live in the real world where people lie and cheat and grab what they want. Somehow it doesn't fit."

I thought about this conversation again as I read this Sunday's gospel passage. It's one that often bothers people because it doesn't say what we want it to. We want to hear a nice story about an all-access bash hosted by an excessively tolerant God. We expect God (as people now fashionably say) to be "inclusive" and to allow his guests to determine the house rules. We don't want to hear about judgment on the wicked, or about demanding standards of holiness, or about weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Friends, God wants us to be mature, courageous, and faithful disciples, not immature, indifferent, an obstinate place-takers. And part of being *grown-up* spiritually is understanding the reality that **actions have consequences**, that **moral choices matter**, and that **real human life isn't like a game of chess** where even if we do badly the pieces get put back in the box at the end of the day and we can start again tomorrow.

— Fr. David Santos, Pastor

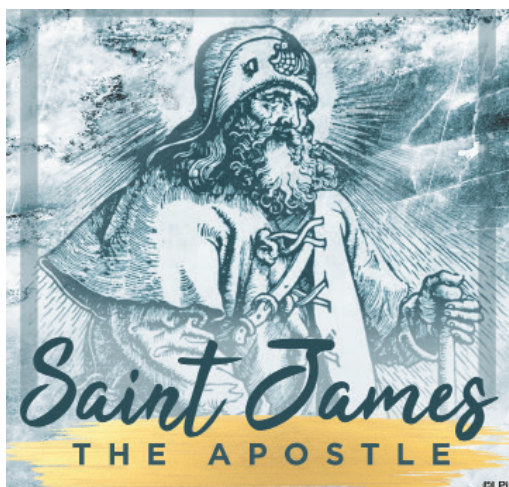


QUOTE OF THE WEEK

How can we profess faith in God's word, and then refuse to let it inspire and direct our thinking, our activity, our decisions, and our responsibilities toward one another? Faith is always demanding, because faith leads us beyond ourselves.

— Pope John Paul II





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked
to save us! This is the LORD for whom
we looked; let us rejoice and be glad
that he has saved us!" For the hand of
the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:
I know how to live in humble
circumstances; I know also how
to live with abundance. In every
circumstance and in all things
I have learned the secret of being
well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being
in need. I can do all things in him who
strengthens me. Still, it was kind of
you to share in my distress.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the
chief priests and elders of the people
in parables, saying, "The kingdom
of heaven may be likened to a king
who gave a wedding feast for his son.
He dispatched his servants to
summon the invited guests to the
feast, but they refused to come.

*Full Mass readings can be
accessed at uscgb.org*

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES



Family Faith Formation

The second-year candidates for Confirmation (8th grade) will begin their sessions with a parent and child meeting in the Church on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7PM in the Church.**

The next Family Faith session will be on Sunday, October 22nd.

If you have not registered your child yet, please do so ASAP, this way your child will not miss any important information. The registration form and the calendar dates for both, the Family Faith Formation sessions for 1st to 6th graders, and the Confirmation sessions for 7th and 8th graders can be found on the Family Faith Formation page of the parish website, <https://saintjamestheapostle.org/>.

Registration for this year will close on Wednesday, October 18th.

If you need any further information on how to register your child, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org, (973)376-2061, or in person either at the rectory during office hours or if you see her after Mass or around town.

Saint James Church

Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry

In conjunction with Saint James Rosary Ministry the Mental Health & Well-being Ministry will present a special Rosary and Evening of Prayer for Mental Illness ~ Recovery, Understanding & Well-Being Service on **Monday, October 16th** to pray for those suffering from mental illness, their caretakers, and for mental well-being.

Respect Life Month

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month here at Saint James.

Throughout the month of October, our Wednesday evening Holy Hours, 7pm to 8pm, (**October 18th & 25th**) will be celebrated as Holy Hours for Life.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual All Souls Prayer Service

On November 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.

On All Souls Day we remember and pray for the eternal rest of our loved ones who have died especially over the past year, as well as those who have passed but have no one to pray for them. The amazing history of All Souls Day is that this tradition is based on the practice of prayer for the dead mentioned as far back as the 2 Maccabees 12:42-46.

Being present to the community is one of the greatest gifts we can give to one another. Many ask how can I help those who grieve, it is quite easy... just be present!

The Bereavement Ministry extends an invitation to come and support fellow parishioners by attending the annual All Souls Prayer Service.

CENTENNIAL CORNER

Thank you to everyone for making our Centennial Celebration Weekend such a memorable and joyous event for all! There are still many events this year to continue gathering as a parish family to celebrate and honor our 100th anniversary. The Centennial Committee invites you to save the following date:

Thanksgiving Morning, November 23rd:

Saint James 5K for Thanks Family Run/Walk and Kids' Turkey Trot

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 our merchandise!



COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21/22

DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING AREA BEFORE ALL MASSES



DIAPERS & BABY WIPES COLLECTION



Donations will support the Area Baby Center (ABC) of the Christ Child Society of Summit, which provides essential childcare supplies to local families in need.



The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting diapers and wipes for families in need on October 21st and 22nd, after all the Masses. The diapers and wipes will support the Area Baby Center (ABC), a work of the Christ Child Society in Summit. All sizes of diapers welcome. The donated diapers and wipes will help ease the financial burden on families with young children and are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

They're Back!



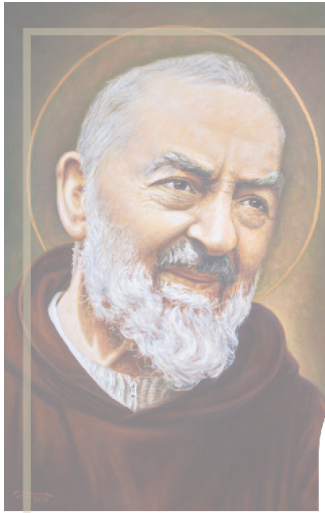
THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 SHARING GROUPS

October 16-November 13

- Mondays at 7pm
- Tuesdays at 7pm
- Thursdays at 7pm
- Thursdays at 8pm (Filipino-speaking group)
 - Friday at 10am
 - Fridays at 7pm
 - Saturdays at 9am



Scan the QR code to sign-up!



PARISH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PADRE PIO

Saturday, November 4th
111 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Optional Food - Box Sandwich Lunch: \$15.00 per person
(*must order in advance*)

The bus will load at 6:45am and leave promptly at 7:00am from the church parking lot. We must be on time at the church. Father David Santos will be a celebrant for the mass held at the shrine at 10:30am. The bus will depart the shrine at 4:00pm to return back to Saint James.

REGISTER TODAY

Parish Trip to the National Center for Padre Pio

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

☐ Check the box if you want to purchase the Box Sandwich Lunch.

Submit this form with your payment, marked for *Parish Life - Padre Pio* to the rectory no later than October 22. Total bus capacity is 50 seats. If you have any questions please call the rectory office at [973-376-3044](tel:973-376-3044) or email Parish Life at parishlife@saintjamesparish.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

You are not alone
CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

**SURVIVING
DIVORCE**

Support Group for Those who are Separated or Divorced

**Ten Week Session
Weekly on Wednesdays
Beginning October 18th
7:30-9:00 PM**

Open to All Denominations | \$25 Fee Covers all Materials
Registration Required: DIVORCEMINISTRY.LF@gmail.com
Or Dan Grossano 908-464-1585 Ex 133 | PASTORAL110.LF@gmail.com

Church of the Little Flower
290 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ

Finding comfort, hope, and healing before, during, and after divorce.



You Are Mine LGBTQ Parents Prayer & Support Group Ministry

We offer a respectful group in which the parents and loved ones of LGBTQ Catholics can share their joys, challenges and faith.

When: Thursday, October 19, 2023,
and every 3rd Thursday through June,
from **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Where: Church of the Little Flower
290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ

If interested, please contact us:
youaremine.lf@gmail.com

**Mgn. Francis X. Coyle
Council 5560 Columbiettes**

**CASINO
BUS TRIP**

**\$55
PP.**

Sunday, October 22nd

Join the Columbiettes to enjoy a fun day at
Caesars Casino and the Boardwalk in Atlantic City

Bus departs Knights of Columbus parking lot
at 9:00 am Sharp and leave A/C @ 5:30 pm.

60 Harvard St. Summit (GPS)

Profits will benefit Francis X. Coyle Columbiettes Charities

RSVP: Diane @201-787-2737 or kostibosd@gmail.com

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ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

A service of song, silence & contemplation
Led by Brother Emile
from the Ecumenical Monastic Community
in the Catholic & Protestant Tradition of Taizé, Burgundy France

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Together, we gather to pray for the Church as the Ordinary General
Assembly of the Synod of Bishops closes in Rome.

Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

506 Westfield Ave, Westfield, NJ



DID YOU KNOW?

Who invented the Rosary?

While most attribute the invention of the Rosary to St. Dominic, for many centuries there existed various practices among the laity of counting **150 Our Fathers or Hail Marys** to correspond to the **150 Psalms** that priests and religious would recite in the Divine Office.

Regardless of which saint “invented” the Rosary as we know it today, what is true is that **many Dominicans have spread this devotion since the 15th and 16th centuries** and remain to this day the chief promoters of the devotion around the world.

Why is it called the “Rosary”?

The Rosary became viewed spiritually and in art as a way to present a garland of roses to the Blessed Mother in a similar way that roses would be picked for a person’s earthly mother. correspond to the **150 Psalms** that priests and religious would recite in the Divine Office.

*Author: Philip Kosloski - published on 10/07/21
<https://aleteia.org/2021/10/07/the-rosary-a-complete-guide-to-its-origin-and-how-to-pray-it/>*

OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 28, 2023
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

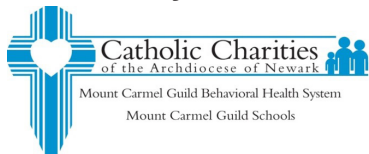
Pre-Registration Required

For more information, call
908-522-8109 or visit

www.oakknoll.org/upper-school



What makes you feel “ALIVE?”



There are perhaps as many answers as there are individuals reading this message. The autumn leaves with their beautiful array of distinctive colors foster an atmosphere which animates and enlivens us to enjoy the boundless delights of the fall season. Many people will not experience such delights due to impoverished conditions. Catholic Charities, on a daily basis, assists the underprivileged in society. Please help by contributing the following to the donation bin: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, tools, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children’s books. 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 contact the Faith Formation Office at (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, OCTOBER 14

5:00pm **Lucille Wetzel**
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick
Juan Torres
r/b Saint James Parishioners

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in OT

8:00am **Daniel & Angela Raimondo**
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
Marianne Van Volkenburgh
Lawrence Dixon Clepper, Jr.
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

10:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Betty Macchiachera
r/b Belita Brown

12:00pm **Susie LoMacchio**
r/b Patty & John Carney
Christopher Padula
r/b Marvin & Vera Oakerson

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30am **Sinomene & Vincenzo Morico**
r/b Rosa & Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Saint Ignatius

7:30am **Filomena & Vincenzo Morico**
r/b Daughter, Rosa Zoti

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Saint Luke

7:30am **Thomas A. Gervel**
r/b Yannazzone Famly

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Saints John de Brebeuf & Issaac Jogues

7:30am **Pio & Dolores Salle**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30am **John D. Pflug, III**
r/b Pflug Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30am **John K. Butler**
r/b Bernstein Family

5:00pm **Albert Uliano**
r/b Clara Uliano & Family
Antonio Sequeira
r/b Wife & Children

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

8:00am **James Gibbs**
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
Danette Lelonek
r/b Barbara Wittick

10:00am **Deacon Edward W. Porter**
r/b Family
Margaret Furner
r/b Sam & Family

12:00pm **Joseph & Rose Dente**
r/b Camille Mitarotonda
Caesar & Edward Rivano
r/b Marion Rivano



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Andrea Frances Kilby
r/b Donna

BREAD & WINE:

Andrea Frances Kilby
r/b Donna

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, 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

*Lord,
Hear Our Prayer.*



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

www.thewaterfrontproject.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of October 7 & 8

Regular Collection:	\$	6,972.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,773.00
Total:	\$	10,745.00

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

Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

The Finance Council is pleased to inform the parish community that St. James Parish has received an **Annual Appeal rebate check totaling \$13,737.50**. This rebate check is a result of the parish surpassing our 2023 Annual Appeal Stretch Goal in funds collected by June 30th. The rebate funds will be used for repairs and maintenance in the church. *Thank you* again for your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.

Did you know?... The second collection the weekend of Oct 14/15 is for the **Archdiocese Assessment... but do you know how St. James benefits from the assessment funding?** We benefit greatly by being part of a larger Archdiocesan faith structure from receiving administrative services provided at no cost to the parish such as pension plan administration, legal and human resources services, as well as a number of other operational costs such as property and health insurance expense items that if purchased directly by the parish would far exceed our assessment cost. Will you help us cover this assessment expense?

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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Father David C. Santos
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Father John Dennehy

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