



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church



faith



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 5, 2025  
[www.saintjamesparish.org](http://www.saintjamesparish.org)

## YOU ARE Welcome Here

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

### Office Hours:

(Closed 12PM-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 11:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, October 12:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Santos

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 (Third Wednesday  
of each month will have live  
music.)

Second Saturdays at 3PM

\*The First Rosary and  
Wednesday Adoration of  
the month are for Priestly  
and Religious Vocations

## PASTOR'S COLUMN



### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

In our first reading we heard from the prophet **Habakkuk**. The prophet stresses the **power of faith** while also giving us a **clearer** idea of what faith is.

Habakkuk lived in the **6th century BC**, when Israel had been **conquered** by the Babylonians and the majority of the Israelites had been **deported and exiled**. It was as if a hurricane had swept over the entire land. Habakkuk is in the middle of it all, he sees the **devastated** city and countryside, strewn with corpses, burned and barren. He feels the pinch of **poverty** and **destruction**. And he does the most human thing in the world: he **complains to God about it**: "*How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen!*"

This teaches us an **important lesson**:

- a **strong faith** doesn't mean we won't **suffer and be confused** in life.

A strong faith **doesn't take away our crosses**. A strong faith **does** show us **where to turn** when the crosses **come**: to **God**, our all-wise, all-powerful, all-loving **Father**. God does, indeed, **answer** Habakkuk's prayer. He **promises** that he will **act**, that he will **restore** Israel's fortunes.

Now, God doesn't give all the **details**. In fact, he even seems to imply that it may take **longer** than Habakkuk would **like**: "*If it delays,*" God says, "*wait for it.*"

But God shows that he is not **aloof** from our **sufferings**. He is **watching over us**, no matter what. He promises that if **we continue to have faith** in him, in spite of suffering and hardship, we "**shall live**".

Friends, too often we think that Faith is a **problem-free philosophy**. But Faith is **STRENGTH WITH LENGTH**.

It's the **power to persevere** through **difficulties** - the power that comes from knowing that God our **Father is in charge**.

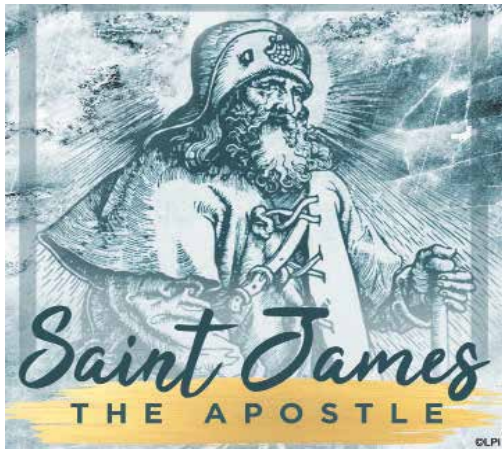
Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the words of our God will stand forever.

— *Isaiah 40:8*





## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

#### Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily.

For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### SECOND READING

#### 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

### GOSPEL

#### Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

(The dates for this year's sessions can be found on our website)

**Our next Family Faith session is on Sunday, October 19.**

We look forward to seeing you then!!

**Confirmation Year 1** – Our first class is **this Tuesday, October 7 at 7PM** in the church

**Confirmation Year 2** – Our first class is **Tuesday, October 21 at 7PM** in the church.

**Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation October 25, 2025**

**Confirmation Retreat** is this **Sunday, October 5** from 1:15PM to 6:00PM

*(The retreat has been moved to our St. James School)*

**Rehearsal – Friday, October 24** at the times you were given (specific to your Confirmation Mass)

As our young candidates prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask the parish community to keep them in prayer. May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may their hearts remain open to God's truth, that they encounter His loving presence, and that they continue to grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

**Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office  
(973) 376-2061 | [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org)**

## SAINT JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or have been in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or any "Special Intention" (Restored Health).

If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor:

**[PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org)**

**Please Note:** For privacy reasons and HIPPA regulations, names may be added to the prayer list by the individual themselves, or with their **explicit permission** from the one in need of prayers. Individuals in need of prayers may also call the rectory for assistance.

## HOLY WHYS: DEACON HUGH REPLIES

Dear Deacon Hugh:

I was wondering if Catholics can eat meat on Fridays. I understand that back in the day, they weren't supposed to, but recently a friend told me that rule still applies. What's up with that?

Mark

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Dear Mark:

Before the 1960s, Catholics typically abstained from meat on Fridays as a form of penance and participation in their faith. In more recent times, the Church has recognized that sincere efforts to perform other works of self-denial are also meaningful. The Archdiocese of Newark explains that Fridays outside of Lent remain days of penance, but individuals may substitute the traditional abstinence from meat with another act of voluntary self-denial. Options include skipping dessert, unplugging from social media, donating time or money to charity, or spending extra time in prayer or reading the Bible.

Through these small, intentional sacrifices—whether giving up a favorite treat or serving others—the act of self-denial becomes more than just a ritual. It serves as a quiet transformation of the heart, reminding us that faith is not just something we say, but something we live, especially when we choose compassion and deepen our relationship with God over personal comfort.

Thank you for your question.

Deacon Hugh

If you have a question you would like to ask, please send your email to Deacon Hugh at [hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org)

## JUBILEE 2025

Saint Helen's Church in Westfield has been chosen as a designated pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year in Union County. Pilgrims are welcome to come here to pray, reflect, and deepen their relationship with God, preparing their hearts to celebrate this extraordinary Holy Year of grace and spiritual renewal. Please scan the QR code to visit the website and stay up-to-date on celebrations throughout the year. All are welcome!



*St. James*  
*Vocations Ministry*  
*Pray + Talk + Encourage*

**Announcing the**  
**Office of Priestly Vocations'**  
**Newark Priest newsletter!**

- ★ "Did You Know" and "Parish Spotlight" sections
- ★ Events and prayer days
- ★ Glory stories
- ★ Prayer requests from seminarians
- ★ Vocations & prayer resources for parishes and discerners

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month!**

**Sign up at:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/N-P-newsletter](http://www.tinyurl.com/N-P-newsletter)

ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK  
OFFICE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Newark Priest

Discerning your vocation? Reach out to us!  
Email [vocationsministry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:vocationsministry@saintjamesparish.org).

## THIS WEEKEND AROUND TOWN

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT BUSINESS ALLIANCE  
**FALL FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> 11 AM - 5 PM**  
*Raindate October 19<sup>th</sup>*  
**100 MOUNTAIN AVE., SPRINGFIELD**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**PETTING ZOO**  
**INFLATABLE KIDS ZONE \$5 UNLIMITED**  
**FOOD TRUCKS**  
**PONY RIDES**  
**BEER GARDEN**  
**VENDORS**  
**TRACKLESS TRAIN**  
**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
(while supplies last)

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER. PAY \$20 AT THE ENTRANCE!  
10 AM ARRIVAL - 12:30-1 PM JUDGING  
1 PM EXOTIC TRUCKY PRESENTATION  
2 PM CLASSIC CAR TRUCKY ARRIVAL

**1800AUTOLOAN**  
Springfield, NJ

**NissanCity**  
of Springfield

SOMERSET REGAL BANK  
Union County  
Five Star  
Gordon Communities  
The Larkin Family  
ConnectOne  
METROPOLITAN

# NEXT WEEKEND AT SAINT JAMES!

## 2025 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

*My Soul Magnifies the Lord*



**Saint James the Apostle Church**  
45 South Springfield Ave.  
Springfield, NJ 07081

Friday, October 10  
7:00 p.m.  
*through*  
Sunday, October 12  
1:00 p.m.

**Sign up for an hour, or  
just show up to pray**

Contact:  
[rosarycongress@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:rosarycongress@saintjamesparish.org)

For more information, go to:  
[saintjamestheapostle.org/RosaryCongress2025](http://saintjamestheapostle.org/RosaryCongress2025)

### SCHEDULE

#### October 10, Friday

##### Start of the 2025 Eucharistic Rosary Congress

- 7:00 PM Prayer Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Fr. David Santos
- 8:00 PM Praise and Worship  
Refreshments
- 9:00 PM Overnight vigil starts  
Rosary for loved ones who passed away and for the souls in purgatory
- 10:00 PM Rosary for end to abortion
- 11:00 PM Rosary for those struggling in their faith

#### October 11, Saturday

- 12:00 AM Rosary for the unemployed and those needing financial help
- 1:00 AM Rosary for missionaries all over the world
- 2:00 AM Rosary for service men & women and the veterans
- 3:00 AM Rosary for world peace
- 4:00 AM Rosary for the Fruits of the Spirit
- 5:00 AM Rosary for those who do not have anyone to pray for them
- 6:00 AM Rosary for those who do not know or do not believe in Christ
- 7:00 AM Rosary for personal intentions
- 8:00 AM Rosary for Mothers
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the Mass and will be on the altar until before the 5pm Mass starts.  
Patriotic Rosary followed by breakfast
- 10:00 AM Rosary for the Youth followed by packing care packages for Mercy House
- 11:00 AM Rosary for those suffering from mental illness and addiction
- 12:00 PM Rosary for the sick
- 1:00 PM Rosary for Fathers : We will pray the St. Joseph Rosary
- 2:00 PM Talk and Reflection: Eucharist Everywhere  
by Sr. Marlene Milasus, OSB
- 3:00 PM Confession (until 5PM)
- 3:00 PM Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00 PM Rosary for the Pope, Clergy, and an increase in vocation
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Candlelight procession followed by Sausage & Peppers dinner
- 7:00 PM Parish Movie Night

#### October 12, Sunday

- 7:30 AM Rosary for parishioners serving in the various ministries in St. James; Jubilee Prayer
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM Rosary for families; Jubilee Prayer
- 10:00 AM Mass
- 11:30 AM Rosary for the people of St. James and the construction of our future Parish Center; Jubilee Prayer
- 12:00 PM Mass



Rosary Leaders Signup



Vigil Signup



Dinner & Movie Signup

**RIDES, FOOD, GAMES & FUN COMING TO SAINT JAMES!**

**RIDES,  
GAMES, FOOD,  
MUSIC,  
BEER TENT**

**PARISH  
FESTIVAL  
2025**

**SUPER 50/50  
RAFFLE  
TIN CAN BASKET  
AUCTION  
AND MUCH  
MORE FUN!**

**OCTOBER 14 - 18**



**ST. JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!**

One of the major highlights of the annual Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction—and your help is needed to make this year even more successful than in the past. It is a tricky-tray-type event in which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants. St. James needs contributions of prizes—goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make its Tin Can Auction a success. If you own a business or wish to donate, please contact Antoinette Miller through the Rectory office at **973-376-3044** or you can email **tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org**

**ST. JAMES FESTIVAL  
BANNER SPONSORS NEEDED!**

Do you have a business or know someone who does?

This is your golden opportunity to shine! By taking a banner sponsorship, you can showcase your business to the many festival-goers over the 5-days of the festival while supporting our beloved parish.

**Contact Janet DellaSala via the Rectory office at 973-376-3044** to explore the amazing sponsorship opportunities available. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to be part of something special and help make this festival successful together!



A white sign with a gold border. At the top is the Saint James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church logo. The text reads: "PARISH FESTIVAL Baked Goods Donation". Below that, it says: "Donate homemade or store bought baked goods to be offered at the hospitality booth at the Saint James Parish Festival". It lists the dates: "Donations needed for October 14, 15, and 16" and the drop-off time: "Drop off anytime between 6 &amp; 8 PM". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "For questions, please contact pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org" and "Sign up to donate: https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/228038" with a QR code.

## COMING SOON AT SAINT JAMES!

Saint James Adult Faith Team presents:

### FALL BOOK STUDY

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH

# THE MASS



EDWARD SRI



### 5 Sessions

Week of Oct. 27-Nov. 24/Dec. 1

Mondays at 7PM in the church/narthex  
Thursdays at 7PM in the Rectory

Use *Flocknote Sign-up* or call the Rectory

Questions? Send email to:  
adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org



Bereavement Support

**The Bereavement Ministry of  
Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church**

"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself."

~ Miriam Toews' *All My Puny Sorrows*

Saint James Bereavement Ministry is offering a 6 Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Thursday nights 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Meetings will gather in the rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

Participation is free however, registration is required. Please contact the parish office at (908) 687-3327 or email [Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org)

*Let us be your companions for the journey.*

Our goal is to provide a process for healing within a safe and supportive environment.



**WE ARE HIS  
WITNESSES**

## Save the Date!!!

### Parish listening sessions

- **Tuesday, November 4, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM**
  - or
  - **Thursday, November 6, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM**
- In the Church**

You are invited to participate in a parish listening session as part of the We Are His Witnesses pastoral planning process. Cardinal Tobin encourages all of the faithful to participate. Registration will open soon.

For now, please save the date to attend one of our parish sessions.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, October 25  
Noon

Church of the Little Flower  
310 Plainfield Ave.  
Berkeley Heights  
908.464.1585



Anointing of the Sick is appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death or the elderly, but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness.

The sacrament can be received more than once.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hope is that, through the power of the sacrament and if it be God's will, the person be healed of illness. Even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany the illness or the frailty of old age.

You are invited to join us for refreshments after Mass.  
RSVP by October 17 here or contact the parish offices.

**You are not alone**  
DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

## SURVIVING DIVORCE

Support group for those who are separated or divorced.

Ten Week Session  
Weekly on Wednesdays  
Beginning October 15th  
7:30-9:00 PM

Church of the Little Flower  
290 Plainfield Ave.  
Berkeley Heights, NJ  
908.464.1585

Open to All Denominations | \$25 Fee Covers all Materials

RSVP REQUIRED  
DIVORCEMINISTRY.LF@GMAIL.COM

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

### SELF CARE SUNDAY

hosted by the  
saint helen mental  
health ministry

OCT 26, 2025  
9:00AM-1:30PM

SAINT HELEN CHURCH  
MEANEY HALL  
1600 RAHWAY AVENUE  
WESTFIELD, NJ 07090

Learn more about various forms of self-care, and the amazing resources at our parish and in our local community.

Light refreshments to be served.

Questions?  
Contact Liz Migneco:  
lmigneco@sainthelen.org



## 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](http://www.NewarkPriest.com), email [NewarkPriest@rcan.org](mailto: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

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

# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

5:00pm **Dorothy and Vincent DeGaetano**  
r/b Elena Tosti  
**Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Samantha & Boris Yusupov and  
Jessica Miller

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **John Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Pat Morris**  
r/b Husband

10:00am **Ronnie Fusco**  
r/b Carmela Fusco  
**Francisco Muniz, Jr.**  
r/b Carol and Howard

12:00pm **Mary F. Sullivan**  
r/b Terry and Al Toro  
**Anna and Peter Brzozowski**  
r/b Carol

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30am **Anthony Graziano**  
r/b Lorraine Graziano

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30am **Sean P. McTague**  
r/b Andy's Family

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30am **David Darby**  
r/b Bob and Sue Hagenbush

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30am **Anne Graziano**  
r/b Angela Ragonese

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30am **Andrew Foscatto**  
r/b Theresa and Michael Quick

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30am **Angela and Carmelo Rivano**  
r/b Marion Rivano  
5:00pm **John and Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Saint James Staff

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Bill and Antoinette Miller  
**Danielle Webb**  
r/b Cotter and Moran Families  
10:00am **Cosma and Salvatore DeNichilo**  
r/b Inneo Family  
**Luciano and Antonia Conetta**  
r/b Raffaella Conetta  
12:00pm **James J. Carney**  
r/b Patty and John Carney  
**Mario Garcia**  
r/b Family



### SANCTUARY LAMP:

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.*

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## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Marco Tao Porcelli

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## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, M.D., Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Alberto Fernandez, Berta Franco, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Kevin Keating, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, 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, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Lucy Miller, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Anna P., Jonathan Rheinhardt, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Joseph Siorenza, 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.*

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## A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, First Lt. Jonathan Canny, 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



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



September 24, 2025

Saint James the Apostle Church  
45 South Springfield Avenue  
Springfield, NJ 07081

Dear Saint James congregation,

Thank you for the amazing donation received on 9/17/2025. Your continued care for our families experiencing homelessness is terrific! This donation of gift cards, cleaning supplies, personal care items, and non-perishable food items is extremely helpful and very needed. Your timing couldn't be better!

Family Promise Union County (FPUC) is the founding affiliate in our national network. We are extremely fortunate and proud of the partnerships we have with so many dedicated individuals, congregations, corporations and foundations in Union County.

Your generosity and kindness make a difference in the struggle against housing insecurity. Thank you for encouraging hope and sharing a light for a brighter future.

Sincerely,

  
Diane Esty  
Director of Development  
Family Promise Union County  
402 Union Ave  
Elizabeth, NJ 07208  
desty@familypromise.org  
908.289.7300 x208

*Many thanks for all the great supplies for our families!*

Visit our online boutique  
for St. James the Apostle Parish  
apparel and more!



Keep up-to-date with  
parish news, event updates,  
and more!

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 OR Sign up on the website:  
[saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com](http://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of September 27 & 28:

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,713.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,107.00
Total:	\$ 10,820.00

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](http://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

Did you know?...

93% of parishioners that responded to the DMI Survey said the parish provides transparent information about the finances of the parish.

Thank you for your feedback. The Finance Council will continue to work to provide further transparency to you on the financial results of our parish.

### 2025 Annual Appeal Update

The Finance Council is pleased to report that the Parish's archdiocese assessment rate is being reduced by 2% for the fiscal year 2026, as a result of the parish achieving our 2025 Annual Appeal Stretch Goal in funds collected by June 30th. Thank You again for your gifts to the Annual Appeal.

Remember...

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

### October Gives Us a Unique Beauty



October is resplendent with the beauty of nature. The fall gives us an invigorating lift. We seem to feel "fully alive" looking forward to a new beginning filled with energy. Would you be willing to channel some of that energy to help those less fortunate by sorting through your home for the following: clothing, small appliances, shoes, tools, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books? The Donation Bin(s) are accessible in the parish. Thank you.

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