



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU**

JOHN 13:34

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 23:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, September 24:

8:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

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 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday Holy Hour at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Centennial Anniversary Mass and Parish Family Picnic

As I slowly come down from *Mount Exuberance* from this past weekend's Centennial celebrations, something that Saint Paul wrote to the faithful in Corinth comes to mind:

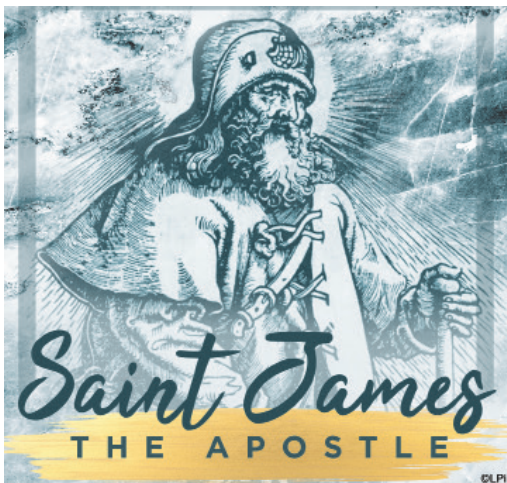
Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

– **1 Corinthians 15:58**

Since the Centennial weekend's events – St. James School Alumni reunion, Mass with the Cardinal, and the family picnic - many people have said to me, "*Father Santos, you really know how to throw a party*,"...LOL! While I do appreciate the compliment, I can hardly accept the credit, in all honesty. I know this, not only because of the weekend's huge success, but because of what St. Paul is saying in the passage from his letter to the Corinthians that I cite above. You see friends, **God is NEVER outdone in generosity.** What that means is, anytime we faithfully and generously offer our *time, talent and treasure* in the service of God and our neighbor, God reciprocates most abundantly. And when this generous offering is given by an incredible group of volunteers, ministry leaders, liturgical ministers, pastoral staff, and dedicated parishioners, then a mountain of exuberance erupts so high that it touches the dwelling place of God.

On behalf of the entire parish community, I'd like to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for the hard work, the beautiful gift of service, and a job well done to the many parishioners, parish staff, liturgical ministers, volunteers, and lay leaders for a fun, faith-filled, and memorable Centennial Anniversary weekend. Whether your gift was *the gift of song in the choir, the gift of time in planning and organizing an event, the gift of arranging tables and chairs, the gift of serving at the altar, the gift of welcoming and greeting parishioners and guests to events, or the gift of donating your hard-earned treasure* – **THANK YOU!** Indeed, your labor is not in vain.





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Sirach 27:30—28:7

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 13:34

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-25

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscbb.org

THIS WEEKEND

HELPING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY



FOOD COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF SEPT 16/17

DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING AREA BEFORE ALL MASSES

ITEMS REQUESTED:

CANNED TUNA

CEREAL (LOW SUGAR)

INDIVIDUAL SNACKS
(GOLDFISH, PRETZELS, GRANOLA BARS)

DONATIONS WILL
SUPPORT THE
FOOD PANTRY AT
OUR LADY OF SORROWS,
SOUTH ORANGE



The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be holding a non-perishable food collection this weekend. The collected items will benefit the Our Lady of Sorrows Pantry in South Orange. We will be specifically collecting cans of tuna, boxes of individual snack packs (such as goldfish crackers, pretzels, granola bars - for school lunches) and low sugar cereal. Items can be dropped off in the gathering area before all Masses. Thank you for your support!

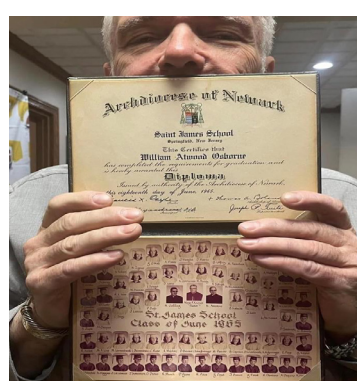
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. James Tin Can Auction Needs Your Contributions to Make it a Success!

One of the major highlights of our annual Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction. This is a tricky-tray-type event during which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants. We need contributions for prizes - goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make this year's Tin Can Auction a success!

If you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact Antoinette Miller through the Rectory Office at 973-376-3044 or send an email to tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org.

CENTENNIAL CORNER



Centennial Mass - Sept. 9
Photographer: Allison Bratsch



Parish Picnic & Butterfly Release - Sept. 10





PARISH FESTIVAL 2023



Saint James the Apostle Church

45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081

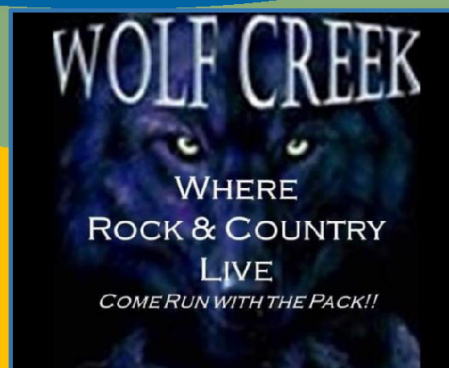
OCTOBER 10 - 14

Tuesday – Friday: 6pm – 10pm, Saturday: 2pm – 10pm

**GAMES * RIDES * FOOD * MUSIC *
BEER TENT * SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE *
TIN CAN BASKET AUCTION AND MUCH MORE!**



Friday, October 13th
6:00pm – 10:00pm



Saturday, October 14th
6:00pm – 10:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

We are a support ministry at the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights for parents and loved ones of LGBTQ Catholics.

For more information, please contact youaremine.lf@gmail.com



YOU ARE MINE



When: 3rd Thursdays of the month
Time: 7 PM
Next Meeting: September 21
Where: Little Flower Parish Center
290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights



You Are Mine

Let us walk together...

In a spirit of openness and acceptance that strengthens our bonds of trust as a family of faith, with God, the church community, and all.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 7 - 8

2023 EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

at Saint James the Apostle



This Rosary Congress is for reparation, life and peace, healing, renewal, families, our country, evangelization and vocations.

Details and complete program will follow in the coming weeks

ST TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH | SUMMIT



Stronger Together

Community Support Group

Join us to discuss **MENTAL WELLNESS** for ourselves and the community through **HOPE, GUIDANCE, ADVOCACY, and CAMARADERIE.**

Mondays | 7:00-8:15 pm
Starting September 25

Learn more about weekly themes and register here by September 20:
<https://ff-sta.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1893452>



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
PRESENTS OUR SIXTH ANNUAL

BENEFIT FOR OUR HOMELESS

SOULTOWN TO MOTOWN



THE SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS

SATURDAY, 9.30.23 | 8:00PM | TICKETS START AT \$30

William Paterson University | Shea Center for Performing Arts
300 Pompton Rd, Wayne, NJ | Box Office 973-720-2371













Support in other ways: purchase 50/50 raffle tickets, bid on silent auction items or make a donation.
www.ccanconcert23.givesmart.com



For more information or to inquire about tickets, sponsorship or underwriting opportunities, please contact Peter Ruccione, Director of Development at 973.818.4060 or email pruccione@ccannj.org.



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.

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES & EVENTS



Family Faith Formation

This weekend we begin the first Family Faith Formation session of the 2023-2024 school year!!

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families! We look forward to a wonderful year working together.

The Confirmation groups will begin their sessions in October. Both groups will begin with a parent and child meeting in the Church.

Confirmation 1 – 7th grade group will meet Tuesday, October 3rd at 7PM.

Confirmation 2 – 8th grade group will meet Tuesday, October 17th at 7PM.

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 & 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/>.

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For More Information, Please Contact:

If you need any further information on how to register your child, please reach out to 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.

Today is Catechetical Sunday

We commission and thank the adult volunteers for their commitment to Family Faith. Volunteers are always needed, please call Mrs. Ana Serra-Prescott to talk!



Mental Health & Wellness Ministry: Caregiver Wellness Program

Introducing the Caregiver Wellness Online Series, an exclusive and transformative program crafted specifically for caregivers, who deserve to prioritize their well-being and find balance in their lives.

In these engaging and interactive sessions, we will introduce you to techniques carefully curated to cater to your unique needs. Through immersive hands-on experiences, you will have the opportunity to explore these techniques firsthand, fostering a deep understanding of their potential to enhance your overall wellness.

By embracing the online series, you are taking the vital step towards reclaiming time for yourself and nurturing your well-being. We aim to empower you with the tools and knowledge necessary to flourish as a caregiver, finding harmony in both your caregiving responsibilities and personal aspirations. Join us on this empowering journey beginning in September!

**Virtual meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00-7:30PM on the following dates:
September 20th, 27th & October 4th**

Sign up online by scanning the QR code here with your mobile device, or visit this link: namiunioncountynj.org.



Join the Saint James Choir!

You are invited to join the music ministry at Saint James the Apostle as we begin our new season this September!

Our choir provides music for the 10:00AM Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month, 12:00PM Mass on the second Sunday of the month, and 5:00PM Mass on the last Saturday of the month. (September through June). On occasion, we also enhance liturgies during holy days and special Masses.

Rehearsals will take place every Thursday in the church, beginning promptly at 7:00PM and typically lasting about an hour. All interested members (high school age and older) are welcome to join our community of song; no prior singing experience is necessary.

Please contact Philip LaGala with any questions at musicdirector@saintjamesparish.org, or feel free to speak with him after Mass.

Going Deeper with the Synod Next Steps for our Archdiocese



All are Welcome!

Back by popular demand, the Going Deeper with the Synod on Synodality: The Lord's Call workshops will return in the fall with four gatherings for parishes that were unable to attend last spring or would like to send more participants. The workshops will provide time for prayer and sharing. It will also explore next steps for our Archdiocese and practical ways parishes and others can respond to the first priority from our report -- Welcome, Hospitality, and Outreach.

Choose one in-person session:

Thursday, September 21 at 6:30-9PM

JPII Youth Center, Kearny

Saturday, September 23 at 9:30AM-12PM

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Newark

Thursday, September 28, 6:30-9PM

St. Andrew Parish, Westwood

Saturday, October 7, 9:30AM-12PM

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Newark

**Register at the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/2kvprfxt**



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, SEPTEMBER 16

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30am **Thomas Killikkadan**
r/b Wife

5:00pm **Tatiana Pacifico**
r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush
Mary Roethlin
r/b Skinner Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

8:00am **Sr. Claire Oimet**
r/b Inneo Family

10:00am **Mary & Joseph Giaimo**
r/b Giaimo Family

12:00pm **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Maria Lombardi
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale
Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty & John Carney
Dolores Guaida
r/b Carol Silverfein

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30am **Mary Dolan Fossela**
r/b Bob & Linda Donnelly

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30am **William Schmidt**
r/b Clark Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

7:30am **Eleanor J. DeMille**
r/b Rosenberger Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Saint Matthew

7:30am **Matthew Klein**
r/b Lisa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30am **Grace O'Brien**
r/b Grace O'Brien

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Saint Pius

8:30am **Alice DeCosta**
r/b Robin Melleno
5:00pm **Raymond Alberti**
r/b Mom
Marciano Figueroa
r/b Maria Sanagustin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

8:00am **Tatiana Pacifico**
r/b Rosemary & Jeffrey Moller
Matthew Klein
r/b Mom

10:00am **Greg McLaughlin**
r/b Gail McLaughlin
Frankie Patkus
r/b Gail McLaughlin

12:00pm **Ernest Reedy**
r/b Wife & Children
Carmella Zara
r/b Ogla La Pore

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Lighting the Way For: Jean DePasquale

BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat 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, 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 TO DIE

Fr. Ciaran Fergus
Fr. Bernard N. Mohan
Fr. Alex Pinto
Jane White

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

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 September 9 & 10

Regular Collection:	\$	7,277.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,583.00
Total:	\$	10,860.00

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

We are excited to announce that St. James Parish has received the following grants:

- \$28,000 combined grant through the Archdiocese of Newark's Parish Unity Fund and the Archdiocese of Newark's Stewardship Endowment Fund. The Parish Unity Fund is made possible by parishes across the Archdiocese that surpass their Annual Appeal Goal. The grant funds are intended to assist parishes in achieving their capital and pastoral goals. The Stewardship Endowment Fund is intended to support capital repairs.
- \$50,000 from the State of New Jersey Homeland Security Grant. The grant funds are intended for security related costs.
- \$150,000 from the Federal Homeland Security Grant. The grant funds are intended for extensive security related costs.

The funds from these grants will be used for various capital repairs and improvements within the church and church campus grounds. We are thankful and blessed to have received these grants as they will provide us the opportunity and resources to further live our mission.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

Father David C. Santos
frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

PERMANENT DEACON

Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni
Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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