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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, September 30: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, October 1:

8:00AM - Fr. Santos 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



Reflection on the Readings

We hear in this Sunday's first reading from the Prophet Isaiah - God's ways are not our ways. God's thoughts are not like ours. You can say that again! Isaiah insists that the divine perspective is as up, up, and away from ours as heaven is from Earth. Given that chasm, we're not going to figure out the divine will by doing the math or weighing the scales or applying pure reason. The only

way we're going to see things God's way is to "seek the Lord while he may be found"—to seek communion with the Holy One. And to do that we have to empty ourselves of our "scoundrel" ways and "wicked" thoughts. In doing so we provide a place for God's thoughts and ways to enter and inhabit us.

Sound easy? Try letting go of your way of thinking and doing before you answer. Consider the last time you passed judgment on another person for not behaving as you would or for not responding in the way you think is appropriate. It's very, very hard for us not to insist on "our will being done"—at least on Earth, and very possibly even in heaven. So often we create God in our own image by presuming that God shares our values. Of course, the goal is always that we share God's values. But it's all too human for us to get that backwards.

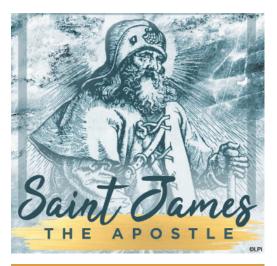
- Fr. David Santos, Pastor

Quote of the Week

"The true, the only perfection is not to embrace such and such a way of life; it is to do God's will. It is to lead the kind of life God wants "

—Charles de Foucauld





SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:6-9

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf. Acts 16:14b

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16a

'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are pleased to welcome the newest member of the St. James Pastoral Council, Antoinette Miller.

She joins current members:

Darin Cerreto
Nancy Starzynski
Jenny Bernard
Jocelyn Duallo
Michael Farris
Andrew Kerwin
Richard Knot
Patricia Morris
Michael Ryan
Patricia Sullivan
Elisa Veloso

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body that assists the Pastor in planning for the needs of our faith community. The council shares responsibility with the Pastor as keepers of the missionary vision of the parish as it continues to grow and flourish.

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND





NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

In September, we are pleased to present another great way to benefit those in need.

Currently, there is a need for non-perishable food items. Rice, cereal, canned soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, ramen, cooking oil, salt/pepper, coffee/tea, pancake mix and anything that can be cooked in its container like soups, mac & cheese, or ramen cups.

ShopRite gift cards are also always needed and greatly appreciated.

COLLECTION DATES: Saturday, September 30th Sunday, October 1st

We will collect after each mass.



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Caputo at ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES & EVENTS



Family Faith Formation

Last Sunday we had our first Family Faith Formation session of the 2023-2024 school year. It was so beautiful to see the families together at Mass, the Church was so full of life!! Having everyone back in the school and hearing the children talk to their parents about what they did in class was priceless. Talking with a family before they left, I heard their son remind them they need to make sure they pray before bed, and he actually said "we can do it after our bedtime story". It filled my heart with joy and I know the Lord was smiling down.

Thank you to all of you, St. James Parish Community, for your continuous prayers for the families in the Family Faith program and the catechists.

Thank you to the catechists for sharing your faith with the children with so much love and joy, and bringing them closer to Jesus.

A reminder that 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 on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7PM.

Confirmation 2 – 8th grade group will meet on 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 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/.

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.

Saint James Church Mental Health & Well-Being Ministry

In conjunction with National Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 1-7), the St. James Mental Health & Well-being Ministry will sponsor a special Rosary and Novena service on Monday, October 9 at 7pm to pray for those suffering from mental illness and their caretakers. Light refreshments will be available afterward in the gathering area.

Saint James Church Prayer-Line Ministry

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

If you know someone in need of prayers, or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen C. Bernor by e-mail PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

Respect Life Month

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

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

Throughout the month of October, our Wednesday evening Holy Hours, 7pm to 8pm, (October 4th, 18th, and 25th) will be celebrated as Holy Hours for Life.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

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.













Saint James the Apostle Church

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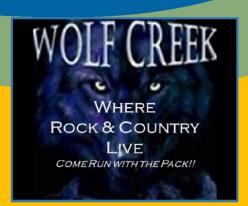
OCTOBER 10 - 14

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

FOUNDATION

Get back to your roots and remember where you come from. Against all odds, it will bring you closer to God, yourself and your neighbors.



A Day of Prayer led by Regina Furlan, **Spiritual Director** Loyola Jesuit Center, 161 James St., Morristown, NJ Tuesday, September 26 from 9:00 - 3:00 ncludes continental breakfast, lunch, reconciliation and Mass)





Open Your Hearts to Life

Holy Hour

Saturday, October 7 | 9:45am (following 9:00am mass) Led by Msgr. Tom Nydegger



The Parish Community of Saint Helen 1600 Rahway Ave. Westfield, NJ 07090

A solemn Holy Hour for Life before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the sacredness of human life and the recognition that God alone is the Lord of Life from its beginning to its end.

> The Respect Life Ministry of Saint Helen and Holy Trinity Contact Info: Ashok Maliakal, ashok.maliakal@gmail.com



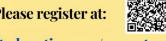
1000 Strong Rosary for Life Live via conference call

Friday, October 13, 2023* at 7pm Eastern Time

* October 13 is the 106th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

Our goal is 1,000+ people praying in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion and for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb.





lifeneteducation.org/1000strong Call-in Number: 1-401-252-0031

Access Code: 759297#

Alternate Call-in Number: 1-425-436-6277 Access Code: 652492#



5 REASONS TO STAY UNTIL THE END OF MASS

Do you need some motivation to stay a little longer to attend the entire Mass?

Do you know some other people who might?

Here are some reasons to stay until the end of Mass:

- 1. Communion Is About Communing: When we receive communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is able to sit down and be present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, "It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!" Communion is about communing with our Lord and Savior. In order to commune, we have to actually savor this special time with him and take a few moments to be with our Lord.
- 2. It's Not Nice to Be Rude: Before Mass in the convent, we have a half hour of silent meditation on the Gospel. Sometimes I am late. I walk quickly in with my head down, embarrassed that everyone can see that I slept in. Recently, I realized that my motivation to be on time should not be to avoid embarrassment but because I am going to see Jesus. Why are we often more concerned with other people's reactions than we are with Jesus'? We think, I have to run because I have so much to do, so-and-so is waiting for me! But why is it easy for us to leave early and come late when it is the Creator of the Universe who is hoping to see us?
- **3. Mass Is Not An Activity on a To-Do List:** Often when I see people running out of Mass, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. The Christian life is not a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. If we are going to Mass out of a sense of responsibility, sure we may be avoiding mortal sin, but barely scraping by in the avoidance of mortal sin is not the calling of our spiritual life. We are called to much more. We are called to relationship, to holiness, to transformation.
- **4. The Final Blessing Is Important:** On the Day of Atonement, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had the honor of going into the holy of holies on the day the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. The people eagerly waited outside for him to give them a blessing after he offered incense. When Zechariah came out mute because he did not believe the angel's message, the lack of a blessing amplifies the dishonor and the tragedy of losing his voice. I am sure the people went home very disappointed. Blessings are precious. When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God himself. If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn't you wait for it?
- **5. You Get MORE Grace:** According to the Catechism, "the fruits of the sacraments ... depend on the disposition of the one who receives them" (CCC 1128). There is a power in the sacraments in and of themselves, but how much of that power seeps into our souls and plays out in our lives depends on our disposition. If we are rushing out of church after communion, chances are our disposition is not such that we are reverentially aware of the amazing fact that we are consuming the body, blood, soul and divinity of God himself. It's heavy stuff. And it deserves a disposition of great respect, if only because we all need all the grace we can get.

Sr. Theresa Aletheia Noble - published on 04/26/16 https://aleteia.org/2016/04/26/5-reasons-to-stay-until-the-end-of-mass/

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

LIFENET is organizing a "40 Days for Life" effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America from Wednesday, September 27th through Sunday November 5th. We are asking people to come and pray for 1 hour per week for 6 weeks between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM across the street from Pilgrim Medical Center (a high-volume abortion center) in Montclair, 396 Bloomfield Ave.

To get more information or to sign-up to volunteer, contact Lisa Hart at 973-769-4422 or email lisahartpt@yahoo.com. Or go directly to 40daysforlife.com and put "Montclair NJ" in under "locations" and the sign up online. Prayer saves lives.

ROSARY CONGRESS TO JESUS THROUGH MAR

Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Recitation of the Rosary



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

Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.

through
Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Contact: rosarycongress@saintjamesparish.org

For more information, go to: saintjamestheapostle.org/RosaryCongress2023

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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30am Mary Ellen Rustum

r/b Cocoa & John Catallo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 7:30am Helen Fittin

r/b Michael & Rosemary Jorda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

Saint Vincent de Paul

7:30am Claire Kosakowski

r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Saint Matthew

7:30am Anthony Lofredo

r/b Mary Ellen & Gary Capron

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Saint Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

7:30am

John DaCosta r/b Angela Ragonese

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Saint Jerome

8:30am Anna Maria Villanova

r/b Family

5:00pm John Montana

r/b Janice Montana Antonio Sequeira r/b Wife & Sons

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT 8:00am Amelia Montana

r/h Janice Montana

r/b Janice Montana Robert Ruple

r/b Montgomery Family

10:00am Allen T. Stewart

r/b Brenner Family

Dean Bruno

r/b Maria Bruno

12:00pm Mindy Santos Sweeny

r/b Vickie Steinbeck

Leo Eckmann

r/b Grace O'Brien & Family



SANCTUARY LAMP:

P. Richard Coan r/b Rob & Sue Hagenbush

BREAD & WINE:

Matthew Klein r/b Mom

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, John Mannarino, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Erin Pado, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, 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

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Luca Bianco, Adeline Liliane Caillault, Chloe Charleston, Maya Alycia Dorvil, Kaiden Elias Dorvil, Nicholas Amedeo DelViscovo III, Emerson Rose Grunauer

> 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 Ilving with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of September 16 & 17

Regular Collection: \$ 5,413.00 Online Giving: \$ 3,838.00 Total: \$ 9,251.00

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

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.

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