



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

Nothing that enters one from
outside can defile that person;
but the things that come out
from within are what defile.

MARK 7:15

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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 CLOSED

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 7:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, September 8:

8:00AM - Fr. Santos

10:00AM - Fr. Paladino

12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

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

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN

NEWS AND UPDATES



I am happy to report that 99.9% of the work to repaint the church narthex and church interior, install a new fence along the FMG middle school and St. James properties, and upgrade the campus exterior lighting is completed! And perhaps the cherry-on-top is that about **99.9% of the cost for these projects were funded by grant money!!!**

I am grateful to the parishioners who helped secure the grant moneys, picked the paint colors, chose the fence design, and worked on the exterior lighting scheme for your generous gift of time and talent. I speak for the parishioners in the pews in offering a big **THANK YOU** to the group of professional and skillful volunteers who worked with me and the parish staff in making these recent renovations and improvements possible.

Below are some pictures of the before and after. I sincerely hope that you are pleased with the outcome.

BEFORE



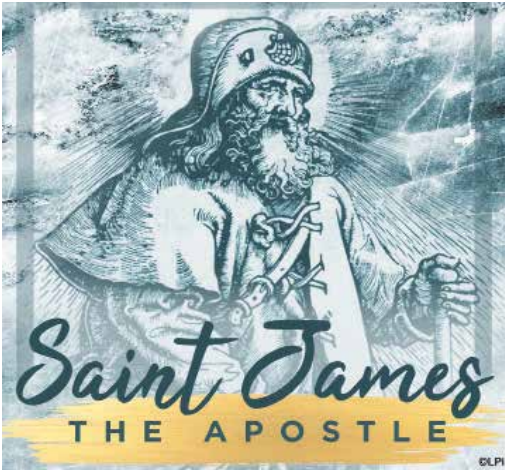
AFTER

Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

What goes into a person can defile a person. Ask a drug addict or an alcoholic. But Jesus' diagnosis is that there's a deeper problem that comes from within. Spiritual impurity or moral defilement starts on the inside. It arises from the heart.

—Heidi Husted, *The Christian Century*



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

"This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscbb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith 2024-2025 Registration was due July 31

Please use the QR code below to access the Registration form and fee payment.

(The form is to register 1st to 8th graders – One form per family)

New families to the program, please contact Ana before registering.

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

We look forward to walking with you in this faith journey!

Below, please find the dates for this year's sessions:



Family Faith Formation ~ 2024-2025 Calendar

8:00am – 10:00am – 12:00pm Mass

Family Faith sessions begin in the School Gym immediately following each Mass!

(Location is subject to change when the building is not ours)

New Family Orientation Monday, September 16 @ 7:00pm – Church

First Holy Eucharist parents meeting Monday, September 16 at 8:00pm – Church

Family Session Calendar

September 22, 2024 @ 5:00PM or 4:30PM in church (choose one) – Parents only

October 27, 2024

November 17, 2024

**December 6, 2024 (optional)

December 8, 2024

*January 6, 2025

February 23, 2025

March 23, 2025

April 27, 2025

** Friday, December 6 – 6:00pm Feast of Saint Nicholas Prayer Service

*Monday, January 6 – 6:00pm in the Church

7th GRADE SCHEDULE (Confirmation Year 1)

Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30PM at the Church

September 9 (Parent and child meeting)

October 8

**Sunday, November 17

December 3

December 10

January 14

February 4

March 4

April 8

**Sunday, November 17 at 4PM to 6:30PM
Retreat at St. Bartholomew

8th GRADE SCHEDULE (Confirmation Year 2)

Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30PM at the Church

September 10 (Parent and child meeting)

October 22

November 19

December 10

January 28

February 25

March 11

April 29

*Retreat in the Fall 2025 (Date TBA)
Last session in the Fall 2025 (Date TBA)

Reminders of meetings coming up:

Monday, September 9th at 7PM – for all those Confirmation candidates starting their 1st year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents.

Tuesday, September 10th at 7PM - for all those Confirmation candidates starting their 2nd year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents.

Monday, September 16th at 7PM – for all parents of children new to the Family Faith Formation program this year and have not had children in the program in the past two years.

Monday, September 16th at 8PM – for all parents of children who will be receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this February and May 2025.

Sunday, September 22nd at 3PM and 4:30PM – Sunday Family Faith session only for parents. Parents, please choose the meeting time that best works for you.

Candidates receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation this October 2024

A reminder that your retreat is on **Sunday, September 15th** and your last session is on **Tuesday, September 17th**

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

ST. 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 by e-mail:

PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

DON'T MISS OUT!



We are back! Get ready to say cheese!

The photographer for our new church directory will attend the picnic on September 8th, 2024.

Family Photos & Directory Appointments:

- **Family Photos:** Bring your biggest smiles and gather your loved ones for a quick family photo session. These photos will be featured in the upcoming church directory.
- **Directory Appointments:** While you're there, could you schedule your individual or family portrait session for the directory? The photographer will be available to answer any questions and help you book your appointment.

Feel free to call Andres with any questions: **201-681-5004**

Don't miss this chance to capture precious memories and join our church directory! See you at the picnic!

Spread the word! Share this announcement with your fellow church members and encourage them to participate!

ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 21st
9:00am**

We are inviting men of the Parish to gather for hospitality and discussion of the Sunday gospel readings. This is a great opportunity for men to grow in their faith, meet new folks, and share their experiences of their faith journey.

All gentlemen of the Parish are welcome!

These meetings will take place in the upstairs conference room in the Rectory (after the 8:30am Mass). You are encouraged to attend the Mass, but it is not required.

Please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org to register if you are interested. There is no cost for attendance.



**RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**

JOIN THE ST. JAMES CHOIR!

You are invited to join the music ministry at St. James the Apostle as we begin a new season in September under the direction of Mr. Philip La Gala.

Our choir provides music at the 5:00pm (monthly), 10:00am (twice month), and 12:00pm noon (monthly) Masses, from September through June. We also enhance liturgies during holy days and special masses.

Rehearsals take place every Thursday in the Church, beginning promptly at 7:00pm and typically last about an hour.

All interested members (high school age and older) are welcome to join our community of song and no prior singing experience is necessary.

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

Our first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00pm in the Church.



The Family Faith Formation Office is looking to hire a Part-Time Administrative Assistant.

For more information, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott

PARISH HOMECOMING WEEKEND



Saint James the Apostle Church

HOMECOMING WEEKEND PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 8
1:00 PM (after the noon mass) to 4:00 PM

We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, mustard, ketchup, and a sweet treat (ice cream).

Please bring your own side dishes, desserts, tents, tables, and chairs.

There will be music and games for the kids!

There will also be a Butterfly Release in memorial and honor of our loved ones.



*Rain Date: September 22

Visit our website or scan the QR code to RSVP.



Saint James the Apostle Church

Memorial and Honor Butterfly Release

A butterfly release will be held as part of our Homecoming Weekend Parish Picnic (Sept. 8). You can purchase a butterfly in memorial or honor of a loved one.



Submit this form to Joan Bratsch or Chris DeCicco after Masses or drop it off with payment at the rectory.

Cost: \$25 per butterfly or \$100 for five

Name

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Total Amount. \$

PARISH FESTIVAL 2024



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

OCTOBER 15 - 19

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

**GAMES * RIDES * FOOD * MUSIC * BEER TENT
TIN CAN BASKET AUCTION AND MUCH MORE FUN!**



Friday, October 18th
6:00pm - 10:00pm



Saturday, October 19th
6:00pm - 10:00pm

ST. JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

One of the major highlights of the annual Saint James the Apostle Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction—and your help is needed to make this year’s event even more successful than in the past! The Tin Can Auction is a tricky-tray-type event during which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants. Saint James needs contributions of prizes—goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make its Tin Can Auction a success.

So, 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 you can email tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saint James the Apostle Church
FALL BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN



*LIVING
IN THE
Father's
LOVE*

MONDAY EVENINGS
October 21 - November 25

7:30PM - 9:00PM
Church and Narthex

Sign-up Weekend: September 14/15

Questions? Tracy Ricciardi
smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org
or call the Parish Office at 973-376-3044

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for *Living in the Father's Love* to discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.

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**COMFORT
&
JOY**

SAVE THE DATE

ADVENT CONCERT
WITH SARAH HART
AND STEVE ANGRISANO

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

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



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Celebración de la Herencia Hispana

CATEDRAL BASÍLICA DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN

Viernes, 20 de septiembre, 2024
8:00 pm

¡Todos están invitados a participar de esta celebración llena de vida y color! Traigan su traje típico

Presidirá la Eucaristía nuestro Arzobispo, el Cardenal Tobin y concelebrarán los obispos auxiliares y numerosas sacerdotas.



Para más información comuníquese con: Descentralizado Valasco@rcan.org / 973-987-6322 / https://rcan.org/informacion-hispana/



Rachel's VINEYARD
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time



2024 Retreat Dates

September 20-22, 2024

For more details, please call Cheryl Riley, Director of the Respect Life Office at 973.497.4350 or via email at cheryl.riley@rcan.org

Hope... Healing... Forgiveness



Is your summer reading finished?



BACK TO SCHOOL

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

VOCATIONS

Thinking about the priesthood? Are you being called? Reach out to Father Patrick Seo and the Office of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark! Visit www.NewarkPriest.com, email NewarkPriest@rcan.org, follow @NewarkPriest on social media, or call (973) 313-6190.

Do you know someone who...

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

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

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

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & 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, AUGUST 31

5:00pm **Michael Luciano**
r/b Diane and David Woodruff
Carl Quick
r/b Michael and Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Rose Yampaglia and
Antoinette Palma
r/b Dennis Giaimo

10:00am **Giovanninia and Antonio Circelli**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Giuseppe Graziosi
r/b Robert and Kelly Fusco

12:00pm **Angelina and Carmelo Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano
Jane White
r/b Connie Garcia

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day

8:30am **Marcela and Jose Videna**
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Saint Gregory

7:30am **Anne Lofredo**
r/b JoAnn Lofredo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30am **John Montana**
r/b Janice Montana, Sister

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30am **Jane White**
r/b Regina Furlan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30am **Dorothy Wright**
r/b Louis Cantagallo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30am **Jorge Bonifacio Revilla**
r/b Gene and Nieves Salle

5:00pm **Bill Murphy**
r/b Peggy Mahoney
John Montana
r/b Janice Montana, Daughter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Blaine Papaccio**
r/b Roethlin Family
Thomas Botte
r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

10:00am **Nicholas Lupo**
r/b Camille Mitarotonda
Paul Brenner
r/b Dorothy Stewart

12:00pm **Daniel and Angela Raimondo**
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser and
Marianne Van Volkenburgh
Bob Carvajales
r/b Wife and Daughter



SANCTUARY LAMP:
The People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:
Jane White
r/b Connie Garcia

*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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Marie Crosby, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, 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, Thomas McGarvey, 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, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall

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

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Maj. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Capt. Brian Jacobs, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1LT John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Capt. Stephen Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson



DID YOU KNOW?

What Are the 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church?

The sacraments are special signs of God's love and presence, instituted by Jesus. They join Catholics all over the world with Jesus Christ and with one another.

Each of the sacraments is a sign of God present in our lives. The sacraments are different from other signs: sacraments truly bring about, or effect, what they represent and are therefore the most important celebrations of the Church. A sacrament is an effective sign given to us by Jesus Christ through which we share in God's life. The 7 Sacraments celebrated in the Catholic Church are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. They are divided into three categories: Sacrament of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, and Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

Author: Allie Johnston

Source: <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/the-7-sacraments-of-the-catholic-church>



flocknote

As part of our effort to communicate more effectively with you, we have launched an e-newsletter through a platform called Flocknote. The newsletter will contain parish news, event updates, and much more. Here's how you can sign up: **Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 OR Sign up on the website: saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of August 24 & 25

Regular Collection:	\$	5,482.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,065.00
Total:	\$	9,547.00

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

Did you know?...

Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are what make our parish community a true community.

2024 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 2025, as a result of the parish achieving our 2024 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



ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. We have hoodies, quarter-zips, polos, and more!

Scan the QR code to check out all of our merchandise!



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