

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE Roman Catholic Church

MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:30

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | FEBRUARY 2, 2025 www.saintjamesparish.org



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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, February 8: 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, February 9: 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 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

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We **see** something, **hear** something, **taste**, **smell**, or **feel** something, and as a result, come to know **that something is**. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, we look to the example of Simeon,

and we are reminded that there is another different, deeper, **spiritual knowledge**.

At the time of Jesus' birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like many faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant.

Try to imagine the scene... Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. Deep within his soul he knew that his life on earth would not end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and **he believed it**.

This truth begs the question - which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your **eyes**; that you **touch** with your hands, **smell, hear,** or **taste**? Or **something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul?**

NEWS and UPDATES

For over two years I have worked with parishioners from the St. James Campus Redevelopment Committee and personnel from the Archdiocese of Newark on a campus redevelopment plan with the goal of finding the most beneficial use of the St. James school and convent properties. We are proud to announce that the contract of sale for the St. James school and convent property was signed by Fr. David, the Archdiocese, and the Buyer of the property!

The Buyer has asked us not to disclose their identity for the time being, however, we are able to say that the Buyer is a private school that serves children with learning differences. We can also say that the Buyer will keep the school building intact.

During this time of due diligence, township approvals, and the initiation of a major parish capital campaign, Fr. David will host **two** parish **Town Hall sessions** for parishioners to hear more about the plan for the sale of the property and the construction of a new parish center.

The first session will be on **Sunday, February 16th after the 12pm Mass** in the **church.**

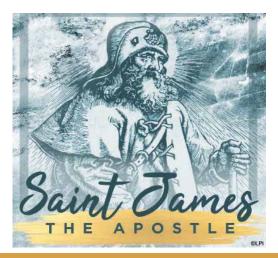
The **second** session will be on **Wednesday**, **February 19th at 7pm** in the **church**.

Friends, please know how excited I am to present the plan to the parish. Thank you for your continued support and loving prayers!

Fr. David C. Santos. Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us. — Samuel Smiles



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

"But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



Our next Family Faith session is Sunday, February 23.

Reconciliation retreat for children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time this year is on Sunday, February 2 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM at St. James.

The children will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 8 at 11:30AM in the church.

NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group –

On Tuesday, February 4 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

Confirmation Year 2 Group -

On Tuesday, February 25 from 7PM to 8:30PM.

(Don't forget to complete your reflections on The Chosen episodes assigned. They are due the day before the sessions mentioned above)

The calendar dates for both Sunday Family Faith and Confirmation preparation sessions can be found on the Family Faith Formation page of the parish website.



Steubenville Youth Conference 2025 July 11-13, 2025

As we did last summer, we are organizing a trip to the **Steubenville Youth Conference** at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio this summer.

If you are in **8th grade or High School** and are interested in attending this Summer's Youth Conference, please **complete the interest form** by **using the QR code** below. Feel free to share it with your friends.

We will have an **informational meeting** on **Friday, February 21 at 6:00PM in the church.**See you all there!!!





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

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE



Blessing of Throats will take place Monday, February 3rd at the 7:30am Mass.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION



World Marriage blessing for all married couples will take place at all the weekend masses February 8th & 9th.

ST. JAMES BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit the online boutique for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items.

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





Can you help us drive the donations to OLS at 11:30 on 2/9?

217 Prospect Street, South Orange

Email us: helpingthehungry @saintjamesparish.org



We are primarily collecting and we also welcome

TUNA CEREAL / OATMEAL WARM SOCKS TISSUES & PAPER TOWELS All donations will support the food pantry at Our Lady of Sorrows



ShopRite Gift Cards always welcome Donation Box in Narthex

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI 2025



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 1 6PM in the Gym Dinner Included

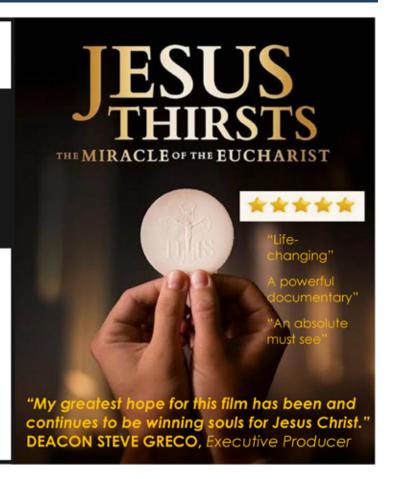
You are welcome to bring a dessert to share

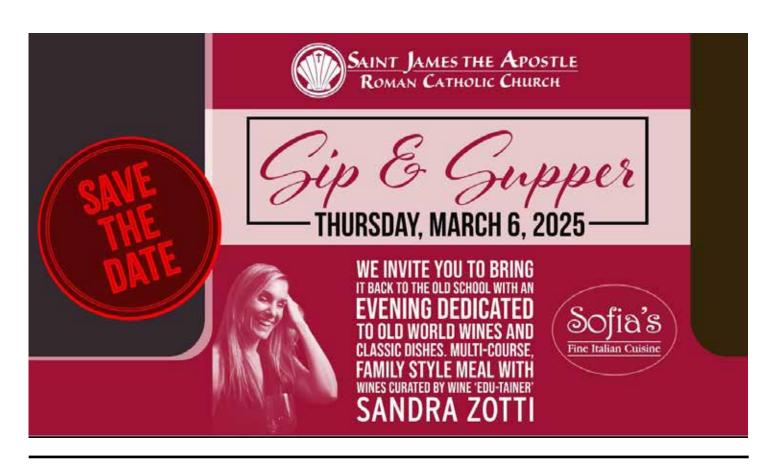
The film runs about 90 minutes and Fr. David will answer questions afterwards

TO SIGN UP PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE:



Watch the movie trailer here: https://youtu.be/9HaqK0fpvcY?si=JGqyq-MwtxeTWeF9









7 KEY TERMS FOR THE JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis has promulgated the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year 2025. But what does it all mean? Here to help you, we offer a short glossary of some of the ecclesiastical terminology that might be confusing.

Jubilee

The Jubilee — or "Holy Year" — is a Catholic Church event now celebrated every 25 years. It is inspired by a Jewish tradition: in the Old Testament, the Law of Moses established a "year of grace" every 50 years, during which all slaves were freed, all debts were forgiven, and the land was left to rest.

Since the first **ordinary** Jubilee, instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, it has been customary for the faithful to flock to Rome during this special year, to experience God's forgiveness. As they are now held every 25 years, this is the first ordinary jubilee since the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.

There are also "extraordinary" Jubilees, such as the one Pope Francis declared in 2015 on the theme of mercy, or the one in 1933 for the 1,900th anniversary of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Church will also celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee for the 2,000th anniversary of this event, in the year 2033.

Holy Door

Each of the four Roman major basilicas — St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls — houses a "Holy Door," the symbol par excellence of the Jubilee Year. It represents Jesus, who declares in the Gospel, "I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved."

By passing through these Holy Doors at the end of their pilgrimage, the faithful make a gesture of faith and spiritual encounter with Jesus, and receive an "indulgence." Other Holy Doors may be opened around the world for local Jubilees. For the 2015-2016 Jubilee, the Pontiff chose to open the first Holy Door in Bangui, Central African Republic.

7 KEY TERMS FOR THE JUBILEE 2025 CONTINUED

St. Peter's Holy Door

Of all the Holy Doors, St. Peter's is the most important. It is only opened by the Pope at the time of jubilees, and has marked their beginning since 1500. This door bears 16 bas-relief panels telling the story of humanity's redemption, from the first sin to Jesus. It is usually sealed from inside the basilica by a brick wall, in which the box containing its keys is locked. Today, this wall is demolished a few days before the opening ceremony, and the pope no longer wields a hammer as in the old rite. Instead, he simply symbolically pushes the door open.

Indulgence

During the Jubilee, the faithful can receive indulgences. According to the Catholic faith, indulgences are remissions of the punishment people have incurred for their sins. An ancient practice in Christianity, indulgences are a sign of God's forgiveness.

In concrete terms, there are two types of indulgence: "partial," which consists of a partial remission of the purification of purgatory, and "plenary," which exempts the faithful completely from the time due to be spent in purgatory. According to the Catholic faith, the faithful who die right after having received a plenary indulgence go directly to heaven. To benefit from an indulgence, however, the faithful must meet certain conditions. Usually, at the very least they are required to go to confession, attend Mass, and pray according to the pope's intentions.

Bull of indiction

The Jubilee is proclaimed by a "papal bull of indiction," which sets out the dates of the Jubilee year and the ways in which it will be implemented in Rome and around the world. The term "bull" (from the Latin bulla, round object) originally indicated the metal capsule used to protect the wax seal affixed to a papal document of particular importance, to attest its authenticity and therefore authority. Over the centuries, the term was used to indicate first the seal, then the document itself. Today, a bull is a letter from the head of the Catholic Church, written in solemn form — often in Latin. As is often the case with papal texts, the bull takes its name from the first words of the letter. It's stamped with the seal of the reigning pontiff.

Major basilica

The title of "basilica" is given by the pope to certain churches, either because they house the relics of a saint, or because they are of particular importance to the faithful. Among the basilicas, four in Rome — St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls — have a privileged status: that of "major" basilicas. They are also known as "papal" basilicas, because they are the property of the Holy See and are directly attached to the pope. The cathedral of the Diocese of Rome is the Basilica of St. John Lateran, not St. Peter's Basilica.

Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is one of the most important aspects of a Jubilee. The faithful are invited to set out on a "quest for meaning in life," explains Pope Francis in the Bull of Indiction for the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. Over the centuries, many pilgrims have made the journey to Rome on foot — at least in part — during the Jubilee years.

In the Eternal City, various itineraries are planned for 2025, notably around seven churches — in this case, the four major basilicas, as well as St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, Holy Cross in Jerusalem and St. Sebastian Outside the Walls — and two "European" itineraries, following in the footsteps of the countries and saints of the continent.

Source: I.Media - published on 05/09/24

https://aleteia.org/2024/05/09/7-key-terms-for-the-jubilee-2025



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read **We Are His**



Witnesses, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community.

Read **We Are His Witnesses** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.



Read the full letter in English or Spanish by visiting rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/ or scan the QR code.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵APPEAL

The 2025 Annual Appeal has begun!
Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting **rcan.org/sharing**, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 1 and 2.



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 & 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, FEBRUARY 1

5:00pm John and Amelia Montana

r/b Janice Montana

Sy Kahn

r/b Carlos Nascimento

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord 8:00am John Montana r/b Janice Montana

Rosina and Pasquale Ruggiero

r/b Maria Bruno

10:00am Maryann Bujnowski

r/b Tom, Patricia, and Laura

Pasquale and Rosina Ruggiero

r/b Maria Bruno

12:00pm Margaret Hudak

r/b Elaine **Maria Santos**

r/b Vickie and Wayne Steinbeck

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30am Rev. Francis E. Shiller

r/b Rev. David Santos

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30am Seymour "Sy" Kahn

r/b Barbara Sorvino, MD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Saint Agatha

7:30am Sr. Mary Christine Conetta

r/b Raffaela Conetta

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

7:30am 9

Susan Sullivan r/b Pat Sullivan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30am Jean Mendelsohn

r/b Baranda Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30am Anna Maria Villanova

r/b Donna

5:00pm Jose Hernando Pardo

r/b Monica Mendoza

Jane Sentivan

r/b Judy and Tom Spera

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Maria Santos

r/b Ellen Gorke and Family

Larry Kaufherr

r/b Wife

10:00am Helen Hudak

12:00pm

r/b Elaine

Vincent Mastria

r/b Victoria Sarracino Celeste Crosser

r/b Kathy and Gary Rosenberger

Anthony and Pasqualina Pacifico

r/b Daughter



SANCTUARY LAMP:

Maria Santos

r/b Vickie and Wayne Steinbeck

BREAD & WINE:

Maria Santos

r/b Vickie and Wayne Steinbeck

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, Barbara Bentz, Severina Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, Ronald D'Angelo, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, 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, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Anna P., Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, 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.

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



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

UNION COUN

AND NEED HELP WITH:

Housing Insecurity? Rental Assistance? Legal Representation? **Credit Counseling and more?**

Please contact JOE CORREA immediately: jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org



As part of our effort to communicate flocknote 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 January 25 & 26

Regular Collection: \$ 6.269.00 \$ Online Giving: 4,255.00 Total: 10,524.00

Total Christmas Gift donations to date: \$68,063 Parish Goal is \$70,000.

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

Did you know?...

If we exceed our 2025 Annual Appeal stretch goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

Remember...

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

GRATITUDE

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

February is for sweethearts... Are you a sweetheart? Ánswer below.



Some people believe that a sweetheart is any individual who has an empathetic heart for the struggles of the disadvantaged and is willing to do something to alleviate their sufferings. One very effective way to do this is by helping to fill the Catholic

Charities Donation Bins. We need: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels and children's books.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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