



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

do good to those who hate you

LUKE 6:27



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 23, 2025
www.saintjamesparish.org

YOU ARE Welcome Here

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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, March 1:

5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday, March 2:

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 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

I heard this account recently:

Mary asked a woman in her office, Tracy, why she was so aggravated with a guy she worked with. "I'll tell you why," she screamed at her, "because that man is my enemy. If he were dying in the street, I would walk right by him."

What made the situation even more uncomfortable was that this statement was coming from the mouth of a woman she generally found to be pleasant and generous in nature. These were some of the most chilling words Mary had ever heard; they literally gave her goosebumps.

When Mary asked what the man could possibly have done to have earned such a vehement condemnation, Tracy said, with a terrible expression,

"He complained about one of my kids not being friendly on the phone. Even though it was so long ago," she continued, "I can't stand him. But it's ok..."

What seems to have happened in this story - and in fact what happens too often in our own lives - is that we can easily turn the notion of enemies into the equivalent of a benign spot on our soul: nothing to worry about, no threat to the soul. *He hates me, I hate her, it is what it is...Just as long as they stay over there and me over here, we're good!*

But here's the thing - to not address the *hatred, resentment, and anger* that one has for one's enemy is **to give it room to grow.**

Tracy had made an enemy of a man who presumed to criticize her child. That might seem a trivial thing, but we do not know the whole of anyone else's story. That being said, the woman's real enemy, though, was the creation of her seething resentment, **which was wounding her, and not him.**

Yes, Jesus does acknowledge the fact that enemies do exist...but He tell us that we can do - and should do - something about it.

Friends, to Love our Enemies means a great deal more than to simply not wish evil upon them or simply accept that "it is what it is."

To Love our Enemy means making a conscious effort to find a path to mercy and forgiveness, for their sake and our own.



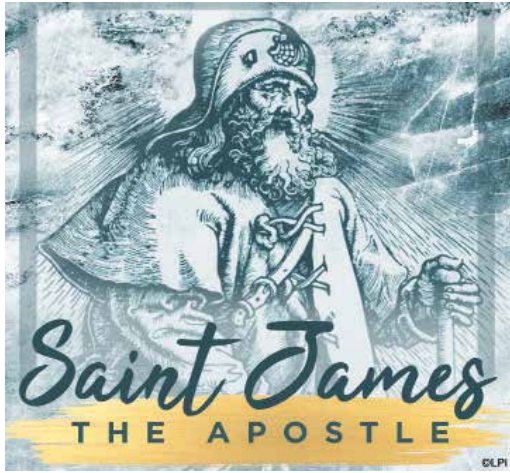
Fr. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

— Jean Paul Richter

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:
"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at uscgb.org



Our **next Family Faith session** is this **Sunday, February 23**.

As always, we love seeing the church full of families and look forward to gathering together for our monthly session afterwards.

NEXT SESSIONS for Confirmation preparation groups:

Confirmation Year 1 Group –

On Tuesday, March 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.



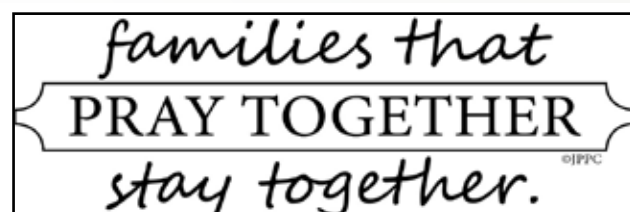
**Steubenville
Youth Conference 2025
July 11-13, 2025**

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 use the QR code below **to register and reserve** your spot. If you are still not sure and have questions, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott.



Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office
(973) 376-2061 | 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 by e-mail: PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

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!



GRATEFUL • THANKFUL

blessed



Rosary and Novena Mondays at 6:30 PM

Join us in the church every Monday as we pray the Rosary and the Miraculous Medal Novena.

Also livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



REGISTER TODAY!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI 2025

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF
YOUR PEACE

FRI. FEB 28TH AT 6PM - SAT. MAR 1ST AT 8PM

> LEARN MORE



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>

JESUS THIRSTS

THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST



"Life-
changing"

A powerful
documentary"

"An absolute
must see"

*"My greatest hope for this film has been and
continues to be winning souls for Jesus Christ."*
DEACON STEVE GRECO, Executive Producer



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sip & Supper

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025



**WE INVITE YOU TO BRING
IT BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL WITH AN
EVENING DEDICATED
TO OLD WORLD WINES AND
CLASSIC DISHES. MULTI-COURSE,
FAMILY STYLE MEAL WITH
WINES CURATED BY WINE 'EDU-TAINER'
SANDRA ZOTTI**

Sofia's
Fine Italian Cuisine

SIGN UP FOR THESE PARISH EVENTS TODAY!

L e n t e n S m a l l G r o u p s 2 0 2 5

“LECTIO DIVINA” (Divine Reading)

Each week we will listen to the Gospel for the coming Sunday and Respond/Reflect in Small Groups

Mondays from March 10-April 7

7-8PM in the School Gym

(Following the Weekly Rosary)

Scan the QR code to Sign-Up
on the Flocknote Website:



Questions? Please send an email to adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org



Come and enjoy dinner after
Stations of the Cross!

Just make sure to put your order in!

Any questions? Please email
parishlife@saintjamesparish.org

Use the QR code or send
payment to the rectory.
Make checks payable to Saint
James the Apostle Parish
with memo: "Fish Fry"



THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

FRY-DAY NIGHT
Lenten



FRIDAY, MARCH 14 AT 6:00 PM
SAINT JAMES SCHOOL GYM

Cooked on premises by The Chippery
of Union. Cost is \$25 per person and
includes 2 pieces of Cod, chips, cole
slaw, beverage, and dessert.

BYO beverage (bottled water available).
**Please RSVP with payment by
Friday, March 7.**

• *Take Out Dinners available* •

Kindness Word Search Puzzle

COMPASSION, DIFFERENT, FORGIVE, FRIEND, HAPPY, HELPING, KINDNESS, OUTSIDER, SERVICE, SMILE

O U T S I D E R I C
D I F F E R E N T O
R Q C O U S P F P M
T Q A R M H Z R S P
K G V G A P J I C A
R K K I N D N E S S
S E R V I C E N M S
A U L E B P W D I I
C H E L P I N G L O
B E H A P P Y W E N

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin



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.



Scan the QR code to read the full letter in English or Spanish

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

SEASONS is a non-denominational group of individuals who have lost a partner and are interested in discussing various ideas and topics which may be useful in one's life.

Thursday, February 27, 7pm

Comedy Night...listen to some funny stories, and feel free to bring your own.

First Presbyterian Church
11 Springfield Ave. Cranford, NJ

For more information, contact Bob Laudati
908-322-7762 | rdlaudati@aol.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

**GOLF
OUTING**

JULY 7, 2025

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Save the Date!

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 22

The Chair of Saint Peter

5:00pm **Maria and Gioacchino Zotti**
r/b Family
Seymour "Sy" Kahn
r/b Barbara Sorvino, MD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Anthony Graziano**
r/b Lorraine Graziano
Donald Schwerdt
r/b Rob and Sue Hagenbush

10:00am **John Collins**
r/b Roethlin Family
Mary and Vincent Inneo
r/b Inneo Family

12:00pm **Victor Vecchione**
r/b Vickie Steinbeck
Dorothy and Edward Conway
r/b Elaine

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30am **Raffaele Circelli**
r/b Carmelina and Anthony Reino

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30am **Giovanna and Pasquale Circelli**
r/b Carmelina and Anthony Reino

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30am **Charles E. Dooley, Jr.**
r/b Rev. David C. Santos and the
People of Saint James

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30am **Carol Muzas**
r/b Rev. David C. Santos and the
People of Saint James

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30am **David Celeste Sr.**
r/b Michael and Theresa Quick

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:30am **Maria Santos**
r/b Barbara Dlugosz

5:00pm **John and Amelia Montana**
r/b Janice Montana
Nicolene Weismantel
r/b Gary and Mary Ellen Capron

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Jack Sullivan**
r/b Tom and Judy Spera
William J. Pezzuti
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sessa

10:00am **Antonio and Giovani Circelli**
r/b Carmela Fusco
Maria Santos
r/b Pflug Family

12:00pm **James J. Carney**
r/b Patty and John Carney
Nunzio Covello
r/b Grace O'Brien and Family

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Maria de los Reyes
r/b Mark de los Reyes and Family

BREAD & WINE:

Louise and Gus Kern
r/b Patricia Sullivan



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, 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, Mary Keegan, 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 Mazzaris, Thomas McGarvey, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Mugerza, 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 Eneyart, 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



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!



Visit Saint Helen:
A Pilgrimage Church for 2025



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

*Collection totals not available at time of printing.
Please check back next week for updates.*

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
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?...

The Parish has a **Building Maintenance fund**. Donations to this fund support the parish's ability to address maintenance needs around the campus. You can make donations anytime to the Building Maintenance fund but look for the second collection the weekend of February 22/23.

The **2025 Annual Appeal** is in full swing. As you consider your gift amount, please remember the funds you give support essential programs and ministries within our Archdiocese and assist the mission of our parish. And... If we exceed our 2025 Annual Appeal stretch goal the parish will be eligible for a rebate and assessment rate reduction. Pledges made by June 30th that exceed the stretch goal will be eligible for a rebate. And, if we meet or exceed our stretch goal in funds collected by June 30th the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

Will you help St. James reach our parish goal with a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal today?

Remember...

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

- Proverbs 22:9

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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frsantos@saintjamesparish.org

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

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