



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 9, 2025
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YOU ARE Welcome Here

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
(973) 376-3044

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 15:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, February 16:

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 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

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

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.

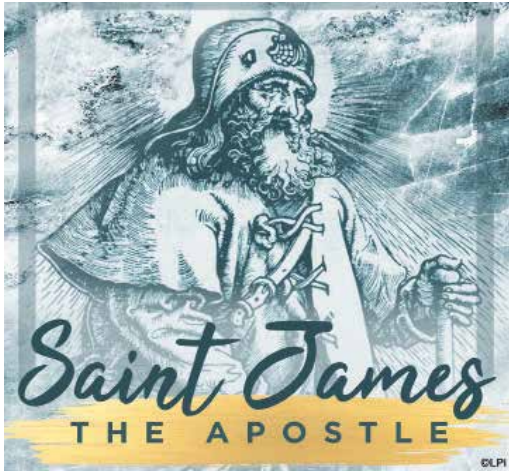
All are welcome!



Visit Saint Helen:
A Pilgrimage Church for 2025



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 138

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org



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

The children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist this year enjoyed their Reconciliation retreat last Sunday, and this Saturday, February 8, they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

We are so happy for them and ask that you please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this May.

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.

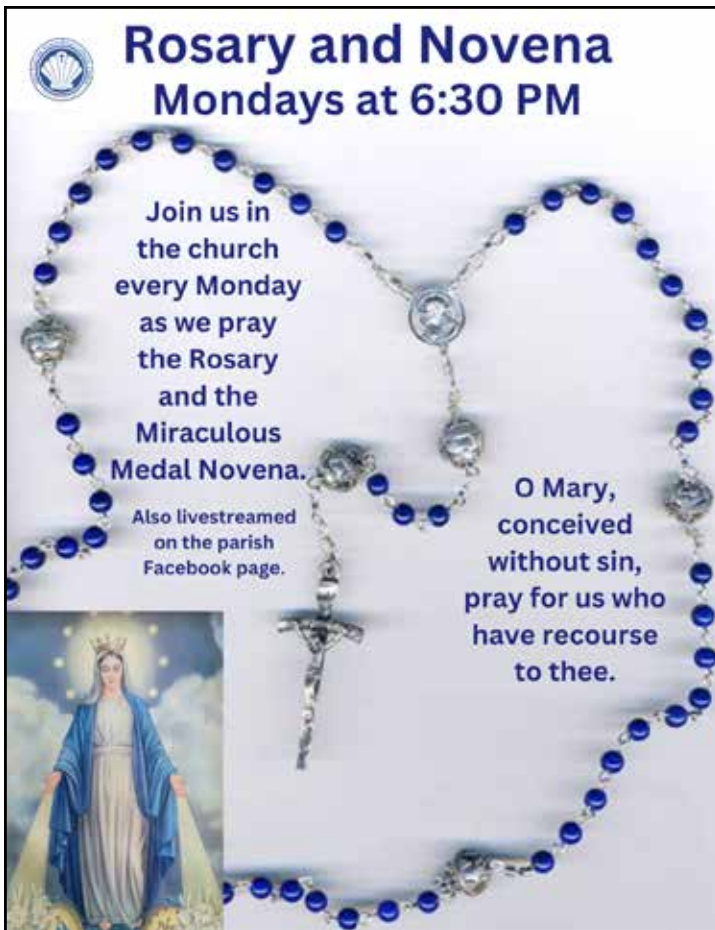
If you are in **8th grade or High School** and are interested in attending this Summer's Youth Conference, please **complete the interest form** by **using the QR code** below. Feel free to share it with your friends.

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**



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.



The men of the Parish are invited 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.

The next meeting will take place **Saturday, February 22 at 9am**

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

If you are interested, please email John Prescott at MensMinistry@saintjamesparish.org

2025 Meeting Dates:

March 22 May 17
April 26 June 21

SAINT JAMES WELLNESS MINISTRY

The objective of the ministry is to promote a healthy parish community.

Do you have an interest or expertise in any of the aspects of wellness?

Can you lead a parish group for jogging, exercise, yoga, meditation or rebalance health wellness?

If you have an interest or an idea to promote a healthy parish, please contact us at wellnessministry@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!




SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
ORIGINATED IN NEW YORK

Would you like to make Prayer Shawls or Baptismal Blankets for Saint James??
We are adding to our supply and would love your help!

Prayer Shawls:

- Typically 60 x 20, but flexible
- Any color or pattern

Baptismal Blankets:

- Ranging from 18-24 inches square
- Any pattern; white only

Common features:

- Method of creation: Knit, Crochet, Loom, Loop Knitting... and more!
- Patterns: we have several to share, or use your own!

Questions? Want more info? Maybe you have yarn to donate? Contact us at

prayershawlministry@saintjamesparish.org

Completed shawls and blankets can be dropped off at the Rectory or we can arrange pick up. They will be blessed, packaged and delivered to those in need (prayer shawls) and the newly baptized (blankets).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI 2025

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF
YOUR PEACE

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

> LEARN MORE



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=JGaqy-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

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!



Sip & Supper

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 AT 6:30 PM



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**



272 MORRIS AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

\$100 PER PERSON (ALL INCLUSIVE)



RSVP BY
FEB 27

Reserve your seat today! Scan the QR code to purchase it online. We have a limited availability of tickets, so please make sure to get yours soon! If you have any questions, please send an email to ParishLife@saintjamesparish.org



All proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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* •

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



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GOLF
OUTING

JULY 7, 2025
MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Save the Date!

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.

We welcome everyone to participate in our activities. Meetings take place monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church
11 Springfield Ave. Cranford, NJ

Thursday, February 13, 7pm

Carol Thee from Cranford Presbyterian will lead our discussion on *Love, A Valentine Theme*.

Thursday, February 27, 7pm

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

For more information, contact Bob Laudati at 908-322-7762 | rdlaudati@aol.com, or Lorraine at 908-418-8602.

GOD KNOWS
when to send you exactly what you need.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday March 23rd 2025 2-5PM



PATRONS

\$12 Advance
\$15 door
Kids ≤12 free

COMPETITORS

No entry fee



Knights of Columbus Council 5560
59 Shunpike Rd, Summit, NJ 07901

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 8

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**
r/b Elaine
Vincent Mastria
r/b Victoria Sarracino

12:00pm **Celeste Crosser**
r/b Kathy and Gary Rosenberger
Anthony and Pasqualina Pacifico
r/b Daughter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Saint Scholastica

7:30am **Vincent Genco**
r/b Nancy Caputo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30am **Tania Kireiev**
r/b Liz Ferri

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30am **Matthew Klien**
r/b Mother

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30am **Joan Kelly**
r/b Gary and Mary Ellen Capron

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Saint Cyril

7:30am **Paul Centamore**
r/b Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30am **Angelina and Carmelo Rivano**
r/b Marion Rivano

5:00pm **Mario Garcia**
r/b Giovanna Di Nizo
Carolina Farinhas
r/b Marie Freitas, Daughter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Milagros Jesena Smith**
r/b Family
Larry Kaufherr
r/b Wife

10:00am **Larry Ferri**
r/b Liz Ferri
Josephine Genevrino
r/b Victoria Sarracino

12:00pm **Elizabeth Koch**
r/b Hyman family
Mary F. Sullivan
r/b Maria Duenas and Family

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Susan Sullivan
r/b Patricia Sullivan

BREAD & WINE:

Larry Kaufherr
r/b Pasquarelli Family



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 Mazzarisi, Thomas McGarvey, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguera, 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

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



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 February 1 & 2

Regular Collection:	\$	5,627.00
Online Giving:	\$	4,720.00
Total:	\$	10,347.00

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
Parish Finance Council

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



**February is for sweethearts...
Are you a sweetheart?
Answer 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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Please call the rectory to reach Dcn. Jerry

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