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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, July 5: 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, July 6: 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy 10:00AM - Fr. Santos 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 (Third Wednesday of each month will have live music.)

Second Saturdays at 3PM

*The First Rosary and Wednesday Adoration of the month are for Priestly and Religious Vocations

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Reflection on the Readings

It's not often that a human being is big enough to trump a Sunday observance! But the two men we honor today do just that; Mary and John the Baptist are the only others with the liturgical clout to do the same. Consider that Saints Peter and Paul, taken together, are the church—that is, they embody two significant aspects of

church which incorporate the whole and cannot be separated without losing something vital. Those aspects might be defined as action and reason. **Peter** is a *doer*, and **Paul** is a *thinker*. One trait isn't much good without the other.

Peter, the man of action, operates on a hair-trigger of responsiveness whenever a challenge arises. A preacher passes along the shoreline and says, "Come follow me"—and Peter is gone before the boat is sufficiently docked. Peter drops his nets into the water upon the Lord's command even after a night of fruitless efforts, dragging in a miracle catch as a result. He leaps into the water and tries to walk across its surface because Jesus invites him to. He blurts out: "You are the Christ," when asked by Jesus who others say Jesus is.

Peter draws a sword when Jesus is ambushed at the Garden of Gethsemane, then swears impulsively that he will never, ever deny his Lord—and then denies him three times before the night is out. Three days later he runs at once to the tomb because of a report that it's empty. The Holy Spirit hardly rushes into the upper room in tongues of fire before Peter is out in the street, telling what he knows to the astonished morning crowds. Peter is a doer—and his impulsive actions are both courageous and sometimes wanting in premeditation. Which is where Paul comes in.

Paul is a scholar: a man of law, philosophy, and debate. He spent the first half of his life contemplating right action according to the school of the Pharisees. This led him to the decision to persecute Christians, which was the only logical conclusion (staying in your head all the time can lead to a disastrous lack of proportionality). But then an experience "on the road" derails Paul's rational convictions. The mystical element can do that to a person.

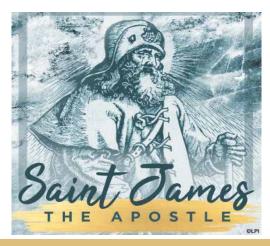
Paul continues to think his way through the Judeo-Christian conundrum. How do you reconcile the demands of divine law and divine mercy? How do you live in the Kingdom while remaining in the world? Paul hits the pause button on Peter's relentless action. He knows that theological reflection can sometimes change the course you're on completely.

As I said earlier, "Peter is a doer, and Paul is a thinker. One trait isn't much good without the other." I think the Church, in commemorating these hugely important apostles on a Sunday, is giving us a hint that we too, in our discipleship, should strive to be both **doers** and **thinkers**.

Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good fight of freedom, it makes it all go easier. — Sojourner Truth



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Acts 12:1-11

Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 34

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in

heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith 2025-2026 Registration is now open.

If you are seeking to grow in faith as a family,
Family Faith Formation is the place for you.

It's a partnership between our parish and parents of the children we teach. Our goal is to support each family in the spiritual development of their children.

This partnership works best when we work together, each doing our part to ensure the children are receiving the foundation they need to develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. Together, we are one family, one body of Christ, and a true sign of His presence in the world. All are welcome at St. James, and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our parish program!

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

(The form is to register 1st to 9th graders — One form per family)



Early Registration and payment received on or before July 31 will have a \$50 discount.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ana Serra-Prescott at the Family Faith Formation Office.

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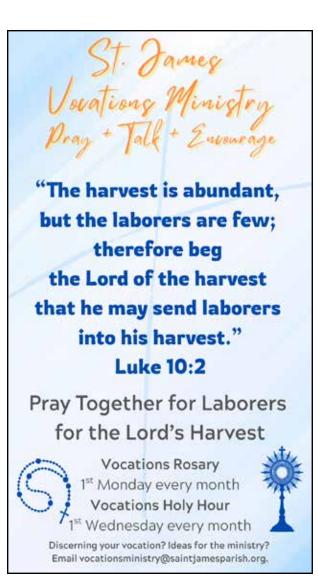


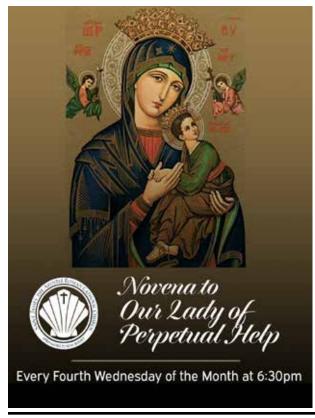
SAINT JAMES PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

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

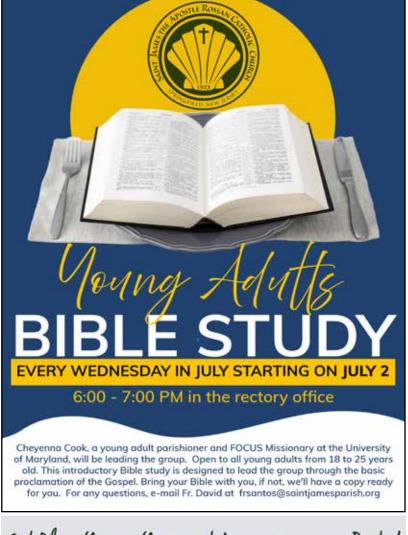




JUBILEE 2025

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!







REGISTER TODAY!



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

GOLF

Sign up today to secure your spot!

JULY 7, 2025

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

Join us for our golf outing or through our sponsorship packages.

Proceeds to benefit Saint James the Apostle Church.

HOLE SPONSOR

\$200 Sign with Company/Family Name on a tee box during the outing.

GOLF

\$350 PER GOLFER:

Includes player gift bag, brunch, cocktail hour, buffet dinner with open bar

DINNER ONLY \$125 PER PERSON:

Includes cocktail hour and buffet dinner with open bar.

9:30AM-11:00AM....Registration/Brunch 11:00AM.....Shotgun Start 4:00PMCocktail Hour 5:00PM.....Buffet Dinner

Contests, prizes and more!

To register, scan QR code.



For questions or more information email GolfOuting@saintjamesparish.org

SUMMER KEAT... remember

A/C \Fan \Shade \Water \Light Clothing









May God Bless Your Next Steps!

FIFTH GRADE GRADUATES

ELIZABETH ALFARO

Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School

JOSEFINA MARTINEZ

Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

BLAKE AICHROTH

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School

GABRIELLA LUCAS

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School

MARIUS ALFARO

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School

SERENA SEBASTIAN

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

PAYTON AICHROTH

Jonathan Dayton High School

OLIVIA HUNSINGER Mount Saint Mary Academy CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUES

Jonathan Dayton High School

ISABELLA CETRULO

Jonathan Dayton High School

JESSICA MARTIN
David Brearley High School

MICHAEL SARRACINO Jonathan Dayton High School

JEROME FERNANDEZ Union County Magnet High School ANTHONY PETINO Hunterdon Central High School

BRODY GAGE

Jonathan Dayton High School

ASHLEY REEDY

Jonathan Dayton High School

VICTORIA TURNER Jonathan Dayton High School

COLLEGE GRADUATES

ZAKILYA BROWN

University of Rochester Psychology and Brain & Cognitive Sciences, Minor in Creative Writing ELIANA MCNAMEE

Caldwell University Psychology DYLAN TURNER

Union County College Video Game Design and Development

NICOLE CATALDO

Rutgers University BA in Psychology FRANK SARRACINO

Rutgers University Business HARRISON TURNER

Montclair State University Communications and Media Studies



Villanova University Accounting





A LETTER FROM CARDINAL TOBIN



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The peace of Christ our Redeemer be with you.

I write to you today as a witness to your deep faith, your love for the Church, and the vibrant diversity that makes our Archdiocese a sign of hope.

Yet, the realities we face as a Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark are both urgent and undeniable: parish membership, Mass attendance, and sacramental participation have declined. The number of priests to serve as pastors is decreasing. And still, the population of our region continues to grow, offering new and fertile ground for evangelization.

I believe the Holy Spirit is inviting us to something new.

Today, I am announcing an archdiocesan initiative called **We Are His Witnesses**. This is not simply another program. It is a journey of renewal—one that asks each of us to discern, with courage, humility and faith where God is leading us.

Together, we will reflect on three essential questions:

- 1. Where are we now?
- 2. Where is God calling us?
- 3. How will we get there together?

This effort will focus on how we evangelize, care for one another in our parishes, and ensure our parishes are strong and sustainable for the future. This process calls for an honest evaluation of current practices and structures. Some ministries will be renewed; some parish alignments may change. Over time, mergers or closures will be necessary. These conversations and decisions will not always be easy, but as members of one body—the Church – we will support one another throughout this journey.

To guide this effort, I have asked Bishop Michael Saporito and an Archdiocesan Planning Commission to collaborate with pastors and parish leaders across our four counties. But the success of this initiative depends on each one of us. I want to hear from you.

We have already begun by listening through a survey called the Disciples Maker Index —and we will continue listening in the months ahead. I invite you to be part of this journey. Learn more at **WeAreHisWitnesses.org**, where you'll find a brief video message from me and updates on our progress.

My friends, we are not alone. We are His witnesses—called to proclaim the joy of the Gospel in a world that needs it more than ever. I ask you to join me in this sacred work. Let us walk forward in faith, guided by the Spirit, and united in hope.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark



ISLAND ADVENTURE

St. James is Giving Back to Springfield. Can you Lend a Helping Hand?



A few years ago, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down

the street from our parish.

The parish is responsible for the upkeep of the island. Together, we can make this a light task while giving back to the community.

If you have a lawnmower and are able to mow the grass on the island one or more weekends.

please click on the Flocknote newsletter sign-up link or scan the QR code.



You can mow at any time you're available that weekend.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. - Corinthians 3:9

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A Pilgrimage to the Miraculous Icon of Mary, Helper of Mothers

June 22, 24, 27 and 29

We are delighted and honored to host the miraculous "Mary, Helper of Mothers" icon which is beloved by mothers, grandmothers, and women trying to become pregnant or in difficult pregnancies. Come and pray before the icon. Join us for the Divine Liturgy, guest talks, and services.

You are always welcome at Saint Nicholas Church!

For more information, contact Father Tom at FatherTomByz@gmail.com

St Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church 121 Madison Ave, Dunellen, NJ

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025 FUNDRAISER

St. James Parishioners, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!





Thank you to all who have already donated to help us make this trip happen!!♥

Although we are closer to it, we still have not met our goal and could use your help.

We are raising funds to support our group of 17 young teenagers who will be attending this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference (July 11-13, 2025). Your donation helps us make sure the trip is affordable for everyone attending and money is not an option.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our teens who want to take part in this amazing opportunity to draw closer to God and learn how to make Him the center of their lives.

In this conference, they will join two thousand teens from all over the USA for a three-day conference where they will listen to engaging and inspiring Catholic speakers, attend the sacraments, and build friendships with other teens who like them are excited about their faith.

No donation is too small.

If interested in donating, please scan the QR code or contact Ana Serra-Prescott.

If using the QR code, you will be able to select for your donation to go to sponsor a specific participant or to the general cost of the trip, which will first help any teen in need of financial assistance to attend and then pay for any other expenses to make the trip happen.



If you prefer to give your donation with cash or a check, please make sure you put it in an envelope stating it is a donation for the **Steubenville Youth Conference** and drop it off at the rectory or the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers for our teens! God bless you!

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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, JUNE 28

5:00pm Ronnie Fusco

r/b Family

Guiseppa and Orazio Vitti

r/b Raffaela Conetta

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
Saints Peter and Paul
8:00am Rocco Secco

r/b Bob and Sue Hagenbush

Daniel Petrucelli r/b Al Pavoni

10:00am Donato Reino

r/b Carmelina and Anthony Reino

Dan Collins

r/b Bernstein Family

12:00pm Andrew Foscato

r/b Theresa and Michael Quick

Anne Marie Genninger r/b Nancy Caputo

MONDAY, JUNE 30

7:30am Anthony G. LiCausi

r/b Cocoa and John

TUESDAY, JULY 1

7:30am Mary Deeney

r/b Yannazzone Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

7:30am Daniel J. Collins

r/b Elena and Joe Skinner

THURSDAY, JULY 3

Saint Thomas

7:30am Ryan Koellhoffer

r/b Teresa, Vic, and Blake Matthews

FRIDAY, JULY 4 Independence Day

8:30am The People of Saint James

SATURDAY, JULY 5 8:30am Al Blasi, Sr. r/b Donna

5:00pm Maria Soledade Santos

r/b Carmen Lombardi

Eva Hyslop

r/b Gary and Kathy Rosenberger

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am John Montana r/b Janice Montana

Mary and Vincent McNany

r/b Dennis McNany

10:00am Nestor Fadriquila

r/b Randy, Jules and Rose Landicho

Michael Mitchell

r/b Gary and Kathy Rosenberger

and Family

12:00pm Angelina and Carmelo Rivano

r/b Marion Rivano

Dante D'Sole

r/b Giovanna Circelli-Mack



SANCTUARY LAMP:

The People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE:

The People of Saint James

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

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, Joseph Covino, Marie Crosby, James Curry, M.D., Ronald D'Angelo, Dave Darby, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Ann Jacques, Eddie Jenna, Kevin Keating, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, 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, Lucy Miller, 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, Joseph Siorenza, 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.

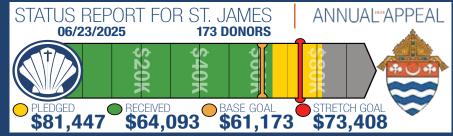
A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

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





FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER



Did you know?... Online giving is a convenient and efficient option for parishioners to give to the church. It also helps the parish administratively by cutting down on some of the administrative processing.

As you plan your summer vacations, don't let your giving to the church take a vacation too. Plan your giving to the church this summer and beyond by signing up for recurring giving online. Go to the parish website today or scan the QR code in the bulletin to get started. If you have any questions, contact the rectory office and they will connect you with a member of the Finance Council.

We reached our 2025 Annual Appeal Stretch Goal! **THANK YOU** for your generous support and participation.

Remember... Not only do your gifts support essential programs and ministries within our Archdiocese but, by exceeding the stretch goal the parish is eligible for a rebate. And, as stretch goal funds are collected prior to <u>June 30th</u> the parish will be eligible for a 2% assessment rate reduction.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9



Keep up-to-date with parish news, event updates, and more!

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 *OR* Sign up on the website: saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals Weekend of June 21 & 22:

 Regular Collection:
 \$ 4,775.00

 Online Giving:
 \$ 4,889.00

 Total:
 \$ 9,664.00

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.



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