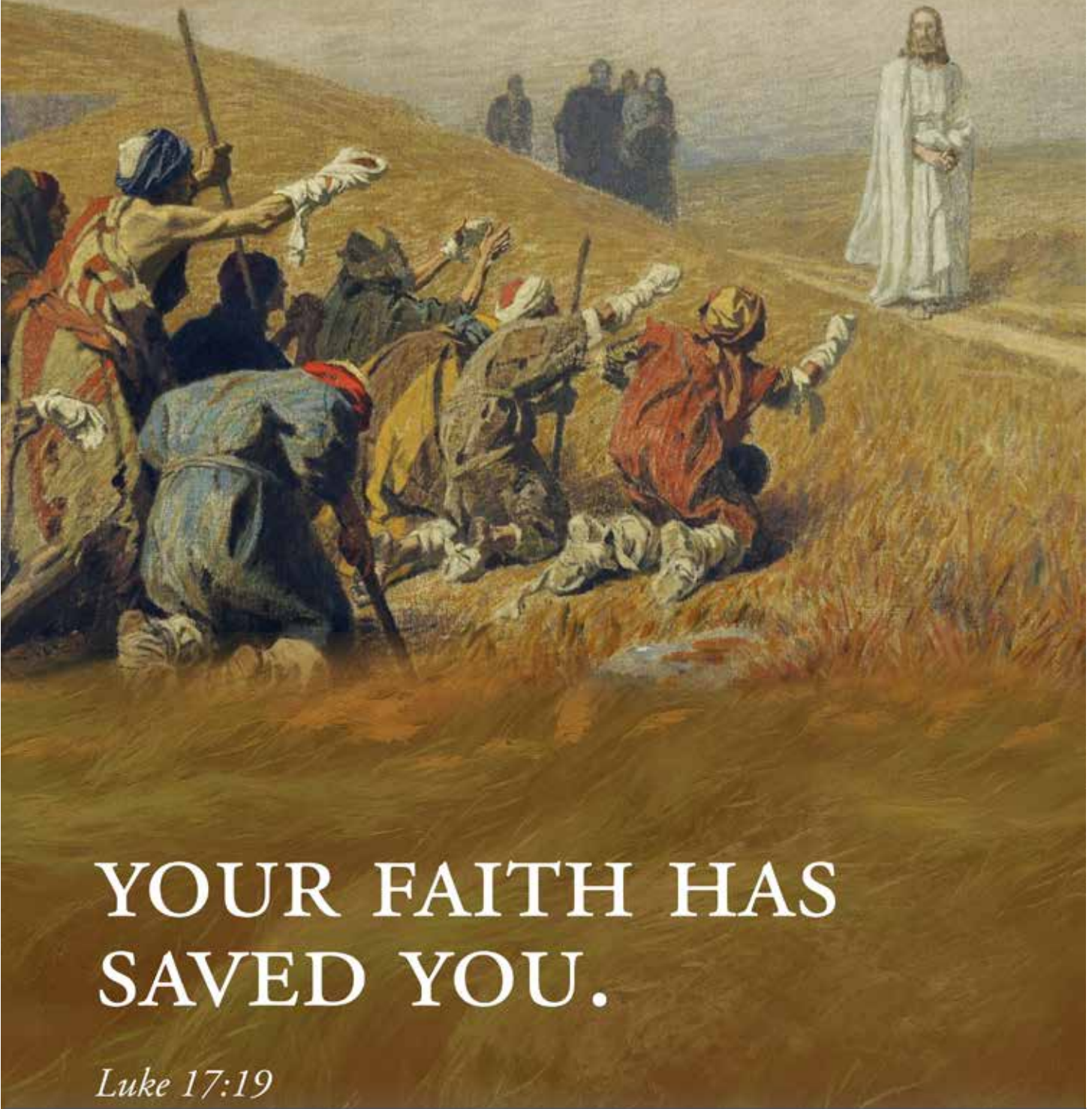




# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

## Roman Catholic Church



YOUR FAITH HAS  
SAVED YOU.

*Luke 17:19*

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 12, 2025  
[www.saintjamesparish.org](http://www.saintjamesparish.org)

## 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, October 18:

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

#### Sunday, October 19:

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 (*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

As a priest, I've noticed that the word "gospel" is used in a variety of ways. People often say things like:

- "I'm committed to the gospel."
- "I want to preach the gospel."
- "I want to live according to the gospel."

But what do we actually mean when we say this?

The word *gospel* literally means Good News. But what *Good News* are we referring to?

In everyday conversation, *gospel* has become shorthand for living a good life, doing the right thing, or being committed to social justice. While these are all noble pursuits, they don't fully capture the heart of the gospel.

In this weekend's second reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, we hear a powerful summary of what he means by the word:

"Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering..." (2 Timothy 2:8)

There it is. For St. Paul, the gospel is not primarily about ethics, spirituality, or a way of life. Those things may flow from it, but they are not its foundation.

What often confuses us—and others—about our faith is the assumption that the gospel is **about something**: a tradition, a moral code, a style of worship. But first and foremost, the gospel is **not** about something. **It is about Someone.**

**The Good News is the person of Jesus Christ**—a first-century Jew whom we proclaim as Lord. **The gospel is the declaration that Jesus, the Christ, has been raised from the dead. It is a claim about a real person, not just a set of values or ideals.**

So yes, living the gospel will shape how we act, how we serve, and how we love. But let us never forget: the gospel begins with Jesus. **He is the Good News.**

Rev. David C. Santos, Pastor

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Jesus does not demand great action from us but simply surrender and gratitude.

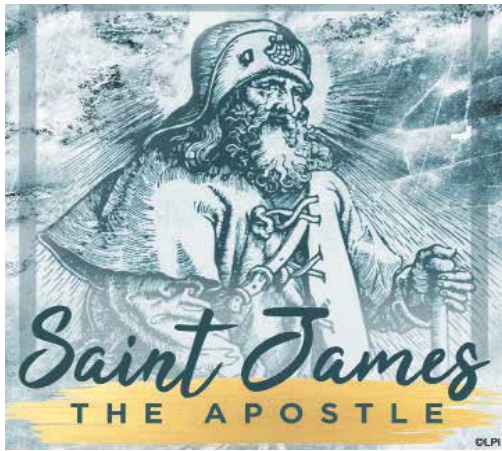
— *Saint Therèse of Lisieux*

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THE RECTORY OFFICE  
IS CLOSED

**Monday, October 13**

MORNING MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED AT 8:30AM



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

#### 2 Kings 5:14-17

Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Psalm 98

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### SECOND READING

#### 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

### GOSPEL

#### Luke 17:11-19

As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

*Registration is now closed*

(The dates for this year's sessions can be found on our website)

**Our next Family Faith session is on Sunday, October 19.**

We look forward to seeing you then!!

**Confirmation Year 1** – Our next class is **Tuesday, November 11 at 7PM** in the church.

**Confirmation Year 2** – Our first class is **Tuesday, October 21 at 7PM** in the church.

### Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation October 25, 2025

Last Sunday, our Confirmandi spent the afternoon together discussing the gifts of the Holy Spirit and looking at ways they will help them better serve the Lord and proclaim His Word. They heard from older high school students how they have become more involved in their church and proclaiming the Word of God through actions and words after they received the Sacrament of Confirmation themselves.

They then proceeded to the church where they experienced a beautiful meditation from Fr. John Paladino to better prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which they had the opportunity to receive while spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The Confirmandi were joined by their families and some sponsors for a Mass that concluded their retreat.

**Rehearsal – Friday, October 24** at the times you were given (specific to your Confirmation Mass)

**See you all there!!!**

We ask the parish community to keep the young candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 25 in your prayers. May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, always keep their hearts open to God's truth, encounter His loving presence, and continue to grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

**Ana Serra-Prescott | Family Faith Formation Office  
(973) 376-2061 | [aprescott@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:aprescott@saintjamesparish.org)**

## HOLY WHYS: DEACON HUGH REPLIES

Dear Deacon Hugh:

I was wondering if Catholics can eat meat on Fridays. I understand that back in the day, they weren't supposed to, but recently a friend told me that rule still applies. What's up with that?

Mark

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Dear Mark:

Before the 1960s, Catholics typically abstained from meat on Fridays as a form of penance and participation in their faith. In more recent times, the Church has recognized that sincere efforts to perform other works of self-denial are also meaningful. The Archdiocese of Newark explains that Fridays outside of Lent remain days of penance, but individuals may substitute the traditional abstinence from meat with another act of voluntary self-denial. Options include skipping dessert, unplugging from social media, donating time or money to charity, or spending extra time in prayer or reading the Bible.

Through these small, intentional sacrifices—whether giving up a favorite treat or serving others—the act of self-denial becomes more than just a ritual. It serves as a quiet transformation of the heart, reminding us that faith is not just something we say, but something we live, especially when we choose compassion and deepen our relationship with God over personal comfort.

Thank you for your question.

Deacon Hugh

If you have a question you would like to ask, please send your email to Deacon Hugh at [hkeffer@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:hkeffer@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!



St. James  
Vocations Ministry  
Pray + Talk + Encourage

**Got a Minute  
to Pray For Vocations?**

I have <b>1</b> minute	→		Pray a Hail Mary!
I have <b>20</b> minutes	→		Pray a Rosary!
I have <b>60</b> minutes	→		Pray a Holy Hour!

Discerning your vocation? We'll walk with you!  
Email [vocationsministry@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:vocationsministry@saintjamesparish.org).

## Learn Why We Love The Lord and Why HE Loves Us



## 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](mailto:PrayerLineMinistry@saintjamesparish.org)

**Please Note:** For privacy reasons and HIPPA regulations, names may be added to the prayer list by the individual themselves, or with their **explicit permission** from the one in need of prayers. Individuals in need of prayers may also call the rectory for assistance.

**RIDES, FOOD, GAMES & FUN COMING TO SAINT JAMES!**

**RIDES,  
GAMES, FOOD,  
MUSIC,  
BEER TENT**

**PARISH  
FESTIVAL  
2025**

**SUPER 50/50  
RAFFLE  
TIN CAN BASKET  
AUCTION  
AND MUCH  
MORE FUN!**

**OCTOBER 14 - 18**



**ST. JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!**

One of the major highlights of the annual Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction—and your help is needed to make this year even more successful than in the past. It is a tricky-tray-type event in which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants. St. James needs contributions of prizes—goods, services, event tickets and other items - to make its Tin Can Auction a success. If you own a business or wish to donate, please contact Antoinette Miller through the Rectory office at **973-376-3044** or you can email **tincanauction@saintjamesparish.org**

**ST. JAMES FESTIVAL  
BANNER SPONSORS NEEDED!**

Do you have a business or know someone who does?

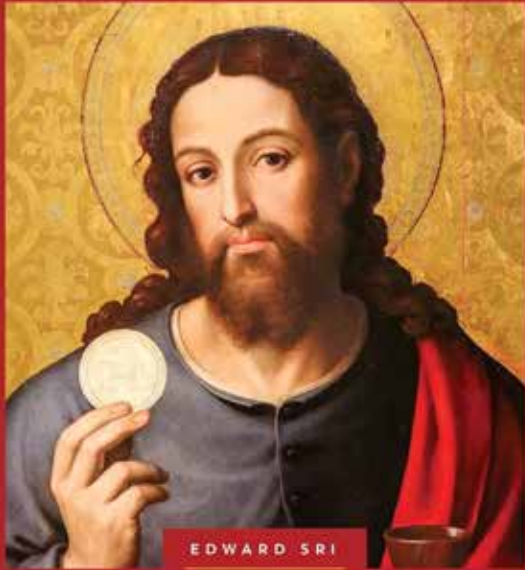
This is your golden opportunity to shine! By taking a banner sponsorship, you can showcase your business to the many festival-goers over the 5-days of the festival while supporting our beloved parish.

**Contact Janet DellaSala via the Rectory office at 973-376-3044** to explore the amazing sponsorship opportunities available. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to be part of something special and help make this festival successful together!



A white banner with a gold border. At the top is the Saint James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church logo. The text reads: "PARISH FESTIVAL Baked Goods Donation". Below that, it says: "Donate homemade or store bought baked goods to be offered at the hospitality booth at the Saint James Parish Festival". It then states: "Donations needed for October 14, 15, and 16 Drop off anytime between 6 &amp; 8 PM". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "For questions, please contact pastoralcouncil@saintjamesparish.org" and "Sign up to donate: https://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com/signup/228038" with a QR code.

## HAPPENING SOON AT SAINT JAMES



### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH **THE MASS**

ASCENSION



Saint James the Apostle Church  
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

## **SMALL GROUP STUDY** WITH ENGAGING VIDEOS & DISCUSSION

**5 SESSIONS STARTING OCTOBER 27**

MONDAYS AT 7<sup>PM</sup> IN THE CHURCH/NARTHEX

- OR -

THURSDAYS AT 7<sup>PM</sup> IN THE RECTORY

(skipping over 11/6 & 11/27, finishes on 12/11)



A companion book is available on Amazon or Ascension Press for those who want to go deeper.

Sign-up by scanning the QR code or send an email to: [adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:adultfaith@saintjamesparish.org)



**WE ARE HIS  
WITNESSES**

### Save the Date!!!

### Parish listening sessions

- **Tuesday, November 4, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM**  
or
- **Thursday, November 6, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM**  
**In the Church**

You are invited to participate in a parish listening session as part of the We Are His Witnesses pastoral planning process. Cardinal Tobin encourages all of the faithful to participate. Registration will open soon.

For now, please save the date to attend one of our parish sessions.

# COMING IN NOVEMBER



## The Bereavement Ministry of Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church

"Letting go of grief is just as painful or even more painful than the grief itself."

~ Miriam Toews' *All My Puny Sorrows*

Saint James Bereavement Ministry is offering a 6 Week Bereavement Group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Thursday nights 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Meetings will gather in the rectory at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

Participation is free however, registration is required. Please contact the parish office at (908) 687-3327 or email [Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org)

*Let us be your companions for the journey.*

Our goal is to provide a process for healing within a safe and supportive environment.

# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## 1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via conference call  
Monday, October 13, 2025\*  
at 7:00 pm Eastern Time

\* October 13 is the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

Our goal is 1,000+ people praying in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion and for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb.

Rosary will be led by priests  
from all over New Jersey

Please register at:



[lifeneducation.org/1000strong](http://lifeneducation.org/1000strong)

Call-in Number: 1-401-252-0031

Access Code: 759297#



**LIFENET**  
info@lifeneducation.org | 973-497-4520

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL PRESENT

## MEN'S DAY 2025

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Herald Brock, CFR

OCTOBER 25, 2025

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIARY  
375 13TH AVENUE, NEWARK, NJ  
(ENTER THROUGH GATE ON 9TH STREET)

9 AM: Registration and  
Coffee & Doughnuts

9:30 AM: Music, Morning Prayer,  
and Welcome & Intro

Day will consist of Holy Mass,  
Eucharistic Holy Hour,  
themed talks, and Confessions

Day finishes with 4pm Vigil Mass

**FREE EVENT**

Donations are kindly accepted

For more information and updates please

visit <http://friendsofthenewarkmonastery.org/>

FRANCISCAN FRIARS of the RENEWAL ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK Newark Priest



## Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, October 25  
Noon

Church of the Little Flower  
310 Plainfield Ave.  
Berkeley Heights  
908.464.1585



Anointing of the Sick is appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death or the elderly, but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness.

The sacrament can be received more than once.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hope is that, through the power of the sacrament and if it be God's will, the person be healed of illness. Even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany the illness or the frailty of old age.

You are invited to join us for refreshments after Mass.  
RSVP by October 17 here or contact the parish offices.



## Jubilee Pilgrimage

NOV 15, 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF  
OUR LADY OF CSEZTOCHOWA IN  
DOYLESTOWN, PA IS A  
DESIGNATED JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCH

GUIDED TOUR OF  
THE SHRINE

11:00 CONFESSION  
11:30 AM MASS

\$40 FEE COVERS BUS FARE, SHRINE TOUR, AND  
SNACKS. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 55.  
ADDITIONAL \$25 IF ORDERING LUNCH.



OLC Pilgrimage SIGNUP



OLC Pilgrimage PAYMENT

## MORE AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### SELF CARE SUNDAY

hosted by the  
saint helen mental  
health ministry

**OCT 26, 2025**  
**9:00AM-1:30PM**

SAINT HELEN CHURCH  
MEANEY HALL  
1600 RAHWAY AVENUE  
WESTFIELD, NJ 07090



Learn more about various forms of self-care, and the amazing resources at our parish and in our local community.

Light refreshments to be served.

Questions?  
Contact Liz Migneco:  
lmigneco@sainthelen.org

## 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](http://www.NewarkPriest.com), email [NewarkPriest@rcan.org](mailto: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.



ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK  
OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



## GOD CHOSE YOU FOR ME

A life-changing experience for married couples.

### WHY ATTEND?

- Rediscover your desire. Build a daily prayer life as a couple. Deepen your love.
- A NEW WAY TO PRAY**  
Prayer will become a daily expression of love between you and your spouse – a way to invite God deeper into your relationship.
- A NEW WAY TO CONNECT**  
Share, listen, and reflect together to deepen your emotional and spiritual connection.
- A NEW WAY TO ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE**  
By seeing your marriage through the lens of faith, you will discover how your love reveals the presence of Christ in your everyday life.

*"What God has joined together, let no one separate." – Mark 10:9*

**Don't miss this transformative experience!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025**  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center  
60 Byrd Ave  
Bloomfield, NJ  
9:30 AM - 6 PM  
(ends with Mass at 5 PM)  
**\$60 per couple**  
(includes light morning refreshments, catered lunch, workbooks, and supplies.)  
**Registration Deadline:**  
November 1, 2025

**CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR DETAILS AND REGISTER TODAY!**



# MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:00pm **John and Amelia Montana**  
r/b Janice Montana  
**Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Saint James Staff

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Bill and Antoinette Miller  
**Danielle Webb**  
r/b Cotter and Moran Families  
10:00am **Cosma and Salvatore DeNichilo**  
r/b Inneo Family  
**Luciano and Antonia Conetta**  
r/b Raffaella Conetta  
12:00pm **James J. Carney**  
r/b Patty and John Carney  
**Mario Garcia**  
r/b Family

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

### Columbus Day

8:30am **Frida Sanchez**  
r/b Rosemary Tapia and  
McNamee Family

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30am **Bartolomew Farinhas**  
r/b Marie Freitas, Daughter

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

### Saint Teresa of Jesus

7:30am **Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Regina Kahn

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30am **Irene Anderson**  
r/b Paula and Family

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

### Saint Ignatius of Antioch

7:30am **Ivan Ruiz**  
r/b Steven and Janet Wolcott

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

### Saint Luke

8:30am **Paul Conway**  
r/b Elaine  
5:00pm **Albert Uliano**  
r/b Clara Uliano and Family  
**Jack Lane**  
r/b Dr. and Mrs. Santoriello

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **Anthony Graziano**  
r/b Lorraine Graziano  
**Rose M. Sommer**  
r/b Sommer Family  
10:00am **Collins Family**  
r/b Roethlin Family  
**Sister Claire Ouimet**  
r/b Inneo Family  
12:00pm **Susie LoMacchio**  
r/b Patty and John Carney  
**Maria Soledade Santos**  
r/b Rita Lombardi and  
Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva



**SANCTUARY LAMP:**  
For the People of Saint James

**BREAD & WINE:**  
For the People of Saint James

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

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## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Vivian Borst, Isabella Di Donato,  
Nathan de la Cruz Manuyag,  
Aitana Aiko Gonzalez Penarete

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## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, 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, Diane Deitz, Jean DePasquale, Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Luca Favia, Alfredo Fernandes, Alberto Fernandez, 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., Jonathan Rheinhardt, 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.*

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## 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



*Lord,  
Hear Our Prayer*

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



### **Safe Environment Corner**

Mental Health Sunday is observed on October 12, 2025, as a moment of grace and healing in our parish community.

Today's readings remind us of God's healing presence and strength found in hope and perseverance during times of suffering. These messages offer comfort not only to those who are struggling, but also to those who accompany them with compassion and faith.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to survivors of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.

Visit our online boutique  
for St. James the Apostle Parish  
apparel and more!



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

Text NEWSLETTER to 84576 OR Sign up on the website:  
[saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com](http://saintjamestheapostle.flocknote.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals

#### Weekend of October 4 & 5:

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,528.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,295.00
Total:	\$ 9,823.00

*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](http://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?...

93% of parishioners that responded to the DMI Survey said the parish provides transparent information about the finances of the parish.

Thank you for your feedback. The Finance Council will continue to work to provide further transparency to you on the financial results of our parish.

### 2025 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 2026, as a result of the parish achieving our 2025 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

### October Gives Us a Unique Beauty



October is resplendent with the beauty of nature. The fall gives us an invigorating lift. We seem to feel "fully alive" looking forward to a new beginning filled with energy. Would you be willing to channel some of that energy to help those less fortunate by sorting through your home for the following: clothing, small appliances, shoes, tools, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books? The Donation Bin(s) are accessible in the parish. Thank you.

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