

# Saint James

**TODAY**

**December 28, 2025**

**GOOD MORNING** and welcome to Saint James! We are a growing confessional and evangelical Christian community gathered in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**KIDS TIME** Sunday school is held today in the PreK room for children PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Welcome!

**WELCOME TO OUR** Final Christmas service, 'Lessons and Carols.' It is led by Joe Frunzi and the St. James Band. Today's greeter is Carol Hertlein. Pastor Paul is in Minnesota over the Christmas holidays.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be offered today by intinction. All persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ are Welcome. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the sacrament and return by the side aisles.

**AS A PROACTIVE MEASURE**, intended for better security, there is now a person at the Pratt St. entry area during Sunday morning services.

**OUR WORSHIP LIVESTREAM** today is on Facebook. To get to our Facebook open <http://stjamesphilly.org/> then scroll to bottom of home web page and click on Facebook link.

**CAN'T MAKE IT** in for the Sunday service? Watch it live or later on Facebook.

**JOIN US** after the service today in the hospitality 'Nook' for coffee and treats!

## LIFE AT SAINT JAMES

**ST. JAMES** anniversary T-shirts are now available! Want one? They are \$20.00. See Eva Parisi.

**ON JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>** we will host a festive Three Kings service, celebrating Hispanic customs and Magi at 6:00pm. You are invited to attend.

**TOWN WATCH** training will be offered by the Philadelphia Police Department on Saturday, January 17. It will begin at 10:30am in the Seitter-Petersen Room. Interested residents are encouraged to attend.

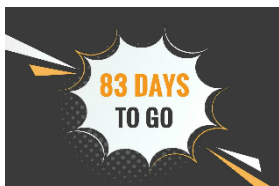
**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** commemoration service will be held here Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Under the leadership of Second Baptist and Frankford clergy, it will include meditations on Dr. King and great music selections. A reception will follow in Community Corner.

**SOCIAL HALL** renovations are underway with the recent removal of ceiling tiles and plumbing scope work.

**WITH SIDEWALK** replacement improvements completed, please note that in order to keep the sidewalk protected, we have been advised by the contractor that cars should not be parked over the curb. This could damage the new concrete which needs time to settle.

**THE CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY**, hanging on the altar wall, was given by George and Ruth Francis in 2004 in memory of Rev. Joseph A Schantz and in honor of Rev. Paul A. Andell, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> pastors of St. James.

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE** at the altar is given by Gail Weirauch in memory of husband, Dick and son, Glenn Weirauch and Lois Whitacre in memory of both her husband Charles, and their daughter, Tammy Whitacre.



**EIGHTY-THREE days until our**

# **!100<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN** by Pastor Paul and Pamela Andell, and Eva Parisi, in thanksgiving to God for his unspeakable gift and in memory of Todd, Troy, and Terik Andell; by Dr. Deborah E. Ritter in memory of her parents, Charles and Elizabeth Ritter, her sister, Gail Ritter, Esq., and brother-in-law, Edward J. LeClere, Esq.; by Lyn Taylor in memory of her Loved Ones; by Fran Zuccarelli to the Glory of God; by Kathy Ranonis in memory of her parents, John and Catherine Nehlig and her husband, John Ranonis; by Christie Link in memory of her husband, Charles Link and Thomas & Betty Coyne; by Susan Alexander Zebrosky in memory and honor of the Alexander family; by the Girard Family in memory of our parents, James & Gertrude Mitchell and Alan & Katherine Girard; by Rebecca Good & Bryan in memory of Dolores Schrenk; by Rebecca & Rick in memory of Margo King; by Carol Hertlein in memory of parents, Doris and John Perillo; by Carolyn Pengler in memory of her mother, Marie Hubler and her husband, Robert Pengler; by Marianne Rizzo in memory of her son, Martin, and his wife, Donna; and by Marie McCook in memory of her husband, Dennis McCook. The white poinsettia in the entry is given by Pastor Paul in honor of his wife, Pamela.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**ST. JAMES MEN** are invited to join the benevolent mission organization called 'Lutheran Men.' Our stove was a gift to us from them. See Pastor Paul or Larry Girard with a donation of only \$10!

**DONATIONS** toward a new communion rail now total \$4,700.00 with recent memorial gifts of \$900.00! Is there someone you could memorialize with a gift? The rails have been ordered!

## **Giving is the highest level of living**

### **THIS WEEK**

- **Office Open**, Monday, 9:00am to 11:00pm
- **NA groups** meet Monday at 6:30pm, and Saturday at 2:00pm
  - **Office open**, Tue, and Fri, 12:30pm-4:30pm.
  - **Wednesday Seniors**, on Christmas break.
  - **AA Groups** meet Wednesday and Thursday, at 7:00pm



## **CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS**

**LAST SUNDAY**, at our well-attended First Christmas service, we welcomed a reception of 8 new members! We also welcomed Kamryn Moore and Ella Parisi singing a duet, and our 8-member bell choir! After church, a Christmas luncheon was held in a crowded Seitter-Petersen Room. The reception included carols, a visit from Santa, and prizes. One hundred fifty persons attended services Christmas week, an increase over last year!

### **What is 32 Auctions?**

This is a fun fundraiser that will auction items that we have collected. People go to the website and make bids on items until the event is over and there is a winner for each item. That is the easy and fun part! The challenge will be collecting items to sell. We are asking you to look in your home, ask a family member or friend if there is an item you have worthy to sell? It doesn't have to be brand new but can be. Maybe you have a collectible, an antique, something you no longer need or want but someone else would love to have. The more interesting or rare the more bidding for that item. If so, consider donating it towards our 32 Auctions 100th Anniversary fundraiser. It can be delivered to the church or scheduled to be picked up.

Please contact the church office before January 2026 when the auction will begin.

## ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

'To build our faith, empower our youth, and serve our community

### **Staff of Saint James**

***Paul A. Andell.....Pastor***  
***Sarah Floyd.....Deployed Pastor***  
***Eva Parisi.....Ministries Coordinator***  
***Joe Frunzi....Contemporary Worship Leader***  
***Stephen Acosta..Traditional Worship Leader***  
***Kim Kull.....Office Administrator***  
***People of St. James.....Ministers***