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The Resurrection of the Lord

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"FOR US, THE FAITHFUL, CHRIST HAS BEGUN A BRIGHT NEW DAY,
ETERNAL AND INEXTINGUISHABLE.
GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF THIS WONDER.
FROM IMPOSSIBLE BEGINNINGS GOD HAS PRODUCED WONDERFUL RESULTS."**

A Triduum Sourcebook III, p. 441

Today is the **FEAST OF EASTER!** This is the day that the Lord has made. It is a day of resurrection and new life. But Easter is also a season of 50 Days, the Great Period of Mystagogia. That means we have 50 days to reflect on the impact of the resurrection in our lives, and how our lives have been transformed by the resurrection.

Easter gives us a reason to hope, especially this year when COVID-19 prevents us from gathering as a community of faith and celebrating the new life that Jesus gained for us by his resurrection. The world around us is reminding us that everything has changed. Nature is regaling us with the beauty of flowers and trees, as if God is reminding us how important we are to him and need to be for each other. We have learned how to live with each other by social distancing from one another. The only gatherings allowed are with our families as we celebrate this incredible event in our lives. While the world around us has changed and forced us to change our behavior, that should not prevent us from living with our faith in a God who has not abandoned us but sustains us with his incredibly generous love.

The resurrection instills in each of us that all will be well, because Jesus has transformed us, is present with each of us, showing us the way to him and one another. But he also reminds us that we have to care for each other. Jesus showed us this by his life, ultimately suffering an excruciating death to remind us of that. But his resurrection has shown us a new way to live, not with doom and gloom, but with hope and joy as we celebrate the new life he gained for us.

One way for us to remain in touch with each other is by watching the Mass as it is live-streamed each Sunday in our church at 10:30AM (check our webpage or Facebook for the links) or by watching Cardinal Tobin at 12:00 NOON on the archdiocesan website www.rcan.org. One is a touchstone with our local parish, while the other is a touchstone with the archdiocese. Either way we celebrate the gift Jesus gave us, his Body and Blood, even if we are not able to receive it right now. Eventually we will.

There is no question that our lives, our world, and our church are different right now. But the hope that is engendered in each of us by the presence of the Risen Christ should not only challenge us to live as a people renewed but also comfort us, knowing that he is present in each of us and our community so that we can live our lives in peace, joy and hope. As Mary Magdalene was surprised when she visited the tomb to find that Jesus was not there, so we should be just as surprised that he lives in the Word, the Eucharist, and especially in one another. This makes Easter very worthwhile and important for us who claim to be his followers!!

On behalf of our entire Parish Staff: **FR. TONY, FR. JOHN, DEACON JERRY, DEACON DAN, NANCY CAPUTO, KAREN COCCO, ANN MARIE GESUALDO, DAN PALKO, CAROLINE PONTERIO, OUR SUPPORT STAFF & MYSELF**, I want to wish you and your families a **HAPPY & HOLY EASTER & EASTER SEASON!** May these 50 Days of Mystagogia help us reflect more deeply on the resurrection, and help us through these difficult times.

HAPPY EASTER!!

BUONA PASQUA!!

FELIZ PASCUA DE RESURRECCION!!

~ Fr. Joe

PARISH INFORMATION

Connecting With One Another

For the most up-to-date information concerning the effects of the coronavirus on our faith, Mass guidelines and Archdiocese of Newark directives, please visit our parish website:

www.saintjamestheapostle.org

Or



The Archdiocese of Newark website: <https://www.rcan.org>



Saint James is partnering with another Union County group to make masks for medical health professionals for use during the coronavirus epidemic.

We need people who can operate a sewing machine in their home.

Instructions and all supplies will be provided. You will only have to supply thread for the sewing machine. Each mask takes between 5 and 10 minutes to make. You will receive all the supplies needed and be able to sew from home. Not able to sew, but still want to help? We also need people to

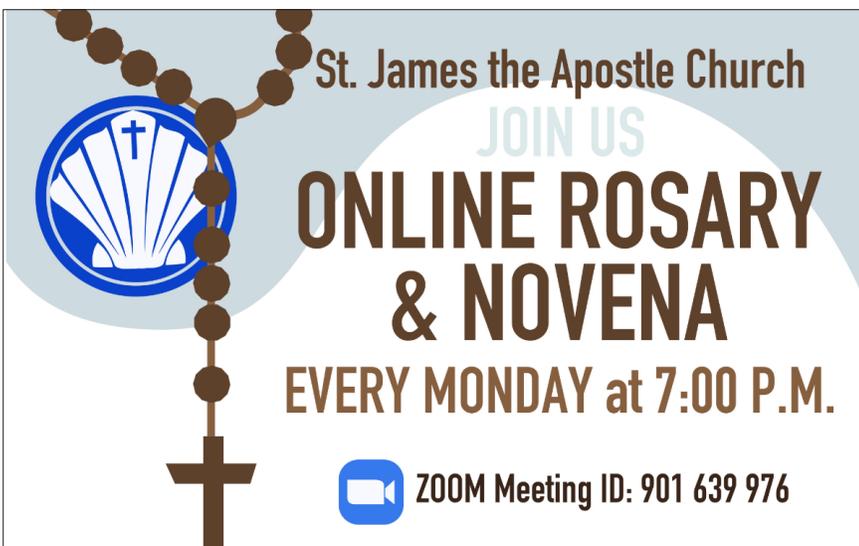
cut fabric according to specifications. Again, this can be done at home.

We are also looking for donations of shoe laces - any color but black (15 inches, 30 inches or 45 inches long) and scraps of cotton and cotton-polyester blend fabric left over from other sewing projects. Colorful and patterned fabric is fine - the brighter, the better!

Donations of thread, binding tape, sew-on ribbon seam binding, and sewing elastic (around 10-12 inches wide) are also needed. A basket will be outside the church on Palm Sunday for fabric and sewing supply donations.

If you can help with mask assembly or donations at this time, please contact the parish office or send an email to publicity@saintjamesparish.org

Thank you. God bless you!



Join us on Monday evenings online at either Zoom or the Saint James the Apostle Church Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle>

or

<https://zoom.us>

Click "Join a Meeting" in the upper right side of the screen and enter the ID number 901 639 976



Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to your parish on the parish’s GoFundMe page, linked below, or to the *Parishes in Need Fund*, which will be used to support those communities struggling to pay their employees, conduct outreach, and cover church utility bills through this crisis. Contributions raised through the parish GoFundMe page will benefit the individual parish. *GoFundMe charges no platform fees*, leaving only a small fee charged per donation to cover payment processing, in-line with the amount charged by many other online-payment services.

Go to: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark> click on “CONTRIBUTE” and follow these instructions:

Click “Select a Team” and choose **Saint James the Apostle, Springfield.**

This is what should appear in the box:

Team Member:
Joe Barbone

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

I am humbled by your generosity and extremely proud to serve as your pastor!

In Faith,

Fr. Joe

EASTER REMEMBRANCE



THE EASTER CANDLE

will burn in Loving Memory of
The Members of the Bernstein and Butler Families
r/b The Family

THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT

The Ragosa/Fischer/Dondero Families
r/b The Fischer Family

THE LARGE SANCTUARY EASTER WREATH

will hang in Loving Memory of
Raffaele and Sabino Battaglia
r/b Battaglia Family

THE SHRINE WREATHS

will hang in Loving Memory of

OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE

Ann Marie Genninger (*Sr. Mary Therese*)
r/b Religious Education Staff

OUR PATRON SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Carolyn Nelson
r/b Religious Education Staff

THE GATHERING AREA WREATHS

will hang in Loving Memory of

Norman Jackowski

r/b Wife, Wanda and Daughter, Lisa

Deceased Members of the Scanlon and Peer Families

r/b Pat and Debbie Scalon

Bernard and Susie LoMacchio

James and Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty and John

Susan Sullivan

r/b Sister, Pat Sullivan

Deceased Members of the Roessner Family

r/b Nettie and Bob Roessner

THE EASTER LILIES

AT THE MARIAN SHRINE

will be displayed in Loving memory of
Tony Graziano
r/b Wife, Anne and Family

THE EASTER LILIES

AT THE SAINT JAMES SHRINE

will be displayed in Loving memory of
Battaglia and Zara Families
r/b Battaglia Family

EASTER "LITTLE WHITE BOOKS"

In Loving Memory of
John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri
r/b The Pflug Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Happy Easter! The Religious Education Staff continues to send prayers and well-wishes to you and your family. During this time of social distancing each of us has a unique opportunity to learn something new about our partner, children, siblings and even ourselves. Keeping in contact with family, friends and neighbors also gives us an opportunity to get to know each other in a very different way than we might have experienced before the pandemic occurred. Every morning I stand in the backyard with my coffee and puppy and take in the beauty of nature that is right before me. Life as we knew it has slowed down from the hectic pace of a month ago. I found that I now have more time for prayer, meditation, and walks. I also have time to catch up with family and friends. Through all of this, I still have time to “plug-in” and work from home and I am so thankful for the opportunity to empty my inbox full of emails! In a strange way, I feel very blessed. I am grateful for those of you that have reached out to me either through social media, text and/or email messages. Being together even though we are apart is comforting, and I thank you!

While working from our homes, we will continue to be connected. I will continue to email you with updates from the Archdiocese of Newark as they become available. Very soon, I plan on sending you a detailed description of our new Family Faith Program... especially now that all of the parents are *exceptional teachers!*

I hope you enjoy your Easter celebration today with your family—maybe even starting new traditions, like watching the 10:30AM live streamed Mass with Fr. Joe! I encourage you to make a video or email me with the creative ways you are spending time together!

Until we can meet in person, stay well, know of my prayers and above all, find hope in the Resurrection!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

On behalf of the Youth Ministry and myself we wish you an Easter filled with *Peace*. Let's take today and make it about rejoicing in the risen Lord - though that may be hard as we cannot celebrate the way we would normally. Perhaps we are missing being in our Father's house with our church family, or gathering for a meal with our relatives, or a good old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt in the back yard. Whatever we would have done will most certainly be different this year.

This is all the more reason to turn our thoughts, prayers and hearts to Jesus Christ. I am struck by the second reading today in which we hear " Think of what is above, not of what is on Earth". On Earth this Easter we are faced with troubling and upsetting issues, so on this Easter let's turn to the heavens. Let's make a pact, a prayer, an intention to go forward and put our complete trust in God as did Jesus. Through almost unbearable pain Jesus totally trusted in His Father's plan. Let's move forward into the Easter Season by giving the fears, anxiety and worry over to God, knowing He is holding us in the palm of His hand. Let's make these next few weeks our personal Road to Emmaus. Let's look for Jesus's light in each other, let's find what we are grateful for each day and know this will all be over and we will hopefully not resume life as we knew it, but better, aware that we are strong, faithful and closer to God. May God bless you and keep you safe and may His peace be with you.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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As with students of all ages in the State of New Jersey, Saint James the Apostle School has been operating under a distance learning / remote teaching platform since March 16. We are currently enjoying our Easter vacation until April 20.

Keeping school running remotely is no easy task! The dedication and professionalism of our faculty is nothing less than inspiring, as is the outstanding support from our parents/guardians!

It is amazing how we have adapted and continue to evolve. We miss the students very much and look forward to the time when we may be together again. What better time than Easter to give thanks to God.

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you had plan, that you made a way.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Lord, lead us on your level ground. Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Thanks be to you God, for your indescribable gift! To you be glory and honor, on this Resurrection Day, and forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

An Easter prayer by Debbie McDaniel – www.crosswalk.com

Happy Easter to the Saint James Parish and School Community!



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

The Baptismal Catechesis Ministry is praying for all of the families of our parish.

Together in Christ we have faith that we will soon be able to gather again to share in the joy of each other's company.

Until then, we humbly pray for God's hope, strength and protection.

May Easter blessings be with you and your loved ones.



OUTDOOR MINISTRY

Mr. Darin Cerreto

The Outdoor Ministry is sending prayers of hope that we will soon be able to gather together again.

While the world has become much more quiet and still, may we enjoy the beauty of nature and the little blessings all around us.

May the joy of Easter fill your hearts! God bless.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

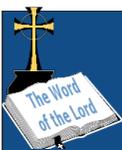
Mr. Dan Palko, Director

Music During the Easter Season 2020.....

I know most everyone will miss the beautiful joyous music of Easter that adds so much to our liturgical celebration. Fortunately for us, while it won't be the same as being in Church together, much of the music can be found on the Internet. I'm using these hymns for my private prayer and meditation. I'm finding them very helpful as we pass through this unique and difficult time. I hope these hymns will be helpful to you as well. May God bless us and keep us safe and healthy. I wish you a Joyous Holy Week and Easter!

Easter Day:

- ◆ Exultet
- ◆ Glory to God in the Highest (Marty Haugen)
- ◆ Celtic Alleluia
- ◆ Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise!
- ◆ Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
- ◆ O Sons and Daughters (O Filii et Filiae)



LECTORS

Ms. Samantha Cappuccino

Greetings, everyone!

While we may not be able to come to Mass right now to hear the Word of God, we can certainly still seek comfort in reading and reflecting upon it. In times of stress and anxiety, I always think of Philippians 4:4-8: ***Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.***

While life may feel difficult, lonely, or uncertain right now, there are always blessings to be counted. God is always with us and to be celebrated, and there are always things that are excellent and praiseworthy. Meditating on what's good instead of what's bad and maintaining our gratitude for God can help get us through any challenging time. And we all will get through this one!



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Every year we celebrate the great feast of our faith, the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As Christians we live as the apostles did, witnesses to Christ's saving victory over sin and death. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we testify to His promise of new life even during the most difficult times of our earthly lives. Let us all be at the forefront this Easter season sharing the good news of the salvation Christ has procured for everyone.

The words proclaimed in the Gospel of Matthew, "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" is just as powerful today as it was 2,000 years ago.

He is Risen. Alleluia! Happy Easter!



RESPECT LIFE

Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Coordinator



You can devote some of your time while at home saying the *Rosary for Life*

You may pray it alone or with your children and other family members. Joyful Mysteries Recommended.....

First decade: Let us pray this decade of the Rosary for all pre-born babies and their families.

Second decade: Let us pray this decade of the Rosary that those who are ill or disabled will receive respect, love and comfort from everyone around them because each person is made in the image of God.

Third decade: Let us pray this decade of the Rosary for the elderly, that they will be treated with love, compassion and respect, and that they will have trust in God's care for them.

Fourth decade: Let us pray this decade of the Rosary for those who have not always acted in ways that respect God's plan for life and love, that they will find forgiveness and hope through reconciliation with God.

Fifth decade: Let us pray this decade of the Rosary for families to model God's pure and unconditional love.



The local food pantries and soup kitchens to which we lend our support are continuing with their efforts to help those in need, even if that has meant finding new or different ways to provide assistance. Saint James parishioners have always been incredibly kind and generous with their contributions to our food collections and fundraisers. It's likely that your help will be needed in more significant ways in the weeks ahead. More information about our future collections will be announced as we determine the needs and priorities of those we are striving to help.

Everyone in the Helping the Hungry Ministry looks forward to seeing you very soon ... and we pray for your safety as we continue to trust in God's love and mercy!



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Do you know someone who might find comfort from a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Blanket??

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry create handmade shawls and blankets that are delivered to those suffering from illness or grief, or to the homebound and the elderly. A prayer shawl can also be a special gift to a new mother and her child. The shawls are a simple and loving way to provide comfort and support, particularly to those experiencing a time in their lives when additional prayers would be especially welcome. They also remind the recipients of the continued prayers of the Saint James parish community. It's a wonderful way to bring a bit of joy and hope to a friend or loved one.

During this Coronavirus pandemic, if you know someone who would benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl or blanket please contact the rectory or email Claire Bernstein: clairebbernstein@gmail.com.

This Prayer of Blessing is included with each Prayer Shawl:

May God's grace be upon this shawl, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being.

Sustaining and embracing in good times as well as in difficult ones.

May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.

With love and all blessings from the Prayer Shawl Ministry



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

*To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Vincenzo & Maddalene Pasquarelli ~ *Son, Dominick*

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Pat Butterworth, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Dr. Conrado Chad, Dr. Eileen Chad, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Dominic Ciraco, Phyllis Colosimo, James Curry, Maureen D., Dr. Margaret Dames, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Donna Massa, Angie Mazzarisi, Richard Miele, Aman Mo, Moise Modestin, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, John Natale, Michael Neer, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P., Janet Payson, Edith Pelliccia, Elizabeth Piedl, Ophelia Pitchford, Lou Puolo, John Reiss, Epifania Rivera, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Tom Walsh, Mary Ellen Warren, Kay Winski, Mary Yobbi

A TIME TO DIE

Bill Dennehy, Don Luderer, Rev. Jorge Ortiz-Garay, Edith Pelliccia

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, PFC Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, PFC Paul Devine, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler

I am the *Resurrection*
and the *Life*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,

We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**

Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth.**