



# SAINT JAMES

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## Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2020

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"THEN LET US FEAST THIS EASTER DAY ON CHRIST, THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN.  
THE WORD OF GRACE HAS PURGED AWAY THE OLD AND EVIL LEAVEN.  
CHRIST ALONE OUR SOULS WILL FEED; HE IS OUR MEAT AND DRINK INDEED;  
FAITH LIVES UPON NO OTHER!  
ALLELUIA!!"**

An Easter Sourcebook, p.35

We begin this Second Week of Easter. Today is also **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!**

Normally, we would pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet this afternoon, but because of Covid-19, please pray it on your own at home.

The Easter Season, the 50 Day Period of Mystagoga, is meant for us to reflect more deeply on the Easter experience and how the resurrection of Jesus has changed our lives. It is probably more important this year because of the effects of Covid-19 on all of us, and being encouraged to stay home, unless we need to go to the food store, pharmacy and other essential businesses. It is easy to become discouraged and depressed about the present situation. There has to be a reason to hope, and to continue to live our lives as best as we can. That reason is Jesus, who instilled in all of us a sense that all is well because he is present with and within us. His resurrection gave us a new perspective on life and a reason to be optimistic about it. This doesn't mean we ignore the present situation, but that we look at it from a different perspective.

We all know that our lives are different because of Covid-19. But they were different before this existed. They were changed by the resurrection, which transformed our lives and gave us a new perspective on how to look at life. Jesus has renewed us in his image and invited us to reflect that presence to each other. If we fail to do this, then it becomes too easy to give in to the doom and gloom that can be prevalent at difficult times like this. While our lives, and the life of the world has changed, there is one constant for us all, and this is that Jesus has truly risen! He calls us to be a people of new life, of hope and resurrection for each other and for all we meet. The doctors, nurses, caregivers, first responders and all those who work in the stores and businesses in which we shop look to us for a sign of what the new life means. It needs to be reflected in our words, in our eyes and in our attitudes and demeanors so that we become the visible sign of resurrection, new life and hope for them and all we meet. This may not be easy, but what's the alternative?

Yes, everything is different today, and will remain so for a while. Until life returns to some kind of normalcy, it is still Easter and the Easter Season. This gives us every reason to celebrate the new life of the Risen Lord and to bask in the wonder of resurrection and new life.

**HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!!  
HAPPY MYSTAGOGIA!!  
HAPPY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!!!**

*~ Fr. Joe*



## 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.

All Catechesis classes and Sacrament of Baptism ceremonies are suspended until further notice.



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

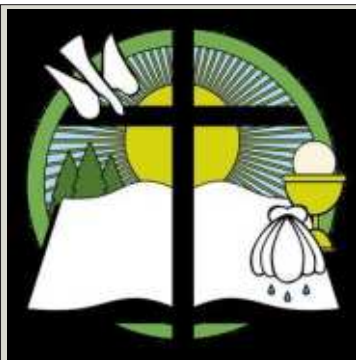
*Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon*

***Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism  
prior to attending the catechesis class.***

The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00PM Mass. Following the Mass, the Baptismal Team meets with the parents about the rite and its meaning. The Godparents are also encouraged to attend this class.

The Sacrament of Baptism is held at 1:30PM and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15PM. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office and someone from the Baptismal Team will return your call.

**All Baptism preparation classes and Sacrament of Baptism Services are suspended until further notice.**



***Has your child been baptized but not catechized or received their sacraments?***

***Are they of school age and not yet baptized?***

***Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis?***

**Please call or email the Religious Education Office**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

**\$16,992.00**

**\$4,137.00 Online**

**\$12,855.00 Collection (Envelope)**

**\$410.00 Holy Land (2nd Collection)**

***To sign up for Online Giving go to:  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)***

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD  
DONATIONS**

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

***Parishioners wishing to mail-in  
or drop off their weekly contribution  
in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so  
OR***

***To make a one-time donation to help our  
parish, please visit our GoFundMe page,  
information on page 4 of this bulletin  
(all donations are gratefully accepted)***



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:

Saint James the Apostle, Springfield ✓

Team Member:  
Joe Barbone

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](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)**

or

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

Thank you for your continued support to our parish. I am humbled by your generosity and extremely proud to serve as your pastor!

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

Asilo & Zarello Families  
*r/b The Family*

Deceased Members of the Roessner Family  
*r/b Nettie and Bob Roessner*

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*

## 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*

## *How to Recite the Chaplet*

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

### **Opening Prayers:**

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

### **Closing Prayer:**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



### *The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy* (For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father..., Hail Mary...,  
The Apostles' Creed.

Then, on the "Our Father Beads"  
you will say the following words:

Eternal Father, I offer You  
the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity  
of Your dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for  
our sins and those of the whole world.

On the "Hail Mary Beads"

you will say the following words:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion  
have mercy on us and on the whole  
world.

In conclusion Three Times you will recite these words:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy  
Immortal One, have mercy on us and  
on the whole world.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

The Religious Education Staff continues to send prayers and well-wishes to you and your family. I will continue to email you with updates from the Archdiocese of Newark as they become available.

This week I emailed all currently registered families the description of our Family Faith Program... New this year is an online family register form. Payments will still need to be mailed in, but you can secure your preferred day and time for classes from the comfort of your home to ensure your preferred class day and time. Should you have any questions about this new program, registration or have a child entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade in September please email me. If it is more convenient, we can arrange to speak by telephone as well..

I hope you will continue to enjoy attending Mass virtually each Sunday at 10:30AM with Fr. Joe and the rest of the parish community!

I have been forwarding emails to the families with children but I think all our parishioners could find these worship ideas helpful.

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



## Sunday Celebrations

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Welcome to Sunday Celebrations, a free resource from RCL Benziger to help you celebrate Sunday with your family, in your home.

Each Sunday's celebration focuses on the Gospel of the day, and encourages family members of all ages to join in singing, praying, sharing, and celebrating. Suggested songs (search the internet for recorded versions) and craft activities help enliven and extend the celebrations.

Here are three simple ideas to help you get started:

- 1 Choose the place where you will gather for your Sunday celebration. It may be around your living room coffee table, around your kitchen or dining room table, outdoors at your picnic table, or any place that works for your family!
- 2 Decorate your chosen place with symbols of faith. These might include a placemat, napkin, or cloth in the color of the liturgical season; a Bible; a candle; a cross or crucifix; and a plant or flowers. Other suggestions will be offered on each Sunday Celebrations outline.
- 3 Each Sunday Celebrations outline is based on the flow of a Liturgy of the Word with children. Feel free to adapt the outline to best suit the ages and attention spans of your family members. It is most important simply to set aside time to pray and reflect on God's Word.

RCL Benziger prays that by taking time for Sunday Celebrations, families of all ages will be encouraged and strengthened by God's Word. Our prayers are with you as you lead your family in Sunday Celebrations and the Good News of Jesus Christ.



# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

*Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant*

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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](http://www.crosswalk.com)

**Happy Easter to the Saint James Parish and School Community!**





## PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

*Caring For One Another*



***Wow!!***

***Your response to the food collection was overwhelming!!***

***The cars just kept coming!!***

Thank you to all who stopped by with cereal and soup and pasta and canned goods and frozen meatloaves and so much more. We filled three cars with food and in the process we were able to lend tremendous support to Family Promise, the Loaves and Fishes food pantry at St Theresa's in Summit and the food pantry at Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange.

***Thank you, thank you, thank you!!***



## PARISH INFORMATION

*Caring For One Another*

A graphic for an online rosary and novena. It features a blue circular logo with a white cross and a shell. To the right, the text reads: "St. James the Apostle Church", "JOIN US", "ONLINE ROSARY & NOVENA", "EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.", and "ZOOM Meeting ID: 901 639 976".

St. James the Apostle Church

JOIN US

**ONLINE ROSARY & NOVENA**

EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 901 639 976

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>

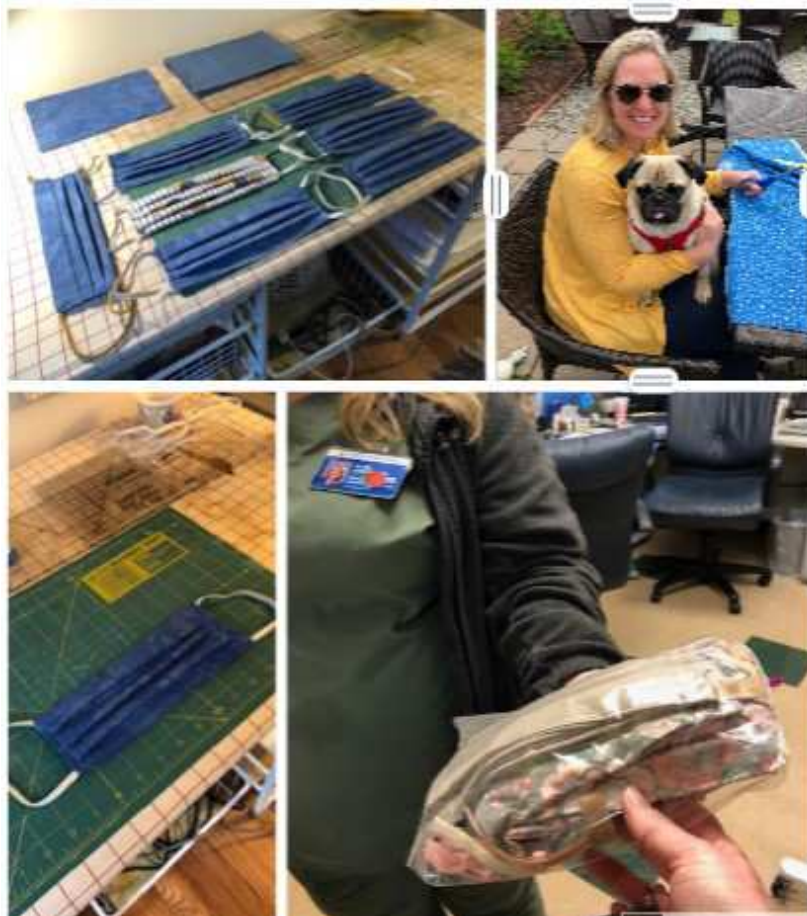
Click "Join a Meeting" in the upper right side of the screen and enter the ID number 901 639 976



Thank you to everyone who donated fabric and sewing supplies to the Saint James Face Mask Project. We have partnered with the Summit Area Sewing Squad (SASS) whose motto is "fighting coronavirus with needle and thread." SASS has made and distributed over 3000 face masks so far. Under the direction of SASS, a team of 15 Saint James parishioners has been busy cutting fabric and sewing masks to be distributed to New Jersey hospitals, including Overlook, as well as several Union County police departments. Our greatest need is for people to sew masks using their sewing machines at home. If you are able to help, please send an email to the Parish Publicity Committee at [publicity@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:publicity@saintjamesparish.org).

We provide instructions and all supplies. We also need shoe laces - new or used - that are at least 35 inches long. Please drop all supplies in the basket provided in front of the church. Our parish's goal is to contribute 100 masks to the effort. We will update you on our progress in future bulletins!

Thank you!





## PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

*Caring For One Another*

### **SPRINGFIELD HELPING SENIORS**



**WORRIED ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19?  
DO YOU NEED HELP MINIMIZING YOUR EXPOSURE?**

**A group of neighbors has volunteered to do limited  
emergency grocery shopping and pick-up  
prescriptions for Springfield's elderly residents.**

#### **TO REQUEST HELP**

**Call (973) 912-2227**

**Or email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)**

**Please allow 48 hours for requests to be met.**

Payment will be received by two methods only:  
credit card on file at the store or a check to the  
volunteer after presentation of receipt for purchase

**NO CASH PAYMENT**

**NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS WITHOUT A RECEIPT**

Volunteers are instructed to follow safety protocols.  
Participants accept this help at their own risk.



*Prayers, blessings and **THANK YOU** to  
our local heros:*

**Springfield Elected Officials**

**Springfield Fire & EMT Department**

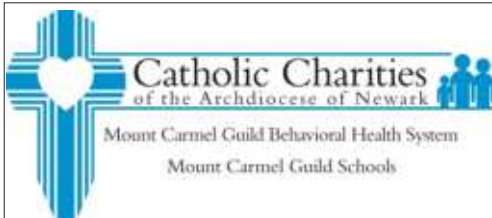
**Springfield First Aid Squad**

**Springfield Police Department**

**Springfield residents who are  
Healthcare providers**

***God Bless You and Your Families!***

## **HOLD FOR SPRINGFIELD RESTAURANT FEEDING THE FIRST RESPONDERS DONATION INFO**



Catholic Charities thanks everyone for their recent donations.

The bin located in our parish parking lot has been emptied and sealed  
and will not accept donations until the restrictions have been lifted.

Thank you for your continued support!





## 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

(Michelle to send)

## A TIME TO HEAL



Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, 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, Austerberta Olandres, 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

Rev. Gioacchino Basile, Gary A Bionde, Vito Camuso, John Di Napoli, John Donato, Sam Garruto, Dr. James Goodrich, Anthony Mazzucola, Rev. John Morley, Caroline Pulido, Lou Puopolo, James Romano, Patricia Vallancourt



## 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

## **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.**