



SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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Welcome to the Table of the Lord

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*"I am the Good Shepherd;
and I know and recognize
My own, and
My own know
and recognize Me"*
John 10:14



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RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.
COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

April 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**“...EVER BE THOU OUR GUIDE,
OUR SHEPHERD AND OUR PRIDE, OUR STAFF AND SONG;
JESUS, THOU CHRIST OF GOD,
BY THINE ENDURING WORD
LEAD US WHERE THOU HAST TROD, MAKE OUR FAITH STRONG.”**

An Easter Sourcebook, p. 75

The image of the shepherd is not just a pastoral and bucolic one but also one of care and concern. Sheep will listen only to the voice of the shepherd and to no one else. And they follow only him.

We have the Good Shepherd who has shown us the way to the Father and to each other. His example is one of love, care, and concern. He invites us to listen to his voice and follow the example he has set for us. For many of us, the message he sends is not what we want to hear. He reminds us to care for one another, and sometimes we want only to think of ourselves. This is especially true now during the pandemic when many of us are dealing with problems we never had to deal with before. Yet, he keeps calling out to us, reminding us that he is the way to follow. He showed us how much he loves us by dying for us so that we could be free from sin and death. His resurrection restored us to right relationship with the Father and gave us a new way to believe and live.

This 50-Day Period of Mystagogia is meant for us to reflect more deeply on the Easter experience and to imitate the example the Shepherd has given us. It means, though, that we have to be attentive and receptive to all he calls us to be as his people. This becomes evident in the way we respond to those he sends into our lives.

Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are his flock. Together we can offer one another and the world a different experience that can only enrich and help all of us to be better people. It happens because he offers us an example of care and concern. How willing are we to follow him?

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$5,868.00

\$4,306.00 Mass Collection

\$1,562.00 Online Total

To sign up for Online Giving go to:

www.saintjamestheapostle.org

**WE ALSO 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.*

OR

*To make a donation to help our parish, please visit
our GoFundMe page:*

[https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/
archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us](https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us)

**Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield
(all donations are gratefully accepted)**



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM
 (10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM
Facebook / Zoom

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
By Appointment



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually.

Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING

THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life?
 Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

2022 Parish Mass Book

The 2022 Mass Book for your intentions is now available!

Monday ~ Friday from 9:00AM—3:00PM

The rectory closes daily 12:00PM—1:00PM for lunch

Please note: To be fair to everyone, only **two** masses for the same individual will be accepted at this time.

Any questions, please speak directly to Fr. Joe Barbone or call the rectory 973-376-3044

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant
Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Congratulations to our first group of children to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist! May you be nourished often with the Body of Christ!

Thank you to all of the families who joined us on our Sunday Zoom sessions last week. Next month will conclude our sessions for the year and we thank all of our families for their assistance in bringing the Word of God to their children.

We will begin accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year in June. We are hoping that we will be able to once again offer in-person classes on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons in September as well the Junior High Program on Tuesday evenings. I am sure there will continue to be social distancing guidelines and we also need to be sure we have enough teachers to teach. We do keep our classes to a maximum of 12 students per class so now that the parents are “master teachers” we are also hoping that you will consider teaching!

If you are interested and able, please contact me so we can discuss the details of what is involved. If you aren't sure you want to teach the class but are willing to aid in the class, just let me know.



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.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Prior to scheduling all parish events, the date(s) must be cleared through the rectory by **Michelle Sblendorio** **before** being sent to the bulletin for submission.

Email: msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or call: 973-376-3044

Information for the weekly bulletin needs to be emailed to **both** email addresses by

NOON ON MONDAYS:

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org **and** ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to: www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or click the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS ~ April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: [Acts 4:8-12](#) ~ **SECOND READING:** [1 Jn 3:1-2](#)
GOSPEL: [Jn 10:11-18](#)

HYMN OF GATHERING

EASTER

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE 27

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them rise, And the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us rise From the

1. choirs of heav - en chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the
2. ris - en up in tri - umph From the dark - ness of the grave. He's the
3. life of this cor - rup - tion To the life that nev - er dies. May your

1. moun - tains skip with glad - ness, And the joy - ful val - leys ring With ho -
2. splen - dor of the na - tions, He's the lamp of end - less day; He's the
3. glo - ry be our por - tion, When the days of time are past, And the

1. san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
2. ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
3. dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!

Text: 67-67 D; Edward Caswall, 1814-1870.
Music: HOLY ANTHEM; St. Basil's Hymnal, 1895.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Antiphon



HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Christ Is Alive!



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Text: Romans 6:5-11; Brian Wren, b.1936, © 1975, 1995, Hope Publishing Company
Tune: TRURO, LM; Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

PARISH NEWS!

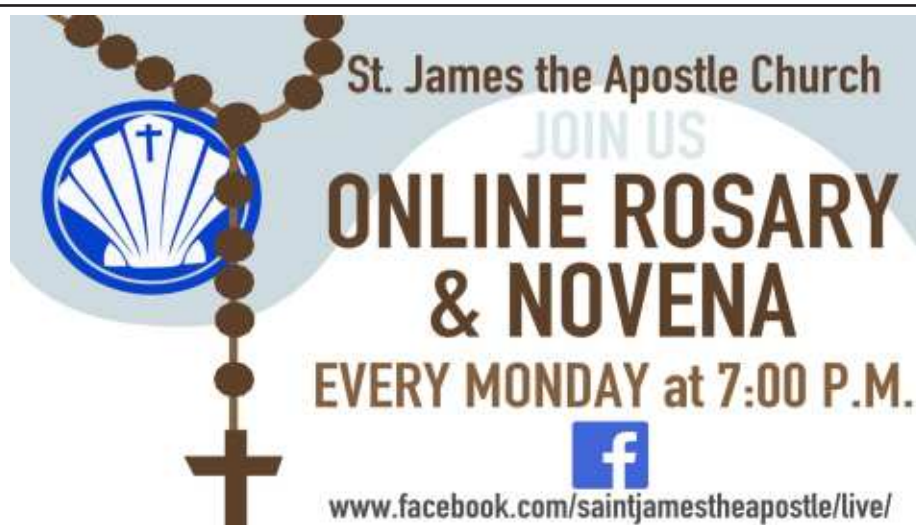
Keeping in Touch



The 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese serves the needs of all in the diocese. Right now, Saint James has reached 34% of our goal. If we fail to reach our goal, the balance will be paid by the parish. There is an additional basket on the baptismal font where you can place your donations, or you can do so online at rcan.org/sharing.

Please help in any way you can.

Thank you. Fr. Joe



Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube!

Saint James is Giving Back to Springfield ~ Can you Lend a Helping Hand?

Last year, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down the street from our parish. A small team of parishioners helped maintain it throughout the Spring and Summer months last year.

We could use more help this year. The parish is responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the Euonymus shrub, weeding and mulching (the Township will provide the mulch).

Please consider giving back to your town and helping your parish by volunteering once a month to clean the little island. If you would like to join our team please text or call Darin at 908-447-4082.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS!

Staying Connected



SAGE Eldercare & the Junior League of Summit
invite you to **MOVE IN MAY!**

Help us raise money & awareness for SAGE Eldercare
by running, walking, skipping or jumping during this
VIRTUAL MOVE event May 1-16.

MOVE on your own or **MOVE** with a team,
just remember to keep **MOVING!**

For more information & to register, please visit
<https://sageeldercare.org>



May 1st, 2021 - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The World Apostolate of Fatima and Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ 08802 invites all to a Fatima/St. Joseph virtual conference,

[Reclaiming the Family Through Fathers](#), 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with three virtual speakers: **Fr. David Guffey, CSC**, National Director of Family Theater Productions and producer of *PRAY: The Life of Patrick Peyton*; **Mr. Devin Schadt**, co-founder of The Fathers of St. Joseph; and **Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC**, acclaimed author and speaker. Our Shrine Chaplain, Fr. Ronan Murphy, will lead a Consecration to St. Joseph, followed by First Saturday Devotions and Holy Mass, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Registered conference attendees will receive free streaming of the movie *PRAY* and other conference perks. For more details and to register, visit www.reclaimingthefamily.com. For more information, call 908-689-1700, X 210, or bernster@bluearmy.com



Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

908-753-2091 • www.msmhope.org

Father James J. Martin, SJ "LEARNING TO PRAY" A virtual evening!



Many of us struggle with prayer. Nothing seems to happen, or we get distracted, or we're not even sure how to do it. Let Fr. James Martin, SJ, author of the new book *Learning to Pray*, answer all your questions: What is prayer? What are some ways to do it? And what happens in prayer? "Everyone can pray," as he says in the book. That includes you! Enter into a deeper relationship with God, who desires to meet you in prayer.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 VIRTUALLY

7-9 pm • \$25 per person - Registration Required

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Emmett Layne Diffily, Nathan Joel Walsh

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Leo Brady, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Simeria DeWalt, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Shaun Findley, Frank Giacobbe, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Frank Morano, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, Richard Quagliato, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Justin Sequeira, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski

A TIME TO DIE

Arne Jacobsen, Edward Spillman, Jr.,
all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, 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



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

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

For the People of Saint James



THE PRAYER CORNER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."



INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

At the *General Intercessions* we pray for the sick. Our prayers for the sick are very important, especially in critical times of sudden illness, surgery or worsening condition. We will continue to pray for and mention the names of the sick. When the condition improves, please call the Rectory so that the name can be removed from the list.

COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, please let one of the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to you at the end of the procession and administer the Body & Blood to you.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Kathleen Ryan ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Tom Walsh ~ *Robin & Annie Melleno*

9:00AM

Ernest Reedy ~ *Eugenia Reedy*

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

Anne Dolan Lofredo ~ *Capron Family*

MONDAY, April 26

7:30AM

Michael O'Sullivan ~ *Anne & Ed Fanning*

TUESDAY, April 27

7:30AM

Una Ehrhardt ~ *Anne & Ed Fanning*

WEDNESDAY, April 28

7:30AM

Michelle Lineberger ~ *Bob & Linda Donnelly*

THURSDAY, April 29

7:30AM

Amos Hendricks ~ *Angela Ragonese*

FRIDAY, April 30

7:30AM

Teresa Melleno ~ *Children*

SATURDAY, May 1

8:00AM

Matthew Swajkowski ~ *Angela Ragonese*

SUNDAY, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Florence DeVino ~ *Angela Ragonese*

9:00AM

John Natale ~ *Carol & Howie Balfour*

10:30AM

Matthew Swajkowski ~ *Robin Melleno*

12:00PM

Bernie LoMacchio ~ *Patty & John*

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**.