

# SAINT JAMES

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Road to Emmaus

Do You Recognize

Jesus in the

Breaking of the

Bread?

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Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2020

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

#### "HE IS THE WAY. FOLLOW HIM THROUGH THE LAND OF UNLIKENESS... HE IS THE TRUTH. SEEK HIM IN THE KINGDOM OF ANXIETY... HE IS THE LIFE! LOVE HIM IN THE WORLD OF THE FLESH..."

An Easter Sourcebook, p. 57

Now that we have adjusted somewhat to the world of masks and social distancing, it is easy to notice how much everything has changed. Doing what we are used to doing, like grocery shopping, etc., has taken on new dimensions. We wonder when it will all end so we can return to some type of "normalcy." As eager as we are to do that, we need to be patient so that we don't have another crisis to deal with. The pandemic has certainly made this year's Easter and Easter Season very different.

As we begin this Third Week of Easter, we are once again reminded that this is a time of hope and new life because we have been transformed by the resurrection of Jesus. This is what we should look to for comfort during this difficult period, even though we may be frustrated by what is happening in the world. This 50 Day Period of Mystagogia is meant for us to reflect more deeply on the impact that the resurrection of Jesus has made on us. Even though we cannot be together to worship in church, our time in prayer with the Lord can help sustain us each day.

Today's Gospel is the story of the two disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus. As they walk together, they don't recognize Jesus because his body is now in a glorified state, which means it is not subject to time and space like we are. But then Jesus does something familiar to them. He sits with them and breaks bread with them, and this immediately opens their eyes to recognizing him, as they are brought back to the Last Supper. This recognition sends the two disciples to Jerusalem to tell the other apostles what has happened to them.

One of the lessons of this Gospel is that Jesus is the Lord of surprises. He reveals himself in the Word, the Breaking of the Bread and in one another. But he also appears to us in different ways on our life's journey. It might be through the efforts of those who care for us, such as the first responders, the grocery workers, our neighbors, and many others. He sends people into our lives to remind us that he is watching over us, and because of this, our lives are never the same. This is especially important at times like this because it is too easy to give into doom and gloom. It is Jesus who invites us to open our hearts and our lives and to accept his presence in our lives, no matter how he chooses to reveal it.

Mystagogia is that Greek term which challenges us not just to reflect more deeply on the resurrection, but to be a people of resurrection to all we meet. We might just be the person that Jesus sends into another's life to remind us of his love and care for us. And that just might surprise them!

#### HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!!

~ *Fr. Joe* 

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## SUNDAY READINGS ~ April 26, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Visit: <a href="http://www.usccb.org/">http://www.usccb.org/</a> to receive daily Scripture Readings

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

CCC, no. 2558, citing St. Therese of Lisieux, Manuscrits Autobiographiques, C 25rr

#### FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:

"You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him:

I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,

because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day.

But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption.

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. or: R. Alleluia.

#### SECOND READING: 1 PT 1:17-21

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

#### **ALLELUIA** LK: 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## SUNDAY READINGS ~ April 26, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us Ās One

#### **GOSPEL**: LK 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going

to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,

Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them,

"What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things

that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him,

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;

and besides all this,

it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body;

they came back and reported

that they had indeed seen a vision of angels

who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described,

but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things

and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going,

he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, "Stay with us,

for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing,

broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,

but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,

"Were not our hearts burning within us

while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together

the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted

what had taken place on the way

and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

#### Gospel Reflection: Do you recognize the Risen Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them.

Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the *breaking of the bread*? How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life."

## Scripture Readings For Next Sunday, May 3, 2020

Reading 1: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41 Reading 2: PT 2:20B-25 Gospel: JN 10:1-10



#### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

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.



## 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

## **EASTER REMEMBRANCE**

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#### 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 GUADALUPE

**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

Norman Jackowski r/b Wife, Wanda and Daughter, Lisa

Bernard and Susie LoMacchio James and Eleanor Carney r/b Patty and John **Deceased Members of the Roessner Family**r/b Nettie and Bob Roessner

Deceased Members of the Scanlon and Peer Families r/b Pat and Debbie Scanlon

> **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



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: <a href="https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark">https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark</a> click on "CONTRIBUTE" and follow these instructions:



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

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director  $\sim$  Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative. Assistant 45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081  $\sim$  Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Today's Gospel tells the story of two men walking home to Emmaus when a stranger joins them. The men are astonished that this stranger didn't know that their Lord was crucified, and is now dead. They invited the stranger to eat with them and didn't realize it was Jesus until he broke the bread and gave thanks.

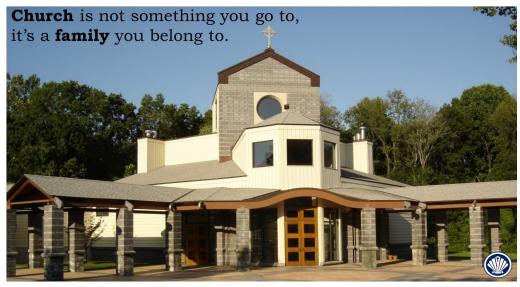
How many times in our current daily lives are we missing the "Emmaus" moments? When we find it too hard to stay apart, or long for just one trip to Dunkin Donuts or the mall. Look around your home. Jesus is there. Look into your child's eyes. Jesus is also there. We (please God!) will never have this time again. The time to stop, look and listen to those with whom we live. I hope you are taking advantage of the opportunity of joining us for Sunday Mass on either YouTube or Facebook Live at 10:30AM. Monday evenings we recite the Rosary at 7:00PM. If your family has never said the Rosary together, why not start now from the privacy of your own home? The only thing you need is a set of Rosary Beads (or use your fingers!) because the prayers are all posted on the screen for us to recite together.

As we discover new ways of sharing of faith, we are also working with the Archdiocese to talk about different ways to continue to catechize our children. These are definitely challenging times not only to share our faith but for preparing our children to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Unfortunately, until we are able to gather again within the church building, these sacraments will remain on hold. When I receive new directives from the Archdiocese I will surely let our sacramental families know! Until then, we are moving ahead planning for the 2020-2021 school year. The calendar is finished and will be posted on our website soon. The Family Faith Program has been designed and the families who had children in our program this year should have received that information along with the link to the **online** Family Registration. Yes.... I finally mastered Google Docs! The form will also be emailed for anyone preferring to print out the form and mail it, or drop it off in the rectory mail slot. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept credit cards or online payments—we're getting there though, so payments will need to be mailed into the Religious Education Office, at the address above.

Any family new to our program or with a child entering 1st grade (Kindergarten is optional) please email me and we can arrange to speak. Baptismal certificates are required for all new students regardless of grade at the time of registration.

Since our offices are located in the school building and the school is closed, I have resumed limited office hours. Please feel free to either email me or leave me a voice message. Please continue to maintain social distancing and stay home whenever possible.

May our loving Lord protect you and keep you and your family safe!



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#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"

Romans 8:39

Though we may be separated physically from each other and we walk through the Easter season in difficult times, we can be comforted by the knowledge that God is never far from us. He is right in our midst constantly. Thanks to a digital age we can see and hear our family, friends and co-workers through FaceTime and Zoom meetings. It is not the most ideal but it's something. The Youth Group and I have had Zoom meetings to stay in touch with each other and pray together. We've changed the format a bit but we can still see each other, talk and pray together. We always end our meeting with prayer and then holding hands - saying the Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary. As our last meeting ended we touched our screens in a virtual hand hold and said our prayers. We will be having Zoom Youth Group meetings going forward on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 8:00PM for an hour. All 8th grade to senior high school students are welcome to join us. Please contact me for the password.

Trying to stay positive is challenging even for the strongest of the faithful as we accept our new normal. But thanks to the efforts of staff, Pastoral Council and parishioners, I felt very connected to our church community and God during Holy Week. I would like to **Shout Out** our gratitude to our Pastoral Council for including the Youth Group in their spiritual outreach and asking to us perform our traditional *The Living Stations of the Cross* presentation virtually.

The Youth Group and I were broken hearted at the thought of not being together and bringing the parish our presentation. With the Council's request we put together a narrative version of each station accompanied by imagery and music. It would never have been possible without the expertise of Kenneth Fernandez! **Thank you Kenn for your help, vision, and faith - you are a digital Picasso! A huge Shout Out and thank you** to Michelle Sblendorio for the magic her beautiful singing voice brought to our narration. As I watched on Good Friday and heard the angelic voices of our cast so movingly expressing their love for our Lord in narration, my pride soared. A very special thank to this year's Youth Group cast. Your faith is my inspiration.

Stay safe and strong, in peace and light.



#### PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

Caring For One Another



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 4200 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 <u>publicity@saintjamesparish.org</u>. We provide instructions and all supplies. We also need shoe laces - new or used - that are at least 35 inches long and ribbon that would be suitable for ties. Please drop all supplies in the basket provided in front of the church. Our team has met its original goal of making 100 masks and we are now working towards reaching 200. We will update you on our progress in future bulletins!

Thank you!

#### PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for the people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been in involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor at:

973-376-5934 or email your request to: reenebowler@comcast.net.



#### 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.

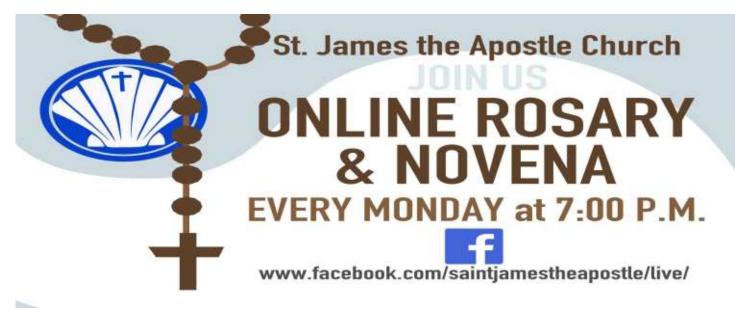
With love and all blessings from the Prayer Shawl Ministry

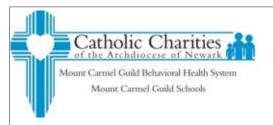
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Catholic Charities thanks everyone for their recent donations.

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

For the People of Saint James

#### A TIME TO HEAL



Pat Annelli, 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, Michael Neer, Austerberta Olandres, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P., Edith Pelliccia, Elizabeth Piedl, Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Manny Reyes, 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

Peter Brown, Ninetta Buzzerio, Emily Casalino, Ed Corey, Rosalind DeSantis, Willie Davis, Dr. Michael Giuliano, Lisa Grabas, Rev. Frank Heinen, Rev. Ray Holmes, Elisabetta Iannelli, John Natale, Epifania Rivera, Eleanor Santoro, and all who have died from Covid-19



## 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**.