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the APOSTLE CHURCH



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HOLY WEEK

A Welcoming Catholic Community of Faith.
Come Experience Christ With Us!

April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"OUR LORD COMES FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES TO PLANT YOUNG OLIVE TREES BY HIS POWER FROM ON HIGH. THEIR MOTHER IS THAT JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE. AND ON THIS MOUNTAIN IS THE HEAVENLY FARMER."

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book Two, p. 178

We begin a very different Holy Week today. There are no congregation and processions this week. It is still the most serious and solemn week in the church year. Holy Week this year has taken on a different coloration because of the coronavirus pandemic. This week begins as always on this day with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. As cloaks and palms are laid on the ground before him, Jesus offers his audience the opportunity to recognize who he is as God's Son. Many came to believe in him, but there was a group who couldn't comprehend who he was or what he did for them.

As we read and reflect on Matthew's Passion, we are reminded of all that Jesus suffered so that we could be freed from our sins. His sacrifice for us shows the depth of his love for us. I wonder what his reaction would be to this pandemic. As Pope Francis prayed on March 27 in his Urbi & Orbi blessing that Jesus would heal us, maybe Jesus would want us to watch out and care for one another as he did for us. Yes, life as we know it right now is very different, but that doesn't prevent us from praying to the Lord asking for healing and a sense of hope in all of this. One good thing is that we have individuals and groups caring for others in a variety of ways. Obviously, these actions are responses of care and concern for others, and hopefully, a response for whatever faith in which we believe.

Yes, these are definitely different times for us, and hopefully, we can be just as vigilant in our faith as ever, and maybe more so. Even though we cannot come into the church to pray, we can always pray at home as we have been used to doing. We also must maintain our hope in our God who watches over and cares for all of us. To help you through Holy Week and Easter, I have included the schedule of the services to be live streamed. Mass today, at 10:30 AM, Holy Thursday, at 7:30 PM, Good Friday at 3:00 PM, Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM & Easter Sunday at 10:30 AM. If you are not able to watch the services at home, why not go to a friend who can and watch them together? All the services will be online because no one is allowed in the church during the live streaming; except those of us who are leading the service.

Palms will be available on a table outside the church, along with the Easter white books, and this bulletin.

Be safe. Be well. As I said in the video and in the letter, I am always available to you if you need anything.

HAPPY PALM SUNDAY!!

FELICE DOMENICA DELLE PALME!!

FELIZ DOMINGO DE RAMOS!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$5,172.00

\$2,377.00 Online

\$2,795.00 (Envelope) Collection

***To sign up for Online Giving go to:
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)***

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>

Let us continue to be a light for each other!

Live streaming of Mass from Saint James Parish
will continue on Sundays at 10:30AM until further notice.

Holy Week Mass Schedule
(Live Stream ONLY)

Palm Sunday ~ 10:30AM

The Faithful wishing to receive palm are welcome to come to the church
After 1:00PM on Saturday, April 4th.

No one is permitted in the Church, therefore, the palm, (white) Easter Season
Prayer Book and Weekly Bulletin will be available on tables outside the church
building.



The Triduum:

Holy Thursday ~ 7:30M

Good Friday ~ 3:00PM

Easter Vigil ~ 7:30 PM

Easter ~ 10:30AM



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:

Archdiocese of Newark Parish Support Initiative

Select a Team ▼

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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

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



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.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASSES

Will be live streamed on Facebook
until new directives are received from the
Archdiocese of Newark

DAILY MASS


Is suspended until new directives are received
from the Archdiocese of Newark

RECTORY HOURS

Please call the rectory if you need a priest or with any
inquiries.



Palm Sunday




St. James the Apostle Church

JOIN US

ONLINE ROSARY & NOVENA

EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.



ZOOM Meeting ID: 697787299

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

[https://www.facebook.com/
saintjamestheapostle](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 697787299

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant

45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

The Religious Education Staff send prayers and well-wishes to you and your family. We hope you are healthy and remain safe during this pandemic. We will continue to email families updates from the Archdiocese of Newark as they become available on the Coronavirus, as well as the Lenten videos (we hope you are enjoying them!).

While we need to continue with social distancing, please know we are available via email should you have any questions or concerns or need our assistance. These are the times when we depend on our faith and each other.

During this trying time, make the best of the “family-time” you now have. My hope is that once the virus has passed, the family time that is now part of your routine won’t be diminished. Make time to have dinner together, have conversations with your children, play board games but most importantly, continue to pray as a family. Let’s not forget that social distancing might have “forced” us to stay home together but it also allowed us the opportunity to spend time with our loved ones that we wouldn’t have normally had.

All registered Religious Education families are being forwarded emails courtesy of Kendall Hunt, the publisher of “Be My Disciples,” the textbook your child uses. These weekly emails contain the Sunday Readings and Gospel reflections along with activities for you and your family to do at home. We hope you find these emails useful in your family prayer time and we hope that you are joining your parish community for the live stream of Mass on Sunday mornings at 10:30AM.

If you have found an innovative way to celebrate Holy Week with your family, please send me a video, pictures or written description! There are so many different ways to pray. I can’t wait to see some of your celebrations!

Happy Palm Sunday!!!!

Here is a link to a YouTube video on how to make a Palm Cross (stop by the outside of church for palm!)

<https://youtu.be/CrEorJngmrM>



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello Parish Family and a happy and blessed Palm Sunday to you! We hope and pray you are all well and safe.

We, on the Parish Council, are praying for you and your family during this time of separation and uncertainty.

One way to stay connected is by sharing our voices of encouragement through the blessing of technology. We have created a short montage to share some ways we have been keeping our faith strong during the storm. You can view that video here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=211271453310455>.

We’d love to build on this effort by asking you if you’d like to submit a short video of you and your family giving a message of Faith to your fellow parishioners at Saint James.

One idea is to tell everyone 2 things you are thankful for during these trying days. Have your family members participate also! We ask that the video be between 30 seconds and 1 minute long. The videos will be reviewed and then posted on our Saint James Facebook page and parish website.

Please submit all videos to saintjamesparishcouncil@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 13th.

We look forward to bringing us all closer together with your words of faith until we can see each other once again at mass. God bless you all during this holy season.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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

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2020 Outstanding Catholic School Graduate Award

The unique gifts and talents of Catholic school graduates are what make Catholic schools second to none. With a desire to celebrate their accomplishments and importance to our schools, the Archdiocese introduced an annual **Outstanding Catholic School Graduate Award**. This award is to be conferred on one eighth grader from each school in the Archdiocese of Newark. This eighth grader exemplifies Catholic values in word and deed, displays superior academic achievement, and has been enrolled in their school for at least two years.

Ethan Pinho was selected as the Outstanding Catholic School Graduate from the Saint James the Apostle Class of 2020. Ethan is a credit to the exceptional Catholic education that Saint James provides.

Ethan has earned Honor Roll every trimester since eligible starting in Grade 4. He works very hard and completes his assignments to the best of his ability. Ethan participates in several extracurricular activities, including being a Student Ambassador and Student Council President. He is an inaugural member of The Way, a new student service organization formed this year and is a member of the yearbook committee. Outside of school, Ethan has been playing soccer since he was 3 years old. He currently plays for EDP and travels to other states like CT, PA, and NY to play. Ethan looks forward to an upcoming trip to Portugal where he was invited to play with his old team.

On Saturday, May 16th, elementary schools in Essex and Union Counties will celebrate a Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel on the property of the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. There will be a breakfast reception afterward, where Ethan will be joined by his parents, our pastor, Father Joe, and school principal, Mrs. Ponterio.

We congratulate Ethan on his accomplishment and ask for God's continued blessing on him as he continues his education in his 11th and final year at Saint James the Apostle School and at Dayton Collegiate Academy next year. We hope Ethan continues to learn, serve, lead and succeed and be the example of God's good news to others.



Saint James the Apostle School
Advancing Academic Excellence, Fostering Faith, Instilling Integrity



Congratulations to

Ethan Pinho

**Outstanding Catholic School Graduate
Class of 2020**

**Best wishes to you in high school.
May our patron, Saint James, help you to follow Christ
constantly and generously.**

**Mrs. Caroline Ponterio – Principal
Father Joseph Barbone – Pastor
Faculty, Staff and families of Saint James the Apostle School**

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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Dan Palko, Director

Music During Holy Week 2020.....

One of the sad things this Holy Week is that our Liturgies be will simplified and celebrated without music. I know most everyone will miss the beautiful somber music of Holy Week and the stirring and joyous music of Easter, music that adds so much to our celebrations. 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!

Holy Thursday:

Lift High the Cross
At that First Eucharist
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?
Let Us Be Bread
Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle
Ave Verum (Mozart)

Good Friday:

Crucifixus (Lotti)
O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Ah, Holy Jesus
Veneration of the Cross

Great Vigil of 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 Füllii et Filiae)



PARISH PUBLICITY

The Parish Publicity Committee extends its prayers and best wishes to all Saint James parishioners during the coronavirus epidemic. While we are not able to attend Mass together, we remain spiritually united in prayer. We will get through these trying times. With Jesus watching over us, and our patron, Saint James to guide us, how can we not? God bless everyone at Saint James.

The members of the Parish Publicity Committee hope to see you in church soon!

Happy Palm Sunday!

Want to keep up with events at Saint James?
Know a friend or neighbor who might like to hear about what's going on in our vibrant parish?

Send an email to:
publicity@saintjamesparish.org

to be added to our email list and be notified of parish events. The Publicity Committee also has a mail slot in the rectory for your convenience.

Like us on Facebook:

*Saint James the Apostle
Church*



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

March 28/29

Nicholas Villanova ~ *Donna*

April 4/5

Christina Leone ~ *Husband, John*

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



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

Marie-Laurie Gilles, Theresa Hennessy, Nicholas Melillo, Giuseppe Pasceri, Orestes Pelech, Gloria Ryan, Luigi Sannino, Thomas Sheelen, Del Shofner

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.**