

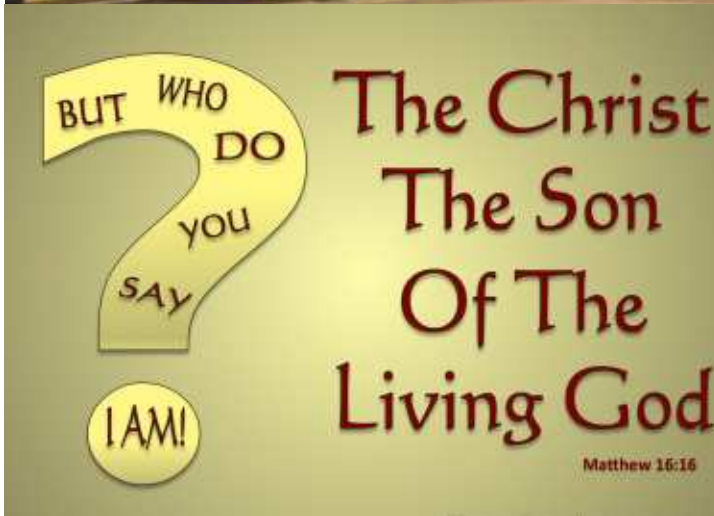


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Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
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A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.
COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

August 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Saint James Parish Family experienced a profound loss last week with the death of Deacon Dan O'Neill. Dan was ordained a permanent deacon on June 1, 2002, by Archbishop John Myers. Dan served the Parish of Saint James and the Archdiocese of Newark faithfully for 18 years. He assisted at Mass and preached once a month. He celebrated baptisms and weddings and conducted wake and burial services. For many years he taught Religious Education on Tuesday afternoons and helped to prepare the children to receive First Eucharist. He also trained the altar servers in our parish. In addition, he also worked in the Marriage Tribunal in the Archdiocese. He was a Knight of Columbus and also a Grand Knight. He always made sure that everything was done right and usually added to our staff meeting discussions with a question. He was an all-around nice guy, and he will be missed here. I have heard only nice things about Dan. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work with him as fellow ministers. It was a pleasure to do so. May he rest in peace with Peggy & Jesus.

Anyone wanting to send sympathy cards, mass cards or messages of condolences can mail them to Dan's sister: Margaret Shorpp, 609 Grace La., Flourtown, PA. 19031.

A number of years ago, American Express ran ads which asked "Do you know me?" The idea was that even if you didn't know the person, you got to know them because they carried the American Express card. Jesus asked his apostles a similar question based on what other people were saying about him. When he asked Peter, Peter blurted out that you are "the Christ, Son of the living God." While it may have taken a while for Peter and the apostles to come to that realization, once they did, they understood not just who Jesus was but why he appeared on earth. Jesus came to bring the Father's love up close and personal to his people, and the apostles were the ones entrusted with that insight. It wasn't until Pentecost, though, that all of this made sense to them.

It is easy for us to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the Living God. It does not take a lot of effort, just faith in him. But living what that means is another story. Our proclamation of Jesus as the Christ means that we have entered into that unique relationship of Father and Son that eventually becomes expressed in who we are, what we believe and what we say and do. But it also means that we have taken our responsibility seriously and recognize that we are a visible sign of Jesus on earth. This may seem simplistic to us because it's what we have believed for so long. Unfortunately, it is easy to take this for granted, thinking that it's really the responsibility of priests, deacons and religious. It is the responsibility of all of us to radiate the presence of Jesus for others, allowing the Word to permeate our being and be reflected in what we say and do.

This is even more critical during this pandemic because it is too easy to give in to despair, wondering when this will all end. Unfortunately, this may not end for a while, especially since the health experts are saying that COVID-19 will come back in the fall. Therefore, we have to offer each other the hope that comes from being God's children. It is a hope that sustains us so that the presence of Jesus can permeate our world and keep it from falling into a deep hole.

HAPPY AUGUST!!

~ Fr. Joe

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

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Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM
Facebook / Zoom only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
By Appointment

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,006.00

\$6,389.00 Collection

\$1,617.00 Online Collection

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**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:*

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SACRAMENT 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

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.

The suspension has been lifted for the preparation classes and Sacrament of Baptism Services

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

Regarding Attending Mass during Covid-19

Dear Fellow Saint James Parishioners:

It is great to be back together in church for Mass, but things are a little different. Please don't forget to call the parish office or email me (jbarbone@msn.com) by noon on Saturdays to let us know which Mass you plan to attend. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home and watch the Sunday online 10:30AM Mass, which we will continue to live-stream.

If you do come to church for Mass, please remember the following:

1. You must wear a mask to enter the church and you must keep your mask on at all times while in the church, including during Mass.
2. As you go from the Gathering Area into the church, please use the appropriate door to enter and exit the church.
3. Please observe the one-way aisles, which are marked with blue tape on the floor.
4. You must maintain social distancing while in the church.
5. Half of the pews have been taped off to maintain social distancing. There are pieces of blue tape on each pew where you can sit. They are also on the floor by the back walls for those who prefer to stand. This area is also marked for social distancing.
6. Family members can sit together, but everyone else must sit 6 feet apart.
7. The weekly collection baskets will not be passed from parishioner to parishioner. They will be on the baptismal font. Please drop in your donation as you enter or exit the church.
8. There is no procession of the bread and wine ("bringing up the gifts").
9. Please do not shake hands when giving the sign of peace. Instead, wave, nod, or bow slightly.
10. There are three Communion stations: one in the center, one by the organ, and one by the ambo. The ushers will direct you to maintain social distance.
11. When it is your turn to receive Communion, approach the priest or deacon, receive the Host in your hand, raise or lower your mask, and place the Host on your tongue. Immediately replace your mask over your mouth.
12. Hosts can no longer be placed directly on a parishioner's tongue by a priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister. You must receive the Host in your hand and place it on your tongue. There is no receiving from the Cup.
13. The candles in the Gathering Area have been turned off and they are taped.
14. There are no printed bulletins. Bulletins are posted online on the parish website.
15. The Worship books have been removed from church. You may bring your own booklet, iPad or iPhone to use during Mass.
16. You will also notice that everything that can be touched has been removed from the church. There is no Holy Water.
17. Once Mass is over, please quickly exit the church so that the pews can be sanitized for the next Mass.
18. If you want to socialize with others whom you may not have seen in a while, please do so outside of church and not in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do while in church, please ask an usher. I ask your patience as we attempt to navigate through all of this. We realize this is a very different situation for all of us. It can work if we work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Stay safe!

Fr. Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

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Last Monday like many of you, I spent the morning at Deacon Dan's wake and funeral. I was feeling overwhelmed with sadness and had just returned to my office when I received a phone call from a former 2nd grade student from our parish school (yes..... she called herself, not her mom!).

Please read.....

Madalyne, a 2nd grader preparing to receive the Gift of the Eucharist in September, was upset at the thought of some people not having access to the things that are now part of our "normal" hygiene so she decided to do something about it. Madalyn held a toiletry drive and collected: toilet paper, hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, tooth brushes and tooth paste. In all, she assembled 25 "Take Care" boxes, delivered them to my office on Tuesday and all 25 boxes were donated to Family Promise of Union County!

Thank you Madalyn for bringing the light back into my dark day!

"Life is for service."

Fred Rogers, Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers: Things to Remember Along the Way



Photo courtesy of Paige Moriarty

Well done, good and faithful servant!



Husband



Teacher



Uncle



Deacon



Friend



Rest in Peace, Deacon Dan



SUNDAY READINGS ~ August 23, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."	Esto dice el Señor a Sebná, mayordomo de palacio: "Te echaré de tu puesto y te destituiré de tu cargo. Aquel mismo día llamaré a mi siervo, a Eleacín, el hijo de Elcías; le vestiré tu túnica, le ceñiré tu banda y le traspasaré tus poderes. Será un padre para los habitantes de Jerusalén y para la casa de Judá. Pondré la llave del palacio de David sobre su hombro. Lo que él abra, nadie lo cerrará; lo que él cierre, nadie lo abrirá. Lo fijaré como un clavo en muro firme y será un trono de gloria para la casa de su padre."
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The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!** La palabra del [Señor](#)..... R. **Gracias a Dios**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

SECOND READING: Romans 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! <i>For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?</i> For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.	¡Qué inmensa y rica es la sabiduría y la ciencia de Dios! ¡Qué impenetrables son sus designios e incomprensibles sus caminos! <i>¿Quién ha conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o ha llegado a ser su consejero? ¿Quién ha podido darle algo primero, para que Dios se lo tenga que pagar?</i> En efecto, todo proviene de Dios, todo ha sido hecho por él y todo está orientado hacia él. A él la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.
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The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!** La palabra del [Señor](#)..... R. **Gracias a Dios**

SUNDAY READINGS ~ August 16, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew....

R. Glory to you O Lord

Sacerdote / Diácono: El Señor esté contigo ...

R. Y con tu Espíritu ...

Sacerdote / Diácono: Una lectura del Santo Evangelio
según Mateo ...

R. Gloria a tí, oh Señor ...

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”
Simon Peter said in reply,
“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
Jesus said to him in reply,
“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.
And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
Then he strictly ordered his disciples
to tell no one that he was the Christ.

En aquel tiempo, cuando llegó Jesús a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, hizo esta pregunta a sus discípulos:
“¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del hombre?”
Ellos le respondieron: “Unos dicen que eres Juan, el Bautista; otros, que Elías; otros, que Jeremías o alguno de los profetas”.
Luego les preguntó: “Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?” Simón Pedro tomó la palabra y le dijo: “Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo.”
Jesús le dijo entonces: “¡Dichoso tú, Simón, hijo de Juan, porque esto no te lo ha revelado ningún hombre, sino mi Padre, que está en los cielos! Y yo te digo a ti que tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia. Los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella. Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo.”
Y les ordenó a sus discípulos que no dijeran a nadie que él era el Mesías.

Priest / Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.....

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

El Evangelio del Señor

R. ¡Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo!

Gospel Reflection:

Matthew 16:13-20

At an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?* He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God.

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Savior who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and to your neighbor?

Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your great love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 ~ 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

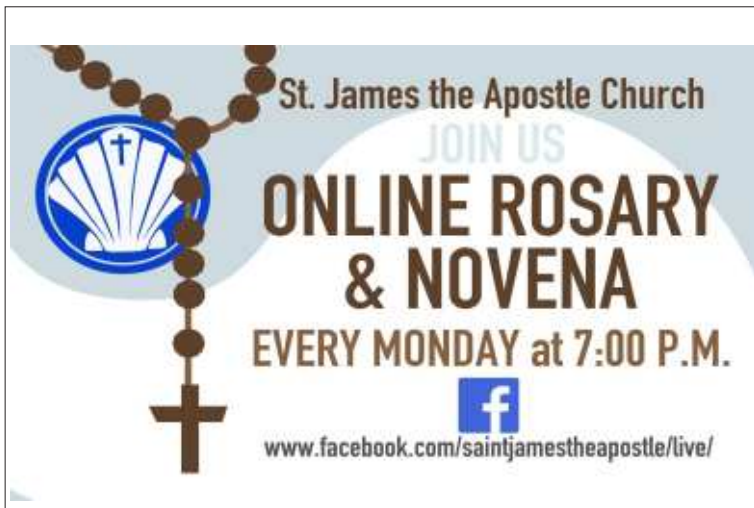
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 ~ SECOND READING: Romans 12: 1-2

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21-27

HYMNS

Hymn of Gathering:

Communion Procession:



Log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on Zoom!

HYMN OF GATHERING

Christ, Be Our Light!

Verses



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

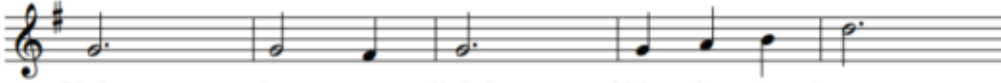


Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

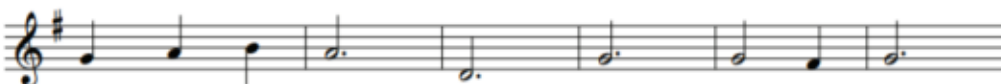


light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
shared un - til all are fed.
walls made of liv - ing stone.
mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

Shelter Me, O God 717

Refrain

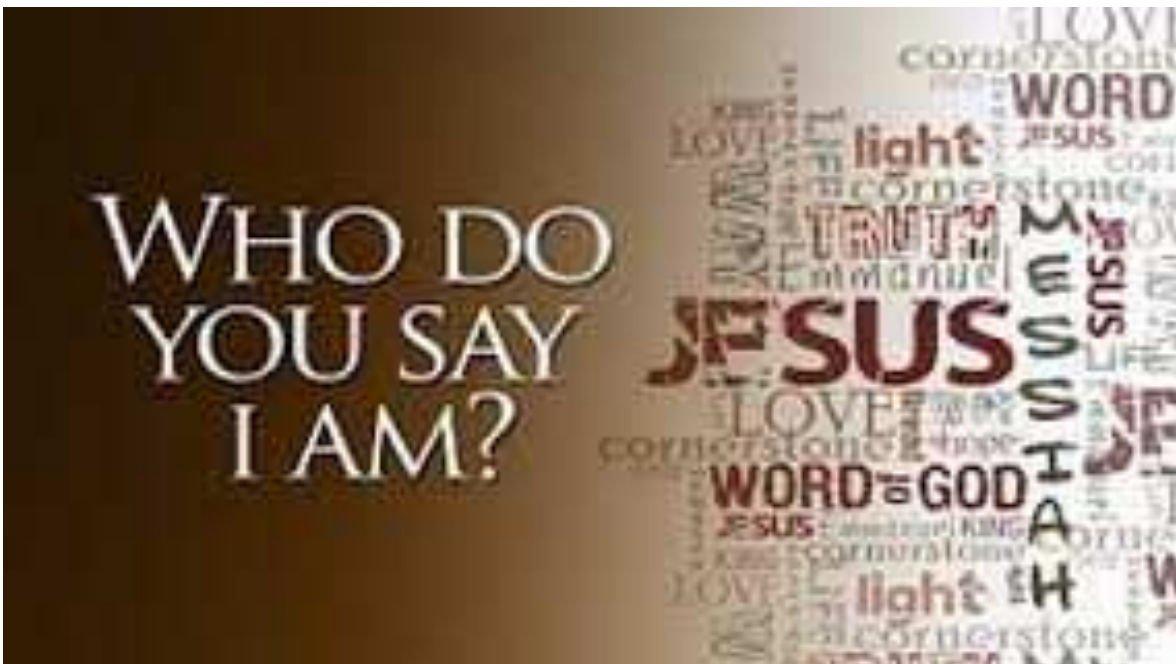
Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your
wings. You a-lone are my hope.

Verses

1. When my foes sur-round me, set me high a-bove their
2. As a moth-er gath-ers her young be-neath her
3. Though I walk in dark-ness, through the nee-dle's eye of
reach. Hear me when I call your name.
care, gath-er me in-to your arms.
death, you will nev-er leave my side.

Text: Psalm 16:1, 61:5, Luke 13:34; Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1984, Bob Hurd
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Saints of the Week....

Saint Bartholomew, Feast Day: August 24. Patron Saint of tanners, plasterers, tailors, leatherworkers, book-binders, farmers, housepainters, butchers, and glove makers.

Saint Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He has also been identified as *Nathanael* or *Nathaniel*, who appears in the Gospel of John when introduced to Jesus by Philip (who also became an apostle), although many modern commentators reject the identification of Nathanael with Bartholomew.

Bartholomew is listed among the Twelve Apostles of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and also appears as one of the witnesses of the Ascension; on each occasion, however, he is named in the company of Philip. He is not mentioned by the name "Bartholomew" in the Gospel of John.

In art Bartholomew is most commonly depicted with a beard and curly hair at the time of his martyrdom. According to legends he was skinned alive and beheaded so is often depicted holding his flayed skin or the curved flensing knife with which he was skinned.

Saint Monica, Feast Day: August 27. Patron Saint of wives and abuse victims.

The feast of St. Monica occurs the day before the feast of her son, St. Augustine. Her tears, prayers, and sacrifices over many years helped bring about his conversion. It is only proper that their feasts are celebrated close together. Monica was born in North Africa. As a child she lived with her family, but she and her sisters were raised by an elderly servant. This wise woman had also raised Monica's father.

As a young girl, Monica had a shocking experience. According to the custom of the time, her parents would ask her to bring up wine from the cellar for them. Once Monica took a sip of the wine before she brought it up. After that, she gradually began to drink just a little more each day. She thought no one knew about it. Then one day, Monica quarreled with a servant, and the servant accused her of drinking too much. Monica realized that the maid was right. This helped her to face this temptation. She decided then and there to stop drinking and she did.

Monica was raised a Christian, but was given in marriage to a pagan official named Patricius. They had three sons. Patricius was not only a violent man, but he had a number of other bad habits as well. Monica remained patient. Other wives with marriage problems came to her for advice. A year before Patricius died, he was converted, due to Monica's powerful example. In their early years of marriage Monica's mother-in-law turned against her because of ugly rumors spread by unhappy servants. Through patient forgiveness, Monica was able to win her cooperation.

Another source of worry for Monica was her son Augustine. This brilliant and gifted young man rejected the faith his mother had taught him. Augustine lived an immoral life and had a son although he was not married. Monica was ready to disown Augustine, but in a dream it was revealed to her that eventually he would come back to the faith. She prayed and fasted for her son and stayed close to him, following him to Rome and Milan. In Milan, she met Ambrose, the bishop, who became her spiritual director. He promised her, "Surely the son of so many tears will not perish."

It was Ambrose who finally converted Augustine. Together, Augustine, Monica, Augustine's son, and some other devoted people moved to the country to pray and write. From there they began a journey back to Africa. Monica died on the way. The day before she died, she and her son had a beautiful conversation about the joys of heaven.

St. Augustine. Feast Day: August 28. Patron Saint of brewer.

In his famous autobiography *Confessions*, Augustine tells of his struggle to find God. He was born in what is now Algiers in North Africa. His mother, Monica, was a devout Christian. His father, Patricius, was an ill-tempered pagan. Augustine excelled in school when he wanted to, but he also went with a bad crowd and got into many worthless activities. When he was older, he began living with a woman whom he never married, but who bore him a son. For a while, he also followed a heresy called Manichaeism.

After he finished school, Augustine was first a speech teacher in Rome and then a professor in Milan. His mother followed him to these places, pleading with him to return to the Christian faith. In Milan, Augustine often listened to the sermons of St. Ambrose, the local bishop. Through them, he first learned to read Scripture prayerfully. He enrolled as a catechumen but wavered back and forth about being baptized.

Then one day while Augustine prayed to be free from his sins, he heard a child's voice chanting, "Take up and read." Augustine opened the Bible and read the first thing his eyes fell upon, Romans 13:13-14, which told him to give up his life of sin. Augustine was baptized at Easter and began reforming his life. With his mother he planned to return to Africa, but Monica died.

Augustine reached home and gave away all he had. Then he lived a quiet, prayerful life with a group of friends. This changed when Augustine visited the city of Hippo in 391. Valerius, the local bishop, was preaching on the shortage of priests. The crowd began shouting, "Let Augustine be our priest." Augustine became a priest and then took Valerius's place when he died.

As bishop, Augustine worked tirelessly for his people. He fought false religious teachings, protected the people from corrupt officials and invaders, and cared for the sick, the poor, and those in prison. His many sermons, letters, and books reflect the ever-deepening love he felt for God. He wisely observed: "You have made us, O God, for yourself, and our hearts shall find no rest until they rest in you."

He wrote and advised bishops, popes, and councils. His influence on the Church and his fight against heresy were exceptional. He was loved by many, for he had struggled much and could help others who were struggling.

In 430 Vandals invaded the province. For three months Augustine inspired Christian hope in his people. Then he died of a high fever.

The Passion of St John the Baptist, Feast Day: August 29. Patron Saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, and French Canada.

John denounced King Herod Antipas, to his face, for divorcing his lawful wife and taking as his own Herodias, his sister-in-law, the wife of his still living half-brother Philip. John the Baptist died a martyr for marriage.

Herod is to John the Baptist what Pilate is to Jesus. Neither Herod's nor Pilate's first choice was to order an execution. But cowardice and fear coalesced until commanding the death of an innocent man was more expedient than braving the ridicule and threats of subordinates. According to Saint Mark, "Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man...When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him." Herod was deeply grieved that he had to order John's death. But he didn't actually have to order John's death. If he were truly grieved, he could have stood up in the midst of the happy crowd, said "I made a stupid promise which I now regret," and granted Salome (her name is not found in the Bible) some other handsome gift instead of a blood-splattered plate. Herod beheaded a man to save face, to avoid embarrassment, and to avoid having to say "I made a mistake."

The Passion, or Beheading, of Saint John the Baptist is one of the very oldest liturgical feasts on the Church's calendar. John's birth may be *the* oldest feast. Along with the feasts of Holy Week, the original event of John's death is right there on the surface of Holy Scripture, and so likely was commemorated as soon as the Church started commemorating anything. John the Baptist's colorful life on the edge of respectability came to an abrupt end due to the weakness of a weak man, Herod, and due to the revenge sought by the troubled conscience of Herodias, who despised John for mentioning the obvious. Saint Jerome writes that Herodias's rage was not satiated by the grisly head of her tormentor on a platter, but that she rabidly stabbed the tongue which had indicted her even after it was silenced.

Prayer to Overcome Racism

MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on
your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil
of racism
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.

Amen.



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Oración para superar el racismo

MARÍA, AMIGA Y MADRE DE TODOS,
a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado
un camino para unirse a todos los
seres humanos,
llamados a ser un solo pueblo,
hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo,
buscando el perdón por las veces
en que hemos fallado en amarnos
y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de
tu Hijo
la gracia que necesitamos para vencer
el mal del racismo y construir una
sociedad justa.

Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo,
para que el prejuicio y la animosidad
no infecten ya nuestras mentes
o corazones
sino que sean reemplazados por el
amor que respeta la dignidad de
cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia,
el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús
alienta nuestros corazones:
Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.



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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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar please remove any gloves beforehand.

Remember to bow slightly without being ostentatious and reply "Amen".

If communion runs out, please wait in line for the Minister to return.

The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

*May those who are infected receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.*

*May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded
from the onslaught of the virus.*

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

*Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

Amen.

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Glenn Albright, Pat Anelli, Monina Avella, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Janice Bongiovanni, Matthew Burns, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Soon Choi, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Edwin Dava, Richard Delany, Carmela DeSarno, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Martin Gignac, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Thomas Killikadan, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Angie Mazzarisi, Richard Miele, Julie Mohnhunn, John Montana, Jr., John Montana, Sr., Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Richard Tegnander, Stephanie Toth, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, Robin Wise, Mary Yobbi

A TIME TO DIE

Joe Galluzzi, Rev. Edito Gamallo, Morito Loy, Rev. Bill Mickiewicz
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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY August 23 Twenty-first Sunday in OT
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Albert Uliano ~ *Clara Uliano & Family*

7:30AM

Cococcia Family ~ *Boris Family*

9:00AM

Salvatore Zotti ~ *Wife & Children*

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

Concepcion Hautea ~ *Gaston Family*

MONDAY, August 24 Saint Bartholomew

7:30AM

Ernest Reedy ~ *Eugenia & Children*

TUESDAY, August 25

7:30AM

Marianne Dunn ~ *John & Patty Carney*

WEDNESDAY, August 26

7:30AM

Daniel Ward ~ *Tupper Family*

THURSDAY, August 27 Saint Monica
7:30AM

Phyllis Moeller ~ *Daughters*

FRIDAY, August 28 Saint Augustine

7:30AM

Raymond Colandrea ~ *William Rillo*

SATURDAY, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00AM

Mary Murphy ~ *Nancy Mahoney-Rajs*

SUNDAY, August 30 Twenty-Second Sunday in OT
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

George Ebert ~ *Jane & Joe Harpula*

7:30AM

Doreen Caffrey ~ *Tobia Family*

9:00AM

Patrick Coan ~ *Consales Family*

10:30AM

Irene Runo ~ *Children*

12:00PM

Ava Cicarelli ~ *Bellitti & Lasita Families*

O Jesus,

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.



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

Viola Morano ~ *Daughter, Marylou*



BREAD

For the People of Saint James

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.**