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RECTORY HOURS

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

Rectory & Offices Closed on Fridays through Sept. 3

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

News and Updates

It's hard to believe that we've entered the month of August already. Are you still waiting for your soul to catch up to your body?...LOL 😊.

Over this past week I gathered the parish staff to discuss a number of items. Some of our agenda items included:

Parish Listening Sessions (Fall 2021)

Liturgical Ministers Workshop (Fall 2021)

Parish Festival (Oct. 12 – Oct. 16)

20th Anniversary September 11th Service

As a parish community we are fortunate to have such a competent and zealous parish staff. I am very excited to work with them in leading our parish forward. When you have an opportunity, please join me in thanking them for their work and dedication.

- * **Fr. Tony Kuizon**
- * **Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni**
- * **Deacon Hugh Keffer**
- * **Nancy Caputo**
- * **Colleen Tyra**
- * **Pascal Tyra**
- * **Michelle Sblendorio**
- * **Daniel Palko**

I began my meetings with local municipal officials this past Tuesday by visiting the Springfield Fire Station. Chief Carlo Palumbo and Captain Michael Mastroeni gave me a guided “tour” of the fire house while discussing the particulars of the life of a firefighter. I was happy to hear that a number of firefighters are local residents, many of whom have strong ties to Saint James Church and School. A big **THANK YOU** to all our firefighters for their work to keep this community safe.

In the coming weeks I hope to meet with other Springfield local officials and religious leaders.

Reflection on the Readings

So, food-wise, what is your guilty pleasure? What do you find yourself craving after a day when everything has gone wrong or after a blow up with a loved one, or upon hearing bad news that you can't make better? For me, it's probably a spicy chicken sandwich from Chik-fil-A or some jalapeno cheeseburgers from White Castle...yes, I said it, **White Castle!**...don't judge.

For someone else it could be a hot fudge sundae or red beans and rice or pot roast or pierogi or French fries. For a noticeably depressed Elijah it was an angelic hearth cake and cold water perhaps because it reminded him of the manna that fed the Chosen People as they wandered the desert after leaving Egypt.

Friends, in our Gospel this Sunday Jesus wants the people to understand that **He is the bread of life**, more nourishing and life sustaining than even the historic manna. And so, He is saying to us that, whatever ails us, whatever our problems, we need only to come to the table of plenty where the **Eucharist** will give us all the comfort we need. Through the Eucharist, we have the food that sustains us on our earthly journey. Hey...**YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT**, so they say.

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MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

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Quote of the Week:

Compassion, forgiveness, these are the real, ultimate sources of power for peace and success in life.

—The Dalai Lama



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$10,194.00

\$7,435.00 Mass Collection

\$2,759.00 Online Collection

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

To sign up for Online Giving go to:

www.saintjamestheapostle.org

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



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

(10:30AM Mass Live on Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Rosary 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM

Saturday: Rosary 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM

In person and livestreamed on Facebook / YouTube

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00PM Saturdays in the Church



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Thank you to the families who have already registered for September classes! Registration is required yearly, giving families the opportunity to update their email and home addresses as well as provide us with any information that we might need regarding their child's learning needs. If you did not receive the link or were not registered last year, no problem. Please give me a call or email me and I will forward it to you.

As we prepare to welcome students and families back in September for our last year of the "traditional" classroom model, we need catechists to teach on Tuesday afternoons as well as facilitators for our small group, middle school 7th & 8th grade evening gatherings (no teaching involved!).

We also need adult volunteer hospitality greeters and assistants during our monthly Sunday Family Faith gatherings. High school student volunteers are also needed on Tuesday afternoons to assist with virtual learners and to be classroom aides. This is a great high school community service project!

If your child is of school age and never baptized, baptized in a different faith, or has special learning needs, please either let Fr. Santos know or email me directly.

A Time to Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? We also need small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels, and children's books. Please donate them to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the Church grounds.

Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

Traveling this summer?
Here's a helpful website to find a church near you:
<https://masstimes.org>

PARISH NEWS

This Weekend: 2nd Collection: August 7/8, 2021



Our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



The Saint James Parish Annual Festival

"SAVE THE DATE"

October 12th ~ October 16th

Mark your calendar!

Stay tuned for ways to volunteer!



WE NEED YOU!!!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF JOBS!**



St. James the Apostle Church

JOIN US

**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**

EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.



www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Join us outside in the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Gathering Area of the Church (if raining) or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube.

All are welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Stress in Your Marriage!



Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it only make it worse?
...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: **August 13-15, 2021**

TO REGISTER or for more information: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

Stress-Busting for Caregivers

A FREE EVIDENCE-BASED NINE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CAREGIVERS OF LOVED ONES AGE 50 YEARS AND OVER RESIDING IN UNION COUNTY
ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

FREE Course Manual Included - \$20 Value

"The program saved my life!"

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark Invites You To Attend

Who's Taking Care of You?

Stress-Busting for Caregivers (SBC) offers:

- ♥ Nine 90-minutes sessions presented by two certified Master Trainers.
- ♥ Real-life strategies for managing stress – we'll walk you through practical tips to apply in your caregiver role and self-care techniques you can use daily.
- ♥ A caring, respectful, empathetic environment with others facing similar challenges – everyone here understands what you're going through.
- ♥ A holistic approach to addressing the emotional, physical, spiritual, and cognitive needs of family caregivers.

SBC meets the **U.S. Administration on Aging's** highest criteria for evidence-based programs and is recognized by the **VA** as an evidence-supported program because it's been proven to reduce stressors associated with caregiving.

Hybrid classes starting August 2021 Register today!
CAREGIVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM.

For more details please Call: 908-497-4011, 908-578-4959 or 201-259-9139
or Email: mmcgroary@ccannj.org

OFFERED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES, THE PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE WELLMED CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

*Catholic Charities reserves the right to reschedule or cancel classes at any time.

Funded by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Department of Human Services, Division on Aging

Saint Michael School in Cranford, celebrating over 90 years of academic excellence, is a faith-based environment focused on the spiritual, personal, and academic formation of all students.



The Early Childhood program offers Pre K3 & Pre K4 (Full & Half Day) and Full Day academically based kindergarten. Primary, elementary, and middle school curriculums prepare students for success in high school and beyond. The controlled class size ensures a focused academic environment. Before and After Care programs are available daily on site.

Saint Michael School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary Schools.

Limited spots are available in all grades, Pre K3 through eighth grade. If you'd like to learn more about Saint Michael School and all we have to offer, please contact the school's office at (908) 276-9425 or saint.michael@verizon.net or visit us at: <https://smscranford.com/>



We invite you to watch this informational video about the 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese.

[2021 Annual Appeal](#)

The Annual Appeal serves the needs of all in the diocese. Each parish in the diocese is given a monetary goal to contribute. Saint James has not reached our goal. Please consider helping your parish by making a donation. You can do so online at rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Fr. Santos





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

Shaun Findley ~ *Nancy Caputo*



BREAD

Shaun Findley ~ *Nancy Caputo*

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Deacon Stan Fedson, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, 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, 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, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, Peggy Wysock

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO DIE

Francesco Conte, Shaun Findley, Richard Genovese,
 Rev. John Bosco Lima, Ralph Randezo,
 Florence Zimmerman,
 For 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, Cpt. Brian Jacobs,
 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh,
 Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten,
 Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki,
 Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, August 8

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Paul Dime ~ *Deacon Hugh & Maggie Keffer*

9:00AM

Dolores Hennessy ~ *Sister, Arlene & Family*

10:30AM

Joan McElroy ~ *Weber Family*

12:00PM

Susan Sullivan ~ *Rose Anne Turiano*

MONDAY, August 9

7:30AM

Mario Gatto ~ *Rosalba DiMaio*

TUESDAY, August 10 Saint Lawrence

7:30AM

Frank Ruggiero ~ *Gianna & Brian Hayes*

WEDNESDAY, August 11 Saint Clare

7:30AM

Marge Koren ~ *Mary Jane Balak*

THURSDAY, August 12

7:30AM

Loretta Williamson ~ *Theresa & Michael Quick*

FRIDAY, August 13

7:30AM

Frank Impellizzeri ~ *Theresa & Michael Quick*

SATURDAY, August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8:00AM

For the People of Saint James

SUNDAY, August 15

Solemnity of the

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carol House ~ *Bob House*

7:30AM

Angela Mainella ~ *Raffaella Conetta*

9:00AM

Josephine Cook ~ *Claire Bernstein*

10:30AM

Ann "Nan" Wade ~ *John & Cocoa Catallo*

12:00PM

Josephine Galluzzi ~ *Joan & Kenneth Nisch*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS:

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 ~ SECOND READING: Eph 4:30—5:2

GOSPEL: Jn 6:41-51

*Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey,
Following His way of love.*

Saint Lawrence, Feast Day, August 10.

“Where’s the money?” demanded the Roman official. “What money?” Lawrence asked. “The Church’s gold and silver,” answered the official. “We know that you’re in charge of the treasury, Lawrence. The government has a right to confiscate those funds. Hand them over.” The Roman official had seen that Pope Sixtus II and four other deacons had been executed, but he didn’t want to kill this deacon, Lawrence, until he had the wealth in his hands. Lawrence responded, “Yes, I will show you the real treasures of the Church, but give me three days.” Lawrence had already sold the gold chalice and other sacred items and had given the money to those who were poor.

In three days, the official returned. He saw rows and rows of people who were diseased, orphaned, blind, lame, and widowed. Lawrence’s comment was “These are the treasures of the Church.” This incident shows how well Lawrence had put on the mind and heart of Christ. Deacons were to serve others, especially those who are poor. Lawrence valued people more than his life.

The Roman official had a huge grill built and placed it over burning coals. This way, he hoped that Lawrence would die very slowly and painfully from the burning heat. But Lawrence is said to have laughed in the face of death. Soon he would see Jesus face-to-face.

Saint Clare, Feast Day, August 11.

What would you say is the outstanding quality of true friendship? Is it loyalty? having the same goals, the same values? the ability to help each other become the best person possible? being comfortable together so that no one has to put on an act? Clare and Francis of Assisi had a friendship that reflected all these qualities, but they had something more: their deep love of Jesus, which made them want to live according to the Gospel.

Clare was born of a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. As a teenager she became aware that Francis, the handsome, wealthy leader of youth in Assisi, had greatly changed. He used to spend a great deal of money having a good time. Now he had no money, no possessions, no family. He dressed in a brown robe, begged for food, and lived on the streets. Yet Francis seemed to enjoy life more than ever.

Gradually Clare saw that the source of his joy and inner peace was his living in poverty like Jesus. In 1211 Clare left home to join Francis. He cut off her long hair, gave her a rough woolen habit to wear, and took her to stay for a while with the Benedictine sisters. When he found a little house near San Damiano Church, he moved Clare and other women who had joined her into this little place and guided her in beginning a new religious order. Her sister and mother joined her. Clare did not leave this convent, yet she became known all over. People devoted to Christ attract others. It is the Christ in these people that we see.

Clare’s community wanted to live according to the rule of Francis. They slept on the floor each night, went barefoot, kept silence much of the day, ate no meat, and spent hours in prayer. They ate donated food because they had no money.

Clare died after twenty-seven years of illness. Her community still exists today. The Sisters are called the Poor Clares. Pope Pius XII made Clare the patron of television because it is said that one Christmas Eve when Clare was sick in bed she saw the crib and heard the singing in church as if she were there.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com>

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, August 15.

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

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**.