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Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)
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A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.
COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

August 9, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

CONGRATULATIONS to ANNE MARIE CATTANE & ADIN SOTO, who were baptized last Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass. They were supposed to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, but COVID-19 prevented churches from being open for Holy Week and Easter.

As we continue through this pandemic, it seems that there are some people who are disregarding the wearing of face masks and the need to social distance from each other. As a result, the number of people in our state who have contracted COVID-19 has increased. As much as we might dislike wearing masks and keeping a distance of 6 feet between us, these things are what we must continue to do to keep safe. Most of us adhere to the protocols, which is a good thing. It's about our safety and health. I am glad to see that those of us who come to church are wearing our masks.

In today's Gospel, the apostles see Jesus walking on the water, while they are in a boat that was being tossed by the wind and waves. They thought he was a ghost. I am sure if we were in a boat in a similar situation, and we saw Jesus walking toward us, we would be just as frightened. After Jesus calmed Peter and the wind and waves, the apostles probably didn't know what to think. They were also probably too scared to say anything.

This passage reminds us that Jesus appears to us in various ways. We believe he appears in the Word, which is life giving and reassures us of the importance of its message. We believe he appears in the Eucharist, in the form of bread and wine that become his Body and Blood which nourish and sustain us. But he also appears through each of us as we are sent forth to touch others with the gift that Jesus is for us. How many times in life are we surprised when a person appears almost out of nowhere and says or does something for us? Or when an event occurs that we never thought could happen? These can be times when Jesus appears to us, reassuring us of his care and concern, and using other people and other events to remind us of this. Being a follower of Jesus means that we have to be open to him and all he offers us, no matter what it is. The same thing happens to others when we appear in their lives and offer them the presence of Jesus through our care and concern for them.

These may not be dramatic experiences, but they can be gentle and subtle reminders of Jesus's presence in our lives. We always have the opportunity to touch that intimate relationship of Father and Son, and to celebrate it in who we are as God's people, what we believe, and how we speak and act with one another. Sometimes, though, we can easily separate this relationship from what we say and do because we forget that it's all about God. We are the instruments he uses to bring his Good News to others, and Jesus has shown us how to do that. Jesus sends us forth to help build the kingdom of God on earth, and we can't accomplish this if we are disconnected from the Father and Son. We are invited to be participants in the kingdom so that others will know what we know and experience the kingdom through our faith and our efforts.

Our Parish Festival is usually held the last week of April. But because of COVID-19, we postponed it until October 13. Since we are still in the midst of the pandemic, we have decided to cancel the festival this year. Hopefully, we will be able to resume it next April. But we will still have the 50/50 which will be held on Saturday, October 17. There will be more information forthcoming, but I wanted you to be aware of our decision.

HAPPY AUGUST!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$6,899.00

\$3,947.00 Collection

\$2,952.00 Online Collection

To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

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

OR

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

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

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

MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

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

(10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

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

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

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Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM

Facebook / Zoom only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



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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Religious Education is looking for a few volunteers with Google Classroom and Flipgrid experience to help us build out digital platform. Once the site is established we will be able to maintain it. We have all the online resources and received training from the Archdiocese on distance learning. Now we need volunteers familiar with creating and uploading the digital information to guide us. Please reach out to Nancy Caputo by phone or email: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org if you are able to share your best practice tips with us!

Please remember, if you are attending Mass in person, we must adhere to the guidelines found on page 4 of this bulletin. For those not feeling comfortable returning to church to attend Mass, we will continue to offer our virtual 10:30AM Sunday Mass.

We remind you that the Religious Education Office will remain in the school building. The entrance is the same that the children use when coming to class. Door #8 is in the front of the school building along the walkway where the white Statue of Mary and the flagpole are located. We do not have access to any other doors so please be sure to visit us using door #8.

Thank you to the families who took the time to participate in the family survey and most importantly for your suggestions and feedback. We are here to support you in your child's faith formation and your suggestions are appreciated!

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



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

SAINT JAMES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS HIRING!

8th Grade Religious Education / Sacrament of Confirmation / Youth Group Coordinator

Please call or email Nancy Caputo if interested in this part-time position.

973-376-2061 or ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS GOING DIGITAL!!!

If you have experience with setting up Google Classroom and Flipgrid, we need you!!!

Once the platform is created, we should be able to keep it current!

Appreciate any and all assistance!

SUNDAY READINGS ~ August 2, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

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

FIRST READING: Kings 19:19-9A, 11-13A

At the mountain of God, Horeb,
Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.
Then the LORD said to him,
“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the
LORD;
the LORD will be passing by.”
A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains
and crushing rocks before the LORD—
but the LORD was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake—
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was fire—
but the LORD was not in the fire.
After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.
When he heard this,
Elijah hid his face in his cloak
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Al llegar al monte de Dios, el Horeb, el profeta Elías
entró en una cueva y permaneció allí.
El Señor le dijo:
“Sal de la cueva y quédate en el monte para ver al
Señor, porque el Señor va a pasar.”
Así lo hizo Elías y, al acercarse el Señor, vino
primero un viento huracanado, que partía las
montañas y resquebrajaba las rocas;
pero el Señor no estaba en el viento.
Se produjo después un terremoto; pero el Señor no
estaba en el terremoto.
Luego vino un fuego;
pero el Señor no estaba en el fuego.
Después del fuego se escuchó el murmullo de una
brisa suave.
Al oírlo, Elías se cubrió el rostro con el manto y
salió a la entrada de la cueva.

The word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God!**

La palabra del [Señor](#)..... R. **Gracias a Dios**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 184, 9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness

R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:
I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me
witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish
in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.
They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the
covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the
promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all,
God blessed forever. Amen.

Hermanos:
Les hablo con toda verdad en Cristo; no miento. Mi
conciencia me atestigua, con la luz del
Espíritu Santo, que tengo una infinita tristeza,
y un dolor incesante tortura mi corazón.
Hasta aceptaría verme separado de Cristo, si esto
fuera para bien de mis hermanos, los de mi raza y
de mi sangre, los israelitas, a quienes pertenecen
la adopción filial, la gloria, la alianza, la ley, el
culto y las promesas. Ellos son descendientes
de los patriarcas; y de su raza, según la carne, nació
Cristo, el cual está por encima de todo y es Dios
bendito por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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La palabra del [Señor](#)..... R. **Gracias a Dios**

SUNDAY READINGS ~ August 9, 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 ti, oh Señor ...

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples
get into a boat
and precede him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself
to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was
against it.

During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they
were terrified.

"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do
not be afraid."

Peter said to him in reply,

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the
water."

He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the wa-
ter toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became
frightened;

and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught
Peter,

and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?"

After they got into the boat, the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,
"Truly, you are the Son of God."

En aquel tiempo, inmediatamente después de la
multiplicación de los panes, Jesús hizo que sus
discípulos subieran a la barca y se dirigieran a la otra
orilla, mientras él despedía a la gente.

Después de despedirla, subió al monte a solas
para orar.

Llegada la noche, estaba él solo allí.

Entretanto, la barca iba ya muy lejos de la costa,
y las olas la sacudían, porque el viento era contrario.
A la madrugada, Jesús fue hacia ellos, caminando
sobre el agua.

Los discípulos, al verlo andar sobre el agua, se
espantaron, y decían: "¡Es un fantasma!" Y daban
gritos de terror.

Pero Jesús les dijo enseguida:

"Tranquilícense y no teman. Soy yo".

Entonces le dijo Pedro:

"Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre
el agua".

Jesús le contestó: "Ven."

Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el
agua hacia Jesús;

pero al sentir la fuerza del viento, le entró miedo,
comenzó a hundirse y gritó:

"¡Sálvame, Señor!"

Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano, lo sostuvo y
le dijo:

"Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué dudaste?"

En cuanto subieron a la barca, el viento se calmó.

Los que estaban en la barca se postraron ante Jesús
diciendo:

"Verdaderamente tú eres el Hijo de Dios."

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 14:22-33

Does the Lord Jesus seem distant when trials or adversity come your way? It was at Jesus's initiative that the disciples sailed across the lake, only to find themselves in a life-threatening storm. Although they were experienced fishermen, they feared for their lives. While Jesus was not with them in the boat, he, nonetheless watched for them in prayer. When he perceived their trouble he came to them on the sea and startled them with his sudden appearance. Do you look for the Lord's presence when you encounter difficulty or challenges?

“Lord Jesus, help me to trust you always and to never doubt your presence and your power to help me. In my moments of doubt and weakness, may I cling to you as Peter did. Strengthen my faith that I may walk straight in the path you set before me, neither veering to the left nor to the right.” Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

VIGIL MASS: 7:00PM FRIDAY (AUG. 14TH):

FIRST READING: Chronicles: 15-15-3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

SECOND READING: Corinthians 15: 54B-57

GOSPEL: Luke: 11:27-28

MASS: 12:00PM SATURDAY (AUG. 15TH)

FIRST READING: Revelation: 11:19A, 12:1-6A, 10AB

SECOND READING: Corinthians: 15:20-27

GOSPEL: Luke: 1:39-56

HYMNS

(Vigil and Saturday Masses)

Hymn of Gathering: Immaculate Mary

Communion Procession: Alleluia No. 1

Sending Forth: Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020 ~ 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7~ SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

HYMNS

Hymn of Gathering: Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Communion Procession: Taste and See

HYMN OF GATHERING

This Day God Gives Me



1. This day God gives me Strength of high
2. This day God sends me Strength as my
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and



heav - en, Sun and moon shin - ing,
guar - dian, Might to up - hold me,
'round me, God's host de - fends me,
strong One, King of cre - a - tion,



Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning,
Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful,
Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en,
Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing



Wind in its swift - ness, Depths of the
Your ears are lis - t'ning, Your lips are
Drive from me al - ways All that would
God in three Per - sons, One - ness of



o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.
speak - ing, Friend at my side.
harm me, Stand by me still.
God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

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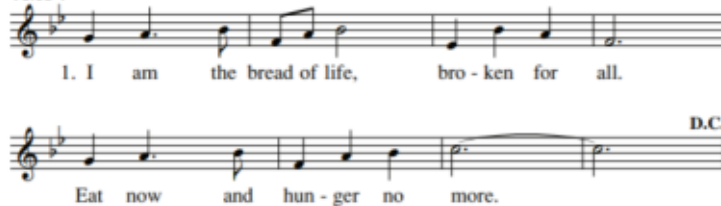
946 Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



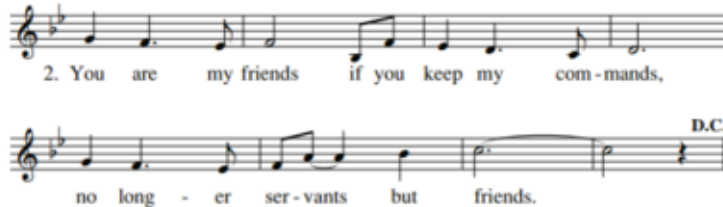
Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,
life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1



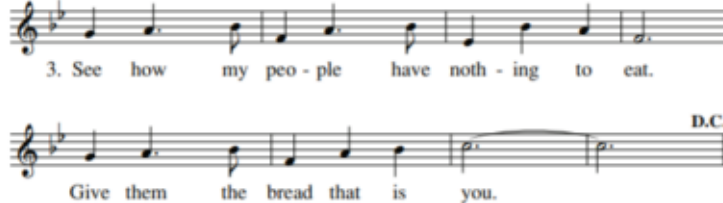
1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all.
Eat now and hun-ger no more. D.C.

Verse 2



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands,
no long-er ser-vants but friends. D.C.

Verse 3



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you. D.C.

Verse 4



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love. D.C.

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Saints of the Week.....

Saint Lawrence, Feast Day: August 10. Patron saint of Rome, students, miners, tanners, chefs, poor, firefighters.

The year was 258 A.D. It was a difficult beginning for what would become the First Christian Millennium. Hostility against the early followers of Jesus Christ was growing. The barbarism and severity of pagan Rome had begun to reach a fever pitch. It would soon lead to a blood lust. The newborn Christian Church, faithful to the One who had given Himself for the life of the world, continued the work of His redemption.

Roman authorities charged Christians of that era with "odium humani generis" [hatred of the human race]. The Romans claimed to be citizens of a great empire, yet they practiced primitive forms of abortion as well as "exposure," the killing of unwanted newborns.

First and Second century Rome was a challenging mission field for these early Christians. Rome proclaimed itself the shining example to the world of its age while it violated the Natural Moral Law and embraced debauchery. Sound familiar?

The day that Deacon Lawrence experienced his birth from death to life was an ominous and frightful day in ancient Rome. Four days earlier, the great Bishop of Rome, Sixtus, was arrested by soldiers of the emperor Valerian, along with his beloved deacons, and beheaded.

Valerian had issued an edict to the Roman Senate that all the Christian clergy-bishops, priests and deacons-were to be arrested and executed. There were so many holy people among the martyrs of early Rome. That makes it even more remarkable that the life and death of this one humble Deacon-Lawrence-is attributed with all of Rome becoming Christian.

Sentenced to death in the Emperor Valerian's sweeping condemnation of all Christian clergy, Lawrence offended the Emperor, and endeared himself to all Christians since then, by assembling before Valerian the real gold and silver of the Church, the poor.

According to the Christian tradition, Deacon Lawrence, knowing that the fervor of Valerians' hatred was extending to all Christians who owned property, began to give it all away. He distributed the money and treasures of the Church to the city's poor-believing the clear admonition of the Savior that they were blessed and especially loved by Him.

Valerian heard the news and wanted the treasure to satisfy his unbridled lust for worldly power. So, he offered Deacon Lawrence a way out of sure death. If he would show him where the Church's great gold and silver were located, he would issue an order of clemency, sparing his life so that he could continue his work.

Valerian was delighted when the deacon asked for three days to gather all the gold and silver of the Church together in one central place! His pride and greed filled blinded him from seeing the truth.

For three days, Deacon Lawrence went throughout the city and invited all the beloved poor, handicapped, and misfortunate to come together. They were being supported by a thriving early Christian community who understood the Gospel imperative to recognize Jesus in the poor.

When Valerian arrived, Deacon Lawrence presented him with the true gold and silver of the Church, the poor! The emperor was filled with rage! Beheading was not enough for this Christian Deacon. He ordered Deacon Lawrence to be burned alive, in public, on a griddle. Witnesses recorded the public martyrdom. The deacon cheerfully offered himself to the Lord Jesus and even joked with his executioners!

The tradition records massive conversions to the Christian faith as a result of the holy life and death of one Deacon who understood the true heart of his vocation. He was poured out, like his Master, Jesus Christ the Servant, in redemptive love, on behalf of others. It is still said to this day that all of Rome became Christian as a result of the faithful life, and the death, of this one humble deacon. He was buried in a cemetery on the Via Tiburtina. On that spot, Constantine would later build a Basilica.

Saint Clare, Feast Day: August 11. Patron Saint of eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry and television.

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.

Clare's sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes, joined her at this monastery. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

Overtime, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure, and took care of him as he grew old.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she expressed that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi.

The construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was finished in 1260, and on October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Nearly 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare. Her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt.

The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Feast Day: August 14. Patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12.

"That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

One year after his vision, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian, after being allowed to enter the novitiate, and in 1911, he professed his first vows.

At the age of 21, Kolbe earned a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He would also earn a doctorate in theology by the time he was 28.

St. Maximilian Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary.

In 1918, he was ordained a priest and continued his work of promoting Mary throughout Poland. Over the next several years, Kolbe took on publishing. He founded a monthly periodical titled, "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate). He also operated a religious publishing press and founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanow, which became a major religious publishing center.

Kolbe also founded monasteries in both Japan and India. To this day, the monastery in Japan remains prominent in the Roman Catholic Church in Japan.

In 1936, Kolbe's poor health forced him to return home to Poland, and once the WWII invasion by Germany began, he became one of the only brothers to remain in the monastery. He opened up a temporary hospital to aid those in need. When his town was captured, Kolbe was sent to prison but released three months later.

Kolbe refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen with his German ancestry and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees, including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution. After receiving permission to continue his religious publishing, Kolbe's monastery acted as a publishing house again and issued many anti-Nazi German publications.

On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim to severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family.

It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation the guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.

St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary feast day.

Recognized as the Servant of God, Kolbe was beatified as a "Confessor of the Faith" on October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982. Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe not a confessor, but a martyr. Kolbe's is often depicted in a prison uniform and with a needle being injected into an arm.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast Day: 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.”

His Apostolic Constitution “Munificentissimus Deus” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff’s accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history. The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

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.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary’s assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian St. John of Damascus, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption.

“It was fitting,” St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, “that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death,” and “that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles.”

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.



Saint Lawrence



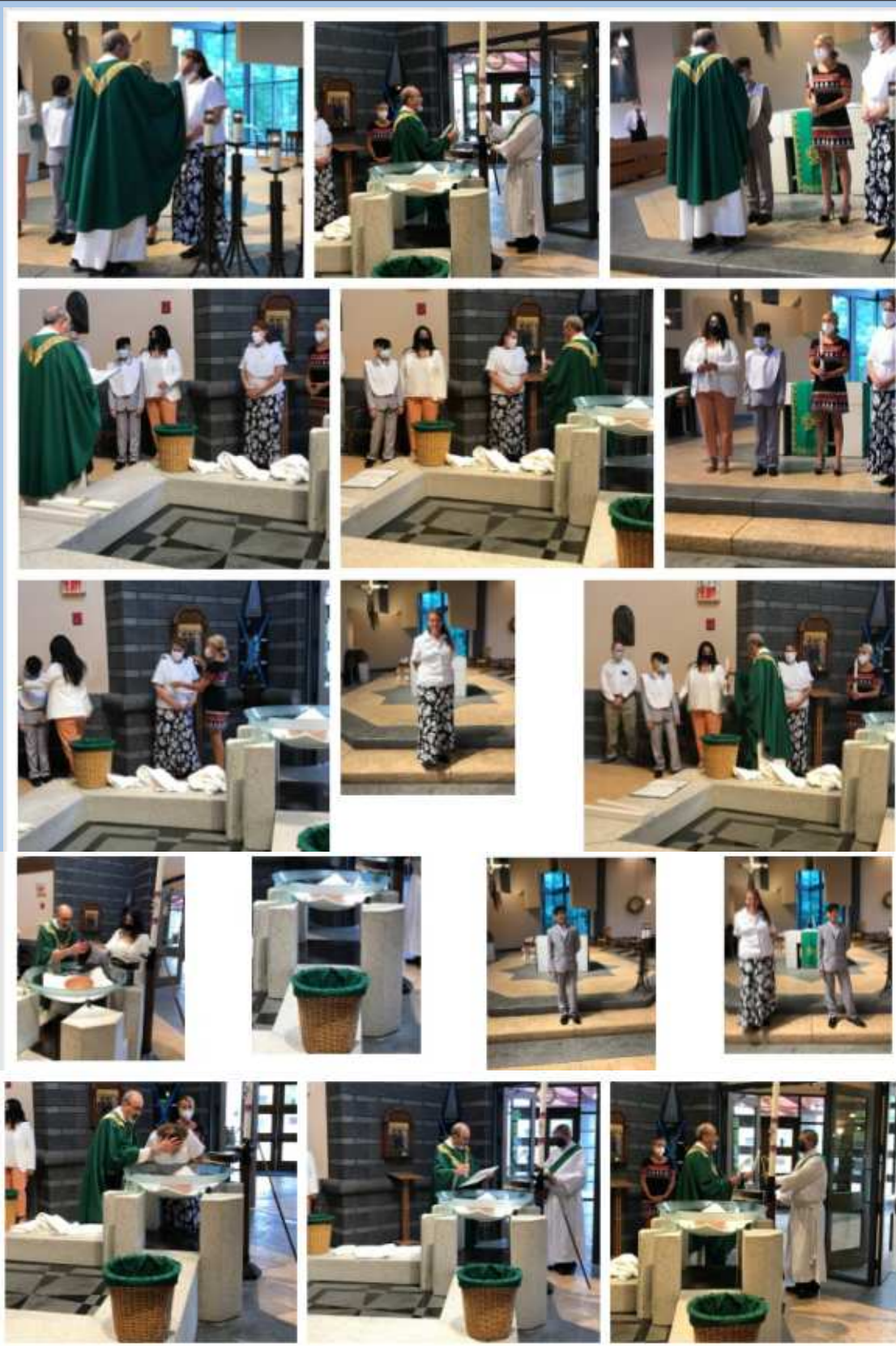
Saint Clare



Saint Maximilian Kolbe

PARISH CELEBRATION

Congratulations Adin Soto and Anne Marie Cattane



RESPECT LIFE

Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Coordinator



You're invited...



It's a VIRTUAL Baby Shower

For a mom in the Family

Promise program

Drop off your gift on

Saturday, August 15th

9:00AM to 12:00PM

On the piazza of St. James

Newborn diapers

Wipes

Infant onesies and clothes

(new only please)

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August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption

The Blessed Mother is the greatest example of motherhood in her role as the mother of God. Saint John Paul II said, Mary is the

“incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for.”

Through her example we can understand how to treat every human being as a gift from God.

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.



www.usccb.org/racism



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, Dr. Chad, Helen Chelis, Soon Choi, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Dr. Conrado, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Dr. Margaret Dames, 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, Wanda 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., Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Austerberta Olandres, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Deacon Dan O'Neill, Anna P., Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Manny Reyes, 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

Marie Delpriore, Rev. John Netta, Regis Philbin
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 9 Nineteenth Sunday in OT
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Virginia Koczor ~ *Judy, Joe & Family*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Dolores Hennessy ~ *Sister, Arlene*

12:00PM

Henrietta Vicente ~ *Gaston Family*

MONDAY, August 10 Saint Lawrence

7:30AM

Carolyn Nelson ~ *Religious Education*

TUESDAY, August 11 Saint Clare

7:30AM

Gerald Cocuzza ~ *Holdwright Family*

WEDNESDAY, August 12

7:30AM

Kevin Patrick Monahan ~ *Regina Monahan*

THURSDAY, August 13

7:30AM

Frank Impellizzeri ~ *Michael & Theresa Quick*

FRIDAY, August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe
7:30AM

Mary Lombardi ~ *Rita, Angela & Pasquale*

7:00PM

Susan Sullivan ~ *Saint James Parish Council*

SATURDAY, August 15

**Solemnity Of The Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM

Michele McNany ~ *McNany Family*

12:00PM

Susan Sullivan ~ *John & Patty Carney*

SUNDAY, August 16 Twentieth Sunday in OT
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carolyn & Tom Ryan ~ *Your Loving Family*

7:30AM

Gerald Cocuzza ~ *Costa Family*

9:00AM

Patrick Coan ~ *Botte Family*

10:30AM

Maria & Silvio Lombardi ~ *Rita Lombardi*

12:00PM

Patrick Richard Coan ~ *Phyllis Bibbo*



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

Marie Policarpio ~ *Hagenbush Family*



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**.