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the APOSTLE CHURCH



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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM
7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

Evening Novena: Mondays ~ 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ~ 11:00AM

RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~4:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)



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

December 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

***"LEVA JERUSALEM OCULOS, ET VIDE POTENTIAM
REGIS: ECCE SALVATO VENIT SOLVERE TE A VINCULO.
LIFT YOUR EYES, JERUSALEM, AND SEE THE POWER OF YOUR RULER.
LOOK TO A SAVIOR WHO SHALL BREAK YOUR BONDS."***

An Advent Sourcebook, p. 32

WELCOME TO ADVENT! We begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. This is the Year of Matthew, Cycle A, of the three year cycle of Sunday readings. The vestment and altar cloth color changes from green to blue, a reminder that this is a season of hope. The three main characters of Advent are Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary. They all challenge us to look at the present as an opportunity to celebrate with renewed hope as God's people. They stand as a challenge to us to embrace the season with the same hope that they reflected in their lives.

Sometimes, though, Advent becomes a time that too many may want to do away with. After all, it will be Christmas soon enough, and we want to celebrate that season in any way we can. Christmas decorations have been in the stores and malls since before Halloween, which seems to rush the season. But, the church says we need to step back and reflect on this season of Advent because it calls us to wait with patience and hope for when the Lord returns again.

As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, the church reminds us that this season is one in which we need to step back and wait, which may be difficult for some, since we are always in a hurry. Yet, the readings today point us to the future, when the Lord returns. Will we be ready for his return, or will we still want to make preparations for Christmas? Advent is the time to wait, not for Christmas, but for the Lord's return in glory to take us all home.

This is also a time of patience, of listening to the Lord and all he calls us to be as his people. Jesus instills within us a sense of hope about the present as well as the future. If we are only waiting for Christmas, then what happens after the feast? Will we be any more prepared to greet the Lord after Christmas than we were before? This is the time to wait, to listen and discover the wonder of Jesus in the readings of the season, and the opportunities the church gives us to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us.

On three Mondays of Advent, December 2, 9 & 23, we will celebrate Evening Prayer. It's another opportunity for us to step back and reflect on this sacred season. Evening Prayer begins at 7:45 PM. Come and join us. On the 16th, we celebrate Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino Advent event. That will occur at 8:00 PM in our church.

HAPPY ADVENT!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

***Due to the Thanksgiving holiday collection totals will be included in the
December 8th Bulletin***

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

**WE ALSO ACCEPT
ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

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Happy Advent, the season of *hope*! During our gathering time we will light our candle on our Advent wreath, say a prayer and open our hearts to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus!

We hope you take advantage of the many prayerful opportunities our parish offers during the Advent season. On three Monday evenings during Advent, Fr. Joe will lead us in prayerful meditation. These beautiful evenings are less than an hour and give us a moment to renew ourselves. Please consider joining us!

Reminder: Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will receive a special blessing at the 5:00PM Mass this coming Saturday, December 7 or the 12:00PM Mass on Sunday, December 8 (attend the Mass that works best for your family). Please arrive a few minutes early so your child can sign the registry book.

No Sunday Classes Today Sunday, December 1st!

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Class will meet this Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00PM in Hatcher Hall.

See you then as we open up Advent together and conclude our series on "Getting to Know Jesus".

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2020 as they were welcomed into their "Journey to Confirmation" last weekend. I ask that we continue to pray for these blessed young people as they move forward in their faith.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann WMarie Gesualdo

Join us tonight! Sunday, December 1st at 7:00PM in the School Gym

We will open up a discussion on "*Accepting Others without Judgment*"

Please note: There is NO meeting next week: Sunday, December 8th

Please plan on joining us for our Youth Group Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th!!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director

Join us for an Advent piano concert on **Thursday, December 5th at 7:00PM** in the Church. Sit back, relax and enjoy listening to pieces from New Age style piano composer David Lanz's album *Christmas Eve* performed by Matt Wilson. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. Admission is free. Free-will donations will support the music ministry expenses. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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Fall Field Trip Experiences at Saint James

Thomas Edison Museum, West Orange

On October 16, students in Grades 5-8 embarked on a class trip to Thomas Edison National Historic Park in West Orange. Students spent time exploring Edison's Laboratory and learning about his invention process. They participated in the **Idea to Product** workshop which explored how Edison and his staff went from a simple idea to a finished product. The program finished with students creating their own invention through hands-on activities.

Meadowlands Environment Research Center (MERC) Mobile Food Lab

On October 28, Saint James students in Grades 1-4 enjoyed a multi-sensory educational experience on wheels that focused on science, art and cooking. They were invited to use their sense of taste to distinguish among sweet, salty, sour, and bitter foods and their sense of smell to differentiate between several fruits. Students then became "master chefs" as they squeezed, poured, chopped, cut, and measured food items like lemons, oranges, honey, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, and parsley to make a citrus salad with dressing. They then were able to taste the fruits of their labor, but not before thanking our Lord God, farmers, and chefs, who all contributed to the beautiful and delicious meal before them. Our students enjoyed learning where food comes from, how it nourishes and impacts us and how it shapes our world.

Drumthwacket, Princeton (written by 4th grade)

Drumthwacket is the governor's residence in Princeton, NJ. One of the interesting things we learned is "drumthwacket" is the Scottish word for "wooded hill." Charles Smith Olden built and named the residence. He was born in a small house near the mansion. Drumthwacket is 184 years old, but only three families have lived in the house before it became the official governor's residence in 1981. Our classmate Christian got to play on the piano in the mansion's music room!

Saint James Pumpkin Patch

After weeks of investigating pumpkins, our youngest students in PreK-3 to Kindergarten enjoyed picking pumpkins on October 28 in our pumpkin patch just in time for Halloween.



All of our students thank our Home & School Association for organizing and funding these wonderful field trip experiences on and off campus.

ADVENT MEMORIALS

THE ADVENT WREATH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Pete Petino
r/b Janet & Family

THE ADVENT CANDLES WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF.....

Ludo Nolfo
r/b Family

Bernie & Susie LoMacchio
r/b Daughter, Patty

Vincent & Mildred Genco
r/b Daughter, Nancy

Modesta Lordi
r/b Her Daughters, Phyllis & Anne

ADVENT "LITTLE BLUE BOOKS"

In Loving Memory of
John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri
r/b Pflug Family

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

4:00PM Family Mass

7:30PM Mass

12:00AM Midnight Mass

(Christmas concert begins at 11:30PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00 Noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31

7:00PM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00 Noon
(No 7:30AM Mass on New Year's Day)

PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another

Dear Saint James Parishioners,

In Thanksgiving!

At this time we wish to acknowledge the blessings of our Lord in our lives always! We are grateful for the love, prayers and concern our parish family of Saint James showed us all through our health issues. It was wonderful and helped so very much!

Peace & Love,

Patty & John Carney



Join us @



LOCATION:

1721 Morris Ave, Union NJ 07083

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8am - 10am

TICKETS: \$10.00 Adult \$5.00 Children

Meal includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea.) Bring your own camera, pose with Santa, snap the special moment, and print the photo at home. Everyone will be able to pose with Santa at no extra charge. **ALL are welcome.** Please complete below and send in envelope with your payment labeled "**BREAKFAST**" to the School, Rectory or Religious Education Office by December 6, 2019.

----- Please return this portion with payment by December 6th -----

Family Name :

Phone / Email:

_____ adults @ \$10 and _____ children (age 3 and up) @\$5 = Total _____

PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 3:00PM

In the Church

Spend an hour listening to the Christmas story as woven through the Old and New Testaments and expressed in beautiful Christmas Carols sung by the Saint James Adult and Children's Choirs.

Refreshments will follow.



Volunteers are needed to bake and donate Christmas cookies for the refreshment table at Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 3:00PM**. Bring your cookies with you to Lessons and Carols, or drop them off in the morning when you come to church. For more information, or to volunteer to bake, please contact the Parish Publicity Committee at publicity@saintjamesparish.org.

Thank you!

Giving Tree 2019

We will be participating in providing gifts for the needy during this Holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

If you can take a tag and purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated. Please place the **UNWRAPPED gift with tags attached in a large gift bag with tissue paper**.

Return your gift to Church starting **Saturday, November 30** or **Sunday, December 1** but **no later** than **Sunday, December 15** before the **12:00PM Mass**.

If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they are also needed at the Center.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your generosity.





PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

God has uniquely equipped every person in the Church with specific skills and gifts. As Christians, we are tasked with utilizing these gifts in our community and in our parish. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, feel part of the parish community and serve Jesus at the same time. We are looking for a few good folks to take the lead with the following ministries:

Young Adult Group
Evangelization

Mom's Group
Martha

Rosary Making
St. Joseph

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please speak with Fr. Joe or any member of the Pastoral Council. Our email is saintjamesparishcouncil@gmail.com. The next *Coffee with the Council* will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30th after the 5:00PM Mass and after all the Masses on Sunday, Dec. 1st. We will be happy to explain what each ministry involves. Booklets about all our parish ministries will be available.

Looking for ways to enrich Advent this year? DYNAMIC CATHOLIC offers a totally free daily video program sent directly to your email that will help you experience the BEST ADVENT EVER in preparation for Christmas. Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com>.

HELPING THE HUNGRY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Claire Bernstein & Joanne Roethlin, Coordinators

NEXT COLLECTION: DECEMBER 7 / 8, 2019

Please donate non-perishable items to support the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and Our Lady of Sorrows food pantry, and other community food pantries. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Area.

Please consider donating these items, or any non-perishable items that can help those in need. Some of the non-perishable items requested by these organizations include:

- * Canned tuna or chick
- * Shelf stable milk (quart/liter size)
- * Creamy peanut butter
- * Canned fruit (in juice, not syrup)
- * Low sugar cereal
- * Cans of hearty soup/chili/stew
- * Granola and cereal bars

Collections of your homemade, individually wrapped (and labeled) sandwiches (plain, no condiments) and frozen meat loaves will take place in the Gathering Area of the Church before the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00AM to the beginning of the 12:00PM Mass. Coolers are in the Gathering Area for your convenience.

If you are able to assist in delivering the perishable food to Family Promise after 1:00PM on Sundays, please contact Nancy Caputo in the Religious Education Office. It only takes an hour!



Liturgical
Environment

The Liturgical Environment Committee is looking for new members! Please contact Pat Sullivan at 862-216-6861 or email: patricia.sullivan@hackensackmeridian.org for information about volunteering.

We will be decorating the church in anticipation of Christmas on **Saturday, December 14th immediately after the 8:00AM Mass**. This involves putting up the lights on the trees in the sanctuary, decorating the tree in the Gathering Area and setting up the indoor crèche. We are also looking for volunteers to assemble the outdoor crèche. Because there is some heavy lifting involved, strong young(er) men and women volunteers are needed!



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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and a member of Saint James the Apostle Church. Saint James will be notified and arrangements will be made for a priest or deacon to visit you. Please be sure to include the hospital information.

Contact the Rectory to have a name added to the prayer list at Mass and/or to the Prayer Line.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. When we approach the altar, if receiving on the hand, 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.

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.

Please join us in prayer for the
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction on
Monday evenings in our Church.

All are welcome!

Join us: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30PM



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle



BREAD AND WINE

Joe & Mary Barbone
~ *Family*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Joe & Mary Barbone
~ *Family*

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO DIE



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
 Concetta Bellott, Pat Butterworth Enid Cabot,
 Dolores Cardillo, John Carney, Helen Chelis,
 Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Van Corteza,
 James Curry, Joe Cuthbert, Maureen D.,
 Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco,
 Marianne Galluccio, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle,
 Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, William Jackowski,
 Eddie Jenna, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar,
 Maureen Le Goff, Angelina Lipski, Richie Lipski,
 Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo,
 Barbara Ludolph, Reggie Malabanan,
 Angie Mazzarisi, Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele,
 Bob Mifsud, Aman Mo, Moise Modestin,
 Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy,
 Carol Muzacs, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo,
 Anna P., Joseph Papierz, Janet Payson,
 Elizabeth Piedl, John Reiss, Epifania Rivera,
 Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert,
 Debbie Staib, Tom Stanick, Stephanie Toth,
 Anne Wallis, Tom Walsh, Mary Yobbi

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, 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, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten,
 Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
 1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Lynn Ryan ~ *Rose & Clara Uliano*

7:30AM

Bill Larken ~ *Nancy Mahoney-Rajs*

9:00AM

Jeffrey White ~ *Schmidt Family*

10:30AM

Michael Sangregorio ~ *Grace Sangregorio*

12:00PM

For the People of Saint James

MONDAY, December 2

7:30AM

Pat Catallo ~ *Uncle John & Aunt Cocoa*

TUESDAY, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

7:30AM

Gerald Ragonese ~ *Angela Ragonese*

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:30AM

Margarida Ferreira ~ *Piedade & Albino*

THURSDAY, December 5

7:30AM

Josephine Sofranko ~ *Marie Policarpio*

FRIDAY, December 6

7:30PM

Garrett Gurrieri ~ *Pflug Family*

SATURDAY, December 7 St. Ambrose

8:00AM

Matteo Apicella ~ *Wife & Children*

SUNDAY, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Anna Maria Villanova ~ *Family*

9:00AM

Jeannie Dillon ~ *Schmidt Family*

10:30AM

Frank Romano ~ *Romano Family*

12:00PM

Tony Graziano ~ *Family*

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

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.**