



# SAINT JAMES

## 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

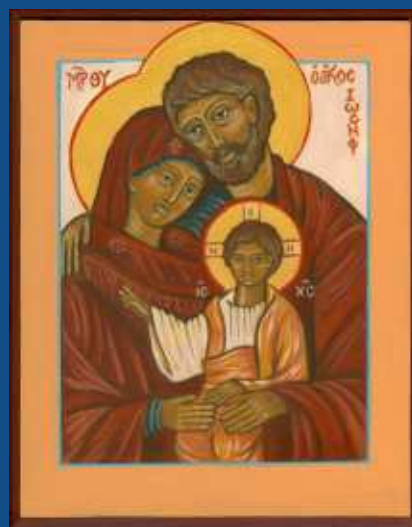
Evening Novena: Mondays ~ 6:30PM

### 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 29, 2019

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"LET US TOO STAND IN THE TEMPLE AND HOLD GOD'S SON AND EMBRACE HIM; AND THAT WE MAY DESERVE LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AND START ON OUR WAY TOWARDS A BETTER LAND..."**

A Christmas Sourcebook, p. 85

Today is **HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY!** This is the day we recognize the gift of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They were three unique persons and they formed a unique relationship, based on mutual love and respect.

But, today is also about each of our families, and the parish family. Our families were also formed out of love and respect for one another. It is in our family that we first learned how to care about others, and how to interact with one another with mutual love and respect. The family is also where we discovered how unique each of us is, and together formed a strong relationship among all the members. This doesn't mean that we always agreed with each other, but that we could get along, even when we disagreed with one another. We also learned how to share what we have with each other, whether they be our thoughts and feelings, material goods, or our talents and abilities. It is in the context of the family that we also learned the values that have formed us all these years. Yes, maybe our parents weren't perfect, but they taught and gave us what they thought was best for us. Hopefully, we can do the same for our own family members.

In the family called the church we learned about the gift that Jesus is for us, how he taught us how live together as fellow travelers on the road to salvation. The foundation of our faith, though, was set by our parents as they not only taught us the faith but lived what they believed. Now it is our responsibility to pass this on to one another by the way we live our lives in following the example that Jesus has set for us.

Too many of us think that we can't be as good or as holy as the Holy Family. The truth is that we can, only differently. We are all made holy, including our families, by the presence of Jesus within and among us. His presence allows us to not just be good but to do good for our family and for one another. We always have the opportunity to reflect the love of Jesus for one another, which emulates the love that Jesus had for Mary and Joseph. as they had for each other.

Today, at all the Masses, we will bless all our families present, no matter how large or small. Each of you and each of your families are an important part of the life of Saint James the Apostle.

On behalf of the entire parish Staff: **FR. TONY, FR. JOHN, DEACON JERRY, DEACON DAN, NANCY CAPUTO, ANN MARIE GESUALDO, KAREN COCCO, MATT WILSON, CAROLINE PONTERIO, OUR SUPPORT STAFF AND MYSELF,** I want to extend to you and your families our best wishes for a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!** May 2020 be a year of grace for all of us!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**BUON CAPO D'ANNO!**

**FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!**

**~ FR. JOE**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

**December 14 /15, 2019**

**\$9,006.00**

**\$6,004.00 Collection**

**\$1,235.00 Online**

**\$1,767.00 Immaculate Conception**

**2nd Collection:**

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**\$1,653.00**

*To sign up for Online Giving go to: [www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://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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On behalf of the Religious Education Staff and volunteer catechists and class aids, we thank you for your generosity and well-wishes. We wish you and your family a very healthy, peace-filled New Year!

***No classes Sunday, December 29th and Tuesday, December 31st!***

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Classes Resume January 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-8:30PM in Hatcher Hall – See you then!!

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Reminder to all 2020 Confirmation Families: Registration forms and payment are due January 28.  
If you have any questions please contact me.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 7:00-9:00PM in the school gym. All 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome!! **Discussion Topic:** No judgment (getting along with everyone).

**All high school seniors and juniors interested in being part of this year's Antioch Retreat Team please contact me – our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020.**

On behalf of the Youth Group ***We wish you a Blessed and Beautiful New Year filled with Love and Peace!***

***And a very special thank you to ALL who donated socks, sneakers and personal care items!***  
***Your generosity and support of the Youth Group is much appreciated!!***



## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

*Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant*  
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### A Prayer to Keep God First this New Year:

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. *We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else.* We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. *We pray for your protection over our families and friends.* We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways. *Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.* We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us. *Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.* Shine your light in us, through us, over us. *May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purpose.*

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen.*

(Source: [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com))



**Parish Staff and  
Music Ministry  
Presented  
Lessons & Carols  
Merry Christ and  
Happy New Year!**

# 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*

**Mr. & Mrs. B. LoMacchio**  
**and**  
**Mr. & Mrs. J. Carney**  
*r/ b Patty & John Carney*

**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*



# NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

***SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD***

**Tuesday, December 31**

**7:00PM**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

***(No 7:30AM Mass on New Year's Day)***

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

# CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**THE CRECHE IN THE SANCTUARY  
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia**  
*r/b The Battaglia Family*

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY  
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
The Fischer, Ragosa & Dondero Families**  
*r/b Francine R. Fischer*

**THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE ALTAR  
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**Lisa Agrillo**

**Charles & Rose Agrillo**  
**Margaret & Augie Ciasullo**  
*r/b Antoinette Agrillo*

**Deceased Members of the DelMauro Family**  
*r/b Battaglia Family*

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**Marie & Ettore Vecchione**  
*r/b Daughter, Jill Vecchione*

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF ST.  
JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**Anne Marie Genninger & Carolyn Nelson**  
*r/b Religious Education Community*

**YELLOW ROSES AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY  
OF GUADALUPE ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**  
**Tony Graziano**  
*r/b The Family*

**THE FLOWERS AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT  
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**For the Deceased Member Of Saint James**  
*r/b Parishioners*

**THE FLOWERS PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF ST.  
JAMES ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**The Battaglia & Zara Families**  
*r/b The Battaglia Family*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE SANCTUARY  
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Michael Pierson Bongiovanni, Jr.**  
*r/b Deacon Jerry & Janice Bongiovanni*

**Tony Graziano**  
*r/b The Family*

**Jack & Irene Mahoney**  
*r/b The Family*

**Bollmeyer & Genco Families**  
*r/b Nancy Caputo*

**AnnMarie Bentivegna**  
*r/b The Bentivegna Family*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE GATHERING  
AREA IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**The Swajkowski & Felegi Families**  
*r/b Cynthia & Matthew Swajkowski*

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR COLUMNS  
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Joseph & Mary Barbone**  
*r/b The Family*

**Kathryn Janowski**  
*r/b The Janowski Family*

**Viola Morano**  
*r/b Daughter, Marylou Kjelle*

**Anna & Anton Roessner**  
*r/b Nettie & Bob Roessner*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES BY THE OUTSIDE  
SHRINE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey**  
*r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis*

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS IN THE  
GATHERING AREA IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**Louis Stiglitz**  
*r/b Marilyn Stiglitz*

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS INSIDE THE  
CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**Susan Lang**  
*r/b Marilyn Stiglitz*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Sharing With One Another*

### Keeping **YOU** Informed! Springfield Update.....

Greetings!

The Springfield Senior Citizens Cub will host a program open to all seniors and any other interested parties on Senior Fraud Protection on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 11:00AM at the Chisholm Center. The presenter will be Robin E. Eichen, an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission in NYC and the program will be very informative about fraud schemes and how to handle them.

Refreshments will be served and attendance is encouraged and welcome.

Residents are asked to register, either at the Chisholm Center (a sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board) or by calling the office at 973-912-2227.



NEWARK – New Jersey Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) is accepting claims related to the sexual abuse of minors by diocesan priests or deacons of the Roman Catholic dioceses of Newark, Paterson, Metuchen, Camden, and Trenton.

*“This program is a sign of our commitment to the continued healing of victims who were sexually abused as a minor by a member of our Archdiocesan clergy,”* said Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark. *“It is a genuine expression of our remorse and our desire to make amends for past transgressions, and I sincerely hope it will meaningfully assist victims and bring them a measure of peace.”*

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the claims process and review the program protocol and **Frequently Asked Questions** by going to: [www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com](http://www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com). **The IVCP will conclude on December 31, 2019.** All individual claims must be submitted by that date.

## PARISH INFORMATION

*Keeping in Touch With One Another*

### BAPTISM INFORMATION

***Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child’s baptism prior to attending the catechesis class.***

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.

**CATECHESIS**  
Jan. 5, Mar. 15

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, 2020

# Helping the Hungry

*Peace begins when the hungry are fed.*  
- Dorothy Day -

While donations of all  
non-perishable goods  
are always  
greatly appreciated,  
we will identify  
priority item(s)  
each month  
needed by our  
receiving organizations.

## 2020

### Monthly Dates & Priority Items

January 11/12: Cereal

February 1/2: Soup

March: No Collection

April 18/19: Canned Veggies

May 16/17: Rice and Beans

June 13/14: Pasta

July 18/19: Shelf Stable Milk

Aug. 15/16: Tuna & Chicken

Sept. 12/13: Peanut Butter & Jelly

October: No Collection

Nov. 14/15: Thanksgiving Items

Dec. 12/13: Christmas Items

**March 6: Lenten Supper**

**October 17: Breakfast Bag Assembly Morning**

**St. James the Apostle Church  
Springfield**

If you would like to join the Helping the Hungry Ministry and help with the sorting and distribution of the monthly collections please email either Claire or Joanne.

Claire Bernstein: [clairebbernstein@gmail.com](mailto:clairebbernstein@gmail.com) or Joanne Roethlin: [roethlin@yahoo.com](mailto:roethlin@yahoo.com)





## 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.

### *Today's Gospel Meditation.....*

*Matthew 2;13-15,19-23*

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

*"Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."*



## 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

Angelina "Julie" Bell  
~ *Rossomando Family*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Angelina "Julie" Bell  
~ *Rossomando Family*



# MASS INTENTIONS

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



## A TIME TO WED



## A TIME TO DIE

Danny Aiello, Leah Douglas, Mary Fritzen,  
Marie Novak, Detective Joseph Seals

## A TIME TO HEAL

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

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

## SUNDAY, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Tillie Catenacci ~ *Granddaughters*

7:30AM

Karen Rose ~ *Rose Anne Turiano*

9:00AM

Luis & Mary Cantagallo ~ *Luis Cantagallo*

10:30AM

Angelina "Julie" Bell ~ *Rossomando Family*

12:00PM

Tony Pedula ~ *Patty & John Carney*

## MONDAY, December 30

7:30AM

Michele McNany ~ *McNany Family*

## TUESDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve

7:30AM

José & Marcela Videna ~ *Videna Family*

7:00PM

For the People of Saint James

## WEDNESDAY, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

For the People of Saint James

## THURSDAY, January 2 Saint Basil and Saint Gregory Nazianzen

7:30AM

Pasquale Iannelli ~ *Connie & Michael Circelli*

## FRIDAY, January 3

7:30AM

Francesco DeFalco ~ *Sister, Maria*

## 9:00AM SCHOOL MASS

Barbara Isselin ~ *Debbie LaSalle*

## SATURDAY, January 4 St Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM

Saint Jude ~ *Laura Limone*

## SUNDAY, January 5

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

9:00AM

Salvatore & Mimi DeNichilo ~ *Inneo Family*

10:30AM

Katie Hamilton ~ *Casey Family*

12:00PM

Papias Hautea ~ *Gaston Family*

## **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.**