

SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Anticipated Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM
7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM &
7:00PM (Except Memorial Day through Labor Day)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM
Evening Novena ~ Monday Evenings 6:45PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00AM

RECTORY HOURS

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



*A Welcoming Community of Faith.
Come Experience Christ With Us.*

December 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM THE PASTOR

**"JERUSALEM GAUDE GAUDIO MAGNO,
QUIA VENIET TIBI SALVATOR, ALLELUIA.
REJOICE, JERUSALEM, WITH THE GREATEST JOY;
THE SAVIOR WILL COME TO YOU, ALLELUIA."**

An Advent Sourcebook, p. 39

Advent has arrived. Even though Advent is only three weeks this year because Christmas is on the Monday following the Fourth Week of Advent, it is a season of hope and expectation. Advent reminds us that we prepare not just for Christmas, but for the time when the Lord returns again in glory.

Advent is also the beginning of the Liturgical Year. This is the Year of Mark, Cycle B of the Sunday readings. We bless and light the first candle on the Advent wreath today as a symbol of waiting. The color of the season also changes to blue, a sign of Mary and a sign of hope. The three main characters of Advent are Mary, John the Baptist and Isaiah, and we will encounter them during this season.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is reminding us to watch and pay attention to the signs of his presence around us. We know that preparations for Christmas have been going on since August, as retailers try to get us to buy what they sell. Just as we can recognize the signs of the season, we are challenged to be prepared for when the Lord returns. There will be signs to remind us of this, and hopefully, we will be ready to greet the Lord when he returns. Too often we get lethargic, thinking that Jesus won't be here for another thousand years. But what if he should return tomorrow or next week, will you be ready and able to greet him?

It is very easy to become confused today, especially with the shootings, bombings and other destructive acts that are occurring more frequently. Some of us wonder if all these events mean that the end is near. No one knows the answer except the Father, and he isn't telling us. Even if they do mean that the end is near, are we any more prepared to meet the Lord than we were yesterday or last week? Hopefully, Jesus won't return for quite some time. So this will give us more time to make sure our relationship with God is in order, as well as our relationship with our family and friends.

The church gives us Advent to make sure we are awake and alert, ready to greet the Lord because we have seen the signs of his presence and are ready for him to return. Let us, then, celebrate the presence of Jesus in our lives, as we watch with hope and expectation for him to return!

HAPPY ADVENT!!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

November 18/19, 2017

\$8,223.00

\$7,423.00 Collection

\$800.00 Online

\$1,491.00 2nd Collection

November 26/27, 2017

\$8,028.00

\$5,810.00 Collection

\$2,218.00 Online

To sign up for Online Giving go to:

www.saintjamestheapostle.org

WE ALSO ACCEPT

ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

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.....

Thanksgiving

Parishioner

Bernie & Susie LoMacchio

r/ b Daughter, Patty

Jim Murphy

r/ b Florence Murphy & Family

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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8

Mass celebrated on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.
and Friday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (school community) 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Bambinelli Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

December 16 / 17

Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines from your home nativity set at all Masses

Spanish Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12 ~ 7:00 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17 ~ 3:00 p.m. in the Church

Simbang Gabi: Filipino Novena Mass and Reception

Monday, December 18 ~ 8:00 pm (all are invited!)

Advent Penance Service with Individual Confessions

Wednesday, December 20 ~ 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

4:00 pm Family Mass ~ 7:30 pm Mass ~ 12:00am Midnight Mass
(Christmas concert begins at 11:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon (*No 7:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day*)

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, ~ 9:00 am ~ 10:30 am ~ 12:00 Noon (*No 7:30 am Mass on New Year's Day*)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

Happy Advent! Today marks the beginning of the Advent Season, a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord. We have many opportunities to come together during Advent in prayer and thanksgiving; we hope that you are able to join in as many of these opportunities as possible.

Last weekend the Home Study Families and 7th Graders assembled and donated 29 Thanksgiving food baskets to Family Promise. Each basket also included a \$25-\$50 Shop Rite Gift card for the families to purchase their Thanksgiving “must haves”.

Important Dates:

December 5: 8th grade class 6:30PM

December 10: Home Study Retreat 10:30AM Mass

December 19: 8th grade class 6:30PM

2ND COLLECTION

Today: December 2 / 3

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Today we take a special collection for the Retired Religious Communities. No doubt they thank you for your generosity – why not thank them with a note if they taught you or were just a positive influence in your life. Certainly pray for them as they will pray for us.

REMINDER

Sunday, December 17, 2017
is the last 7:00 PM Mass
to be offered
at Saint James Church



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Forensics: The first Union County Catholic Schools League of Forensics competition was two weeks ago at Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in Elizabeth. Students in grades 5-8 had the opportunity to try out for a spot to represent Saint James. The category was Reading. Students selected a piece to present and were judged on 5 criteria: general poise, diction, gestures, approach and attitude, and effectiveness in presentation. Six (6) students represented Saint James and they were **Yvonne Agyapong, Natalyah Cadiche, Kennedy Kwinta, Karla Perez, Brielle Pierre Philippe** and **Georgiana Tillinghast**. The alternates were **Andrea Falar** and **Elizabeth Lopez**. Three of our students made it to the finals and took home the following awards: Natalyah won Honorable Mention, Karla finished 2nd place overall and Yvonne finished 1st place overall. Congratulations to our students! Saint James will host the next competition in February.

Altar Servers: We would like to congratulate our newest altar servers: **Jaylani Mendez and Elizabeth Lopez**. We are grateful to them and to all of our altar servers for saying YES to this wonderful ministry. Thank you to Deacon Dan for the training offered during lunch and recess.

Giving Thanks:

- ♦ To the Home & School Association for organizing last month's clothing drive. Over 100 bags of donations were collected.
- ♦ To our school families for their generous donations to our Parade for Hunger. We made eleven (11) Thanksgiving baskets that were picked up by Dr. Gary Hecht for Springfield H.O.P.E.

Nutcracker: Best wishes to our 7th grader, Samantha Wolf, on her upcoming performances as Clara in the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble's (NJDTE) holiday classic “The Nutcracker” at Montclair State University Memorial Auditorium. Samantha was the recipient of the Mayor's Award at a recent Union Township Committee meeting on her accomplishment of being cast in this role.

Breakfast with Santa: Santa Claus is coming to Saint James and all of our school and parish families are invited. Join us on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 to 11:00 am for some quality time with Santa while enjoying a delicious hot breakfast, arts and crafts, and more.



PARISH INFORMATION

Sharing With One Another



CHRISTMAS WAFER ~ OPLATEK

The legacy of the Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) is revered and unique, a universal symbol of family and parish unity. Throughout the centuries millions of Catholics / Christians share this Christmas Wafer. It emphasizes that we pray that all sorrows and breeches may be healed and vanish; that forgiveness is exchanged; that joy may reign. We are truly "one in the Spirit" We are one in the Lord!

As you break and share the Oplatek with your loved ones at Christmas, may distance between us disappear; may our thoughts unite us with fond and precious memories where our hearts are unable to be physically present.

"Glory to God in the Highest...

Peace on Earth to All People of Good Will!"

Oplatek-Christmas Wafers will be available Dec. 9/10 and Dec. 16/17 after all masses while the supply lasts.

All proceeds from your generous "free-will offering" will be given to Fr. John Dennehy to bring to the St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark on behalf of our parish.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2017

Holy Day

Masses:

Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7:00PM

Friday, December 8th at 7:30AM;

9:00AM (School Community)

12:00PM & 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If you would like the opportunity to have a loved one memorialized during the Christmas Season please call Michelle Sblendorio in the Rectory Office or see one of the priests after any mass.
973-376-3044



Saint James Mom's Group!

Join us today in the rectory from

4:00 ~ 5:00PM

Sunday, December 3

Come join us to pray, eat and socialize!

All moms (and children) are welcome!

For more information contact Traci Burns:

Muralsbytraci@verizon.net

Lectio Divina

All are welcome on Monday Mornings during Advent!

AT 6:30AM in the St. John's Room in the Rectory

Mondays: December 4, 11 and 18



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Mrs. Pat Sullivan, Coordinator

Installment 3 – Saints of the Pro Life Movement

St. Gerard Majella (April 6, 1726 – October 16, 1755) was an Italian Redemptorist lay brother who, as a young man, was falsely accused by an unwed mother of fathering her child. Instead of defending himself and fighting back against her, St. Gerard retreated into silence in the face of his accuser.

The woman, seeing the holiness of Gerard and feeling remorse for the harm she caused him, eventually recanted her accusation and cleared his name.

Because Gerard handled the situation so virtuously, his great sanctity was recognized by all close to the situation. St. Gerard Majella teaches us today to bite our tongue in the face of our wrongful accusers instead of viciously biting back at them. Gerard trusted God to defend his innocence.

Saint Gerard became the patron saint of pregnant women and the unborn during this intense period of challenge in his life.

Saint Gerard Majella pray for us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keeping in Touch With One Another

Understand the Entire Bible!

**A 24-Part Study Featuring Jeff Cavins
Saint James the Apostle Church– Gym**

Wednesdays, beginning January 10, 2018 at 7:00PM

To register please email: kmailey@saintjamesparish.org
or call the parish office 973-376-3044.

Fee \$10 Optional workbook fee: \$40.00

Light refreshments will be served. For additional
information contact Geri Bujnowski: geribuj@gmail.com

BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE Sunday December 10, 2017 at 3:30 PM

Church of the Little Flower (Little Church)
310 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ

Not everyone experiences Christmas feeling merry, joyful, and happy. There are those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. There are others who may be out of work or do not have enough work

The Bereavement Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower invites everyone to attend this prayer service to pray together for renewed strength and hope and experience the presence of the Lord. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 908-464-1585 or email: bereavement.lf@gmail.com

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!

Saturday, December 9, 2017

9 AM to 11 AM

Saint James the Apostle School Gym

Hot Pancakes & Bacon, Bagels, Fruit, Juice & Coffee

Arts & Crafts table, activities, and an opportunity to pose for pictures with Santa. Bring your own camera, snap the special moment, and print the photo at home. Everyone will be able to pose with Santa at no extra charge. This annual event is open to the entire School & Parish.

Please send the bottom of this form with your payment labeled “**Breakfast**” to the School or Religious Education Office by **December 1st**. Seating is limited! ***You will be notified only if we cannot fulfill your request.***

**Please return portion below with
payment by December 1st**

Breakfast with Santa December 9, 2017

Family Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Number of adults ____ **Number of children** ____

\$12.⁰⁰ per person ~ Total \$_____

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Nov. 25/26 ~ Dec. 9/10

Once again St. James is asked to donate gifts for the needy during this holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Please help us by taking a tag with 'generic' suggestions and purchase a gift of warm clothing.

Place the **UNWRAPPED GIFT WITH TISSUE PAPER IN A CHRISTMAS BAG** and return your gift to the Gathering Area of the Church. If you have large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, St. Joe's would appreciate it.

If you are unable to purchase the item on the tag you took, please return the tag to the tree for someone else ~ Thank you!

If you are available to help hang the tags on the tree before masses please do so. The tags will be in the maintenance room in a box labeled “giving tree”. There will also be black bags available to put gifts in and placed in the Gathering Area for later pick up. If you are able to help deliver the gifts, please contact Kathi Maslo at 908-251-2249 or email at Kathim211@gmail.com.



FEED MY PEOPLE

Mrs. Lisa Gillo, Coordinator

The next collection takes place the weekend of **December 9/10**, before the 5:00PM Mass on **Saturday evening and between 10:00AM and 12:00PM Noon on Sunday**, in the **Gathering Area of the Church**. The next sandwich collection takes place from the school kitchen (in the church parking lot by the rectory parking spaces) on **Monday, December 11**, between **10:00AM and 11:00AM**. Please contact Lisa Gillo 908-232-5304 or: lgillo97@gmail.com with any questions.

Help!!

The end of December is soon approaching and we still do not have any one (or group) willing to take on this important social concern!

This committee can be split into two groups; the St. Joe's sandwich and meatloaf group and the weekly Panera group.

Please consider helping out ~ no one should ever go hungry!

Below is the schedule for collection and deliveries. If you have any specific questions, please give Fr. Joe a call.

Panera: pickup is every Sunday in Short Hills after they close at 9:00PM. A call is placed a few hours before the scheduled pick up to check for any changes. The bread is then delivered on Monday morning to St. Joe's in Elizabeth.

Meatloaves and sandwiches are collected per the monthly schedule listed above. The Monday morning sandwich donations are left in the school kitchen from 8-10AM, then everything is packed and driven to St. Joe's.

Without this group, many people would not have a meal to eat!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Mrs. Ann Marie Gesualdo
Coordinator*

ALL 8TH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

5:30PM ~ 7:30PM*

TODAY: Sunday, December 3rd

Welcome Advent! Join us to make star ornaments for the Gathering Area Christmas Tree!

Sunday, December 10th

Topic to be Announced

Saturday, December 16th*

Creating the outside crèche and trimming of the Christmas Trees!

**email with details coming!*

Sunday, December 17th

Youth Group Christmas Party!
games, homemade cookies from the team
and holiday treats!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Are you baking Christmas cookies this year? Would you be willing to donate a dozen or two to the Christmas cookie reception being held after the Festival of Lessons and Carols on **December 17, 2017 at 3:00P.M.?**

Bring your cookies with you to the Festival or drop them off in the morning when you come to church. For more information, or to volunteer to bake, please contact Marylou at publicity@saintjamesparish.org.

Dynamic Catholic. Be Bold. Be Catholic Advent Offering:

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC offers a free e-mail program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a way that will allow you to have a Christmas as memorable and joyful as when you were a child. You will receive short inspirational videos, practical tips and real-life stories of hope.

Sign up at: <https://DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT>



THE PRAYER CORNER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."



A TIME TO BE BORN

Stella Rae Delvalle, Michael Marra,
Gwen Cari Sayki

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Ronald Alaniz, Irene Baranski, Paul Barbato,
Jackie Bellitti, Lisa Bellott, Ann Benedek,
Gail Boykewich, Helen Chelis,
Phyllis Colosimo, Dave Darby, Kristina De Jesus,
Marie Del Mauro, Honorise DeSisto,
Scott Dillensnyder, Lee Ebert, Matthew Friedman,
Miguel Antonio Garcia, Luke Granger, Ana Harper,
Steven Hensle, Kevin Keating, Jake Kessler,
Angela Klopfer, Tony La Salle, Chenoa Lipski,
Marian Lordi, Charlotte McNelis, Ilene Maldonado,
Josephine Massa, Gene Melleno, Kristina Morales,
Jean Nittie, Filippa Nolfo, Kyle Noonan,
John Pangiochi, John Rehis, Ginny Sampson,
Jack Silbert, Sandra Turlowicz, Rev. Jim Worth,
Adam Wuest

A TIME TO DIE

Anthony Arcuri, Anesha Bedford, Gerry Fitzgerald,
Maryann Lucania, David Sadd,
Marcelo Sobreto

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Brian Braine, A.J. Carlucci, Sean Curran,
Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton,
Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, Stephen Patricco,
Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto,
Arthur Raymond, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
1Lt. Steven Rogacki, Frank Wulff

A TIME TO SEEK

Harlan Acosta, Diego Arce, Dhanush Canisius,
Peter Carey, Joseph Gurliaccio, Joseph Furnaguera,
Sebastian Valencia Obando



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

Tony Graziano ~ *Family*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Michael Sangregorio ~ *Grace Sangregorio*

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Holy Spirit Church, 984 Suburban Ave., Union

Come join us in prayer for one hour on
Wednesday, December 6th at 7:30PM before the
Blessed Sacrament.

MARIAN DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Miraculous
Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction takes place on
Monday evenings (*as scheduled*) from 6:30-7:30pm in our
Church, Saint James, please feel free to join us.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (Saturday)

Anthony Graziano ~ *Ann & Family*

7:30AM

Gerald Ragonese ~ *Angela Ragonese*

9:00AM

Leonard Pacifico ~ *Nina Ricci & Family*

10:30AM

Michael Sangregorio ~ *Grace Sangregorio*

12:00PM

Matteo Apicella ~ *Lena Apicella*

7:00PM

Marian Fay ~ *Brother, Patrick*

MONDAY, December 4

7:30AM

Rose Colandrea ~ *Botte Family*

TUESDAY, December 5

7:30AM

Rose Colandrea ~ *Rob & Sue Hagenbush*

WEDNESDAY, December 6

7:30AM

Michael Ziobro ~ *St. James School Community*

THURSDAY, December 7 Saint Ambrose

8:30AM

For the People of Saint James

7:00PM

Garrett Gurrieri ~ *Pflug Family*

FRIDAY, December 8

Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM

Matteo Apicella ~ *Wife & Children*

9:00AM

James Lee Farris ~ *St. James School Community*

12:00PM

Gaetano & Arcangela D'Agostini ~ *Children*

7:00PM

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

SATURDAY, December 9

8:00AM

Anna Maria Villanova ~ *Donna Blasi*

SUNDAY, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (Saturday)

Josephine DeGregorio ~ *Anita Giaimo & Family*

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

9:00AM

James Russo ~ *Carmela Fusco*

10:30AM

Michael Sangregorio ~ *Rita, Angela & Pasquale*

12:00PM

Michael Salimbene & Sr. Irenen Salimbene
~ *Family*

7:00PM

Henry Raimondo ~ *Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Doria*

ST. JAMES BOY SCOUT TROOP 73

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Wreaths on sale through December 17th

Why not pre-order and pre-pay? Your special order will be available for you on your selected date.

CEMETERY BLANKETS

	Quantity	Total
2 x 2 Basic with pine cones, poinsettias and satin bow	\$25 _____	_____
2 x 4 Basic with pine cones, poinsettias and satin bow	\$35 _____	_____

WREATHS - All are made with fresh Nova Scotia greens/double faced and needled, creating a full and long lasting wreath accented with holly berry picks.

Undecorated/Standard Size	\$15 _____	_____
Decorated (with velvet bow) Standard Size	\$25 _____	_____

WHITE PINE ROPING—25 yard spool

\$25 _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Circle Pick-Up Date:

8:00AM—12:00PM

12/2 ~ 12/3 ~ 12/9 ~ 12/10 ~ 12/16 ~ 12/17

Return this order form along with a check made payable "BSA Troop 73"

The Wreath Sale Box is in the Gathering Area of the church at

Saint James Church

45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081

Call Robert Dobler: 973-809-5644

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Jeong Gyeong Kim

BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held on various Sundays during the year at 1:30pm in the Church. Please see the dates listed below. Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling information.

RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions are heard every Saturday at 11:00am in the Church, or anytime by appointment.

EUCCHARIST

Communion can be brought to the sick and homebound either at home or in a facility. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

CONFIRMATION

Adults who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to call the Parish Office and speak to one of the priests.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry are asked to call the Parish Office at least one year prior to their desired date so that arrangements can be made.

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. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament can be administered anytime. We make visits to area hospitals and nursing homes. Please contact the Parish Office.

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. Contact the Parish Office for details.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00pm Mass with instruction about the rite and its meaning following Mass. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Baptism Ceremonies are held at 1:30pm and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism or catechesis please call the Parish Office at 973-376-3044.

CATECHESIS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Dec. 17

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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.**