



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 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"CONVERTERE DOMINE ALIQUANTUM,
ET NE TARDES VENIRE AD SERVOS TUOS.
TURN TOWARD US, LORD, IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT.
HURRY TO YOUR SERVANTS."**

An Advent Sourcebook, p. 50

John the Baptist always makes an appearance on the Second Sunday of Advent. He is the one calling for repentance before the presence of the Messiah. He also reminds us that his ministry is limited, and will disappear after Jesus arrives. In the meantime, he is the sign that God has sent to his people.

Tomorrow, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. She is the one entrusted with the gift of the Messiah. She is the patron of the United States. On Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas. Mary appeared to Juan Diego in 1531, as a Mexican peasant girl. This week, our lives are filled with the gifts of John and Mary. Both are signs of hope and expectation for us. Hopefully, as we continue through Advent, we will live with the same hope and expectation in our lives, as we await the return of the Lord.

The reading from Isaiah reflects a time when there will be peace and harmony among all people. It is a time when we are able to live together, no matter our differences. There is a painting called the "Peaceable Kingdom" that images what is written in Isaiah. It shows all the different animals living together, despite the fact that they may not like each other in life. What does this say about us? Too often we pay more attention to our differences than we do to our similarities. This tends to cause hard feelings and animosity between and among us. There is enough of this in our world right now so that it is easy to wonder if we will ever be able to get along with one another.

The Messiah brought a new era to humanity, and it was supposed to be a time of peace and justice. It was supposed to be a time when we all got along together and worked for the same purpose- to build the Kingdom of God on earth. Unfortunately, we humans got in the way and have made things difficult through the ages. So, Advent is the time of hope when we can all get along as we prepare for the return of the Messiah. It is also a time of expectation that we may be able to enrich each others' lives with the gift of ourselves, and the gift of Jesus. Imagine a world like this! It's possible because Jesus came as one of us and brought the Father's love up close and personal to us.

Imagine a world that is reflected in the reading of Isaiah. It is possible if we are willing to allow the presence of Jesus to be reflected in our lives as we attempt to bring his Good News to others. Imagine!

HAPPY ADVENT!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Nov. 23 / 24, 2019

\$9,955.50

\$8,115.50 Collection

\$1,840.00 Online Collection

Dec. Nov. 30 / Dec. 1, 2019

\$9,657.00

\$7,267.00 Collection

\$2,390.00 Online Collection

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

41 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Happy 2nd week of Advent, the week of **love!** During our gathering time we will continue to light the candles 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 Saturday, December 7 or today Sunday, December 8 at the 12:00PM Mass. Please arrive a few minutes early so your child can sign the registry book.

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Class will meet this Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00PM in Hatcher Hall.

We will continue our discussion on Jesus: the Beatitudes.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

There is NO meeting tonight: Sunday, December 8th

Please plan on joining us for our Youth Group Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15th!!

7:00PM in the School Gym

The Youth thanks the parishioners of Saint James

For their donations to the parish Turkey Drive!



2nd Collection: December 14 /15

Retirement for the Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious is taken up each year on the second Sunday of December. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Some 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit from your generosity.

Bambinelli Sunday

December 14 /15

Bambinelli Sunday is a beautiful tradition that was started by Pope St. John Paul II. *Bambinelli* in Italian means, "little baby [boy]." Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Thousands of people come to St. Peter's Square bringing the Baby Jesus figurines from their crèches and nativity scenes. We invite you to bring the baby Jesus from your family's nativity set for a special blessing after all of the masses.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant
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Happy New Year! By this we are referring to the new liturgical year!

Students at Saint James are not only getting ready for Christmas but are getting ready for Christ. You can hear the children singing Christmas songs every day in preparation for our upcoming Christmas pageant on Thursday, December 19.

Breakfast with Santa: Santa Claus and Saint James will celebrate Christmas with breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, December 14 from 8:00 to 10:00AM. All of our school and parish families are invited. Applebee's is located 1721 Morris Avenue in Union. Full breakfast will be served and everyone will have a chance to pose with Santa. \$10.00 for adults and \$5 for children age 3 and up.

Open House – We are having our first Open House in 2020 on January 26 from 12:00 to 2:00PM which kicks off Catholic Schools Week. Catholic schools are a very important place where we can bring “faith to life and life to faith” (Pope John XXIII). Come and see the difference our Catholic school can make in the life of your child. If you cannot wait until then, Touring Tuesdays are another great option... our doors are open every Tuesday between 9:30 and 11:30AM for a tour of the school. Call ahead to schedule an appointment at 973-376-5194.

Open House Week: January 13-17 from 9:00 to 11:00AM

Open House: Sunday, January 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Saint James the Apostle School

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26th @ 12 PM



Our students LEARN.
Our students SERVE.
Our students LEAD.
Our students SUCCEED.

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



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

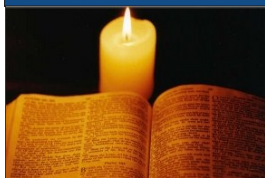
7:00PM

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



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!

'SIMBANG GABI'

ADVENT NOVENA MASS & FELLOWSHIP/RECEPTION

In anticipation of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Filipino Apostolate of Union County, NJ is hosting the celebration of 'SIMBANG GABI' in 9 parishes from December 15 to 23, 2019. Please pick up a schedule of these masses in the gathering area.

On Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8:00PM, the 'Simbang Gabi' will be at Saint James the Apostle Church. Please join us in this celebration and in the fellowship after the Mass. For additional information, please call Gene and Nene Salle 516-225-5757, Lisa Veloso 908-838-6980 or Ken Fernandez 201-486-7557.



THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE GATHERING AREA IS ANIMALS!

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and he began the Christmas tradition of nativity scenes, also called crèches or manger scenes, in 1223. The first scene,

which was set up in a cave, featured costumed people playing the roles of Mary and Joseph and included live animals. Local shepherds watched over their sheep in nearby fields.

In remembrance of St. Francis and to honor the child born in Bethlehem, all parishioners are invited to place an ornament of an animal or St. Francis on the tree starting December 15th. Non-breakable ornaments are best!

All ornaments will be returned when the Christmas season ends in January.

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 the Gathering Area of the Church by **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.



HELPING THE HUNGRY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Claire Bernstein & Joanne Roethlin, Coordinators

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: 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 the 12:00PM Mass on collection Sundays, please contact Nancy Caputo in the Religious Education Office. It only takes an hour!

RESPECT LIFE

Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Coordinator

MARCH FOR LIFE bus trip to Washington, DC on Friday, January 24, 2020. Help save an unborn life and change yours! Bus leaves from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. Mass begins at 6:00AM. Bus departs at 6:45AM, returns about 9:00PM. \$35 for adults, \$25 for students, includes sandwiches, drinks, snacks. **Please RSVP by December 13th.** Send check to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 302, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Please include name(s) and phone number(s). Make credit card payments at: mkt.om/kofc5730. For more details, please call Mike Romanyshyn at 908-868-2625 or email mromanyshyn@gmail.com.



Join us Monday, December 9th, and 23rd in the Church at 7:45PM for Advent Evening Prayer.

Fr. Joe will lead us in prayerful meditation, accompanied by Matt Wilson and Janet Natale.

These beautiful evenings are less than an hour and give us a moment to reflect on the beauty of the Advent Season. Please consider joining us!

The Environmental Liturgy Ministry will be decorating our church in anticipation of Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 14th immediately following the 8:00AM Mass. We are looking for volunteers to help us create a beautiful environment to enhance our worship experience. For more information email: patricia.sullivan@hackensackmeridian.org or call 862-216-6861. Thank you!!

We would like to thank Fr. Joe and all of the parishioners who supported Girl Scout Troop 40002 in our Nuts and Chocolate Sale on November 24. It was very successful, thanks to your support. We will be back in the spring with our delicious Girl Scout Cookies!

Sincerely,

Pamela Turner and Troop 40002

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another

LGBT Parents & Allies Support Group

Remembering that all of us are wonderfully made in God's image, we will offer a new support group for parents and family members of LGBT individuals. Watch brief, helpful videos. Find a space for respectful conversation that allows parents and family members of LGBT family members to share their concerns, joys, and struggles.

When: 3rd Thursday of each month:

next meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00PM

Where: Little Flower Bernauer Parish Center,
290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights

Questions or more info? contact Margaret at
908-464-1585 or pastoral110.lf@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service



1651 US HIGHWAY 22
WATCHUNG, NJ 07069-6587
(908) 753-2091

msmhope@msmhope.org + www.msmhope.org
Facebook—Twitter

HOPE IN DARKNESS: CELEBRATING THE WINTER SOLSTICE



Friday, December 20, 2019
from 5:30 — 9 p.m. + \$50-\$60 as you are able
Dinner and Advent Prayer included.

The shortest day of the year is celebrated in various ways by many cultures. Learn about and celebrate this special day of hope!

Presenter: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

Please enclose your \$50-\$60 per person Registration Fee and mail to:
Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, 1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
Hope in Darkness, Dec. 20, 2019

Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE

Little Flower
Bernauer Parish Center
290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights

Saturday, December 14, 2019
2:00PM

Often, the holidays are difficult.

If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, the church cares about you and invites you to a special time of music and worship.

All are welcome to join us as we come together to pray for renewed strength and experience the presence of the Lord.

Free of Charge



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 9th 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

For the People of Saint James



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Landon Oberson, Aaliyah Roberson,
Ava Roberson, Ella Grace Vigilante

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO DIE

Michele Bilotta, Elsie Doria, Rev. Joseph Fiorino,
Betsy Foer, Angela Italiano, Tom Murtha,
Odiglia Varano

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, 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, Anna Massa, 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, 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



MASS INTENTIONS

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*

MONDAY, December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:30AM

Diane Cummings ~ *Mary Jane Balak*

9:00AM (SCHOOL COMMUNITY MASS)

Joe Fiore ~ *Wife, Tina*

12:00PM

Alfred LaVacca ~ *Bernstein Family*

7:00PM

Ludo Nolfo ~ *Wife, Maria*

TUESDAY, December 10

7:30AM

Alzira Rego ~ *Olga Vieira*

WEDNESDAY, December 11

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

THURSDAY, December 12 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30AM

Linda Labazzetta ~ *Danielle & Ivan Basic*

7:00PM (SPANISH MASS)

Special Intention ~ *Gilman & Catalina Gonzaga*

FRIDAY, December 13 Saint Lucy

7:30PM

Elia Masci Bonetti ~ *Antonio Bonetti, Jr.*

SATURDAY, December 14 ~ St John of the Cross

8:00AM

Rev. Thomas Roberts ~ *Arlene Scanlon*

10:30AM (ITALIAN MASS FOR ST. LUCY)

Ludo Nolfo ~ *Wife, Maria*

SUNDAY, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carlyn Ryan ~ *Carmela Fusco*

7:30AM

Mary Hayes ~ *Pafumi Family*

9:00AM

Luigi & Rosaria Reino ~ *Anthony & Carmelina Reino*

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

Frank Romano ~ *Romano 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.**