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SUNDAY MASSES

Anticipated 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 at 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00AM

RECTORY HOURS

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

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

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

FROM THE PASTOR

"DA MERCEDEM, DOMINE, SUSTINENTIBUS TE,
UP PROPHETAE TUI FIDELIS INVENIANTUR.
HAVE MERCY ON THOSE WHO WAIT FOR YOU, LORD,
AND YOU SHALL FIND YOUR PROPHETS KEEPING FAITH."

(An Advent Sourcebook, p. 57).

On this Second Sunday of Advent we meet John the Baptist, one of the other characters of Advent. John lived a different life than most. He lived in the desert with an extreme community called the Essenes. This community looked differently, spoke differently and ate foods that were different from most folks. They were also an austere community, hoping to experience and encounter God in a way that was different from most people at that time.

John's appearance began a unique encounter with someone who was sent from God to prepare the people. His mission was very simple: he was to prepare the way for the Messiah, and when the Messiah appeared, John went back to the desert. In the desert, no one hears anything if one is trying to speak. The dryness, isolation and the heat make it impossible to talk in a normal tone of voice or even to yell. Maybe that was what John was feeling when he spoke and not many listened. Who would listen to someone who seemed very strange in appearance and language? Yet, John had an important message to bring to the people. All he wanted them to do was pay attention so they would recognize the Messiah when he appeared.

Since Advent is a season of preparation, we are the ones entrusted to prepare the way of the Lord when he returns in glory. But we also must celebrate his presence in our midst as an ongoing encounter with God as revealed in Christ Jesus. The problem, though, is that we get so consumed by all the preparations for Christmas that we think that Advent really is all about getting ourselves ready for Christmas. What if the Lord returned tomorrow, would we be prepared to meet him, or would we want him to wait until we are ready? This is the time to wait with hope and expectation while continuing to live our lives in faith and our relationship with God.

Advent can also be the season of peace that allows us to maintain our balance while still doing all our Christmas buying, selling and cooking. Advent can help us appreciate the gift that John is to us as he calls us to be attentive to the presence of the Messiah in our lives and in our church. We can help others experience this same presence as we remind one another to stay awake and alert, ready to greet the Lord, not just when he comes again but in the Word, the Breaking of the Bread and especially in the lives of one another. If John were here, he would probably say something like, "Wake up, and pay attention, for the Messiah is here!"

May Advent be that season of peace, hope and expectation, as well as celebration, for all of us and for our parish!!

HAPPY ADVENT!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

$10,041.00

$8,251.00 Collection
$1,790.00 Online
$1,957.00 2nd Collection - Religious Retirement Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity!

To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org ~ We Also Accept Online Credit Card Donations

ADVENT PARISH SCHEDULE

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ Wednesday, December 12
7:00 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Mass for the Feast of Saint Lucy ~ Thursday, December 13
7:00 p.m. (Mass in Italian)

Bambinelli Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15 / 16
Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines from you home nativity set at all Masses

Lessons & Carols ~ Sunday, December 16
3:00 p.m. in the Church

Simbang Gabi: Filipino Novena Mass and Reception ~ Tuesday, December 18
8:00 p.m. (all are invited!)
Presider: Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D., *Auxiliary Bishop of Newark*

Advent Penance Service with Individual Confessions ~ Thursday, December 20
7:00 p.m.

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

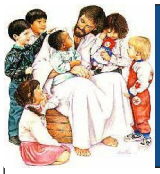
Bernie & Susie LoMacchio
r/b Daughter, Patty

Vincent & Mildred Genco
r/b 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

Last weekend we enrolled and blessed the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you for the warm welcome you gave them and please keep these children in your prayers during Advent, the season of preparation.

Has your child been Baptized and not catechized or received any other sacraments? Are they of school age and not yet Baptized? Please contact the Religious Education Office.

8TH GRADE CLASS NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator

I'm very proud of our Tuesday night 8th grade class! - They are creative and inquisitive and take our lessons to a whole new level!
Our last class for the fall session is:

Tuesday, December 11th.

We will resume classes on:
Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator

Meeting TONIGHT!

Sunday, December 9th

Discussion Topic: Handling Stress and Anxiety

Join is on December 16th for our Youth Group Christmas party!! 7-9pm in the gym!

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator

We are looking forward to welcoming our Confirmation class at their Enrollment this weekend. We invite everyone to join us in welcoming our newest Candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at either the 5:00pm mass on Saturday December 8th or the 12:00pm mass on Sunday, December 9th in the Church.

The parent / candidate Confirmation information meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Church (with a snow date of January 15th)

Please contact me at:

amgesualdo@saintjamesparish.org or
201-709-5280 with any questions!!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal

Happy New Year! By this we are referring to the new liturgical year!

Report cards for the first trimester were distributed two weeks ago at parent-teacher conferences. The names of Saint James students earning First and Second Honors were announced during our morning prayer and students received Honor Roll certificates. Congratulations to the following students on their achievement:

First Honors

GRADE 4 – Madalyn Polinger **GRADE 5** – Magdalene Battista, Si'yana Shivers, Cheyenne Simon, Colby Tavares **GRADE 8** – Andrea Falar, Brielle Pierre Philippe

Second Honors

GRADE 4 – Ryan Ezaah-Milku, Yamin Mason, Ethan Pierre Philippe, Payten Santiago, Madison Stradford
GRADE 5 – Sophia Hetrick, Abigail Jules, Alexander Kieschke, Isabella Martins
GRADE 6 – Gavin Diaz, Jayson Gbologa, Quentin Goodwin, Emmanuelle Jules, Julia Landicho, Alexandra Morales, Emily O'Donohue, Aiden Rickets, Samuel Soto
GRADE 7 – Jamie Jules, Jessica Markovicz, Daniel Rueda, Ethan Stewart
GRADE 8 – Michael Cangiano, Adam Cordeiro, Sierra Latonnel, Elizabeth Lopez, Katie Pascuite, Karla Perez-Palacios, Angelina Robledo

Open House Week:
January 7-12, 2019 ~ from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Open House:
Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: DECEMBER 8 / 9, 2018

The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting **non-perishable items** to support the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and Summit Helping Its People (SHIP) and other community food pantries. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Area. Some of the non-perishable items requested by these organizations include:

- Cans of hearty soup/chili/stew
- Low sugar cereal
- Individual packets of nuts and trail mix
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Granola and cereal bars

Thank you for your continued generous support! For more information or questions please contact either:
Claire Bernstein: clairebbernstein@gmail.com or Joanne Roethlin at: jroethlin@yahoo.com

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 NOON Mass. Coolers are in the Gathering Area for your convenience.
Please contact Nancy Caputo with any specific questions or if you are able to help with the collection or delivery.

973-376-2061 or
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This month's collection will be donated to the graduate families from Family Promise of Union County.

GATHERING AREA CHRISTMAS TREE

This year's theme for the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space is **"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"**. If you have an ornament that reflect the celebration of Christmas in another country or from a different culture, we invite you to place it on the tree **starting Saturday, December 15th.**
Please do not bring anything fragile or a family heirloom. You may take your ornament back home once the Christmas season is over.

JOIN US FOR LECTIO DIVINA THIS ADVENT SEASON

6:30 A.M.
St. John's Room in the Rectory

Lectio Divina is Latin for "divine reading" and represents a method of scriptural reading and discussion intended to promote communion with God. It follows the four steps of reading, reflecting, responding and listening to Advent Sunday readings.

We meet from 6:30 A.M. to 7:20 A.M. on successive Mondays:
December 10 and 17
All are welcome ~ Please join us.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please return your gifts this weekend by noon Sunday, December 9th!

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items from the Giving Tree!

If you are able to help deliver the gifts, please contact Chris DeCicco: 908-265-3585 or: decicco.chris@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keeping in Touch With One Another

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 16, 2018
3:00PM In the church

Step away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and join us to listen to the Christmas story as woven through the Old and New Testaments and expressed in beautiful Christmas Carols sung by our Parish Choirs.

A Christmas cookie reception will follow

Bring the family…. Invite friends and neighbors to experience this Christmas spirit-filled hour of scripture and song.

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 16, 2018 at 3:00 P.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

Boy Scout Troop 73 of Springfield is running their Annual Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale until December 16th.

If you are interested in purchasing a wreath or grave blanket, please see us after mass or place your order online at: **https://troop-73-springfield-nj.myshopify.com**

The following items are available for purchase...Decorated Wreath ($30), Undecorated Wreath ($20), Large Grave Blanket ($40), Small Grave Blanket ($25)

Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 73, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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290 Broad Street
Summit, NJ
All programs are FREE

Monday, December 17 from 7-8:30PM
Caregiver Support Group for Adult Children

A free support group for adult children who act as their parents' caregivers will be led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker and InfoCare Manager, Kathy Larkin. The groups will cover topics such as balancing work and the needs of their families, long-distance caregiving, family conflicts, finding resources, and navigating the healthcare system. Pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, please call 908.598.5509.

Little Flower Church
310 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights,
Saturday, December 15, 2018 ~ 11:30 am

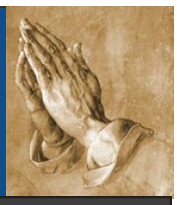
Blue Christmas Prayer Service
A Holiday Worship Service for Those Who Are Stressed, Lonely or Hurting

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.
Light refreshments will be served.

THE PRAYER CORNER

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



A TIME TO HEAL

Glenn Albright, Anthony B., Paul Barbato, Nathaniel Barbone, Concetta Bellott, Joe Brisick, Maria Casalinuova, Lena Chromowski, Helen Chelis, Phyllis Colosimo, Joe Cuthbert, Jr., Mary Cuthbert, James Curry, Gerry Dehoynes, Marie Del Mauro, Berta Franco, Martin Gignac, Monica Gomes, Ana Harper, Steven Hensle, Joann Jennings, Jake Kessler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Stan Lesniewski, Christina Leone, Angela Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Angie Mazzarisi, Nicholas Melillo, Simone Miller, John Montana, Julie Mornhinweg, Michael Nargi, Rafaelina Oliviero, Elizabeth Piedl, Richard Quagliato, Cecilia Quintero, Karen Rose, Ginny Sampson, Raymond Schwartz, Jack Silbert, Louis Stiglitz, Amanda Tuten, Anne Wallis, Frank Wendolowski, Jr.

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

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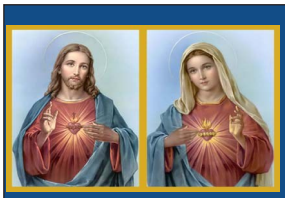
A TIME TO DIE

Thomas Arlotta, Walter Battiato, Pres. George H.W. Bush, Rev. Thomas Ertle, William McHugh, Rev. Michael Moran

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki



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

Marie Leone ~ *Daughter*

Sanctuary Lamp

Michael Sangregorio ~ *Grace Sangregorio*

Flowers By The Tabernacle

Bernie & Susie LoMacchio ~ *Patty & John*

O Jesus, Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

SUNDAY, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM (SATURDAY)
Amelia Montana ~ *Husband, John*
7:30AM
Ann Kerins ~ Kevin & Maureen Corbett
9:00AM
James Russo ~ *Carmella Fusco*
10:30AM
Gene Melleno ~ *Iannuzzi Cousins*
12:00PM
Matthew Klein ~ *Mom*
MONDAY, December 10
7:30AM
Katherine Thomas ~ *Ken & Linda Rackham*
TUESDAY, December 11
7:30AM
Mary Ridilla ~ *Linda & Bob Donnelly*
WEDNESDAY, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30AM
Marta Carvajales ~ *Angela Ragonese*
9:00AM (SCHOOL COMMUNITY)
Nelly Cabello ~ *Blanca Davila*
7:00PM (SPANISH MASS)
Diana Zuckswert ~ *Joann Rullo*
THURSDAY, December 13 St. Lucy
7:30AM
Matthew Klein ~ *Yolanda Giovanone*
7:00PM (ITALIAN MASS)
Anna & Enzo Deluca ~ *Family*
FRIDAY, December 14 St. John of the Cross
7:30AM
Ralph & Doris Hampp ~ *Family*
SATURDAY, December 15
8:00AM
Rev. Thomas Roberts ~ *Arlene Scalon*
SUNDAY, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday
5:00 PM (SATURDAY)
Eugene Melleno ~ *Schoenknecht Family*
7:30AM
Jesus Perez-Santalle ~ *Robert Castorina*
9:00AM
For the People of Saint James
10:30AM
Stanton M. Smith, III ~ *Family*
12:00PM
Susie LoMacchio ~ *Patty*

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

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. 8 /9 and Dec. 15 /16 after all masses while the supply lasts.

All proceeds from your generous "free-will offering" will be given in the name of Saint James Parish to the charity of Fr. Joe's choosing.

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.

RECONCILIATION

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

EUCHARIST

Communion can be brought to the sick and homebound either at home or in a facility.

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.

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 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
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PARISH STAFF INFORMATION

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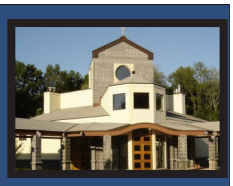

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Parish Mission Statement

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**.