



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!

February 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We are moving closer to Lent, which occurs in 10 days. In the meantime, it is always good for us to consider whether we have taken seriously the message of the Gospels in their call for conversion. We sometimes forget that the Lord's call to conversion is an ongoing experience, and not just during Lent, when we make a concerted effort to pay more attention to what we do.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is reminding us of the seriousness of our actions, bad or good. They always affect others and we are supposed to be aware of what we say and do, and how that affects others either positively or negatively. Jesus reminds us that we are not just believers but also teachers. We show others by our faith and example that we are serious followers of the Lord. Our example will either help others experience the wonder of Christ or turn them away. It is easy to forget this because we may think that this is the role of the clergy or religious. The truth is, though, it is the role and responsibility of each of us. Since we all claim to be believers in and followers of Jesus, our lives are supposed to radiate the love of Jesus in who we are and how we live.

The admonition of Jesus in the Gospel of being reconciled with each other before we approach the altar, even if the other person has a grievance against us, is not only serious but a step in his call to conversion. Too often we don't give this any thought or consideration, but continue our lives as if nothing has happened between us. Sometimes there are individuals who haven't talked to each for a long period of time, and worship together at the same church but make no attempt to reconcile. Jesus always offers us an extended hand in friendship and his abiding presence and love. The challenge for us is always to accept his invitation to come and experience his presence and love in our lives, and to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters to each other. Too often there are too many of us who hold grudges against others and refuse to express any kind of healing until the other person takes the first step. Jesus reminds us that it our responsibility as his follower to take that first step, and begin the healing process. The issue is, do we really believe that and are we willing to take that first step?

The final total for our Christmas collection is **\$51,473**, which is **\$6,473** over our budget of \$45,000! Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish, and all we do to help bring the Gospel of Jesus to all of you in Springfield and the surrounding areas. I am always very proud and privileged not just to serve you as your pastor, but to let others know what a great parish we are because of all of you. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

HAPPY ORDINARY TIME!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,000.00

\$6,140.00 Collection

\$1,860.00 Online

\$1,795.00 Lenten Almsgiving

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

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

Thank you for your continued generosity!



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

***PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION
CONCERNING***

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
CONFIRMATION
MARRIAGE
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

***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
Mar. 15, June 7

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Feb. 23, Apr. 19, May 31

Has your child been baptized but not catechized or received their sacraments?

Are they of school age and not yet baptized?

Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis?

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

Today's Gospel Meditation.....

Mark 1:40-45

Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

"Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion."

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

We are excited to announce that our parish will offer a new Family Faith Program in September as an alternative to classroom lessons. We will continue to offer the “traditional learning” model, but our hope is that families will embrace this new approach to discovering Christ. This is a great way to connect our Catholic faith to our daily lives. *If you are a new parent, seasoned parent or grandparent and are interested in being a part of our focus group, we welcome your participation! Please contact the Religious Education Office.*

Happy President's Day!

Home Study ~ Ms. Karen Cocco

Our next retreat begins at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 23rd! Children should bring their textbooks with them.

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Our first night of class for the Spring Session of classes went very, very well! We explored Sacred Scripture and designed our own Bible covers. Love the creativity and depth of faith this class shows!

Next Class: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in Hatcher Hall from 7:00—8:30PM



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 1st - Lent - let's do more than give up chocolate!

No Meetings: Sunday, February 16 and March 23

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Rehearsals take place Monday nights in the church at 7:30PM

The Youth Group presents the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 10).

All 8th -12th grade students are invited to take part. No auditions! There is a place for everyone!

We welcome actors, singers, musicians, stage crew, and director's assistants.

Please contact me with any questions.



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant
41 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-5194 :: Facsimile 973-376-5228

100 Days of School

At Saint James the Apostle School, our Kindergarten students recently celebrated their 100th day of school! The class celebrated with fun learning centers and activities incorporating the number 100. They painted 100 gumballs using q-tips. They wrote about what they wanted to do before they turned 100 and illustrated these goals. They played Race to 100, a "board" game they created during which they rolled the dice and moved along a number path to see who could get to 100 first. And that was just the morning's activities! In the afternoon, the class enjoyed a cups challenge to see which group could build the tallest tower using 100 plastic cups. The day ended with a yummy scavenger hunt. The students had to find 100 Hershey Kisses hidden throughout the classroom. Each kiss had a number written on the bottom which had to be placed on our 100 chart. Students tasted both dark and milk chocolate kisses and graphed the results: Kindergartners like milk chocolate best! The activities were fun but our students really enjoyed dressing like centenarians!

Church Tour

Mrs. West's first graders recently went on a tour of Saint James the Apostle Church with Pastor, Father Joe. He introduced the students to the many beautiful statues, sculptures, paintings, and stained-glass windows that tell a story of their own. Father Joe invited the students into sacred spaces within the church, such as the gathering space, the baptismal font, the sacristy, the confessional, and the altar, where we felt the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord. He showed them the tabernacle, where the Blessed Sacrament is housed and offered them a look at the many beautiful chalices that hold the Blood of Christ during Mass. Additionally, students received a lesson on the Church seasons and the vestments worn by priests and deacons during each of those seasons. Students were fortunate to be able to view relics housed within Saint James Church, as well as the oils that are used during the celebrations of the sacraments, and the Easter Candle. Students were given many opportunities to have their questions answered by Father Joe, who happily engaged them while helping them understand the Stations of the Cross in preparation for the Lenten Season. We would like to thank Father Joe for his time, knowledge, and patience in helping us grow in our faith and in our Catholic identity.





FAMILY FAITH

Dr. Karen Cocco

Greetings! We hope that you had a blessed week. This week, we focus on challenges and our ability to address even the most difficult situations when Jesus is in our hearts. So, with those thoughts, we reflect on Courage. Have a Blessed Week!

Courage: Name Your Fear

Courage is not the absence of fear but the willingness to keep going despite fear. A soldier fears attack by the enemy and yet moves into battle. A young woman fears that she's not ready to be a mom and yet welcomes the unplanned pregnancy and moves forward into the months of preparation.

Not all courage is so dramatic. There is undoubtedly a fear hiding in your daily life, one related to your job or your relationships or your physical health. Pause for a moment and try to identify what you fear. Can you also find the courage to choose to move into your day despite it, perhaps with a simple prayer for help? Sometimes the best prayer for courage is this:

Prayer: Don't let fear overwhelm me or hinder my ability to do whatever task I'm given.

Saint James the Apostle Church
invites you to a Lenten Women's Retreat



Lent it Go!

We get caught up in the craziness of yesterday, and let it determine our today. Come and make this Lent a stepping stone to a better Easter and Lent it go!



Presenter: Colleen Kelly-Rayner.

Colleen has worked in ministry for over 25 years. Colleen has found that her unique retreats have changed the way many families look at their faith. Known for her comedic timing and vast knowledge of the church, she has a gift for looking at today's culture and seeing a new vision. Come laugh, cry and experience an evening you won't soon forget! All women are welcome!!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Join us for Mass at 7:00PM
with distribution of Ashes.

Retreat to follow at 7:30PM,
Light refreshments will be served.

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SPRINGFIELD, NJ

Any questions or to RVSP, please contact
Nancy Caputo 973-376-2061 or
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing information with each other

MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER
ROUTE 22 WEST, WATCHUNG, NJ
msmhope@msmhope.org
RSVP Required

HO HUM, IT'S LENT AGAIN. MAKE THIS YEAR COUNT.

Come for a day of personal and communal reflection that will help you enter this season through the images and scripture of Lent. Lunch is included.

Saturday, Feb. 29, 10:00AM—3:00PM.

Presenter: Honora Nolt, OP. Sr. Honora is an Associate Director at RENEW International.

\$50-\$60 as you are able.

CORNERSTONE RETREAT

A local retreat is being hosted by St. Helen in Westfield. In a very casual atmosphere, you'll get the chance to listen to ordinary people share their faith. You will have the opportunity to examine your relationship with God, your family, and others in your life. Visit the link to get more information on this wonderful experience.

www.sainthelen.org/adult-ministries/cornerstone

Women's Retreat – Feb. 28th & 29th

Men's Retreat – March 6th & 7th

Want to keep up with events at Saint James?
Know a friend or neighbor who might like to hear about what's going on in our vibrant parish?

Send an email to:
publicity@saintjamesparish.org

to be added to our email list and be notified of parish events. The Publicity Committee also has a mail slot in the rectory for your convenience.

Like us on Facebook:
Saint James the Apostle Church



Catholic Men's Conference
Conferencia De Hombres Católicos
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK • ARQUIDIOCESIS DE NEWARK

Man of God... I am my Brothers' Keeper
Hombre de Dios... Sal al encuentro de tu hermano

Saturday, February 29, 2020
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mass at 4:00 PM
400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079

PAUL KIM
 Husband and father, dynamic speaker who appeals to all ages. Paul shares his life in Christ and calls all to a closer relationship with Jesus.

ANDRES ARANGO
 Andres Arango es el Director de Evangelización de la diócesis de Camden, N.J. Es presidente del Consejo Católico Latinoamericano. Autor de varios libros, profundo y entusiasta, es un gran predicador nacional e internacional.

BISHOP JOHN FLESEY
 Retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and a popular retreat master and teacher.

FATHER JIVI HERCULES
 A los 19 años el Señor cambió su vida. Su respuesta ha sido de servicio a los hombres como sacerdote en varias parroquias de nuestra Arquidiócesis de Newark. Gran evangelizador que entusiasma a quien lo escucha.

FATHER JOHN GORDON
 English Emcee

DIACONO ASTERIO VELASCO
 Spanish Emcee

To register online visit: www.rcan.org/mens-commission
 For more information e-mail: CatholicMen@rcan.org or call 973-497-4545
 Cost: \$30 • Clergy/Religious (Free)

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 Para más información escribanos al Correo Electrónico: CatholicMen@rcan.org o llame al 973-497-4545
 Costo: \$30 • Clero/Religiosos: (GRATIS)

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.R.
 MAIN CELEBRANT AT MASS
 CELEBRANTE PRINCIPAL DE LA MISA

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 1430AM/1160AM

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Dates for using the parish buildings must be cleared by **Michelle Sblendorio** **before** being sent to the bulletin for submission.

Email: msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or call: 973-376-3044

Information for the weekly bulletin needs to be emailed to **both** email addresses by

NOON ON MONDAYS:

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org **and**
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another

Spotlight on Faith

Archdiocesan Center, Newark

Saturday, February 22, 2020

9:30AM to 3:30PM



The six SPOTLIGHT courses rotate through a number of parish centers in various parts of the Archdiocese. Courses are offered in two series, one in the fall and one in the spring, with an occasional winter offering.

Participants at a single location can take the entire six course sequence over a three year period. These courses are of general interest to all who might want to learn more about the Catholic faith. They may be of particular interest to parents or those active in parish activities.

Catechists can also fulfill the requirements for doctrinal certification by completing all six SPOTLIGHT courses. Doctrinal certification is important for catechists who work with adults in RCIA, Bible study, small faith sharing communities and other forms of adult faith formation, those who work with children in parish religious education programs and teachers in Catholic elementary schools.

Please contact your parish Religious Education Office for additional information and registration questions.

PROTECTING FAMILIES FROM DANGEROUS ONLINE CONTENT

St. Helen / Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00PM
1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, NJ
Dr. Peter Kleponis

The presentation will cover the following topics: Identifying Dangerous Online Content, Its Effects on Families, and How To Protect Your Family from It—with time for questions and answers.

Nearly 50% of families have experienced the negative effects of the Internet. Dangerous online content has had devastating effects on individuals, marriages and families. Come and learn the truth and dangers of the Internet, scientific, therapeutic and spiritual perspectives on protection of families and healing for individuals negatively impacted.

The presentation is appropriate for adults and teens ages 14 and older.



The Parish Rectory & Offices
and School will be closed
Monday, February 17.



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 for an hour on Monday evenings in the church for Novena
in honor of
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
All are welcome!

NO NOVENA ON FEBRUARY 17 (President's Day)

Please join us on Monday, February 24th



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

Mark Weber ~ *Rossomando Family*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Mark Weber ~ *Rossomando Family*

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Arthur Anthony Beyer and Jaxon William Beyer

A TIME TO DIE

Mary Higgins Clark, Caterina Delapa,
Kirk Douglas, Theresa Greaves,
Deacon John Inguaggiato, Roger Kahn,
Catherine Medich, Joseph Montague,
Christian Moreno, Pasqualina Pacifico,
Joyce Sevilla, Susan Sullivan, Willie Wood

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz,
Pat Butterworth, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo,
Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Dominic Ciraco,
Phyllis Colosimo, Van Corteza, James Curry,
Maureen D., Marianne Dunn, Rick Ellmer,
Alfredo Fernandes, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco,
Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes,
Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski,
William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Dana Kelley,
Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff,
Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski,
Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo,
Barbara Ludolph, Donna Massa, Angie Mazzarisi,
Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele, Aman Mo, Moise
Modestin, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian
Murphy, Carol Muzacs,
John Natale, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P.,
Janet Payson, Elizabeth Piedl, John Reiss,
Epifania Rivera, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S.,
Luigi Sannino, Jack Silbert, Thomas Spohn,
Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Anne Wallis,
Tom Walsh, Kay Winski, 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, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh,
Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten,
Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Vincent Pettrignani ~ *Ann & Family*

7:30AM

Rosalie Yannotti ~ *Cousin, Jean*

9:00AM

Jeanine McGough ~ *Hagenbush Family*

10:30AM

Forsyth Family (Living) ~ *Casey Family*

12:00PM

Mark Weber ~ *Rossomando Family*

MONDAY, February 17 President's Day

8:30AM

Alex Melleno ~ *Robin, Alex & Annie*

TUESDAY, February 18

7:30AM

Marie Cavallaro ~ *Cousins, Carol & Howard Balfour
and Thomas & Norma Brzozowski*

WEDNESDAY, February 19

7:30AM

Mary D. Pfarr ~ *Chris Conradi*

THURSDAY, February 20

7:30AM

Carolyn Nelson ~ *Dolores Cosquer*

FRIDAY, February 21

7:30AM

John D. Murphy ~ *Daughter, Cathy & Dennis Flynn*

SATURDAY, February 22

8:00AM

Maria & Giocchino Zotti ~ *Children*

SUNDAY, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Rose Anne Citro ~ *Daughters*

7:30AM

Isabelo Barcena, Sr. ~ *Falar Family*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

John Collins ~ *Roethlin Family*

12:00PM

Maria Delmauro ~ *Sons & Grandchildren*

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

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.**