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A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

February 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**“O LORD, THROUGH THESE FORTY DAYS
YOU PRAYED AND KEPT THE FAST;
INSPIRE REPENTANCE FOR OUR SINS,
AND FREE US FROM OUR PAST...”**

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book One, p. 69

The desert was always a place of mystery, and a place to encounter God. It was hot, dry and arid. There was nothing to distract anyone because there was nothing there except the environment. It was into this that Jesus was thrust to be tempted by Satan, and Jesus overcame Satan's temptation.

There are lots of distractions in our lives that can prevent us from experiencing and encountering God. These include money, prestige, and social media, among others. The church gives us Lent to examine our lives to see what prevents us from experiencing Christ. Lent is a time to look inward to see what changes, if necessary, we need to make to improve our relationship with God and one another. This does not mean we are bad people, just people who may have to make an adjustment or two in life.

Lent is the desert time for us. It gives us the opportunity to look inward so that we are prepared physically and spiritually to celebrate the Great Feast and Season of Easter with heart, mind and spirit renewed. Lent is also a time to consider what we can do to help others because it is a season of fast, sacrifice and almsgiving. All of this is meant to help change our words, attitudes and actions. For some, though, Lent means doing the same thing every year with no apparent change in life.

Lent is not a season of doom and gloom, but one of hope generated by the presence of Jesus in our lives. He calls us to celebrate the new life he has gained for us in who we are as God's people and in everything we say and do. This makes Lent a more positive experience for us.

HAPPY LENT!!

~ *Fr. Joe*

2nd Collection February 20 / 21, 2021 Central & Eastern Europe Collection

In Eastern Europe, in the Caucasus region, the small country of Georgia nestles between Armenia and Russia. In 1921 Georgia was taken over by the Red Army and became one of the first countries to be incorporated into the Soviet Union. After 70 years of oppression under the Soviet regime, the Georgian people declared independence in 1991, and the Church entered a new era of freedom.

With your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE), the Church in Georgia has worked through the network of parishes to expand medical services to respond to the needs of these remote villages. Many of our brothers and sisters who live in these villages now have access to qualified nursing services, doctors, and medication. Your generosity is balm for the wounds of an abandoned people. You are bringing the light of Christ and strength of his healing so they know that they are not forgotten.

Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals:
\$5,960.00

\$4,349.00 Church Collection
\$1,611.00 Online Collection

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

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

*Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their
weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are
welcome to do so.*

OR

*To make a donation to help our parish, please
visit our GoFundMe page:*

[https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/
archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us](https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us)
Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield
(all donations are gratefully accepted)



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM
(10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM
Facebook / Zoom

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
By Appointment



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually.

Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Lent is here..... it also means that Spring and the warmer weather are just around the corner!!! We hope that you found the Lenten activity ideas emailed to you helpful. If you are doing any of the activities, please take pictures and email them to me! I'd love to see your celebrations!

Just a reminder that any family who would like to lead us in Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00PM is welcome to do so. Please email or give me a call to schedule your family!

Although we are still limited in the in-person gatherings, our parish offers a host of virtual opportunities for us to come together during this Lenten Season. We hope you will join us.

Just a reminder, everyone is welcome to join the parish community on YouTube or Facebook to unite our prayers through the Holy Rosary and Novena. The Rosary is live-streamed every Monday evening at 7:00PM through the parishioner Facebook page.

We pray that 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic, a renewed sense of caring for each other and the ability to once again, gather in praise and thanksgiving to our Loving God.

7th GRADE

Homework that was emailed and posted on Google Classroom is due Thursday, March 4, 2021

Next Zoom Class: Tuesday, March 9

8th GRADE

Homework that was emailed and posted on Google Classroom

is due Thursday, March 11, 2021

Next Zoom Class: Tuesday, March 16

FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM

The last Zoom Lesson will be Sunday, March 7

Topic: Holy Week & Easter

If you are having trouble with the online assessments please contact Colleen Tyra:

ctyra@saintjamesparish.org

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

Regarding Attending Mass during Covid-19

Dear Fellow Saint James Parishioners:

It is great to be back together in church for Mass, but things are a little different. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home and watch the Sunday online 10:30AM Mass, which we will continue to live-stream.

If you do come to church for Mass, please remember the following:


1. You must wear a mask to enter the church and you must keep your mask on, at all times while in the church, including during Mass.
2. As you go from the Gathering Area into the church, please use the appropriate door to enter and exit the church.
3. Please observe the one-way aisles, which are marked with blue tape on the floor.
4. You must maintain social distancing while in the church.
5. Half of the pews have been taped off to maintain social distancing. There are pieces of blue tape on each pew where you can sit. They are also on the floor by the back walls for those who prefer to stand. This area is also marked for social distancing.
6. Family members can sit together, but everyone else must sit 6 feet apart.
7. The weekly collection baskets will not be passed from parishioner to parishioner. They will be on the baptismal font. Please drop in your donation as you enter or exit the church.
8. There is no procession of the bread and wine ("bringing up the gifts").
9. Please do not shake hands when sharing the sign of peace. Instead, wave, nod, or bow slightly.
10. There are three Communion stations: one in the center, one by the organ, and one by the ambo. The ushers will direct you to maintain social distance.
11. Hosts can no longer be placed directly on a parishioner's tongue by a priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister. You must receive the Host in your hand and place it on your tongue. There is no receiving from the Cup.
12. When it is your turn to receive Communion, approach the priest or deacon, receive the Host in your hand, step aside, raise or lower your mask, and place the Host on your tongue. Immediately replace your mask over your mouth.
13. The candles in the Gathering Area have been turned off and they are taped.
14. There are no printed bulletins. Bulletins are posted online on the parish website.
15. The Worship books have been removed from church. You may bring your own booklet, iPad or iPhone to use during Mass.
16. You will also notice that everything that can be touched has been removed from the church. There is no Holy Water.
17. Once Mass is over, please quickly exit the church so that the pews can be sanitized for the next Mass.
18. If you want to socialize with others whom you may not have seen in a while, please do so outside of church and not in the Gathering Area.


If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do while in church, please ask an usher. I ask your patience as we attempt to navigate through all of this. We realize this is a very different situation for all of us. It can work if we work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Stay safe!

Fr. Joe

PARISH INFORMATION



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube!

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.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly bulletin and follow along with the readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to: www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or click the USCCB website.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK LENTEN REGULATIONS

1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to Fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) **The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

**Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



SUNDAY READINGS ~ February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you:
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals
that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be
destroyed by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate the
earth.”

God added:

“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to
come,
of the covenant between me and you
and every living creature with you:
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth,
and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings.”

En aquellos días, dijo Dios a Noé y a sus hijos:
“Ahora establezco una alianza con ustedes y con
sus descendientes,
con todos los animales que los acompañaron, aves,
ganados y fieras,
con todos los que salieron del arca,
con todo ser viviente sobre la tierra.

Ésta es la alianza que establezco con ustedes:
No volveré a exterminar la vida con el diluvio, ni
habrá otro diluvio que destruya la tierra.”

Y añadió:

“Ésta es la señal de la alianza perpetua que yo
establezco con ustedes y con todo ser viviente que
esté con ustedes. Pondré mi arco iris en el cielo
como señal de mi alianza con la tierra, y cuando
yo cubra de nubes la tierra, aparecerá el arco iris y
me acordaré de mi alianza con ustedes y
con todo ser viviente.
No volverán las aguas del diluvio a destruir la vida.”

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God!

La Palabra del Señor.....

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. Be merciful O Lord for we have sinned

R. Ten piedad, Señor, porque hemos pecado

SECOND READING: Peter 3:18-22

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Hermanos:

Cristo murió, una sola vez y para siempre, por los
pecados de los hombres;
él, el justo, por nosotros, los injustos, para llevarnos
a Dios; murió en su cuerpo y resucitó glorificado.
En esta ocasión, fue a proclamar su mensaje a los
espíritus encarcelados,
que habían sido rebeldes en los tiempos de Noé,
cuando la paciencia de Dios aguardaba, mientras se
construía el arca, en la que unos pocos, ocho
personas, se salvaron flotando sobre el agua.
Aquella agua era figura del bautismo, que ahora los
salva a ustedes y que no consiste en quitar la
inmundicia corporal, sino en el compromiso de vivir
con una buena conciencia ante Dios,
por la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro,
que subió al cielo y está a la derecha de Dios,
a quien están sometidos los ángeles, las potestades y
las virtudes.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! ¡ Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo, Rey de gloria sin fin!

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Mark....

R. Glory to you O Lord

Sacerdote / Diácono: El Señor esté contigo ...

R. Y con tu Espíritu ...

Sacerdote / Diácono: Una lectura del Santo Evangelio
según Mateo ...

R. Gloria a ti, oh Señor ...

*with your thumb, make a little sign of the cross, first on your
forehead; then on your lips; then on your heart*

*con el pulgar, haga una pequeña señal de la cruz, primero en la
frente; luego en tus labios; luego en tu corazón*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían. Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio."

Priest / Deacon:

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

El Evangelio del Señor
R. ¡Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo!

Gospel Reflection:

Mark 1:12-15

To *believe* is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is *our* Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his *beloved* sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe in the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of Christ?

Lord Jesus, your word is life, joy, wisdom, and strength for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to your will for me.

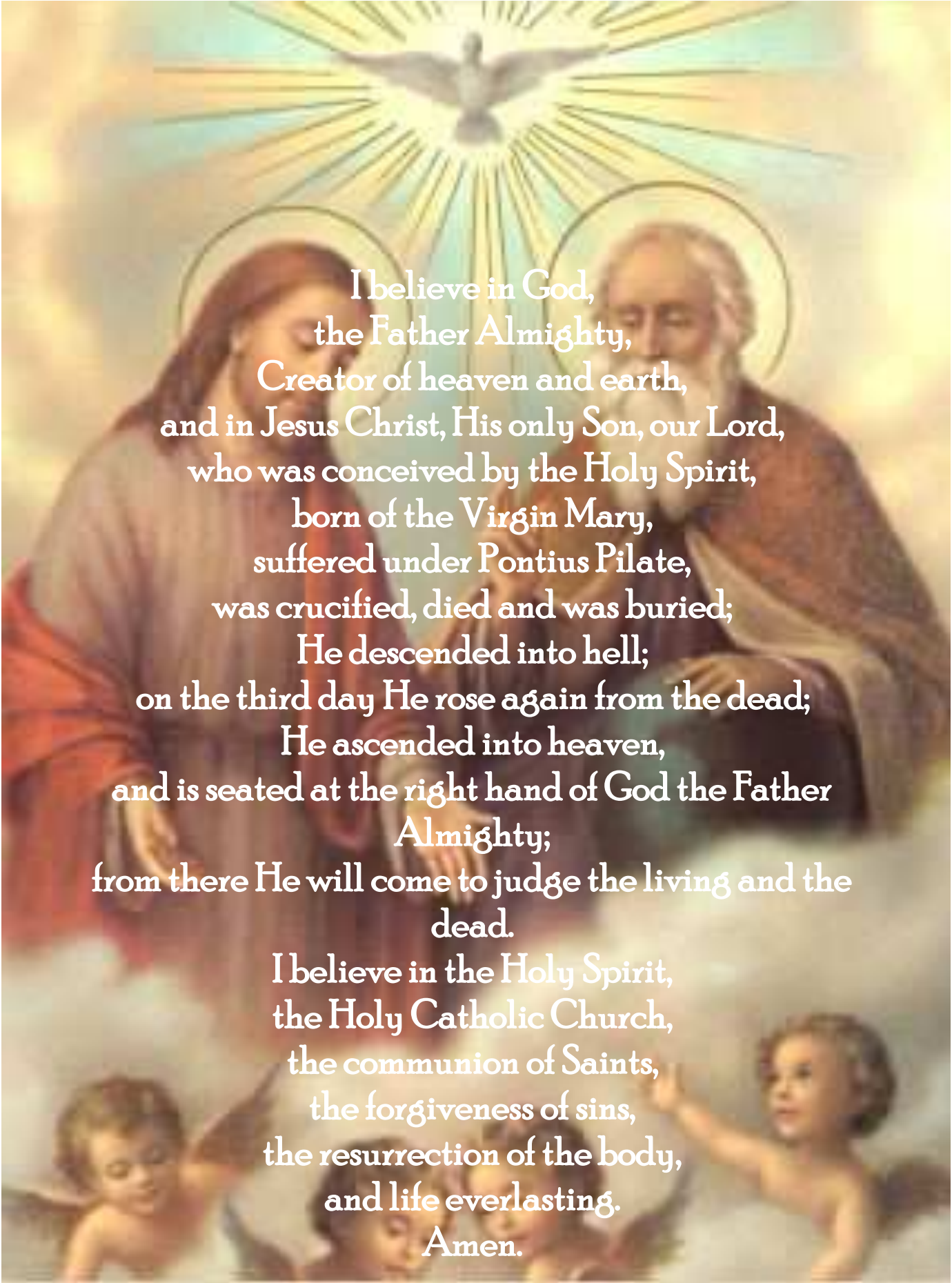
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THE APOSTLES' CREED DURING LENT AND EASTER

The rubric found in the Roman Missal for the Order of Mass, 19, stipulates that:

Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.

The reason this option is recommended particularly for Lent/Easter Time is because of its close relationship with baptism. The Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises made by the elect before they are baptized. It is also used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and by parents and godparents when bringing a child for baptism.



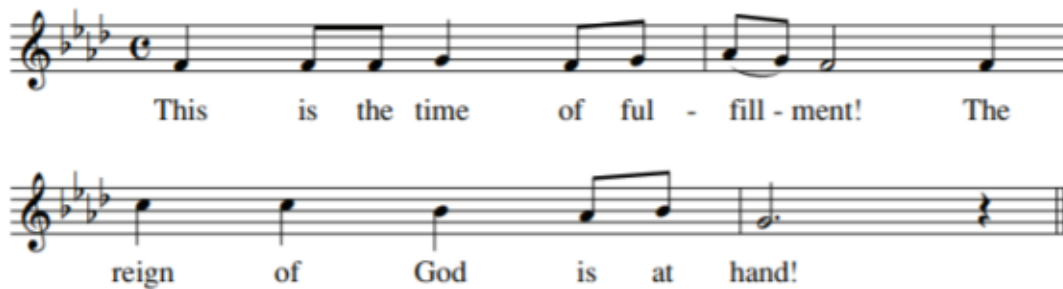
I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN OF GATHERING

This Is the Time of Fulfillment



Text: Mark 1:15, James J. Chepponis, b.1956
Tune: James J. Chepponis, b.1956
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HYMN DURING COMMUNION PROCESSION

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Tune: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

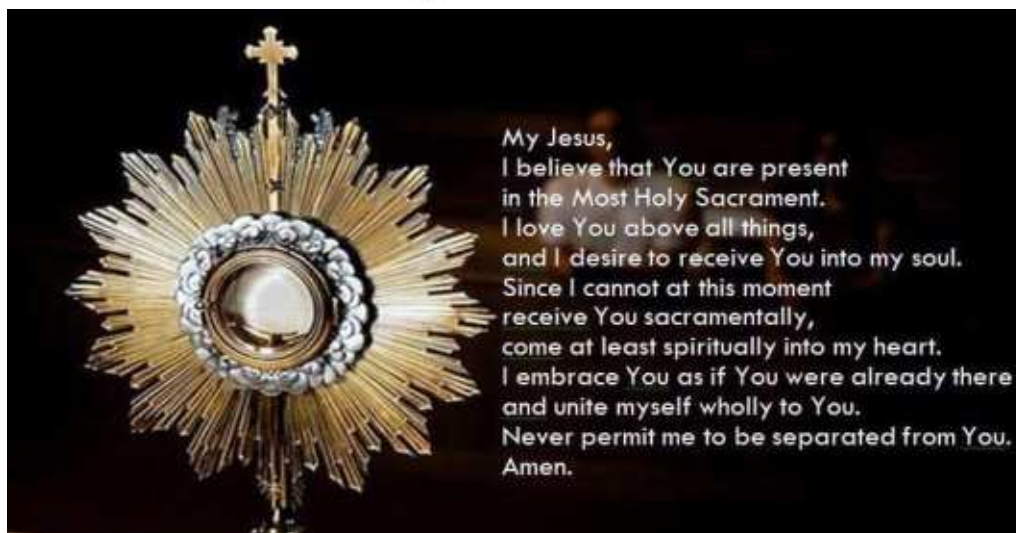
Jesus, Remember Me

Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.
Spanish: Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me cuan - do en - tres en tu Rei - no.
Polish: Je - zu, w kró - les - twie Twym wspom - nij na swo - je - go słu - gę.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2. 9a,10-13,15-18 ~ SECOND READING: Romans: 8:3b-34
GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

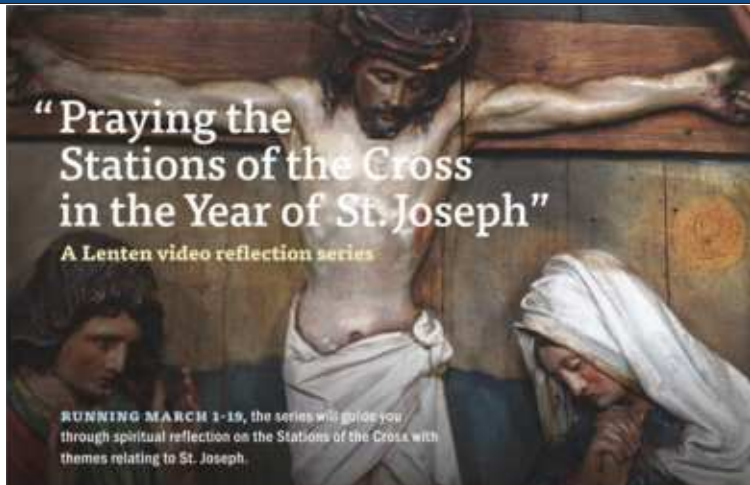
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Gathering Hymn: This Is the Time of Fulfillment

Communion Procession: Let Us Be Bread

Hymn of Sending Forth: Jesus Remember Me

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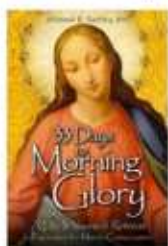
RUNNING MARCH 1-19, the series will guide you through spiritual reflection on the Stations of the Cross with themes relating to St. Joseph.

Monseigneur Joseph Ruffo, Rector/Dean, and Dr. Duane Trotter, Associate Dean, will offer a reflection each weekday, delivered via e-mail. Subscribe at WWW.SHU.EDU/LENTENSERIES



LENTEN RETREAT

A Do-It-Yourself Retreat with Weekly Zoom Group Sharings



Deepen your relationship with Mary and consecrate yourself to Jesus through

Zoom Sharing & Discussion Nights
7:00-8:30 PM
Thursdays from
February 18th to
March 25th

To register and for
information,
including where to
purchase materials,
email Ellen Roller at
roller81@hotmail.com

All are welcome.

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Caminando en la Fe

LUNES VIRTUALES

MINISTERIO HISPANO

	ENERO 4, 11, 18, 25 Espiritualidad del laico P. Robinson González	
	FEBRERO 1, 8, 15, 22 De la mano del Papa Francisco P. Henry Ramirez Escrito SA La alegría del amor grato/Cuando el amor habla/Proverbios/Todo	
	MARZO 1, 8, 15, 22 Introducción al Antiguo Testamento P. Pedro Repollet	
	ABRIL 5, 12, 19, 26 Introducción a los Evangelios P. Valentín Aponte	
	MAYO 3, 10, 17, 24 La Iglesia P. Joseph Furnaguera	
	JUNIO 7, 14, 21, 28 La Trinitad: Dios de la fe en la Iglesia Primicia Sr. Ruth Bolanos, IMH	

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Thank you.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH LENT 2021 HELPING THE HUNGRY Supporting Bridges, Family Promise and local food pantries		The Helping the Hungry Committee will offer three opportunities during Lent for you and your family to help those in need in our surrounding community. We hope these almsgiving activities will help to prepare our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Drop off from 5:30-7:00 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagged lunches • Cold weather packs • Snack packs 	MONDAY, MARCH 22 Drop off from 5:30-7:00 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagged lunches • Toiletry packs • Snack packs 	GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 Drop off from 10:00-11:30AM Non-perishable foods
Details on pack contents will be released separately SignUp Genius will be used for February & March collections		

During Lent, the Helping the Hungry Ministry will be coordinating several opportunities for you and your family to help those in need in our surrounding community. All of these almsgiving activities will help to support Bridges in Summit, Family Promise, and local food pantries. Details for each collection are listed below. We will use Sign-Up Genius for the February and March collections.

Here is the February link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aadae2ea4f94-helping2>

[The March link will be released in an email and the bulletin closer to the collection date.]

Please contact either Joanne or Claire with any questions about the collections, or with any assistance you might need with the Sign-Up Genius process.

Joanne Roethlin: jroethlin@yahoo.com or Claire Bernstein: clairebbernstein@gmail.com

***** On Monday, February 22 we will be collecting the following at the Church from 5:30-7:00 PM:**

Bagged lunches. Brown paper bag or gallon-sized

Ziploc bag containing the following:

- individually wrapped sandwich
- small water bottle
- fresh piece of fruit (i.e. orange)
- small/individual pack of cookies or granola bar

Snack packs. Gallon-sized Ziploc bag containing the following:

- granola bar or protein bar
- small water bottle or juice box
- fruit cup with spoon

Cold weather packs. Gallon-sized Ziploc bag containing the following:

- Hats
- gloves or mittens
- warm socks
- lip balm (optional)



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Scotch Plains NJ invites you to:

DIVE INTO YOUR FAITH THIS LENT!

Join our five part Zoom speaker series: 7 – 8:30pm each Tuesday of Lent

Feb. 23rd – What is Catholicism?



Dr. Jeffrey Morrow is Professor of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University. He will help us explore the gift of our Catholic faith; a convert to Catholicism, he brings a wonderful perspective on this gift.

March 2nd – Faith & Science: Truth Cannot Contradict Truth



Dr. Stacy Trasancos is Executive Director of the St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Tyler and a teaching fellow for the Word on Fire Institute. Initially trained as a scientist, she will reveal the harmony of faith and science.

March 9th – Made in the Image & Likeness of God: The Dignity of Human Life



Sr. Magnificat Rose entered the Sisters of Life in 2013. she studied theology at the University of St. Thomas and served with NET ministries. Sister will consider the fundamental dignity of human life and share her joy working for its protection.

March 16th – The Family as a School of the Presence of God



Dr. Joseph P. Rice is Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University. Dr. Rice is a specialist in the philosophical thought of St. Pope John Paul II. He will examine the role of the family in revealing God's presence.

March 23rd – Living as a Catholic in Challenging Times



Dr. Ralph Martin is Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to serve as a consultor to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization and for the World Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization. Dr. Martin will highlight the challenge of living a Catholic life in a secular world.

Important Information:

- Young Adults through Senior Citizens are invited to participate
- Internet access is needed for Zoom sessions
- There is no cost, but registration is required
- Click here to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AADA92CA5F94-dive>

Questions: Email maryclinton@ihmparish.net or engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net or contact IHM Nazareth Center Office @ 908-889-2100.

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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.

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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar 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.

The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

*Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.
May those who are infected receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.
May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded
from the onslaught of the virus.
Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.
Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.*

Source: www.LoyolaPress.com

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Leo Brady, Matthew Burns, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Julie Mohnhunn, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Joe Policastro, Berit Phair, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Anthony S., Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski

A TIME TO DIE

Rev. Pedro Navarro, Mike Pannullo, Richard Zingg,
and all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal 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 21

First Sunday of Lent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Rocco Catenacci ~ *Ryan Family*

7:30AM

John J. Murphy ~ *Daughter Cathy Flynn & Dennis*

9:00AM

Usa Agrillo ~ *Family*

10:30AM

Marge Furner ~ *Sam & Family*

12:00PM

For The People of Saint James

MONDAY, February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter

7:30AM

James & Jamie Stanek (*Living*) ~ *Kikipa Kretzer*

7:00PM

Mary Hayes ~ *Brian & Gianna Hayes*

TUESDAY, February 23

7:30AM

Gabriel & Rose Soriente ~ *Angela Ragonese*

7:00PM

Arnie Abad ~ *Nenita Abad*

WEDNESDAY, February 24

7:30AM

Paul Baron ~ *Linda & Bob Donnelly*

7:00PM

Lt. 1st Class Joseph Anthony Ptaszkowski

~ *Shari Rech*

THURSDAY, February 25

7:30AM

Ann Marie Genninger ~ *Carol & Howard Balfour*

7:00PM

Ernest Reedy ~ *Eugenia Reedy*

FRIDAY, February 26

7:30AM

Rosa Ferreira ~ *Judy, Joe & Family*

SATURDAY, February 27

8:00AM

Chris Hennessy ~ *Family*

SUNDAY, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Anna Maria Bellafigliore ~ *Mom, Rosallia*

9:00AM

Ilene Runo ~ *Family*

10:30AM

Viola Morano ~ *Daughter, Marylou*

12:00PM

Juanita McGraw ~ *Bianchi Family*

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



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

*To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle*



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People



BREAD

For the People

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**.