



# SAINT JAMES

## the APOSTLE CHURCH



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*Because of its connection with the baptismal promises, the Roman Missal recommends that the faithful recite the Apostles' Creed on the Sundays of Lent and Easter. At Mass on Sunday, the Apostles' Creed may be found on the inside front cover of our parish hymnals. It is printed here for use in your daily prayer.*

### *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow at the following words up to and including:  
.....the Virgin Mary*

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.

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

February 23, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We begin the Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. This season is a time the church gives us to look at our relationships with God and each other and to see what we need to strip away to make them better. The ashes we wear on Wednesday are not a social statement but a reminder that we are sinners and in need of redemption. That happened with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our lives are not about getting even with others but about being a viable and visible sign of his presence for others. It means that our lives are different because of the presence of Jesus within them, and so we are to behave differently with each other. This doesn't mean we can't disagree with others, but that we are called to behave differently because of what Jesus calls us to be as his people. Sometimes, though, when someone says or does something against us, we react against them with words or actions instead of thinking before we say or do something. This is something we can improve upon during Lent. Jesus calls us to holiness and goodness and gives us the opportunity to become better people and better signs of his presence.

There are as many ways to celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives as there are God's people. We must look to the Lord and follow his example. He has shown us how to live with each other, care for one another and help each other discover the wonder that Jesus is for us. As we grow in our relationship with God, our lives are improved and so are the lives of our families and our parish. When we become part of that intimate relationship of Father and Son, we gain a better insight into what that relationship means for us, and how we can reflect that relationship to all we meet and in all the events of our lives. We have to be patient with ourselves, though, as God is patient with us. It's the only way we can come to understand and experience the impact and difference that Jesus makes in our lives. The best thing is that Jesus gives us the rest of our lives to grow in holiness and goodness.

On another page in this bulletin is a message from Matt Wilson informing all of you that he is resigning as Music Minister Director, effective after Mass on Ash Wednesday. In the name of the Parish Staff, all of you, and myself, I want to say **"THANK YOU, MATT,"** for being a part of the life of Saint James, for your service to our parish, enriching our worship with your musical talent and abilities. I wish you well wherever you go to serve the People of God, **GOD BLESS YOU!**

**HAPPY ORDINARY TIME!!**

*~ Fr. Joe*

## LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,045.00

\$5,865.00 Collection

\$1,180.00 Online

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:*  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://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



February 26, 2020

**MASS ~ 7:30AM**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD  
11:00AM**

**(School community, all are welcome)**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD  
3:30PM**

**MASS ~ 7:00PM**



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)

### 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)**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant*  
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Today we welcome our Home Study families for our 3rd retreat beginning at the 10:30AM Mass. This coming weekend the children preparing for First Eucharist will receive a special blessing drawing them closer to the day they will join the adults at the Table of the Lord! We ask that you continue to pray for all of the children as they learn the wonder that Jesus is for all us.

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. Stay tuned for the date and time of the information session where we hope all of your questions will be answered.

### 8TH GRADE

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

**Tuesday, February 25th in Hatcher Hall from 7:00—8:30PM ~ See you then!**

### HOME STUDY

*Karen Cocco, Ph.D.*

**Our next retreat begins at the 10:30 Mass today!**

Sunday, February 23rd and continues in the school gym after mass.

### FAMILY FAITH

*Karen Cocco, Ph.D.*

Dear Family & Friends – It is here! This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we begin our Lenten Journey! Have we given some thought to what we will do this Lenten Season to grow in our relationship with Christ? Don't worry if your schedules have been busy and there has been little time – it is never too late for Discernment – our topic for today! One often finds the process of discernment difficult because there are times when we tend to make decisions based on the moment's emotions. In particular, when we are on overload, feeling time pressures, and dealing with family issues, it is at those times we tend to choose whatever is easiest at the time.

In your preparation for this Lent, ask the Holy Spirit to assist you in your process. As you pray, try to identify the factors that influence your current decision-making process, e.g., your feelings, your schedule, finances, all of the above? As you think about your Lenten journey and start to discern how you will strengthen your relationship with Our Lord, try to be in touch with your intuition, your current relationship with Our Lord, your personal mission in life (e.g., mother, father, student, grandparent?). In your discernment, think about ways that your commitment will fit into your current responsibilities so you will be able to keep your commitment. Remember, the Lord **always** understands our difficulties, but **we** are often not as generous with our self-assessment!

***Prayer: Gracious and loving Holy Spirit, help me make sound decisions related to my Lenten journey;  
Let me be receptive to your guidance and encouragement.***

Have a blessed week. Praying that your Lenten discernment is ongoing and fruitful!



# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

*Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant*  
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## Saint James Students Tackle Real-World Issues Using STEM

Saint James the Apostle School held its 4th annual STEM Fair for students in Grade 7 on February 4, 2020. This STEM Fair model empowers students to see the possibilities of technology and engineering to create a better future. The theme of the STEM Fair is engineering solutions for global sustainable development challenges.

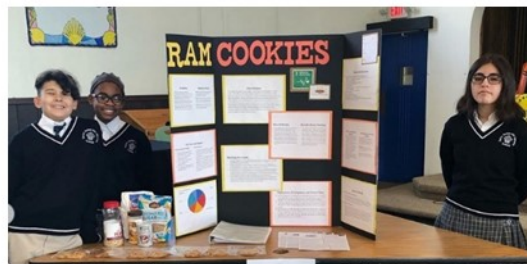
The challenges for the STEM Fair are based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of which there are seventeen. Goals include renewable energy, peace and justice, responsible consumption, clean water and sanitation. While developing the project, the teams kept in mind the three pillars of sustainability which are society, economy and the environment. Sustainability is all about providing a better quality of life for all members of society, while building solid economic growth that will have long-term environmental practices.

Under the guidance and leadership of the middle school science teacher, Mrs. Melissa Robbins, students have been working on their problems, processes and solutions while keeping an engineering design notebook since the beginning of the school year. Students presented a tri-fold brochure and prototype to an audience of three (3) judges. This year, our students developed innovative ways to promote good health and well-being, clean water and sanitation, improve life on land and foster industry innovation and infrastructure.

The two finalists are (pictured below from left to right):

- ♦ **Healthy Green** – *fertilizer and filtration* – Emily O'Donohue, Andrew Filipe and Quentin Goodwin
- ♦ **RAM Cookies** – *protein cookies* – Adin Soto, Emma Jules and Alexandra Morales

There are so many skills that are developed in this process... critical thinking... collaboration... problem solving... communication... creativity. There is also an awareness of gratitude for God's blessings and recognition of the talents bestowed on us to serve and help others. The two projects will advance to the Archdiocese of Newark's STEM Expo which will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. The overall plan of the STEM Expo is to create an awareness for the Sustainable Development Goals and to empower students to envision possibilities for solutions.



# LENTEN INFORMATION

*Praying With One Another*

## 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, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.**

*\*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.*

## THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

The Weekday Gospel Lenten Prayer and Reflection Books have been donated in memory of

**John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri**

*By the Pflug Family*



## SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH LENTEN SCHEDULE

**EVENING MASS:**

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:00PM**

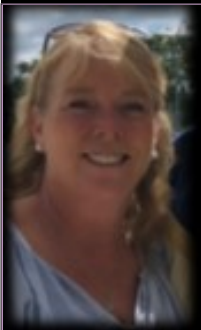
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM**

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 co-medic 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  
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## Ash Wednesday



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## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

*Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director*

I would like to inform you of my intention to resign as Director of Music Ministry effective February 26, 2020. The evening Liturgy on Ash Wednesday will conclude my five-year engagement with our parish community. I appreciate the opportunity of getting to know everyone during my tenure, and my experience with Saint James will forever fill a large place in my heart.

I'm working on getting things set up for the next few months in case you are working with substitutes or an interim for a while.

I wish everyone only the best going forward, and hope you award your new music director with the same positive experience you awarded me. Please accept my warmest wishes and prayers during this transition period, and God bless everyone.

Sincerely,  
Matt Wilson



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

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

### 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 at 7:30PM).

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.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Our first Family Mass of the year was a wonderful celebration! It was great to see so many children and their families together. As Fr. John Dennehy reminded us, when we all gather with our individual families we create one, beautifully strong Saint James family. Please join us on Sunday, March 15th at noon for our next Family Mass.



St. James the Apostle - School Gym

## Lenten Supper

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

**6:30-8:00 PM**

**Family Stations of the Cross at  
5:30 in the Church**



**Cost:**

**\$10 per adult**

**\$5 per child under 10**



**We will collect registration forms  
after all Masses  
during the weekends of  
Feb. 22/23 and Feb. 29/March 1.**

All proceeds from this event will be donated to Family Promise.





## 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!

*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

For the People of Saint James



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Raymond Cerreto ~ *Cerreto Family*

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



## A TIME TO WED



## A TIME TO DIE

Edward Arguelles, Marianne Dunn, Jean Falciani,  
Corrado Gigante, Jesus Lopez, Jose Pardo,  
Kathleen Straub Ragonese, Mildred Poploski,

## 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., 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,  
Art Kistler, 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, Andres Montero,  
Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy,  
Cassidy Musson, 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 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*

**MONDAY, February 24**

**7:30AM**

Lois Griffin ~ *John Bradley*

**TUESDAY, February 25**

**7:30AM**

José Bautista ~ *Cecilia Reyes*

**WEDNESDAY, February 26** Ash Wednesday

**7:30AM**

Marie Fedorko ~ *Loving Mom*

**7:00PM**

Ernest Reedy ~ *Samantha Wright*

**THURSDAY, February 27**

**7:30AM**

José Bautista ~ *Tessa Reyes*

**7:00PM**

Giuseppe Graniero ~ *Nellie & Bruno Arpino*

**FRIDAY, February 28**

**7:30AM**

Patrick Fahey ~ *Gertrude Aquilnado*

**SATURDAY, February 29**

**8:00AM**

Ralph Defino ~ *Pat & Hank Miller*

**SUNDAY, March 1** First Sunday of Lent

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Louis Badalato ~ *Joan Bratsch & Nic*

**7:30AM**

Frank Wendolowski, Jr. ~ *Jack & Carol Ann*

*Farese*

**9:00AM**

Vincent and Mary Inneo ~ *Inneo Family*

**10:30AM**

Anne Marie Bentivegna ~ *Nancy & Anthony Tirreza*

**12:00PM**

Luigi Delmauro ~ *Sons & Grandchildren*

## **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.**