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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!

January 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"JESUS COMES OUT OF THE WATER, DRAWING THE WORLD WITH HIM, AS IT WERE, AND RAISING IT UP WHEN IT HAS HITHERTO BEEN SUNK IN THE ABYSS...THE HOLY SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS. HERE ALL IS IN PERFECT HARMONY, FOR THE TESTIMONY COMES FROM HEAVEN..."

A Christmas Sourcebook, p. 146

Today is the **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**. As Jesus is baptized by John, this initiates the public ministry of Jesus. He will begin to bring the love of the Father up close to those he meets along the way. As the sign of the Father's presence, Jesus will help others experience his presence through his words and actions. Today also reminds us of our baptism, and the responsibility we have to bring the presence of Jesus to others by our words, attitudes and actions. In this way they will come to discover the wonder that Jesus is for all of us. Today also brings the Christmas Season to a close. Tomorrow, we begin Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, when Lent will begin. We can look back on this season to see how we experienced Emmanuel during this time, and that in sharing the gift that is Jesus, hopefully we have become more aware of his presence in our lives, our families and our parish.

There is a lot of preparation for the Advent and Christmas Seasons, and a number of people who help make the church and our celebrations reflective of our faith. So, **THANK YOU** to: **THE ST. ZITA GROUP**, who cleaned the church in preparation for our celebrations; **CHRIS DI CICCIO**, for taking care of the Giving Tree, and collecting and distributing all the gifts that were collected; **THE ENVIRONMENTAL LITURGY COMMITTEE**, for decorating the church for Advent and Christmas; **MARYLOU KJELLE, THE PARISH STAFF AND CLERGY, MARIE CORNINE, THE YOUTH GROUP, THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE, THE BAKERS, ERNIE DELLASALA, AND ALL** who were a part of Lessons & Carols; **BOY SCOUT TROOP 73**, for the wreaths on the outside pillars; **ANTHONY BENTIVENGA**, for the Christmas Trees in our church, especially the 12 ft. one in the Gathering Area; **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, for the gift cards during the season; **DARIN CERRETO, ISRAEL LOPEZ & KENN FERNANDEZ**, for setting up the Outdoor Crèche; **THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY**, for the celebration of Simbang Gabi; **MATT WILSON, OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, THE MUSICIANS, CANTORS, THE CHILDREN'S AND ADULT CHOIRS**, for enriching our liturgies with their talents so that they were reflections of our faith; **ALL OF YOU**, who were a part of our liturgies, and for your positive comments about the our liturgies, the music and the church decorations; **ALL OF YOU**, for the gifts you gave to us priests. If I have omitted anyone, it certainly isn't intentional. I am deeply grateful and proud to serve you as your pastor!
HAPPY BAPTISM OF THE LORD!!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

December 22 / 23, 2019

\$9,579.00

\$6,974.00 Collection

\$2,605.00 Online

December 28 /29, 2019

\$8,275.00

\$ 6,255.00 Collection

\$2,020.00 Online

January 4 /5, 2020

\$10,138.00

\$7,418.00 Collection

\$2,720.00 Online

\$3,190.80 Solemnity of Mary

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

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant
41 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Yesterday the students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation joined together with their parents at a special retreat focused on "Forgiveness." Through stories, videos and a craft, we focused on the message that no matter how old we are, God is always ready and willing to forgive us whenever we seek his healing grace!

Today is our second Home Study Retreat. The families will attend the 10:30AM Mass and then gather in the school gym for our retreat.

Sunday, January 19th is a Study Day ~ No Class

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

8th Grade classes resume Tuesday, February 4th – 7:00-8:30PM in Hatcher Hall – See you then!!

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Reminder to all Confirmation Families:

Confirmation candidates for 2020 need to submit their registration form and payment by January 28th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Join us tonight, Sunday, January 12th at 7:00PM in the School Gym for Youth Group!

Hope you make joining us one of your New Year's Resolutions!!



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant
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"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Saint James the Apostle School and Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. At Saint James the Apostle School, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make our Catholic school work. They are what make our Catholic school succeed.

Saint James students LEARN.

Catholic elementary school students as a group outperform other students in the U.S.. School mean scores continue to be higher than the mean scores of schools throughout the U.S.. In many grades the average Catholic school student is achieving at or above the top quarter of their national peers.

Catholic elementary schools exceed the *New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards* and follow the academic guidelines of the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the Archdiocese of Newark. Catholic social teachings are integrated throughout the curriculum.

Technology is an exceptional advantage in our Catholic school. Technology is utilized in the curriculum as a tool to enhance teaching strategies. Saint James the Apostle School has a computer lab and a technology teacher. Middle school students are able to use Chromebooks and our younger students have access to iPads and desktops. All students are taught about being responsible digital citizens.

Saint James students SERVE.

Here are the many ways our students serve:

Food, clothing and book drives...sending cards and letters to our military... making blankets for hospitalized children...Babies-for-Gram...candy donations at Halloween...attending the annual Veterans Day ceremony...marching in the Memorial Day Parade...Springfield H.O.P.E. toy drive...Second Chance Toy Drive...babysitting during H.S.A. meetings...Thanksgiving baskets...making "care kits" and "breakfast bags" to donate to homeless shelters...volunteering at a local food bank...making sandwiches...collecting cell phones for soldiers...volunteering in the summer to clean up and get the school ready...volunteer summer camp counselors...raising over \$16,000 in the last four years to support Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Heifer International, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and charity: water by holding car washes, art sales, bake sales, knitting sales, designing and selling t-shirts and more.

This year, a new service club has been formed called "The Way" and it is open to students in Grades 5-8. The Way organizes a monthly food item collection for local food pantries. Once a month, a recess game and weeklong bake sale are organized. Funds raised are donated and in October and November, a total of \$500 was donated to Mary's Place by the Sea and the Community Food Bank of NJ. This month, students are collecting gently used toys for our 3rd Second Chance Toy Drive.

**Come visit us at our Open House on Sunday, January 26 from
12:00 to 2:00 PM to learn more.**

Saint James the Apostle School

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26, 2020 @12 - 2 PM



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

Advancing Academic Excellence • Fostering Faith • Instilling Integrity



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.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

***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
Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, 2020

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

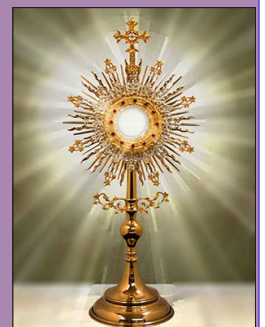
Are they of school age and not yet baptized?

Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis?

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

**Please join us in prayer for the
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction on
Monday evenings in our Church.**

**All are welcome!
Join us Monday, January 13 at 6:30PM**



PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another

Helping the Hungry

Peace begins when the hungry are fed.
- Dorothy Day -

**Collection
Weekend
January 11 & 12**

While donations of all
non-perishable
goods are greatly
appreciated,
our greatest need
this month is
CEREAL!

January
Priority Item
CEREAL

St. James the Apostle Church
Springfield

2nd Collection: this weekend

January 11 /12, 2020

Communicating God's Word

Help support the Catholic Communication Campaign to bring the message of the Gospel to people from all walks of life, locally and around the world.

Thank you for your generosity!

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Ms. Michelle Sblendorio

SUNDAY

10:00AM

10:30AM

1:30PM

MONDAY

6:30PM

TUESDAY

3:45PM

7:00PM

7:15PM

WEDNESDAY

7:30PM

THURSDAY

3:00PM

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

12:00PM

January 12

Religious Ed (K-6) -*School*

Religious Ed Home Study Retreat-*Gym*

Sacrament of Baptism - *Church*

January 13

Cub Scout Meeting-*Gym*

January 14

Religious Ed (1-6) -*School*

7th Grade Religious Ed -*Gym*

Publicity Committee-*Rectory*

January 15

Adult Choir Rehearsal-*Church*

January 16

Children's Choir Rehearsal-*Church*

January 17

January 18

January 19

Pinewood Derby -*Gym*

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



PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another

Christmas Day Collection Totals

\$37,928.00

\$34,808.00 Collection

\$3,120.00 Online

Final Christmas Collection Total will be
posted in the January 26th bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity to
your parish!



30 Years of Transformation

Collection:

January 25 / 26

Collection of your homemade, individually wrapped (and labeled) sandwiches (plain, no condiments) and frozen meat loaves will take place in the Gathering Area of the Church before the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00AM to the **beginning** of the 12:00PM Mass. Coolers are in the Gathering Area for your convenience.

If you are able to assist in delivering the perishable food to Family Promise in Elizabeth after the 12:00PM Mass on collection Sundays, please contact Nancy Caputo in the Religious Education Office. It only takes an hour!



Worship with us...

Embrace our fellowship

Learn about our ministries...

Come join us...

Offer your time & talents...

Make new friends...

Experience our hospitality...

2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment

January 18 / 19, 2020

This collection provides funds to manage the Archdiocesan office and agencies, and to provide educational, charitable and social services.

***Thank you for your
continued generosity!***

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another

OUT WITH THE OLD.....TO HELP OTHERS....

"Out with the old and in with the new" is a popular expression at this time of year. Would you be willing to clean out that closet or attic to help the many struggling members of our society? One way to do this is by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, children's books, and knickknacks to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on your Church grounds.

May your continued generosity brighten every day of the New Year. Thank you.



ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

Catholic Charities received a payment of **\$1,261.00** as a result of your donations from June 1st, 2019 to November 30th, 2019. These funds combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 92,966 nights of shelter to 1,526 homeless individuals and families (FY18/19).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

LITTLE FLOWER BERNAUER PARISH CENTER

290 Plainfield Ave, Berkeley Heights

Coffee & Conversation.....

All single (divorced, separated, widowed, never married, etc.) are invited to attend monthly gatherings on Fridays at 7:30PM

Enjoy a night of fellowship and fun! Discuss the joys and challenges of being single!

Suggested Donation: \$5 for refreshments

Sponsored by the Divorced & Separated Ministry

RSVP: divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call Margaret at 908-464-1585.

MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

1651 US HWY 22, Watchung, NJ ~ 908-753-2091

WWW.MSMHOPE.ORG MSMHOPE@MSMHOPE.ORG

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MARTHA AND MARY: MODELS OF HOSPITALITY

The two sisters, Martha and Mary, are found in three prominent stories in the Bible, all of which give us a glimpse into their personalities and provide reflection for our lives today.

Monday, Jan. 27, 7-9 PM (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

ST. HELEN'S / HOLY TRINITY

Respect Life Ministry

1600 Rahway Avenue Westfield, NJ

Abortion and the Supreme Court:

Is Roe vs Wade doomed?

All are invited to this presentation by Andrew C. McCarthy **Sunday, January 19, 2:00-4:00PM**. Mr. McCarthy's take on Roe is that "the Supreme Court itself has dismantled much of Roe's framework. What survives is its narrowing core." "Have you noticed that the question of Roe's vitality seems to arise only when there is a vacancy on the High Court during a Republican administration?" So, will it be overturned? Come and find out. Andrew C. McCarthy is a former adjunct professor at Fordham University Law School and NY Law School, from which he graduated. Mr. McCarthy in 1995 was a U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and led the successful prosecution of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and eleven others for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He is a frequent commentator for Fox News and contributing editor to National Review.

Mr. McCarthy has written eight books including NY Times bestseller "Ball of Collusion" and will sign any of his books after his talk.



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.

Today's Gospel Meditation.....

Matthew 3:13-17

We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us (Matthew 5:13,15-16). The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will."



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

Vincent & Mildred Genco
~ *Family*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Vincent & Mildred Genco
~ *Family*



MASS INTENTIONS

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Blake Leila Washington

A TIME TO DIE

Serge Andre, Gerry Arcuti, Robert Bradley,
Ralph DeFino, Dr. Nicholas DeProspero,
Frank Epifanio, Giustina Fabioli,
Stanley Kostrzomb, Louis LaRoche,
Reggie Malabanan, Gaetana Martino, Don Larsen,
Rev. Ward Moore, Anna Pinto, Ernie Reedy,
Thomas Russotto, Dan Solazzi, Antoinette Soriano,
Maria Spano, Anthony Trignano, David Vickery,
Joanne Vogt, Roseann Voorhees,
Josephine Wiggins, Sandra Lee Woitkowski

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Roger Boetsch,
Pat Butterworth, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo,
Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo,
Van Corteza, James Curry, Maureen D.,
Marianne Dunn, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes,
Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Marianne Galluccio,
Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes,
Robert Hunrath, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna,
Neil K., Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar,
Maureen Le Goff, Angelina Lipski, Richie Lipski,
Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo,
Barbara Ludolph, Angie Mazzarisi, Nicholas Melillo,
Richard Miele, Bob Mifsud, Aman Mo,
Moise Modestin, Timothy Morgan, Donna Massa,
Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs,
John Natale, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P.,
Brian P., Pasqualina Pacifico, Joseph Papierz,
Janet Payson, Elizabeth Piedl, John Reiss,
Epifania Rivera, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S.,
Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth,
Anne Wallis, Tom Walsh, Mary Yobbi

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, PFC Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine,
Sean Curran, PFC Paul Devine, Capt. Sean P. Eadie,
Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton,
Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan,
2LT Andrew Kerwin, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten,
Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler

SUNDAY, January 12 Baptism of the Lord

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Romualdo & Carmela Circelli ~ *Carmela Fusco*

7:30AM

Frank Wendolowski, Jr. ~ *Martin & Julia Egan*

9:00AM

Ana Harper ~ *Roethlin Family*

10:30AM

Lorenzo & Anna Sentore ~ *Rita, Angela & Pasquale*

12:00PM

Mildred & Vincent Genco ~ *Family*

MONDAY, January 13

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

TUESDAY, January 14

7:30AM

Ernest Gonczlik ~ *Debbie LaSalle*

WEDNESDAY, January 15

7:30AM

Gaetano D'Agostini ~ *Children*

THURSDAY, January 16

7:30AM

Anthony & Victoria Soriento ~ *Angela Ragonese*

FRIDAY, January 17

7:30AM

Wayne Raffo ~ *Neil & Lorraine Raffo and Cindy Raffo*

SATURDAY, January 18

8:00AM

Michael Nargi, Jr. ~ *Arlene Scanlon*

SUNDAY, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

James F. Carney ~ *Patty & John Carney*

7:30AM

Kyo Chul Shin ~ *Boris & Tobin Families*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Kade & Kevin Hamilton ~ *Casey Family*

12:00PM

Mark Weber ~ *Michele & Scott Eadie*

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

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.**