



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!

January 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today we begin what the church calls Ordinary Time. This doesn't mean that what we do in church is ordinary or that our lives are ordinary. It means that this is an in-between time. It is between Christmas and Lent. You can tell that it is a different season because all of the Christmas trees and crèches are gone, and the color is changed from white to green. We will be in Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

This time of year should give us an opportunity to reflect on what we have celebrated during the Christmas Season, and how we need to continue to live in the same spirit, developing our relationship with Jesus. In today's Gospel, John reminds us that Jesus is the Son of God, and he understood this when he baptized Jesus. Our lives continue without the celebration of the holidays, so we always need to recognize the Lord's call to holiness and goodness. Hopefully, we can also bask in the wonder of the Lord as he sends us forth as ambassadors of his Good News. In doing so, we are helping to build the kingdom of God on earth. With all the negativity in society, something positive needs to be a part of who we are and how we live as God's people. This is the reason we are sent forth, to bring compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and equality to the people we meet and who look to us for a sign of Christ.

This doesn't mean that the task is always easy. Sometimes it is difficult because of experiences that happen or the difficult people we meet along the way. Yet, the challenge is very real for all of us, and for the church itself. We have to stand for something better and different, simply because of our faith in the Lord who calls us as his own. Hopefully, the Christmas Season comforted us enough so that we are ready to accept the responsibility given to each of us to be the Good News for others.

Next Sunday, January 26, is Word of God Sunday. It is the hope of Pope Francis that the Word of God will be the center of our lives as God's people. You are encouraged to bring your Bibles to church, and they will be blessed at the end of each Mass. In addition, we are all encouraged to enthrone the Bible in our homes, so that by having a prominent place at home, the Bible reminds us of the importance of the Word of God in our lives and the life of the church.

HAPPY ORDINARY TIME!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,421.00

\$7,206.00 Collection

\$1,215.00 Online

\$1,372.00 Communicating God's Word, 2nd Collection

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.

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, 2020

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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?

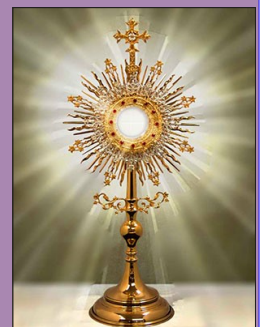
Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis?

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

**Please join us 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 Monday, January 20

Please join us Monday, January 27 at 6:30PM



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

Pope Francis has decreed next Sunday, January 25 /26, as "Word of God Sunday." We are invited to bring our personal and/or family Bible to Mass for a special blessing. There will be prayer card available in the Gathering Area for you to take home to place by your enthroned Bible. The Bible is The Word of God and displaying it prominently in your home shows that God is the center of your family's life!

If you are looking for an alternative to public school education, we invite you to attend our parish school's open house next weekend where the Word of God is woven into the curriculum of every class.

No Class Sunday, January 19th and Tuesday, January 21

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

8th Grade classes resume Tuesday, February 4th – 7:00-8:30PM in Hatcher Hall.
I'm looking forward to welcoming this very bright and energetic class back!!

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

A great big **SHOUT OUT and Thank You** to our core team for a great meeting this past Sunday night! They diligently worked to prepare a season of up to the minute discussion topics, events and fundraisers. I'm very proud of the faith and friendship we share!!

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 19th - Discussion Topic: "The Answer in Unanswered Prayers"

ANTIOCH WEEKEND!

The Youth Group will be going on our 2nd Annual Antioch Retreat, February 21-23. This is a fun and faith-filled weekend in the Poconos that awakens our knowledge of self, deepens our relationship with God and builds bonds and friendships. We add in a little hiking, a bon fire and some sleigh riding too!

All 8th to 12th Grade students are invited to join us!

**Parent Information Meeting is Thursday, January 23 at 7:30PM
in the church.**

Please contact me with any questions.



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 LEAD.

Saint James the Apostle School offers many opportunities for its students to lead. First and foremost are our 8th graders as leaders of the school and role models for our younger students. Our 8th graders lead the school community in prayer every morning, before lunch and at the day's end. Students in Grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in Student Council, which develops a variety of service and fundraising projects that aid the school, parish and local community. On a monthly basis each grade from 3rd to 8th will lead school Mass. For the last three years, our students have led fundraising missions and raised over \$16,000 for three different causes.

Saint James students SUCCEED.

Saint James the Apostle students succeed, whether it is academically, socially, physically or spiritually. You see success in the Kindergartener who is learning to read, in the 3rd grader who has mastered math facts for the number "7", or in the 6th grader who ran the mile in gym in under 8 minutes. Students in Grades 4-8 who succeed academically have the potential to earn Honor Roll. In the last four years, Saint James the Apostle School has graduated 79 students who have earned over \$2.2 million in scholarships to continue their Catholic education. We are grateful to welcome back our alumni attending high school, college and beyond to hear about their continued success.

Come visit us at our Open House 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

Pope Francis Establishes 'Word of God' Sunday



On the Feast of St. Jerome this past fall, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, instituted that the ***Sunday of the Word of God***, be celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. For all of the **Sunday Masses of January 25-26**, we ask you to bring your personal or family Bible to Mass with you. We want to emphasize the importance of the Bible in Catholic life and encourage one another to read and study it as a regular part of our lives as disciples of Jesus. During the Mass we will have a commitment and blessing prayer as you hold your Bibles. After Mass we will provide you with a service to enthrone and honor the Bible in your homes.



Do you know someone
who might find comfort
from a
Prayer Shawl or
Prayer Blanket??

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry create hand-made shawls and blankets that are delivered to those suffering from illness or grief, or to the homebound and the elderly. A prayer shawl can also be a special gift to a new mother and her child. The shawls are a simple and loving way to provide comfort and support, particularly to those experiencing a time in their lives when additional prayers would be especially welcome. They also remind the recipients of the continued prayers of the Saint James parish community. It's a wonderful way to bring a bit of joy and hope to a friend or loved one.

If you know someone who would benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl or blanket please contact the Parish Office at 973-376-3044.



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL AREAS OF SUPPORT



Your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

- African American Apostolate
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Charismatic Communities
- Family Life Office
- Haitian Apostolate
- Ministry For Ethnic Apostolate
- International Missions
- Multi-Cultural Concerns
- Women's and Men's Commission

PASSING ON THE FAITH

- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Catechetical Office
- Campus Ministry and affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Charities
- Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Ministry With Persons With Disabilities
- Respect Life Office

CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY

- Continuing Education and Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

VISIT RCAN.ORG/SHARING TO MAKE A GIFT TODAY

PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another

Helping the Hungry



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

**Collection
Weekend
February 1 and 2**

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

SOUP!

February
Priority Item
SOUP

St. James SOUPer BOWL contest!
Place your soup cans under the sign for the SUPER BOWL team
you are rooting for.
We will announce our SOUPer BOWL winner next weekend.

St. James the Apostle Church
Springfield

The Helping the Hungry Ministry delivers your
monthly donations of non-perishable food to the
following sites:

- ◇ Nourish.NJ in Morristown (formerly known as The
Morristown Community Soup Kitchen)
- ◇ Our Lady of Sorrows Food Pantry in South Orange
- ◇ Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at St. Teresa's
Church in Summit

Thank you for your continued support!



Sandwich & Meatloaf 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 can't make sandwiches
or a meatloaf and would like to give, Shoprite Gift cards
are always appreciated!

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!



PARISH CALENDAR

Ms. Michelle Sblendorio

SUNDAY	January 19
ALL MASSES	Archdiocese Assessment
12:00PM	Pinewood Derby –Gym
MONDAY	January 20
TUESDAY	January 21
7:00PM	Finance Council Meeting— <i>Rectory</i>
WEDNESDAY	January 22
7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal- <i>Church</i>
THURSDAY	January 23
3:00PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal- <i>Church</i>
FRIDAY	January 24
SATURDAY	January 25
SUNDAY	January 26
10:30AM	Kick-off to Catholic Schools Week



Liturgical Environment

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to
take down all the Christmas decorations. It is a labor-
intensive and messy job and could only be done with
YOUR help.

Thank you to everyone who placed their own special
ornament on our tree. There is a box on the table in
the Gathering Area with ornaments that have not
been reclaimed. If you shared an ornament with us
this year, please take it home to enjoy again next
Christmas.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another



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 (Fiscal Year18/19).

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

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

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!***

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.

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.....

John 1:29-34

When John says he did not know Jesus he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things."



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

Anne Marie Genninger
~ *Religious Education*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Carolyn Nelson
~ *Religious Education*



MASS INTENTIONS

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO DIE

Thomas Baggott, Roger Boetsch, Mary Cornet,
William Helerich, Doris Lestarchick, Helen List,
Gaetanina Masone, Francis McGrory, Bob Mifsud,
John Nosti, Robert Protocollo

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz,
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,
Dee Ghigliotti, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle,
Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, William Jackowski,
Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Dana Kelley, Maryann Leach,
Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Angelina Lipski,
Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi,
Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Anna Massa,
Angie Mazzarisi, Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele,
Aman Mo, Moise Modestin, Timothy Morgan,
Donna Massa, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy,
Cassidy Musson, 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., Frank Scanlon, Jack Silbert,
Thomas Spohn, Debbie Staib, Susan Sullivan,
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, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh,
Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten,
Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler

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*

MONDAY, January 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

7:30AM

Joseph Hennessy ~ *Daughter, Arlene*

TUESDAY, January 21 St. Agnes

7:30AM

Carol House ~ *Frank & Michelle Sblendorio*

WEDNESDAY, January 22

7:30AM

Arlis Rackham ~ *Ellmer Family*

THURSDAY, January 23

7:30AM

Pasquale Iannelli ~ *Connie & Michael Ciurcell*

FRIDAY, January 24 St. Francis de Sales

7:30AM

Jeffrey Padovano ~ *Rosalba DiMaio*

SATURDAY, January 25

8:00AM

Arnold Giordano ~ *Marylou Morano Kjelle*

SUNDAY, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Joseph Palitto, Jr. ~ *LuAnn & Susan Weiner*

7:30AM

Deacon John Baltus ~ *Patty & John Carney*

9:00AM

Mark Weber ~ *Hagenbush Family*

10:30AM

Janis Forsyth ~ *Casey Family*

12:00PM

Rudy Pedicini ~ *Pedicini Family*

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.**