

# SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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## Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 -February 1 #CSW1920







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Have you ever visited your parish school?

Are you an Alumni of Saint James School?

Come to our Open House today and say "hello"

12:00PM ~ 2:00PM

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

January 26, 2020

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today begins **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us this week of the importance of Catholic Schools in the mission of the parish and the church. This year's theme is: **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LEARN, SERVE, LEAD, SUCCEED.** Saint James the Apostle School, under the leadership of **CAROLINE PONTERIO, PRINCIPAL,** along with the faculty and staff, provide an environment where our students learn more than just subjects. They learn about our faith, what it means to live our faith, and how to care for and serve others, following the example of Jesus. Our students also learn how to lead by example, following the example of the adults involved in the teaching of the students. Eventually, they succeed in how they apply what they have learned here to their continuing education in high school, college and beyond. The values experienced in our school will be with them for the rest of their lives, as the school builds on the foundation set by their parents. I am happy to be able to teach the 7th and 8th graders religion each year. As much as it is a learning experience for the students, it also is one for me.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul had to confront a divided community. This was a difficulty for him because he believed that the message of Jesus was one that would bring people together, rather than divide them. This is reflected in the second reading today. Paul is reminding us that it is Jesus around whom we focus our lives, and that his teachings challenge us to be the Body of Christ for one another. When we recognize that each of us is equal to the task, and has something to contribute to the life of the church, then we are helping to build the kingdom of God, and not ours, on earth. Everyone adds something different and unique to the efforts of the kingdom, and no one has all the insights or answers. That is why the need for us to work together is so important.

There is room for all of us in the church and in God's kingdom, just as there is always an opportunity to celebrate and share our gifts with one another. Consider how rich our lives are because we meet different people who offer us a variety of experiences, all of which are meant to help us grow. Our faith is an incredible experience of a loving God, who gave us his Son so that we could live as a transformed people.

#### HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!!!

~ FR. JOE

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,026.00 \$5,601.00 Collection \$1,425.00 Online

\$1,952.00 Archdiocesan Assessment

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

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

#### 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



## 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.

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

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

catechesis?

#### **BAPTISM INFORMATION**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism <u>prior</u> 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. 9, Feb. 23



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## www.saintjamestheapostle.org 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
41 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Saturday, February 8th the children preparing for First Eucharist will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We ask for your prayers that the children grow in their understanding of this healing sacrament and seek it often.

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

No Classes Tuesday, January 28 and Sunday, February 2

#### 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 you back to class!!

#### Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

This Tuesday, January 28th is the final day to submit your child's registration form and payment for the 2020 Sacrament of Confirmation.

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



#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Next Meeting Tonight: Sunday, January 26th Discussion Topic: "The answer in unanswered prayers" 7:00PM—9:00PM in the school gym All 8th ~ 12th Graders are welcome —- bring a friend!!

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#### 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!

Please contact me with any questions.



#### PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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

#### Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year, it starts on January 26 and runs all week through February 1. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week is

"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Catholic school parents have many reasons for choosing Catholic schools. Many choose Catholic schools because they believe them to be places that provide excellent academics, faith-filled communities and service to others. Catholic school parents know this to be true from their own experiences, but do you also know that there is data to show these are more than just "beliefs" but actually "reality"?

(Source: The Catholic School Advantage; (NCEA newsletter) February 2018 Vol. 2 No. 6)

Saint James the Apostle School will observe the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week with academic, social and spiritual activities for the students, their families, our parishioners and our Springfield community members. Through these events, our school focuses on the value a Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our community and our nation.

#### **Weeklong Activities**

- **Pennies for Patients**: Our students will be bringing in their precious pennies. Highest collecting class at the end of February wins a pizza party compliments of Mrs. Ponterio.
- Vocation Prayer Chalice: Students will gather every morning to pray. A Chalice will be placed in prominent spot and together we will pray for an increase in vocations.

Here's the agenda for the week:

#### **SUNDAY**, 1/26

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass – 10:30AM Open House from 12:00 – 2:00PM Student Ambassador school tours Extra-curricular showcase

#### MONDAY, 1/27

Sandwich Day
Make A Senior Smile – cards and flowers for residents
of Sunrise Assisted Living
Mixed Up Monday – Grade 8 teaches a lesson

#### TUESDAY, 1/28

Eucharistic Adoration for Grades 3-8 Tiff's Burger & Ale House Fundraiser 5:00-8:00PM; kids eat free; free face painting – Come Join Us

#### WEDNESDAY, 1/29

Blue & Gold Dress Down Day
Breakfast Buddies – PK – Grade 3 – students enjoy
breakfast with 2 family members
National Puzzle Day
Spelling Bee – 1:15PM

#### THURSDAY, 1/30

Breakfast Buddies – Grades 4 – 8 – students enjoy breakfast with 2 family members Living Biographies presentations – 1:00PM

#### FRIDAY, 2/1

School Mass led by Grade 3 – 9:00AM STEP UP Day – students spend time getting to know next year's teacher "Go Noodle" GLOW Dance – 1:15PM

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

#### Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director



#### Music Ministry Fundraisers

Thank you for coming to our November dinner fundraiser and our Advent piano concert. Between the two events, we raised \$1,521. The next fundraiser will take place in or around March. Thank you again for your support!

#### **Funeral Consultation Team**

The music ministry is organizing a Funeral Consultation Team to meet with grieving families who are planning funeral Liturgies for lost loved ones. The team will arrange to meet with the families here at the church and assist with selecting appropriate scripture readings and hymns from our list of suggestions. The requirements to take part in this group include sharing your time and support, sometimes reading from scriptures to families aloud, and occasionally singing part of a hymn or psalm to them. If you're interested in giving back to our parish community through this group, please contact me directly, and don't worry about time requirements; we'll make a schedule respective of everyone's availability. Thank you for the support.

#### **Parish Community Choirs**

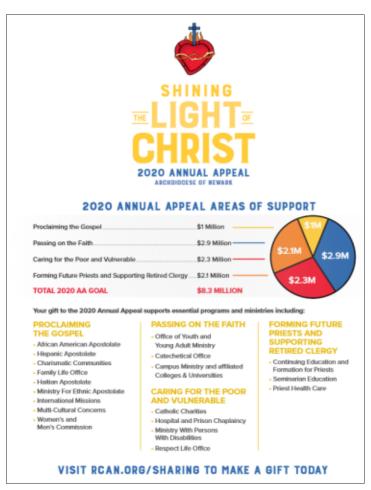
Please consider joining one of our parish community choirs which are about to begin practicing Lent and Easter music. Our children's choir is open to students from any school in grade 3-8; they practice after school on Thursdays and sing at Mass once a month. Our adult choir is open to anyone in high school or older; they practice on Wednesday evenings and sing at Mass weekly plus high feast days. Please contact me directly if you're interested in joining our ministry. Detailed schedules for the rest of the season are available upon request. The only requirement is a love of sharing sung prayer with our parish community.



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

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry create handmade 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.



#### PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another



#### PARISH CALENDAR

Ms. Michelle Shlendorio

| SUNDAY    | January 26                         |
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| 10:00ам   | Religious Education (K-6) - School |
| Monday    | January 27                         |
| TUESDAY   | January 28                         |
| WEDNESDAY | January 29                         |
| 7:30рм    | Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church       |
| THURSDAY  | January 30                         |
| 3:00рм    | Children's Choir Rehearsal-Church  |
| FRIDAY    | January 31                         |
| SATURDAY  | February 1                         |
| SUNDAY    | February 2                         |
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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!



All gently used items should be placed in the clothing drive bins in the gathering area before or after mass the weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th. All collected items will be donated to St. John's Parish in Newark to help keep homeless people warm in winter.

#### **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.

#### "Healing the Grieving Heart: The Journey After the Death of a Loved One"

A free-of-charge 8-week bereavement support group held at The Church of the Little Flower, Bernauer Parish Center, 290 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights. Sessions will be held 8 Tuesday afternoons beginning February 4th through March 24th from1:00PM -2:30PM. The facilitator, Jeanne Marie Mirabella is licensed professional counselor. All are welcome to attend regardless of religious affiliation. Registration is required. Please email your name, phone and email address to:

bereavement.lf@gmail.com or contact Margaret Manning at 908-464-1585 ext. 133



#### Today's Gospel Meditation......

Matthew 4:12-23

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we can know God personally and the truth he reveals to us through his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. To believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior is to accept God's revelation of his Son as the eternal Word of God and the Redeemer who delivers us from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Out of his great love for us God the Father made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to atone for our sins and to bring us back to himself.

Do you want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in you the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for your life.

"Lord Jesus, your ways are life and light! Let your word penetrate my heart and transform my mind that I may see your power and glory. Help me to choose your ways and to do what is pleasing to you."

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **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 Monday, January 27 at 6:30PM





#### **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**

Jim McElroy ~ Family



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Jim McElroy ~ Family



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

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#### A TIME TO DIE

Joseph Cuthbert, Sr. Theresa Marie, Joseph D. Orsini, Mary Silvani, Antonio Votano

#### A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Annelli, 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, 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 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

MONDAY, January 27

7:30AM

Anthony LaSalle ~ Michael & Theresa Quick

TUESDAY, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas 7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, January 29

7:30AM

Ilene Runo ~ Children

THURSDAY, January 30

7:30AM

Special Intention ~ Vincenza DePasquale

FRIDAY, January 31

7:30AM

John F. Holly ~ Rosa Ken & Linda

**9:00**AM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (all are welcome)

Bob Mifsud ~ Daughter, Karen

SATURDAY, February 1

8:00AM

Maria Leone ~ Daughter

SUNDAY, February 2 Presentation of the Lord 5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Mantana ~ Family

7:30AM

Jerome N. Bongiovanni ~ Deacon Jerry & Janice

9:00AM

Anne Lofredo ~ Hagenbush Family

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

Viola Morano ~ Daughter, Marylou

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**.