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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 5, 2020

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"O GOD, WHO BY THE LEADING OF A STAR DIDST MANIFEST THY ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH: LEAD US, WHO KNOW THEY NOW BY FAITH, TO THY PRESENCE, WHERE WE MAY BEHOLD THY GLORY FACE TO FACE."

A Christmas Sourcebook, p. 109

Today is the **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY!** This day celebrates the manifestation of Jesus to all the world. The three magi were searching for the truth, and the truth is Jesus. They really represent all of us, who are also searching for the truth in life. As for us, like the magi, the truth begins and ends with Jesus.

As Jesus is manifested to all the world, he manifests the Father's love for us in his presence. This love is transformative because it is a call to holiness, goodness and conversion. Jesus shows us the glory of the Father in who he is and what he does and speaks. He also reveals the secrets of his heart, which is the kingdom of the Father. Jesus invites us to help make the kingdom a reality for others by the way we respond to their needs and how we care for them. When the magi left the Holy Family, their lives were different because they experienced the awesome power of God in Christ Jesus. When we encounter Jesus in Word and Eucharist our lives should also be transformed by our encounter with the Christ.

This doesn't always happen immediately. Most of the time this experience happens when we least expect it because it shows our continual openness to all Jesus is and offers us. Then it becomes an ongoing encounter with our God, made real for us in Emmanuel! Then we are able to bring this transforming presence to the people whom we encounter in life. This also doesn't happen dramatically. Usually it happens quietly and subtly because this is how Jesus becomes manifested in our lives and the lives of others. What Jesus expects of us is to cooperate with him in celebrating the wonder of his presence in our lives and the life of the church.

Sometimes, though, we become burdened down with life and the difficulties we sometimes face. But Jesus is always there, inviting us to come and see, come and hear, and to come and experience his presence and love. When we accept the invitation, then our lives are changed for ever. Then it is matter of living each day because of the continuing encounter with our God, revealed for us in Christ Jesus. Once our lives are transformed by the presence of the Christ, it is difficult to live and speak differently.

Maybe the magi understood this as they departed the manger. Maybe they were able to live differently than they did before they encountered Christ Jesus. If that is the case, imagine what can happen to us because we, too, have experienced the presence of Emmanuel, God with us for all people for all time.

HAPPY EPIPHANY!!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

*December 28 / 29, 2019
Collection totals will be posted
next week*

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
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Happy New Year and welcome back!!

Classes resume this week for grades K through 7. The students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will join together with their parents to attend a morning retreat in the school this coming Saturday, Jan. 11th from 10:00AM—12:00PM. Sunday, January 12th is our second Home Study Retreat. These families will attend the 10:30AM Mass and then gather in the school gym for our retreat. The Gift of Reconciliation book is also due this weekend for those students who have not yet already returned them.

No Class Sunday, January 19th



8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

8th Grade classes resume Tuesday, January 28th – 7:00-8:30PM in Hatcher Hall – See you then!!

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

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

If you have any questions please contact me.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Next Meeting: TONIGHT!! Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 7:00-9:00PM in the school gym. All 8th – 12th grade students are welcome!! **Discussion Topic:** No judgment (getting along with everyone).

All high school seniors and juniors interested in being part of this year's Antioch Retreat Team please contact me – our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

And a very special thank you to ALL who donated socks, sneakers and personal care items!
Your generosity and support of the Youth Group is much appreciated!!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant
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A letter from Saint James parents

As parents, you always want the best for your child or children. We came across the best when we enrolled our son in the 5th grade at St. James the Apostle School located in Springfield in 2017.

We attended the Open House and were very impressed with staff, students, and the overall atmosphere of the school. The students were involved with the Open House by providing tours and dressing up as some present day and historical characters. Each student recited a brief biography as the character they impersonated. The students were confident, knowledgeable, and proud.

Shortly after attending, we arranged to have our son attend the school as a student for the day. Our son expressed to us that he felt welcomed and very comfortable. We met with Principal Ponterio and expressed our reasons and concerns for relocating our son to another school. Principal Ponterio was very receptive to our concerns and assured us that our son will be challenged educationally and will gain the tools to mature into a better student.

On his first day of school, his new classmates greeted our son with a card designed and signed by each of them. Not only were the students welcoming, the teachers were as well. Throughout his years at St. James, we have found that the teachers take a genuine interest in his learning. They keep us abreast of his progress and encourage him to work to his full potential.

We are happy with the various events that are offered at St. James from the Home & School Association, community outreach, annual holiday activities, and the Art Masters Club, just to name a few. Our son took a special interest in the Art Masters Club where he is able to express his artistic side and see his creations on display at the annual art show. The school held a Geography Bee and our son won! We did not know this existed and was surprised at his knowledge of geography.

In summary, we feel the school is well rounded. Our son is being educated and molded into a well-respected young man that is growing in his faith. This would not be possible without the direction of Principal Ponterio and her staff.

We are proud parents of our son and happy that we choose St. James the Apostle School for his education these last few years.

Leon and Tonka McBurrows
Parents of Kiyoshi (Class of 2020)

2nd Collection: 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!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**THE CRECHE IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia
r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF
The Fischer, Ragosa & Dondero Families**
r/b Francine R. Fischer

**THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE ALTAR
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
Lisa Agrillo

Charles & Rose Agrillo
Margaret & Augie Ciasullo
r/b Antoinette Agrillo

Deceased Members of the DelMauro Family
r/b Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**
Marie & Ettore Vecchione
r/b Daughter, Jill Vecchione

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF ST.
JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
Anne Marie Genninger & Carolyn Nelson
r/b Religious Education Community

**YELLOW ROSES AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY
OF GUADALUPE ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**
Tony Graziano
r/b The Family

**THE FLOWERS AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
For the Deceased Member Of Saint James
r/b Parishioners

**THE FLOWERS PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF ST.
JAMES ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
The Battaglia & Zara Families
r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE SANCTUARY
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Michael Pierson Bongiovanni, Jr.
r/b Deacon Jerry & Janice Bongiovanni

Tony Graziano
r/b The Family

Jack & Irene Mahoney
r/b The Family

Bollmeyer & Genco Families
r/b Nancy Caputo

AnnMarie Bentivegna
r/b The Bentivegna Family

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE GATHERING
AREA IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
The Swajkowski & Felegi Families
r/b Cynthia & Matthew Swajkowski

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR COLUMNS
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Joseph & Mary Barbone
r/b The Family

Kathryn Janowski
r/b The Janowski Family

Viola Morano
r/b Daughter, Marylou Kjelle

Anna & Anton Roessner
r/b Nettie & Bob Roessner

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES BY THE OUTSIDE
SHRINE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey
r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS IN THE
GATHERING AREA IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Louis Stiglitz
r/b Marilyn Stiglitz

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS INSIDE THE
CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
Susan Lang
r/b Marilyn Stiglitz



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

Jan. 5, Mar. 15

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 6 at 6:30PM



COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another

Keeping YOU Informed! Springfield Update.....

Greetings!

The Springfield Senior Citizens Cub will host a program open to all seniors and any other interested parties on Senior Fraud Protection on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 11:00AM at the Chisholm Center. The presenter will be Robin E. Eichen, an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission in NYC and the program will be very informative about fraud schemes and how to handle them.

Refreshments will be served and attendance is encouraged and welcome.

Residents are asked to register, either at the Chisholm Center (a sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board) or by calling the office at 973-912-2227.



Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas cookies and other treats for the refreshments that followed Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15, 2019.

Your generosity helped make our parish's third annual Lessons and Carols a very special event.



Liturgical Environment Committee

THANK YOU to all the members of the committee who took time out of their busy holiday schedule to decorate the church in preparation for Christmas: Barbara, Nancy, Karen, Jill, Joan, Nancy, Kim, and John. Special thanks to Darin, Kenn and Israel for setting up the outdoor crèche. I also wish to thank Mary B. for the new Christmas star atop our beautiful tree!

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**

If you would like to join the Helping the Hungry Ministry and help with the sorting and distribution of the monthly collections please email either Claire or Joanne.

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





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 2:1-12

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."



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

For the People of Saint James



MASS INTENTIONS

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO DIE



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Pat Butterworth,
Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, John Carney,
Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo,
Van Corteza, James Curry, Maureen D., Rick Ellmer,
Alfredo Fernandes, 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, Reggie Malaban,an,
Angie Mazzarisi, Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele,
Bob Mifsud, Aman Mo, Moise Modestin,
Timothy Morgan, Donna Massa, Ive Mureny,
Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, 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 5 Epiphany of the Lord
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

9:00AM

Salvatore & Mimi DeNichilo ~ *Inneo Family*

10:30AM

Katie Hamilton ~ *Casey Family*

12:00PM

Papias Hautea ~ *Gaston Family*

MONDAY, January 6

7:30AM

Scott Walling ~ *Susan & Pat Sullivan*

TUESDAY, January 7

7:30AM

Elia Masci Bonetti ~ *Antonio Bonetti, Jr.*

WEDNESDAY, January 8

7:30AM

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Theresa & Michael Quick*

THURSDAY, January 9

7:30AM

Salvatore Zotti ~ *Wife & Children*

FRIDAY, January 10

7:30AM

Ana Harper ~ *Ellmer Family*

SATURDAY, January 11

8:00AM

Michael Nargi, Jr. ~ *Melissa Scanlon*

SUNDAY, January 12

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 ~ *Children*

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.**