

SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



Celebrating Our 95th Parish Anniversary 1923 ~ 2018

Celebrating Our 65th School Anniversary 1953 ~ 2018



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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASSES

Anticipated 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 ~ Monday Evenings 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00AM

RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM~4:00PM
(through Friday, September 7, 2018)
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)



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

June 24, 2018

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist. Even though John was the cousin of Jesus, he really didn't know him since he had been living in the desert. It wasn't until he appeared for the baptism of Jesus that this may have been the first encounter between them.

But, John was an interesting character. He knew what his mission was all about. He didn't have an ego problem. He was to prepare the way of the Lord, telling the people about the one coming after him. Then, when Jesus appeared and after his baptism, John returned to the desert. Because he lived with this extreme community called the Essenes, he looked differently than most people, and even spoke differently. At first, it was difficult for some to grasp his message, but they eventually did. Yet, his message and his mission live on for us today.

The mission of John falls to each of us. We are to prepare the way for the day the Lord returns again, all the while celebrating the Lord's presence here and now. But sometimes we get in the way of this mission. We can easily forget that the mission of the Lord's presence is not about us. It is about him. He is the one who sends us forth to be the Good News for others. We are the instruments that the Lord uses to let others know about this incredible story of God's love for us all. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we can lose sight of the fact that it is the Lord who calls us as his own, sends us forth as ambassadors of his presence, and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are able to accomplish our work. This is about God's Kingdom on earth and not our own.

We may feel at times that this is too difficult, especially when we encounter people who may not like us or who may not want to hear about the Good News as it is reflected in our lives. But that only makes our work more important and more serious. Jesus lived, died and rose for all of us, not just for a select group of people. Our response to others must reflect what our faith in God is about so that they will see in us the love and presence of a God who cares for all of us. Imagine if John had decided to stay in the desert or return as soon as he was criticized for one reason or another. Fortunately for all of us, he chose to accept the challenge and responsibility for which God called him. Hopefully, we are able to do the same.

On Wednesday, June 13, we celebrated the Feast of St. Anthony with a Mass in Italian. In celebration of the feast, \$186 was collected and given to the church **GRAZIE, TUTTI ITALIANI!!!**

HAPPY FEAST OF JOHN THE BAPTIST!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

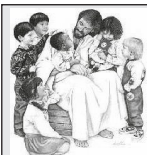
\$8,913.00

\$7,500.00 Collection

\$1,413.00 Online

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

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

Congratulations to all of the 8th Graders who are now high school freshmen! We are looking forward to continuing your journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation and hope that you will continue to volunteer within our community and parish; as a newly Confirmed, you are invited to become a Lector, Usher, and a classroom aide for Religious Education. Our journey has not ended; it has just changed.

Families new to our parish or who have a child entering 1st grade in September are asked to call the Religious Education Office for information about registering as a parishioner and / or registering your child(ren) for classes. Baptism Certificates are needed at the time of registration. Kindergarten Classes, while optional, are offered only on Sunday mornings.

Ann Marie Gesualdo will be emailing the parents of public school incoming 8th graders with details about the 8th grade program for the Fall. She will also communicate with the parish school 8th grade families before classes begin in September.

If your child is preparing to receive any of the sacraments and he /she attends Saint James the Apostle School and you are Catholic, but not registered parishioners, please call / email me.

Do you have a child who was baptized but has not been prepared to received the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation?

Please give us a call 973-376-2061 or ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org.

All children are welcome to attend our parish religion program and to be prepared to receive the sacraments. If your child has special needs please call me to arrange a meeting to address your child's learning needs. I have my Masters in Special Education and Autism Studies Certification and welcome your child into our faith formation program.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist, class aid, hallway or office helper, please call the Religious Education Office. All adult volunteers working with children are required to attend a Protecting God's Children Training session.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator

Our Sunday night Youth Group meetings have concluded for the summer. BUT... we will be getting together to have our ***"night under the stars"*** that was rained-out twice!! So stay tuned as I will be reaching out with the date and details.

We have already started planning some events for the Fall start up in October. And we are always happy to welcome Core Team Members. Core Team members are freshman thru senior high school students. They plan and prepare Youth Group meetings, fundraisers, social gatherings, community service opportunities and much, much more!!! More information will be coming in August about that but please contact me if you are interested, amgesualdo@saintjamesparish.org or 201-709-5280.

Until then, I send wishes for a wonderful summer full of fun, happiness and the Wonder and Awe of God!!

Peace,

Ann Marie

CONFIRMATION CORNER!

If you have a child entering 8th grade in either the parish school or public / private school, Ann Marie Gesualdo will be contacting you regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have any specific questions concerning the sacrament, please do not hesitate to either call the Religious Education Office 973=376-2061 or, email Ann Marie:

AMGesualdo@saintjamesparish.org



*something as small as a
drop of water has a ripple
effect that impacts others....*

158 sandwiches and 3 meatloaves were collected this past weekend and donated to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

We appreciate your generosity in helping to feed God's hungry people!

The next collection date for sandwiches and frozen meatloaves is

July 14 / 15, 2018

Two coolers will be placed in the Gathering Area for your convenience.

Please contact Nancy Caputo with any specific questions or if you are able to help with the collections. 973-376-2061



SAINT JAMES MOM'S GROUP!

Mrs. Traci Burns, Coordinator

JOIN US IN THE RECTORY

SUNDAY, JULY 8TH 4:00 ~ 5:00PM

Come pray with other Catholic moms as we discuss how the weekly readings apply to moms of today!

All moms (and children) are welcome!

For more information contact Traci Burns:

Muralsbytraci@verizon.net

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal

Chippy's Grand Tour

First Graders read Skippy ChipMunk's Birthday Surprise!, written by Susan Scarince Jones. This book encourages children to take a closer look at the world around them. After learning about habitats in Mrs. West's classroom, the students decided that their class chipmunk, Chippy, should take a closer look and visit each habitat. This is how the idea of Chippy's Grand Tour got started. How will Chippy travel to the habitats?

In Mrs. Burns' art room, students brainstormed transportation ideas for Chippy, then they created vehicles for his travels using cardboard, paint, tape, etc. The vehicles included a plane, a pizza delivery car, a canoe, a snowmobile, a boat, a submarine, and a hot air balloon. In the art room, students constructed, papier-mâché, and painted the vehicles. (Maybe you remember seeing the vehicles on display at our Spring Art Show.) Next, they drew and colored the backgrounds and designed the habitats for each photo shoot. Each student wrote their own page for the book and then they peer edited their pages as a class.

The pages were written and edited, in class with Mrs. West. Then, with the help of Ms. Zavocki in the Media Center, the young authors worked on their typing skills and typed their page of the story book!

Mrs. Burns was inspired to have the book published and each student received their own copy. When the books arrived, Mrs. Burns read the book to the class with Mrs. West, Ms. Zavocki and Mrs. Ponterio in attendance. The class gave a copy to the Principal who requested each student sign it so she could proudly display her autographed copy, courtesy of our young authors/illustrators/set designers... the First Grade.

A special thank you to Mrs. West (Grade 1 teacher), Ms. Zavocki (Technology teacher) and Mrs. Burns (Art teacher) for inspiring the children to learn, write, construct, illustrate, and read. These teachers went above and beyond with this project!



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Ms. Pat Sullivan, Coordinator

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN BABY

Fetal Development Month Six:

Eyes are now open. The uterus allows some light to be seen so the baby begins to distinguish between lightness and darkness.

The baby's skin turns from almost transparent to opaque. The baby will grasp at the umbilical cord when he/she feels it. Most moms feel an increase in movement, kicking and hiccups from baby. By the end of the sixth month, the baby weighs around 2 pounds and can be up to 12 inches long. Babies born at this age have survived!

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Many parishioners have asked about the status of the pavement in front of the church. It is anticipated that work will start in July.

Many thanks to those who donated baked goods to the hospitality table at the Parish Festival. It was very successful!

The council donated baskets to both the Tin Can Auction and the Basket Bonanza this year.

The Easter Vigil was streamed live on social media. This allowed those who are home bound or otherwise unable to attend to participate in the celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior. Look for announcements of live streaming of masses in future bulletins.

If you have a comment, question or concern, you may email the council at:

saintjamesparishcouncil@gmail.com



Saint James the Apostle Church

A Welcoming Catholic Community of Faith • Serving Springfield for 95 Years

Join
His Eminence,
Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R.
ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK

The Cardinal will preside at the
5:00PM Mass, Saturday, July 21, 2018

Celebrating
the 95TH Anniversary of the Church
& the 65TH Anniversary of the School

An outdoor reception
will immediately follow the mass.



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SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

FAMILY PROMISE OF UNION COUNTY

Families from Family Promise of Union County will once again be calling our campus “home” from **Sunday, July 22 through Sunday, Aug. 5**. We need volunteers both on site and behind the scenes. Overnight hosts, kitchen help, daily shoppers, activity coordinators, as well as volunteers to set-up the rooms prior to their arrival and to return Hatch Hall to its original set up (this also counts toward Community Service) are needed. Please think about how you can get involved. Non-perishable donation requests will be hanging on the carousel in the Gathering Area **next week**.

Please return the items to the Religious Education Office or Rectory before July 16th. If you take a tag and are unable to purchase the item, please return the ticket to the carousel as we are only asking for the exact number of items needed (no substitutes please).

The online link to the volunteer schedule “sign-up genius”:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>

Click on the magnifying glass

“Search for a signup by creator’s signup email” and enter:

StJamesFamilyPromise@gmail.com

then click on the circle to say “you are not a robot” and choose your day and time to volunteer!

The food donation requests will be available in early July but ShopRite gift cards and monetary donations will gratefully be accepted now. All donations can be either given to Fr. Joe, left in the rectory, or brought to the Religious Education Office (double glass doors by the flag pole and Statue of Mary).

Reminder: All volunteers for overnight stays must have current Protecting God’s Children Training and agree to a (criminal) background check (this is not a credit check). Thank you for your continued support of this ministry,

Pat Sullivan and Nancy Caputo
Co-Coordinator

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25: 35

Door Collection ~ June 30—July 1, 2018

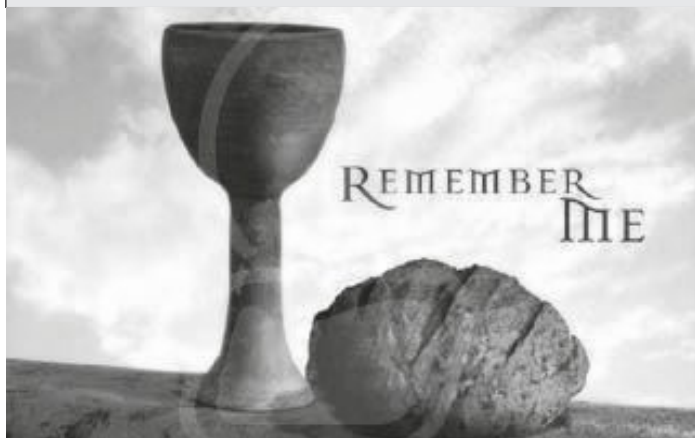
The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly in Totowa, NJ will be visiting our parish.

The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 174 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow.

www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Keeping in Touch With One Another



Traveling this summer? Here's a helpful website to find a church near you:
<https://masstimes.org>



Parish Calendar

All calendar items must be confirmed through the rectory

SUNDAY	June 24, 2018
12:00PM	Blessing of H.S. students ~ <i>Church</i>
MONDAY	June 25, 2018
TUESDAY	June 26, 2018
WEDNESDAY	June 27, 2018
THURSDAY	June 28, 2018
FRIDAY	June 29, 2018
SATURDAY	June 30, 2018
ALL MASSES	Little Sisters of the Poor— <i>Church</i>
SUNDAY	July 1, 2018

COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, let us 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.

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.

The priests and deacons will be able to find you so a visit can be arranged. Contact the Rectory to have a name added at Mass and/or to the Prayer Line.

Please be sure to include hospital information.

Want to keep up with events at St. 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.

2nd Collection this weekend!

June 23/24, 2018

Archdiocesan Assessment

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 24

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

5:00 PM (SATURDAY)

Rose Anne Citro ~

Kim, John Mailley & Family

7:30AM

Gerald Erpelding ~ *Angela Ragonese*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Lisa Agrillo ~ *Her Parents*

12:00PM

Rose Anne Citro ~

Patty Lo Macchio & John Carney

MONDAY, June 25

7:30AM

Ouseph Kallikkadan ~ *Terry & Thomas*

TUESDAY, June 26

7:30AM

Kenneth Fedorko ~ *Gloria Pszota*

WEDNESDAY, June 27

7:30AM

Angela Lanza ~ *Criscuolo Family*

THURSDAY, June 28 St. Irenaeus

7:30AM

Matteo Apicella ~ *Wife & Children*

FRIDAY, June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul

7:30AM

Patricia Serio ~ *Bernstein Family*

SATURDAY, June 30

8:00AM

Donato Reino ~ *Anthony & Carmelina Reino*

SUNDAY, July 1 Thirteenth Sunday in OT

5:00 PM (SATURDAY)

Rose Anne Citro ~ *John & Cindy O'Reilly*

7:30AM

Virginia Kaczor ~ *Judy, Joe & Family*

9:00AM

Marge Furner ~ *Judy & Joe Policastro*

10:30AM

Silvio Lombardi ~ *Rita, Angela & Pasquale*

12:00PM

Norman Jackowski ~ *Wanda & Lisa*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them....



THE PRAYER CORNER

*"To everything there is a season and
a time for every purpose..."*

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Dylan Velasco

A TIME TO WED

Kara Pedretti and Ryan O'Reilly

A TIME TO HEAL

Irene Baranski, Joe Brisick,
Joselyn Carreon, Helen Chelis, Soon Choi,
Phyllis Colosimo, James Curry, Kristina De Jesus,
Marie Del Mauro, Mary Finn, Matthew Friedman,
Miguel Antonio Garcia, Martin Gignac,
Monica Gomes, Ana Harper, Steven Hensle,
Jake Kessler, Maryann Leach, Christina Leone,
Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Charlotte McNelis,
Richie McNelis, Simone Miller, Conor Nemes,
Steve Randolph, Ginny Sampson, Jack Silbert,
Amanda Tuten, Scott Walling

A TIME TO DIE

Bernadette Halbing, Jerry Kelly, Donald Lubertazza,
Nicholas Orlando, David Shafier

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Brian Braine, A.J. Carlucci,
Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart,
David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca,
Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten,
Aaron Pluto, Arthur Raymond, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
1Lt. Steven Rogacki, Frank Wulff



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

Joe Barbone ~ *Family*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Joe Barbone ~ *Family*

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.

MARIAN DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction takes place on Monday evenings (*as scheduled*) at 6:30pm in our Church, please feel free to join us.

Monday, June 25, 2018

St. James the Apostle Summer Camp (June 25 - August 17)

Ages: PreK-4 to Grade 6 daily from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Visit www.sjspringfield.org and click on the summer camp link for the complete registration packet.
OR

Register for camp by filling out the form below and returning it to the St. James School or Rectory Office by along with a \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee per child.

The cost is \$275 per week for the first child and \$225 per week for each additional child for a full day of camp. We also offer an AM or PM half day of camp for \$150 per week per child.

Our program consists of: indoor and outdoor recreation, arts and crafts, local walking trips, sports and games, computer time, weekly themes, in-camp field trips and weekly visits to the Springfield Community Pool. Outside camp field trips will be scheduled and an additional cost may be incurred.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Email address: _____ School: _____

June 25 - June 29	Passport to Fun	July 23 - July 27	Let's Take Flight
July 2,3,5 & 6	Hats Off to America (4 day week)	July 30 – August 3	Caine's Camp Arcade
July 9- July 13	Summer on the Savanna	August 6 - August 10	Bears, Bears Everywhere
July 16 - July 20	Wacky World of Sports	August 13 - August 17	La-La-Baloo Luau



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Jeong Gyeong Kim

BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held on various Sundays during the year at 1:30pm in the Church. Please see the dates listed below.

RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions are heard every Saturday at 11:00am in the Church, or anytime by appointment.

EUCCHARIST

Communion can be brought to the sick and homebound either at home or in a facility.

CONFIRMATION

Adults who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to call the Parish Office and speak to one of the priests.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry are asked to call the Parish Office at least one year prior to their desired date so that arrangements can be made.

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. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament can be administered anytime. We make visits to area hospitals and nursing homes.

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 INFORMATION

The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00pm Mass with instruction about the rite and its meaning following Mass. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Baptism Ceremonies are held at 1:30pm and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism or catechesis please call the Parish Office at 973-376-3044.

CATECHESIS

July 8, Sept. 9

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

July 29, Aug. 26

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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.**