



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 ~ 7:00PM
(Facebook / Zoom)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only

RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)
Closed Fridays: July 3 through Sept. 3, 2020



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Parishioners

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 28, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We began Sunday liturgies last week, and all went well. Some folks who had not been in the church previously were surprised to see how the church was configured. I spoke to the congregation before each Mass, except the 12:00 Noon Mass because there were few parishioners there, and I asked everyone to leave the church and socialize outside, so the church could be sanitized. We must do this after each mass. I am very grateful that everyone was very cooperative, which I expected. We all know these are different times, and we must follow the directives given to us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is reminding us that our primary focus should be our relationship with God, as expressed in the love that Jesus has for us. This does not mean that we must give up everyone in our lives and everything we do, but that they should be kept in perspective. In other words, we cannot be so consumed by our relationships or our work and activities that they prevent us from living as a faithful follower of the Lord. Most of us are pretty good at living as a faithful follower. However, sometimes we forget that we are the visible sign of Jesus for each other.

During this pandemic, it is very easy to give up and isolate ourselves from each other and God. Yet, we can offer each other, the church, and society something that is different, and that is the presence of Jesus within and among us. It is easy to become frustrated because our world has changed, our children have been at home trying to learn, and we wonder what will happen next. If we maintain our integrity, our balance, and use common sense, then we should be okay. We still have lives to live, families to support, work that must get done, and children to be cared for. We are aware of the stresses facing many of you because of the pandemic, and it is my hope that you will reach out to those of us who can help you. Whatever we do here at Saint James is done with your care and concern in mind. We try to cover all bases, so that your needs and care are paramount for us. There is no question that this is the most difficult situation that we have ever experienced. Every happy event has taken on a new dimension that we never thought possible.

Saturday is July 4, our Independence Day. Even this has taken on a new dimension. But never let us forget that this day celebrates our freedom from England, and our formation as a new nation. Is it perfect? As the events of the last few weeks have shown, it is not. But this all reminds us that we are a work in progress, as we continue to help make this nation a place of freedom for all, regardless of ethnic heritage, skin color, language spoken, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs. Obviously, we need to improve so that all feel welcome and accepted in America. We can help in the way we accept each other as brother and sister as we attempt to bring the Kingdom of God closer to each other. It's all about what we can do and be for one another as brothers and sisters to each other and to Jesus.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

~ Fr. Joe



SUNDAY READINGS ~ June 28, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God."

San Pio De Pietrelcina

FIRST READING: KINGS: 4:8-11, 14-16A

One day Elisha came to Shunem,
where there was a woman of influence, who urged him
to dine with her.
Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop
there to dine.
So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a
holy man of God.
Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on
the roof
and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp,
so that when he comes to us he can stay there."
Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room
overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?"
His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes!
She has no son, and her husband is getting on in
years."
Elisha said, "Call her."
When the woman had been called and stood at the
door,
Elisha promised, "This time next year
you will be fondling a baby son."

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ
Jesus
were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into
death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.
We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no
more;
death no longer has power over him.
As to his death, he died to sin once and for all;
as to his life, he lives for God.
Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as
dead to sin
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**

SUNDAY READINGS ~ June 28, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew....

R. Glory to you O Lord

(with your thumb, make a little sign of the cross, first on your forehead; then on your lips; then on your heart)

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man
because he is a righteous man
will receive a righteous man's reward.
And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

Priest / Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.....

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reflection:

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death.

“Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord.”

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: ZECHARIAH 9: 9-10~ Second Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,052.00

\$4,615.00 Collection (Envelope)

\$2,437.00 Online

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

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

*Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their
weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are
welcome to do so*

OR

*To make a donation to help our parish, please
visit our GoFundMe page:*

[https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/
archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us](https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us)

Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield
(all donations are gratefully accepted)



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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.

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.

The suspension has been lifted for the preparation classes and Sacrament of Baptism Services



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant

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We are so excited to be able to gather once again for mass! With the reopening of the church, it is good to remind ourselves that masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing are now part of our new “normal” and we must adhere to these guidelines in church as well. For those not feeling comfortable returning to church to attend mass, we will continue to offer our virtual 10:30AM Sunday Mass.

This week the Eucharist families were also notified of the rescheduling of the First Eucharist Masses! The children and their families have waited so long to be welcomed to the Table of the Lord. We are thrilled for them!!

Do you have a school aged child who has been baptized but has not received religious education or been prepared for the sacraments? Do you, or someone you know, have a special needs child in need of sacramental preparation? Please call the Religious Education office. We are here to help; I encourage all families, but especially those with children preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, to continue attending our virtual Sunday morning mass on either YouTube or Facebook at 10:30AM. This is a great opportunity to answer your child's questions during the actual mass without worrying about disturbing anyone sitting around you. Participating in virtual mass will also reinforce the prayers that we recite and help the children to acclimate themselves when we are reunited in church again. Please plan on joining us as we pray the Rosary every Monday evening at 7:00PM on Facebook or Zoom.

As we continue to discover new ways of sharing our faith, we also need to find new ways to catechize our children. If you have ideas or suggestions, I encourage you to contact me.

Any family new to our program or with a child entering 1st grade (Kindergarten is optional) please email me so we can arrange to speak. Baptismal certificates are required for all new students regardless of grade at the time of registration.

Happy 4th of July ~ God Bless America!!!



PARISH INFORMATION

Praying while being at a social distance.....

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS AND PRIVATE PRAYER

WE RETURNED TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:00PM VIGIL MASS SATURDAY

7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM & 12:00PM SUNDAY

THE CHURCH CAPACITY IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OR EMAIL FR. JOE BY 12:00PM SATURDAY TO SECURE YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE MASS OF YOUR CHOICE. ANYONE NOT RESERVING THEIR TIME SLOT MAY BE DENIED ADMITTANCE.

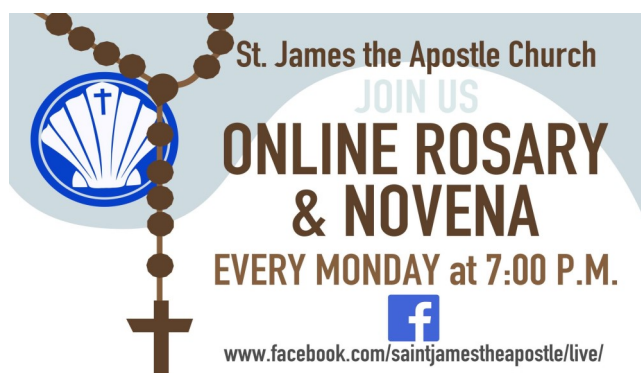
Personal Prayer Schedule (inside the church)

Sundays 12:00PM ~ 3:00PM

Tuesdays 4:00PM ~ 7:00PM

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Everyone entering the church must wear a mask, follow the markings throughout the church, be respectful of others wanting to pray by limiting your prayer time to 15 minutes.



Log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on Zoom!

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES!

The Feast of Saint James is Saturday, July 25th.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated

Sunday, July 26th at the 12:00PM Mass for our patron saint.

Everyone is invited to a **BYOE** picnic in the parking lot following mass.

Bring Your Own Everything!

We are assuming the social distance guidelines will still be in place so plan accordingly!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Staying Together While Apart.....



Pat Sullivan and Nancy Caputo thank you for your past support of Family Promise. As many of you know, our hosting weeks for Family Promise this summer would have begun today, Sunday, June 28 through Sunday morning, July 5th.

With the cooperation of the local community, at the outbreak of the pandemic, the families were placed in temporary housing for the summer. While we are not physically hosting the families we are virtually supporting them by providing meals, gift cards and summer fun items for the children.

If you are interested in providing a frozen dinner (for a family of 4) please let us know. You do not need to cook & freeze (unless you want to!). Each meal should consist of prepackaged/frozen meat; vegetables, condiments and dessert. Fresh (prepackaged) salad, fresh fruit and vegetables are also welcomed treats.

Dinner suggestions: hotdogs & beans; frozen hamburgers / rolls, Perdue chicken, frozen pasta, pre-seasoned/packaged BBQ wings, ribs; frozen pizzas & fresh veggies, dinner rolls, frozen yogurt bars, and don't forget we would also provide lunch..... bread, luncheon meats, peanut butter & jelly, tuna / chicken.

Some of the families have young children so, sidewalk chalk, bouncing balls, water soakers, etc. could add some additional fun for the family.

If you are unable to shop for groceries, then consider donating a gift card. Some of the suggestions:

Your favorite take-out / delivery restaurant, Gas cards (BP, Sunoco, etc), Shoprite, Stop n Shop, Pizzerias, Uber, Grub-hub, Visa.

Monetary donations to help cover the rent for the apartments are also accepted, please make checks payable to: Family Promise of Union County.

Coolers will be outside the church before all Masses this weekend and next weekend for frozen / perishable donations.

Donations can be dropped off during the week at Saint James (by door #6) Monday through Thursday 9:00AM – 2:00PM please call Nancy to confirm she is in her office (973-376-2061).

Please do not bring donations to the rectory

Please contact either Nancy Caputo: 973.376.2061 / ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org or Pat Sullivan: 862.216.6861 / Patricia.Sullivan@hackensackmeridian.org with any questions.

Thank you for being the Light of Christ!

Donation bins are now open!

Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities donations bin located on our property.

Thank you.

***PLEASE NOTE: Saint James' charity bin does not accept furniture.
Please call Catholic Charities to arrange pick-up: 908-276-2012***





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.

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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar 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.

The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

*Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.
May those who are infected receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.
May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded
from the onslaught of the virus.
Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.
Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.*

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Monina Avella, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Marie Crosby Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Matthew Burns, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Dr. Chad, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Dr. Conrado, James Curry, Maureen D., Dr. Margaret Dames, Edwin Dava, Mary Del Piere, Geleen Donovan, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Kim Florio, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Muriel Geoghan, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski, Wanda Jackowski, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Angie Mazzarisi, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Austerberta Olandres, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P., Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Manny Reyes, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Tom Walsh, Mary Ellen Warren, Kay Winski, Mary Yobbi

A TIME TO DIE

Junior Barbone, Pat Butterworth, Frances Irene, Sr. Annette Marie Lucchesi, OSF, Pat Stafford, Maria Saggese, Matthew Swajkowski

and all who have died from Covid-19

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Mother, Carmela*

7:30AM

Giovannina Pafumi ~ *Brian & Gianna Hayes*

9:00AM

Matteo Apicella ~ *Wife, Angelina*

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

Derek Torres ~ *Maureen & Clyde Bernor*

MONDAY, June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30AM

Andrew Foscatto ~ *Theresa & Michael Quick*

TUESDAY, June 30

7:30AM

Dante D. Domenico ~ *Wife, Rita & Family*

WEDNESDAY, July 1

7:30AM

Dolores Hennessy ~ *Sister, Arlene*

THURSDAY, July 2

7:30AM

Vincent Policarpio ~ *Family*

FRIDAY, July 3

7:30AM

Albert Blasi ~ *Family*

SATURDAY, July 4 Independence Day

8:00AM

Deceased Members of the McNany Family ~ *Dennis*

SUNDAY, July 5 Fourteenth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Patsy & Mary Ragonese ~ *Angela Ragonese*

9:00AM

Ann Marie Genninger ~ *Nancy Caputo*

10:30AM

Silvio Lombardi ~ *Rita, Angela & Pasquale*

12:00PM

Derek Torres ~ *John & Patty Carney*

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office

Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

Joe & Mary Barbone ~ *Family*



BREAD AND WINE

Nicholas Villanova ~ *Donna*

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**.