

# SAINT JAMES

## the APOSTLE CHURCH



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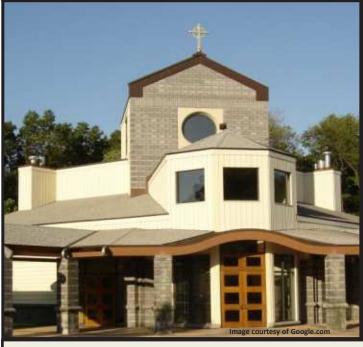
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY~ JUNE 7, 2020

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today is the **FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY.** The Trinity is not to be understood but to be believed. The Trinity is the relationship of Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet only one God. It is a mystery, but the Trinity also reflects the revelation of each person in the history of the world. In his catechism, *The Great Mysteries*, Andrew Greeley describes the Trinity this way: The Father is the God who creates, the Son is the God who speaks, and the Holy Spirit is the God who calls. Each expressed this relationship in various ways in human history, hoping that eventually we will come to believe the Trinity as the expression of God's love for all of us.

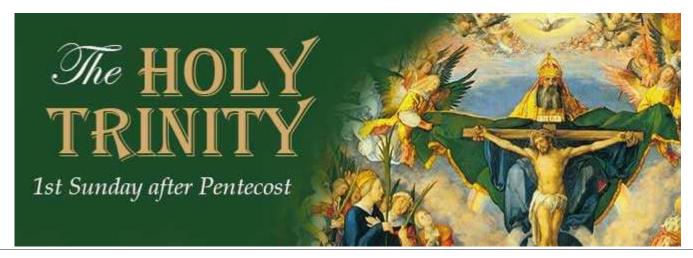
Today's Gospel tells us that the Father sent Jesus, his Son, to us to remind us of his generosity and love for us. Since Jesus is the presence of the Father made real to us, he speaks in the name of the Father as he invites us to holiness and conversion. They send the Spirit to lead us along the way of salvation. The Spirit calls us as God's own to follow the example that Jesus has given us. Our faith is in one eternal God, three persons equal in majesty, yet only one God. In the course of our history, theologians have tried to dissect this relationship, hoping to gain an insight into the Trinity. As well-intentioned as they were, and as successful as some might have been, it still comes down to a matter of faith on our part. But it should give us comfort that throughout human history, God has been watching over us, guiding us and protecting us in different ways, and we may not even be aware of this.

We are now in Ordinary Time, and this will continue until the First Sunday of Advent. This doesn't mean our lives are ordinary; this is the church's way of reminding us that although this season may be in between Easter and Advent, it is still a season of its own. As we continue through this pandemic, we have discovered that there is nothing ordinary in life. Everything we may have taken for granted suddenly has a different perspective for us. The wearing of masks and social distancing have become new norms for us, and they may be with us for a long time. There are some who want churches and other houses of worship to open but that will happen gradually. As you read in the email from me, our church has been re-configured for social distancing, and this has significantly reduced its capacity. As much as we might want to get back into church, the directives from Cardinal Tobin must be followed or else the church will be closed again. All of this is being done to protect all of us, and this should never be taken lightly.

I want to say **THANK YOU** to **Nancy Caputo** for organizing the drive-by on Sunday, May 24 in celebration of the 48th anniversary of my ordination as a priest, and to all of you who participated. Needless to say, I was completely surprised. **THANK YOU** for the posters, the cards, the balloons, and the gifts. As much as you may have enjoyed it, and I could tell that you did, I also enjoyed it immensely. You are all the reason why I am so privileged and proud to serve you as your pastor. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!** 

#### HAPPY TRINITY SUNDAY!!!

~ Fr. Joe



### SUNDAY READINGS ~ June 7, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Visit: <a href="http://www.usccb.org/">http://www.usccb.org/</a> 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: EX 34: 4B-6,8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out,
"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Glory and praise for ever!

#### **SECOND READING: COR 13: 11-13**

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## SUNDAY READINGS ~ June 7, 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: JOHN 3: 16-18**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him might not perish

but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel Reflection:

How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us as we open our hearts with expectant faith and yield to his work in our lives. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who would be their Teacher and Guide. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence (Isaiah 11:2-3).

"May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages."

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday, June 14, 2020 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3,14B-16A

Reading 2: COR 10: 16-17

Gospel: JOHN 6: 51-58

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$3,442.00

**\$1,320.00** Collection (Envelope) **\$2,122.00** 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, information on page 11 of this bulletin.

(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.

All Baptism preparation classes and Sacrament of Baptism Services are suspended until further notice.



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
45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Today we celebrate The Blessed Trinity. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit! This is the fundamental belief which everything in Christianity is based upon. It is the name in which all Christians are baptized. Since each of us is baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, we are called upon to share these gifts with one another. Take a moment this week to discern and pray whether or not Jesus is calling you to share the Good News by continuing his mission and becoming a catechist.

I have no idea what Religious Education classes will look like in September, but one way or another, we will continue sharing the Good News with our children. If you are feeling the "tug," then please give me a call so we can talk about being a traditional classroom teacher, classroom aide, virtual teacher, or how you think you might be able to volunteer!

The church is now open for private prayer. I encourage you to come, spend some time discerning before the Table of the Lord. Our parish and children need you more now than ever before.

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.

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.

May God continue to protect and keep your family safe!



#### PARISH INFORMATION

Staying Together While Apart.....



Congratulations to our parish deacons on your Deaconate Anniversaries!!

Jerry Bongiovanni ordained June 3, 1995 ~ 25 years! Dan O'Neill ordained June 2, 2002 ~ 18 years!

God bless you for the dedicated service You have given to the people of God through Your ordained ministry!



#### **PARISH PUBLICITY**

The Parish Publicity Committee extends its prayers and best wishes to all Saint James parishioners during the coronavirus pandemic. While we are not able to attend Mass together, we remain spiritually united in prayer. We will get through these trying times. With Jesus watching over us, and our patron, Saint James to guide us, how can we not? God bless everyone at Saint James.

The members of the Parish Publicity Committee hope to see you in church soon!

Happy Blessed Trinity!

Want to keep up with events at Saint 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. The Publicity Committee also has a mail slot in the rectory for your convenience.

Like us on Facebook:

Saint James the Apostle Church



#### PARISH INFORMATION

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

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Sundays 12:00PM ~ 3:00PM Tuesdays 4:00PM ~ 7:00PM Wednesdays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM Thursdays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM Fridays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Only 10 people permitted in the church at one time.

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.

Please refer to the email sent by Publicity or the Parish Website for further details.



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Eight-year-old Abby never expected she'd be doing her homework in a motel room every night. But when her dad lost his job, her family had to give up their home. They moved into a motel, and Abby went from having her own bedroom to sharing one room with her entire family. It was hard for her to focus on school or imagine a happy future.

Abby's not alone. *One in 16 children in the U.S. experiences homelessness by the first grade.* They and their families can be found sleeping in motel rooms, with friends, or even in their cars. And kids who face homelessness suffer in other ways, as well. They're more likely to drop out of school, repeat a grade, suffer from depression, and attempt suicide.

You can show your support for children and families battling homelessness and raise awareness of this crisis by joining Family Promise's first national Night Without A Bed sleep-out on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

Put up a tent in your back yard. Make a fort in your living room. Wrap up in blankets on the sofa or in a sleeping bag on the floor. Give up your comfortable bed for one night and share the experience with friends and family. Post photos of your Night Without A Bed on social media using **#NightWithoutABed**, tag Family Promise, and ask sponsors to support your efforts to help families battling homelessness.

For more than 30 years, Family Promise has been helping families in need find stable housing and develop the skills and tools to succeed independently – families just like Abby's.

Thanks to Family Promise, Abby's parents found employment, the family moved into housing, and Abby's life began returning to normal.

# JOIN FAMILY PROMISE AND SPEND A NIGHT WITHOUT A BED SO OTHER CHILDREN DON'T HAVE TO.

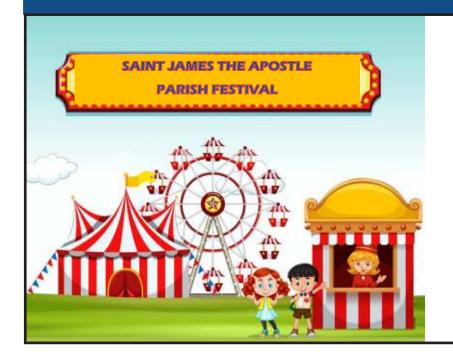
Saturday, June 20 ~ 6:00PM to Sunday, June 21 ~ 6:00AM | Registration Info Coming Soon Click here to learn more: Support: Night Without a BED!

Or contact Nancy Caputo ~ ncaputo@saintjamesparish.or Pat Sullivan ~ Patricia.Sullivan@hackensackmeridian.org

This would be a great family community service activity!

#### PARISH NEWS

Staying Connected While Being Apart



**The Saint James Parish Annual Festival** rescheduled for Tuesday, October 13th through Saturday, October 17th Mark your calendar! Stay tuned for ways to volunteer!

#### **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

Each year young people from our parish families graduate from grammar, high school and college. Since this is a significant event in their lives, we would like to acknowledge it. If a member of your family or one of your friends is graduating this year, please call the Parish Office or send an email to:



#### msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or bulletin@saintjamesparish.org

by TOMORROW: Monday, June 8th and we will include them on our graduation list which will be published in the June 21st, Father's Day bulletin.

Please be sure to include their name, the school from which they graduated, and the degree they received, if appropriate.

#### SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH IS GIVING BACK TO SPRINGFIELD!

The parish has officially adopted Dr. Eckel's Island, a small piece of property located between South Springfield

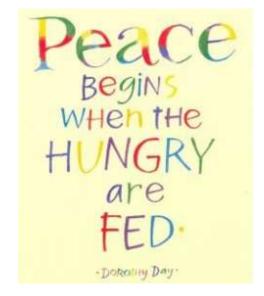


Avenue and Northview Terrace. As the social distancing restrictions are lifted, the responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the Euonymus parish will be shrub, weeding and mulching (the Township will provide the mulch).

If you would like to help, please call the parish office or send an email to the Parish Publicity Committee at publicity@saintjamesparish.org.

Thank you!





Many of the local food pantries are still seeing a tremendous rise in the need for their services. The Helping the Hungry Ministry will once again hold a non-perishable food drive in our parking lot on **Saturday, June 13th from 9:00AM-10:30AM.** We will set up stations again on the church plaza for each different type of food. Please try to put your donations in the designated bins/areas in order to help us with the sorting process. We will deliver the food to the pantries Friday afternoon.

There will also be two coolers for frozen meatloaves and frozen food for Family Promise. Please see below for specific items that can help the folks at Family Promise. We ask that you please wait in your car until the area is clear of people as you drop off your items. Thanks so much for your support! Be well and safe!!

FOOD	COO
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Frozen microwaveable veggies

Frozen breakfast entrees (no pork)

Frozen entrees (hot pockets,personal

pizzas, etc.)

Canned chicken / tuna

Cereal / Oatmeal / Cereal Bars

Sustainable milk (evaporated milk,

dry milk, etc.)

Mac and cheese (Easy Mac, please)

Bowls Rice/noodle pouches

Fruit cups

Mayonnaise / mustard

Canned / Dry soups

Bread

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Chips / snacks

Applesauce

Peanut Butter / Jelly

Instant Coffee

Tea Bag

#### **SUPPLIES**

Clorox products

Disinfecting products

Paper towels

Tissues

Toilet paper

Paper plates, plastic cutlery, cups

Ziplock bags

Laundry Detergent

Bleach

Hand soap

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUESTS**

FROZEN (pre-cooked) meatloaves

Luncheon Deli Meats (pre-packaged)

Cheese (pre-packaged)

#### **GIFT CARDS**

Shoprite

Grubhub

Uber

Family Promise

Building communities, strengthening lives.

PLEASE PLACE ALL PERISABLE DONATIONS IN THE COOLERS

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# JOIN US FOR THE NEWARK BIBLE CONFERENCE A VIRTUAL SERIES

**God's Word is Our Story** 

# PART 1: TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

How the Bible is Arranged and How to Navigate It

# PART 2: THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

How Catholics Interpret Scripture

7PM-9PM ~ VIA ZOOM

# PRESENTER: Joe Paprocki, DMin

OPTIONAL Presentation: June 24th 7PM - 9PM Opportunity for Catechist Certification

God's Word today is indeed alive and active in our lives! But, just what is the essence of God's Word? What is the Good News that Scripture proclaims?

Joe Paprocki, DMin, will show how God's Word provides us with a narrative that guides our lives. We will explore: 1. how the Bible is arranged; 2. the narrative thread of Scripture and; 3. how to navigate the Bible.

In the second part of our introduction to the Bible, we will explore: 1. how Catholics interpret the Bible with an emphasis on the difference between truth and fact; 2. how Catholics pray with the Bible and; 3. the relationship between science and faith with regards to Scripture.

# ADULTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. REGISTER HERE!

This event is offered at no cost. Registration is required. Recordings of these presentations will be available for viewing until July 31st for participants.

#### PRESENTER: Joe Paprocki, DMin



Joe Paprocki, DMin, is the National Consultant for Faith Formation for Loyola Press where he has served for 18 years. Joe, who has over 40 years experience in pastoral ministry, has authored over 20 books on faith formation and catechesis and has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America. He blogs about his catechetical experiences and insights at www.catechistsjourney.com.

Sponsored by LOYOLAPRESS.

All participants will receive an <u>e-book version</u> of Joe Paprocki's book, *The Bible Blueprint*.

#### ALL are welcome to attend this Bible Series!!

Individuals who serve as catechists have an opportunity for <u>Scripture certification</u>.

Catechists who participate in this series on July 9th and 11th and also participate in an additional catechist workshop on June 24th, will achieve the Doctrinal Scripture certificate.

Be sure to indicate you are a catechist on the registration form.

At this time, we are only able to accept online registration. If you need assistance or have questions, contact sarah.gordon@rcan.org.





#### PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

Caring For One Another



Please consider a tax-deductible online donation to our Parish's Support Program. *GoFundMe charges no platform fees*, leaving only a small fee charged per donation to cover payment processing, in-line with the amount charged by many other online-payment services. Go to: <a href="https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark">https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark</a> click on "CONTRIBUTE" and follow the instructions.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish. I am humbled by your generosity and extremely proud to serve as your pastor!

Fr. Joe



# At this time, we announce the following changes to our cemetery visitation policies:

- All archdiocesan cemeteries are open on Sundays for visitation from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.
- Up to 10 family members are permitted to attend a burial service.
- Cemetery visitation will be permitted weekdays, Monday through Saturday, from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, after all interments are completed.

Donation bins are now open!

We are grateful for your patience and look forward to your continued support.

We need clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and children's books.

We pray for an end of this virus in our society and throughout the world.

Thank you with all our heart.

Catholic Charities



#### 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

Elisabetta and Pasquale Iannetti ~ Family

#### A TIME TO HEAL



Pat Annelli, Monina Avella, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Marie Crosby Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Matthew Burns, Pat Butterworth, Jose Cabezas, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Dr. Chad, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Dr. Conrado, James Curry, Maureen D., Dr. Margaret Dames, Geleen Donovan, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Kim Florio, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath,
Robert Jackowski, Wanda Jackowsi, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Andy Lindgren, Mary 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

Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz, Una Ehrhatt 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

## 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**.