



# SAINT JAMES

## the APOSTLE CHURCH



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*Because of its connection with the baptismal promises, the Roman Missal recommends that the faithful recite the Apostles' Creed on the Sundays of Lent and Easter. At Mass on Sunday, the Apostles' Creed may be found on the inside front cover of our parish hymnals. It is printed here for use in your daily prayer.*

### *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow at the following words up to and including:  
.....the Virgin Mary*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven;  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen.

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

**March 1, 2020**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**“INTO THE DESERT I WAS LED, WHERE I FASTED WITHOUT SUBSTANCE; THE DEVIL BADE ME MAKE STONES MY BREAD, TO HAVE ME BREAK MY TRUE LOVES DANCE; SING, O MY LOVE, O MY LOVE, MY LOVE, MY LOVE; THIS I HAVE DONE FOR MY TRUE LOVE.”**

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book One, p. 63

The desert is a vast, dry and arid place of mystery and encountering God. It is not a place one wants to be without food or water. Yet, this is where the devil brought Jesus to tempt and challenge him. But, true to himself and his Father, Jesus maintained his dignity and resisted the tempter's invitations.

And so, we are in another Lent. It is a time of repentance and conversion, of ridding ourselves of all that prevents us from improving our relationship with God. We are so used to "giving up" that we forget that Lent is a time of reflection, trying to discover ways to listen more intently to God. Yes, Lent is a time of sacrifice, which is supposed to improve our relationship with the intimate relationship of Father and Son. The problem with "giving up" is that after Lent, we resume our lives as if nothing has changed. But our lives are supposed to change, based on improving our relationship with God. Our words, attitudes and actions are meant to be better because we have made the time to listen to God. Then we are prepared to celebrate the Great Feast and Season of Easter with heart, mind, spirit and body renewed.

Lent is the desert time, a unique opportunity to allow God to touch us differently than previously. Lent is like looking into the mirror to see what it is about ourselves that we would like to change or improve. Life is about growth and change, and Lent affords us the opportunity to accomplish that. Instead of doom and gloom, Lent should be a time of enthusiasm and hope because we are attempting to improve our lives and our relationship with God and each other. That is always a good thing, and so Lent becomes a positive time in our lives and the life of the church. Yes, we are imperfect sinners who have been saved by the death and resurrection of Christ, but we are basically good people who may say and do things that hurt others. Well, this is the time to make the necessary changes we need so that we can move on in our lives and celebrate the wonder that Jesus is for us.

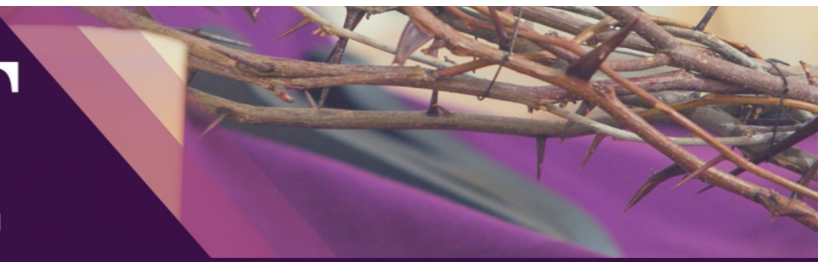
I am happy to announce that we have hired a new Music Ministry Director. He is **DAN PALKO**. Many of you may know him from his time here previously. He will begin his ministry here next weekend, as he fulfills his responsibilities in his present parish. I look forward to working with him and he is looking forward to working with the adult and children's choirs. **WELCOME, DAN!!!**

**HAPPY LENT!!**

*~ Fr. Joe*

# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

**\$7,740.00**

**\$6,530.00 Collection**

**\$1,210.00 Online**

**\$1,450.00 ~ 2nd collection: Light into Darkness**

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)*

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD  
DONATIONS**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



## 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.



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)

### 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)**



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon*

***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**  
**Mar. 15, June 7**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**Apr. 19, May 31**

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

This weekend we welcome our Communicants to the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday and the 12:00PM Sunday Mass where they will receive a special blessing as they enter the final time of preparation before joining us at the Table of the Lord!

We are excited to announce that our parish will offer a new Family Faith Program starting in September as an alternative to classroom lessons. We will continue to offer the “traditional learning” model, but our hope is that families will embrace this new approach to discovering Christ. This is a great way to connect our Catholic faith to our daily lives. Stay tuned for the date and time of the information session where we hope all of your questions will be answered.

### 8TH GRADE

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

**Next Class Tuesday, March 3rd in Hatcher Hall from 7:00—8:30PM**

The 8th Grade is diligently moving forward into Lent and preliminary Confirmation Preparation. Together we are opening up the idea of preparing with mind and heart for the Risen Christ on a deeper level.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

**TONIGHT: Sunday, March 1st ~ “Lent - let's do more than give up chocolate!”**

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Rehearsals take place Monday and Thursday nights in the church at 7:30PM**

The Youth Group presents the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 10 at 7:30PM).

All 8th -12th grade students are invited to take part. No auditions! There is a place for everyone!

We welcome actors, singers, musicians, stage crew, and director's assistants.

Please contact me with any questions.

## FAMILY FAITH

*Karen Cocco, Ph.D.*

Our Lenten journey has begun. How did your first couple of days go? Did you get a chance to have a conversation with Our Lord? Or did the events of the last few days interfere with your best laid plans? Not to worry – Our Beloved Lord is one friend who stays and waits, no matter how late the day gets, no matter how long the wait. So.....share with Him your innermost thoughts, your concerns, your fears – don't let **ANYTHING** get in the way.

Remember, our daily prayers with God do NOT have to be anything formal – He is longing to hear from us, in our own words, **WHEREVER WE ARE!** How can we refuse so much love? Where else will we find it?

**Prayer** – Dearest Lord, Help me to remember I am never alone, You are always with me. How blessed I am that you walk this journey with me – and never tire of picking me up when I need it. Thank you for listening and giving me the gift of your love everyday!



# 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

## Something New at Saint James the Apostle School

Service is an important element of our education program at Saint James the Apostle School. Students are taught that when they serve others, they serve God. This idea has been formalized in the 2019-2020 school year with a new club for students called "The Way."

Why is it called The Way? The "Way of Saint James," or the Camino de Santiago, describes many Christian pilgrimage routes dating from medieval times that journey from various locations in Europe to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. It is here, in this cathedral, that the remains of Saint James the Apostle are said to lie in rest. For the Christian faith, it is a most sacred site, and only to Rome do more pilgrims travel in a year. Our club is called The Way in honor of our patron, Saint James the Apostle, who teaches us that "faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Faith is alive and kicking among Saint James students.

The Way is a group of students in Grades 5-8 who organize service projects that benefit others. Under the direction of Technology teacher, Ms. Mary-Alice Zavocki, students were invited to participate at the beginning of the year. They were challenged to brainstorm ideas, of which there were many. For every activity, a student creates a flyer that is posted around the school to promote the event. There have been three significant outcomes of The Way and they are as follows:

**Monthly non-perishable food drive** – Each month, throughout the school year, The Way asks families to donate one specific, non-perishable food item. The food list was compiled from items most needed by local food pantries and soup kitchens to feed the hungry in our area. To date The Way has collected cans of tuna, peanut butter, shelf stable milk, and granola bars. The generosity of our school families is overwhelming.

**Weeklong bake sales** – Once a month, our students put on their aprons and become the bakers. They organize a schedule of who will bake and when, while others give up their recess time to help sell the delicious desserts.

**Recess games** – Once a month, The Way organizes a game for both recess periods. Games have included soccer, football toss, golf, knockout and bowling. Students pay \$1 to play and the winners of the games receive N.U.T. cards or a free snack at lunch time. It is great fun to watch as students cheer each other on to victory.

All money raised through the bake sales and recess games are donated back to a cause identified by The Way. So far, The Way has made donations to Mary's Place by the Sea, The Community Food Bank of NJ, charity: water, and Pennies for Patients.

In December, The Way organized a Second Chance Toy Drive and over 40 gently used toys were donated to Acelero Learning in Perth Amboy.

In February, The Way will assemble health and wellness bags for retired U.S. soldiers residing in local veterans' homes like the East Orange VA Hospital and Valley Brook Village.

We look forward to the many ways our students will learn, serve, lead, and succeed with the service opportunities they create and execute. We hope through this service club, our students' hearts are opened to the possibility of being transformed along their way.



# LENTEN INFORMATION

*Praying With One Another*

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK LENTEN REGULATIONS

1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

**On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to Fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.**

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

## THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

The Weekday Gospel Lenten Prayer and Reflection Books have been donated in memory of

**John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri**

*By the Pflug Family*



## SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH LENTEN SCHEDULE

**EVENING MASS:**

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:00PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

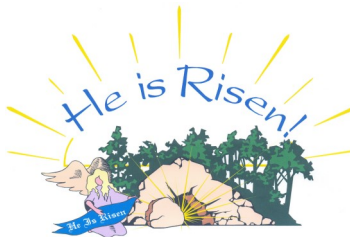
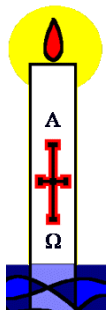
**FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM**

# PARISH INFORMATION

*Connecting With One Another*

Our parish offers an array of opportunities for you to memorialize a loved one during the Easter Season.

Please call the rectory or speak to Fr. Joe after any mass for details.



Some images courtesy of Google.com

## Stay Connected!

**Update Your Parish Registration Information Today**

**Connectedness** ★ **Accountability** ★ **Commitment**  
★ **Access to Parish Information** ★

☐ NEW

☐ UPDATE

[Please print clearly]

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to the Parish rectory office 45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081-2301

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Adult and Children's Choirs welcomes Mr. Dan Palko as our new Director of Music Ministry!



### Sandwich & Meatloaf Collection: March 7 / 8, 2020

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!



### VAN DRIVER NEEDED!

Are you or maybe you know someone  
interested in a part time, paid job?

Family Promise of Union County is in need of someone to drive their 15 passenger van, either routinely on Sundays or Mondays, or as a substitute driver, please contact Amy Jones, 908-273-1100 Ext. 138.

This is a paid position, only standard NJ driver's license needed!

St. James the Apostle - School Gym

# Lenten Supper

**Friday, March 6, 2020**  
**6:30-8:00 PM**

**Family Stations of the Cross at**  
**5:30 in the Church**

 **Cost:**  
**\$10 per adult**  
**\$5 per child under 10**



**We will collect registration forms**  
**after all Masses**  
**during the weekends of**  
**Feb. 22/23 and Feb. 29/March 1.**

All proceeds from this event will be donated to Family Promise.





## 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.

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 on Monday, March 2, 2020  
(and remain for Lenten Evening Mass beginning at 7:00PM)*



## 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

Special Intention

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Troy Cohen,  
Henry Roglieri

## A TIME TO DIE

Miriam Lotosky,  
Most Rev. Charles McDonnell,  
Joseph Pelliccio

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott,  
Barbara Bentz, Pat Butterworth, Enid Cabot,  
Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski,  
Dominic Ciraco, Phyllis Colosimo, James Curry,  
Maureen D., Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes,  
Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Carole Griner,  
Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath,  
Robert Jackowski, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna,  
Joann Jennings, Neil K., Dana Kelley, Art Kistler,  
Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff,  
Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski,  
Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo,  
Barbara Ludolph, Donna Massa, Angie Mazzarisi,  
Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele, Aman Mo,  
Moise Modestin, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan,  
Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson,  
Carol Muzacs, John Natale, Rafaelina Oliviero,  
Tom Olivo, Anna P., Janet Payson, Elizabeth Piedl,  
John Reiss, Epifania Rivera, Gary Ruzich,  
Anthony S., Luigi Sannino, Jack Silbert,  
Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Anne Wallis,  
Tom Walsh, Mary Ellen Warren, Kay Winski,  
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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, March 1** First Sunday of Lent

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Louis Badalato ~ *Joan Bratsch & Nic*

**7:30AM**

Frank Wendolowski, Jr. ~ *Jack & Carol Ann*

*Farese*

**9:00AM**

Vincent and Mary Inneo ~ *Inneo Family*

**10:30AM**

Anne Marie Bentivegna ~ *Nancy & Anthony Tirrezzia*

**12:00PM**

Luigi Delmauro ~ *Sons & Grandchildren*

**MONDAY, March 2**

**7:30AM**

Mary Kuruppanattu ~ *Terry & Thomas*

**7:00PM**

Peter Listowski ~ *Family*

**TUESDAY, March 3**

**7:30AM**

Dave Bernosky ~ *Wife, Nancy*

**7:00PM**

James J. Carney ~ *Patty & John Carney*

**WEDNESDAY, March 4**

**7:30AM**

Antonio & Giovannina Circelli ~ *Daughter, Carmela*

**7:00PM**

Kaydee Ann Alexander ~ *Lynn Maier*

**THURSDAY, March 5**

**7:30AM**

For the People of Saint James

**7:00PM**

Joanne Bollaro ~ *Mother, Children & Sister*

**FRIDAY, March 6**

**7:30AM**

Giuseppe Graniero ~ *Gaetana Brusciannelli*

**SATURDAY, March 7**

**8:00AM**

Maria Pisapia ~ *Pasquarelli Family*

**SUNDAY, March 8** Second Sunday of Lent

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

**7:30AM**

For the People of Saint James

**9:00AM**

Marie Casella ~ *Bernstein Family*

**10:30AM**

Kathy O'Donnell ~ *Deb Conway*

**12:00PM**

Caroline Buckingham ~ *Jennifer & Michael Pascuite*

## **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.**