



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 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, WHO DREW OUT A FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER IN THE DESERT FOR YOUR PEOPLE - AS THEY WELL KNEW - DRAW FROM THE HARDNESS OF OUR HEARTS TEARS OF COMPUNCTION, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO LAMENT OUR SINS AND MAY MERIT TO RECEIVE YOU IN YOUR MERCY."

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book One, p. 201

Water is a vital element in our existence. We need water to live. Yet, as important as water is for us, sometimes it is a destructive force in our world. Consider the many floods we have read and heard about recently, especially with climate change occurring in our world. It is important that we hydrate so that we can maintain our balance in life. Hydration is even more important for the elderly because too many of them don't drink enough water which only creates more problems.

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets a woman seeking water from a well, who does not know that her life will be radically changed because of her encounter with Jesus. She was a Samaritan and an outcast to the Hebrews. Because of her standing in society, she thought that she could get to the well in the heat of the day, get the water she needed and leave. Most people would gather at the well in the evening, when it was cooler. They would not just gather to get water, but also to socialize, much like we do today around kitchen and other tables.

The woman's encounter with Jesus meant that she met the person who would give her life-giving water. His presence assured her that Jesus didn't make a distinction between one person or another. Neither does he with any of us. He offers us his life-giving water expressed by his love and presence in our lives. The more we receive from him, the more we need to return and seek more. Our thirst and our need for him is never satisfied. This is because Jesus offers us the new life of the Father, for which he died to save us all and rose again to restore us to right relationship with the Father.

Lent is always a good time for us to consider our continuing need for Jesus and his life giving presence that sustains, nurtures and nourishes us, and invites us to return again and again. This is also a good time to consider our thirst for him, and that without his presence in our lives, it is difficult to live as his followers. We may need to draw water to help keep us alive, but the life-giving presence of Jesus is constantly there for us. All we have to do is keep tapping into him so that we may be able to continue to be his Good News to others.

HAPPY LENT!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$9,083.00

\$7,246.00 Collection

\$1,837.00 Online

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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

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

Our Catechetical year of classes is coming to a close! We are in our final three weeks of classes and I am so proud of our students who bring their enthusiasm and creativity to class each week as well as the over 25 volunteer catechists and class aides who show up with a smile and activities to share with their students.

Next week we will provide details about our new Family Faith Formation Program as well as how to register for September classes.

8TH GRADE

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Our last 8th grade class is Tuesday, March 31st! This year has really flown by thanks to such a creative and attentive class and their very dedicated Peer Leaders! We will have a regular class on March 31st beginning at 7:00PM and ending at 8:30PM as usual.

In the meanwhile, I look forward to seeing the 8th graders on Tuesday, March 17th and 24th as we continue to share the Good News with each other.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Confirmation preparation classes will begin on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00PM in Hatcher Hall. All candidates registered to receive the sacrament (both public school and parish school students) are required to attend.

HOME STUDY

Karen Cocco, Ph.D.

Our final Home Study Retreat is Sunday, March 22nd beginning at the 10:30AM Mass.

Students must bring their completed workbooks with them to this retreat to receive credit for the year.

FAMILY FAITH

Karen Cocco, Ph.D.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock” (Revelations 3:20). Our Lenten journey continues. Have we had time to open the door and spend some quiet time with Jesus? Time to reacquaint ourselves if we have been away? Time to sit quietly and feel the warm embrace of His love? Time to share with Him our concerns and our hopes for those we love? If not, don’t worry. Start today. He is always waiting to hear from us, to hear about what is going on in our lives. Similarly, He is always wanting to give us His guidance and love. If you are having difficulty, take a few minutes, sit down in a comfortable position, and just breathe & let yourself relax. Hear Jesus speaking to you.

“It is true. I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be me, I am there. I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow ME to enter. And I want you to know that whenever you invite ME, I do come. Always without fail, silent and unseen, but with infinite power and love, and bringing the many gifts of my spirit. I come with my mercy, with my desire to forgive and heal you, and with a love for you beyond your comprehension.” (excerpt from Mother Teresa’s Secret Fire: The Encounter That Changed Her Life and How It Can Transform Your Own (2016) Father Joseph Langford).

Pray: “Lord, help me to overcome any obstacles that interfere with our relationship. I want you in my life, now and always.” He is waiting for us! Have a prayerful week filled with joy.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant
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2020 Outstanding Catholic School Graduate Award


The unique gifts and talents of Catholic school graduates are what make Catholic schools second to none. With a desire to celebrate their accomplishments and importance to our schools, the Archdiocese introduced an annual **Outstanding Catholic School Graduate Award**. This award is to be conferred on one eighth grader from each school in the Archdiocese of Newark. This eighth grader exemplifies Catholic values in word and deed, displays superior academic achievement, and has been enrolled in their school for at least two years.

Ethan Pinho was selected as the Outstanding Catholic School Graduate from the Saint James the Apostle Class of 2020. Ethan is a credit to the exceptional Catholic education that Saint James provides.

Ethan has earned Honor Roll every trimester since eligible starting in Grade 4. He works very hard and completes his assignments to the best of his ability. Ethan participates in several extracurricular activities, including being a Student Ambassador and Student Council President. He is an inaugural member of The Way, a new student service organization formed this year and is a member of the yearbook committee. Outside of school, Ethan has been playing soccer since he was 3 years old. He currently plays for EDP and travels to other states like CT, PA, and NY to play. Ethan looks forward to an upcoming trip to Portugal where he was invited to play with his old team.


On Saturday, May 16th, elementary schools in Essex and Union Counties will celebrate a Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel on the property of the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. There will be a breakfast reception afterward, where Ethan will be joined by his parents, our pastor, Father Joe, and school principal, Mrs. Ponterio.


We congratulate Ethan on his accomplishment and ask for God's continued blessing on him as he continues his education in his 11th and final year at Saint James the Apostle School and at Dayton Collegiate Academy next year. We hope Ethan continues to learn, serve, lead and succeed and be the example of God's good news to others.



Saint James the Apostle School

Advancing Academic Excellence, Fostering Faith, Instilling Integrity





Congratulations to

Ethan Pinho

Outstanding Catholic School Graduate
Class of 2020

Best wishes to you in high school.
May our patron, Saint James, help you to follow Christ
constantly and generously.

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio – Principal
Father Joseph Barbone – Pastor
Faculty, Staff and families of Saint James the Apostle School

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LENTEN INFORMATION

Praying With One Another



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM**

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.

DynamicCatholic.com/Lent2020

Sign up, watch the videos, experience Lent in a different way. The choice is yours.

Research the possibility.

Free from Dynamic Catholic.



2nd Collection ~ March 22: Easter Flowers



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.*

PARISH INFORMATION

Connecting With One Another

The Helping the Hungry Ministry would like to thank all those who attended the Lenten Supper on Friday, March 6. We started with Stations of the Cross and then shared a delicious meal. In the process, we were able to raise just over \$1,100 for Family Promise!! It was a beautiful way to start the Lenten season.

And a very special thank you to all those who helped to make the event happen --- the planning committee, those who made the sauces, pasta, salads and desserts, and all who donated the many supplies. Thanks to those who attended Stations and to those who provided beautiful music. So many hands and many parish ministries worked together to make the Lenten Supper a very special evening. Thank you all for your participation and support! Happy Lent!



RESPECT LIFE

Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Coordinator

March 25th is the celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, commemorating the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary informing her that she was to be the mother of our Savior.

Today this feast day has taken on special meaning in Respect Life ministry. This solemnity helps us to recognize the gift of new life from its very beginning. Life begins at conception. It calls us to reflect on how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child.

This year this feast day coincides with the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), written by Pope St. John Paul II. This teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life is an indispensable source of truth for all people.

To help celebrate both the feast day and the anniversary, we are invited to join in praying a novena called "A Heart Open to God's Will" to express our continued efforts to promote, defend and celebrate all human life.

A flyer with the novena is available in the Gathering Area. Please take one as you leave mass today.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

TONIGHT!

Sunday, March 15th

7:00~9:00PM

In the School Gym

Discussion Topic - "Forgiveness is a Tricky Business"

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

ALL ARE WELCOME

Good Friday, April 10th at 7:30PM

Come, experience the Living Stations with us!

Great opportunity for our youngest parishioners!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another



Please join us for a free dessert & coffee event:
What is Geriatric Care Management?

**What You Need to Know About
Advance Memorial Planning**

Learn how geriatric care management can improve quality of life and how to save time and money by planning a funeral or cremation in advance.

**Wednesday, March 25
7:00 to 8:30pm**

Bradley, Brough & Dangler Funeral Home & Tribute Center
299 Morris Ave., Summit

All guests will receive complimentary resource materials, decadent desserts and gift basket prizes.

SEATING IS LIMITED! RSVP BY MARCH 24
(973) 635-2428, ext. 140, or
Austin@BradleyFuneralHomes.com



FREE MEAL

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GOODY BAGS

Please join us for a free Twilight Done Right luncheon event to learn about important elder law topics, senior living options, hospice care, and advance memorial planning.

**Wednesday, March 18*
11:30am to 1:00pm**

Wm. A. Bradley & Son Funeral Home
345 Main Street, Chatham
*Snow date: 3/25
RSVP BY MARCH 17

**Wednesday, April 1
11:30am to 1:00pm**

Law Offices of
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C.
100 Southgate Pkwy, Morristown
RSVP BY MARCH 31



Grab a friend, family member or caregiver and register to attend at **TwilightDoneRight.com** or call (844) 733-6532.



LGBT Parents & Allies Support Group

Remembering that all of us are wonderfully made in God's image, we will offer a new support group for parents and family members of LGBT individuals.

Watch brief, helpful videos.

Find a space for respectful conversation that allows parents and family members of LGBT family members to share their concerns, joys, and struggles.

When: 3rd Thursday each month (upcoming: March 19) at 7:00pm

Where: Little Flower Bernauer Parish Center,
290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights

Questions or more info? contact Margaret at
908-464-1585 or pastoral110.lf@gmail.com

sage eldercare

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290 Broad Street, Summit, NJ 07901

FREE Tax Assistance for 60 and Older

Thurs: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, & 9

9:00AM- 12:00PM

Free tax counseling and preparation for middle and low income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 years and older is available at SAGE on Thursdays through April 11. Assistance is provided by AARP. Appointments are necessary. For more information, please call SAGE at 908.598.5502.



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 at 6:30PM on Monday, March 16, 2020
(and remain for the 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

For the People of Saint James

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO DIE

Johnny Antonelli, John Lionelli,
Kenneth McBride

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., Dr. Margaret Dames, Rick Ellmer,
Alfredo Fernandes, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco,
Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes,
Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski,
William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, 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, Michael Neer, Rafaelina Oliviero,
Tom Olivo, Anna P., Janet Payson, Elizabeth Piedl,
Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Epifania Rivera,
Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Luigi Sannino,
Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth,
Filomena Vairo, 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 15 Third Sunday of Lent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Mr. & Mrs. Richard Huber*

7:30AM

Frank Wendolowski, Jr. ~ *Karen & Joe Driscoll*

9:00AM

Joe Fusco ~ *Carmela Fusco*

10:30AM

Giuseppe Mazzacuva ~ *Angela & Pasquale Mazzacuva*

12:00PM

Gerardo DiLeo ~ *DiLeo & Clark Family's*

MONDAY, March 16

7:30AM

William Keane ~ *Carol & Haward Balfou*

7:00PM

Bambina Minicozzi ~ *Carmela Fusco*

TUESDAY, March 17

7:30AM

Michael Ruggiero ~ *Marie Policarpio*

7:00PM

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Michael & Theresa Quick*

WEDNESDAY, March 18

7:30AM

Helen Sraub ~ *Angela Ragonese*

7:00PM

Dominick Buno ~ *Suzanne*

THURSDAY, March 19 St. Joseph

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

7:00PM (ITALIAN MASS)

Maria Bilotta ~ *Rich & Maria Sucato*

FRIDAY, March 20

7:30AM

Lou & Mary Cantagallo ~ *Lou Cantagallo*

SATURDAY, March 21

8:00AM

Caroline Buckingham ~ *Ellmer Family*

SUNDAY, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carol House ~ *Irvin, Curran & Mattei Family's*

7:30AM

Patsy Ragonese, Jr. ~ *Angela Ragonese*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Pietro Martino ~ *Daughter, Maria Bianco & Family*

12:00PM

Caroline Buckingham ~ *Jaime Gilby*

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.**