



SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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Mr. Daniel O'Neill, Permanent Deacon

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SUNDAY MASSES

Anticipated Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM
7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

Evening Novena: Mondays at 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00AM

RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~4:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

Music Ministry fundraiser
March 5, 2019



The Annunciation of the Lord
Monday, March 25, 2019



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

March 24, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE PASTOR

"TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR GOD'S VOICE, NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE; SAY, WILL YOU TO MOUNT ZION GO? SAY, WILL YOU HAVE THIS CHRIST, OR NO? OH! TURN, SINNER, TURN, MAY THE LORD HELP YOU TURN- OH, TURN, SINNER, TURN, WHY WILL YOU DIE?"

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book One, p. 202

Churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship have always been considered sacred places, and respected, where people gather to pray to God. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to be the case for some people. The shootings in the mosques in New Zealand last week only bring this to the forefront again. There doesn't seem to be a place where bigotry and hatred can hide. The shootings of innocent people who gather to pray is not only distressing but a serious concern for all of us. We have to be vigilant when we do everything, including worshipping God. There are some houses of worship which have armed guards in and around the building when services are being held. Imagine, we don't like guns in schools, but in churches? What's next?

As we begin this Third Week of Lent, we are once again reminded of our need for conversion. The parable of the fig tree in today's Gospel reaffirms this. Even though the tree hadn't produced figs for three years, the gardener wanted to give it one more try. By caring for it, he thought he could get the tree to once again produce figs. Jesus is like that with us. With all the mistakes we make, the hurtful words we say to each other, as well as the unkind actions we do, he always is willing to give us another chance.

Jesus never gives up on us because he knows that we are capable of being and acting better. There is always the hope that we will recognize our need for conversion. Conversion happens not just when we recognize our need for conversion, but especially when we embrace the presence of Jesus in prayer. Once we are attentive to him, especially in the Word, then the next step is to put into practice what we need to change. For some, this may be an extended process, for others it may require less time. Whatever the reason to change, it is never too late or we are never too old to do so.

The goal is always to be prepared to celebrate the Great Feast and Season of Easter with heart, mind and spirit renewed. This is one reason why Lent is such a sacred and holy season. Hopefully, what we begin during Lent will continue throughout the rest of the year. Our actions will reflect how serious we are in following the example that Jesus has given us. Jesus gives us the opportunity to listen and learn from him, and then to help bring the Good News to others in helping to build the Kingdom of God on earth. The kingdom is one of friendship and love, of compassion, equality and forgiveness. There is no room for hatred, bigotry or any form of disrespect for others.

HAPPY LENT!!

~ FR. JOE

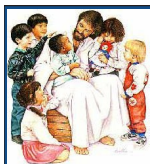
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,625.00

\$6,415.00 Collection
\$1,210.00 Online

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

**WE ALSO ACCEPT
ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS**
Thank you for your continued generosity!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

Spring has finally arrived! The weather will start getting warmer and the flowers will begin to bloom... Spring is also the time that classroom catechesis will finish for the year and families will begin thinking about summer vacation. Registration for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year also begins—this week. Families are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to register now, so that you guarantee your preferred day in our Religion Program.

Beginning next September, the 7th graders will meet in the evening and therefore, will not be eligible for Home Study. Families of current 6th graders should have already received any email from me; if you haven't, please contact me.

If you have a child entering 1st grade (Kindergarten is optional) in September, please give us a call to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet and talk about your child's faith formation. We offer traditional classroom learning, Home Study (grades 3-6) and new this year; a Family Catechesis Program, which you will hear more about over the summer months.

It does take a village to teach our children; it also takes many volunteers and we are hoping that you are hearing the call! If you are interested in teaching, co-teaching, aiding, or being an office volunteer, (day or evening) please contact the Religious Ed Office –let's talk!

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 contact the Religious Education Office: 973-376-2061 or email: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo,
Coordinator*

Sunday, March 24th:

Discussion Topic: Forgiveness and Apologies

CALLING ALL 8TH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

Living Stations of the Cross Rehearsals take place Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Church. All 8th grade and high school youth are welcome to be a part of this beautiful live depiction of our Lord's final hours. No auditions necessary, there's a place for everyone- actors, narrators, musicians, lighting and sound and stage crew and the director always needs an assistant! Please contact Ann Marie Gesualdo with any questions: 201-709-5280.

8TH GRADE CLASS NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator

The next 8th Grade Religious Education Class is:

Tuesday, March 26th

7:00pm ~ 8:30pm in Hatcher Hall

We have three weeks of classes before we begin the final preparation for Confirmation. This is where all of the candidates come together to open their minds and hearts to prepare themselves to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and take responsibility for their faith!

This is an exciting time for our youth, please continue to keep them in your prayers.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal



85 percent of who you are – your intellect, your personality, your social skills – is developed by age 5.
(*MA Early Education for All*)

Early education programs in Catholic schools set the foundation for life-long learning. This is demonstrated by the fact that an overwhelming number of our high school seniors graduate and a significant portion of those grads – close to 98% – go onto further education.

At ages three and four years old, a child's natural curiosity is easily molded into learning opportunities with the loving guidance of our early childhood educators. We help your child to succeed not only academically through intellectual growth, but emotionally and socially by developing the critical thinking and cognitive skills needed throughout their school years and beyond. Character development, with an emphasis on kindness and caring, is woven into every lesson. We recognize and appreciate each child's unique abilities, needs, personality and potential. Children can work at their own pace to reach important milestones and are regularly praised for personal accomplishments.

The knowledge that children learn best by doing, rather than just listening, guides all our programming. A variety of hands-on activities and materials, and the ability to make their own choices throughout the day, keep children engaged and interested. Our Pre-K programs provide a solid foundation for children to build on as they progress into elementary school and beyond. Because we know how essential it is to continue that momentum, we make every effort to give our Pre-K students priority placement in our Kindergarten program.

Saint James the Apostle School offers the following:

PreK-3: half day or full day options as well as 3-days and 5-days.

PreK-4: full days for a full week

Our tuition is competitive and affordable compared with other early childhood programs in the area. The cost per day is only \$40 (based on full-day/week program).

Invest where it makes the most difference.

Contact the School Office for a tour at: (973) 376-5194. Ask for Mrs. Ponterio or Mrs. DePrimio.

Mrs. Aagaard's PreK-3 class had some Saint Patrick's Day fun by graphing Lucky Charm marshmallows, making leprechaun traps, and playing St. Patrick's Day Bingo Éirinn go Brách !



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

WEEKEND: APRIL 6/7, 2019

The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting **non-perishable items** to support the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and Summit Helping Its People (SHIP) and other community food pantries. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Area. Some of the non-perishable items requested by these organizations include:

- ◆ Cans of hearty soup/chili/stew
- ◆ Low sugar cereal
- ◆ Individual packets of nuts and trail mix
- ◆ Canned tuna or chicken
- ◆ Granola and cereal bars

Thank you for your continued generous support! For more information or questions please contact either:

Claire Bernstein: clairebbernstein@gmail.com
or Joanne Roethlin at: jroethlin@yahoo.com

Collections 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 NOON Mass. Coolers are in the Gathering Area for your convenience.

Please contact Nancy Caputo with any specific questions. 973-376-2061 or

ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Your donations will be shared with the graduate families from Family Promise of Union County.



PARISH CALENDAR

All calendar items must be confirmed through the rectory

SUNDAY	March 24
10:00AM	Religious Education (K-7)- <i>School</i>
7:00PM	Youth Group- <i>Gym</i>
MONDAY	March 25
6:30AM	Lectio Divina - <i>Rectory</i>
TUESDAY	March 26
8:30AM	Stations of the Cross (School Community) - <i>Church</i>
3:45PM	Religious Ed (Grades 1-7) <i>School</i>
7:00PM	8th Grade Religious Ed - <i>School</i>
WEDNESDAY	March 27
7:00PM	Bible Study - <i>Gym</i>
7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal- <i>Church</i>
THURSDAY	March 28
3:00PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal- <i>Church</i>
FRIDAY	March 29
SATURDAY	March 30
9:30AM	Spotlight: Morality- <i>School</i>
SUNDAY	March 31
10:00AM	Religious Education (K-7)- <i>School</i>
7:00PM	Youth Group- <i>Gym</i>

Don't Need It Anymore?
Don't Throw It Away!

DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR **ClothingDriveFundraiser.Com**

USED CLOTHING DRIVE

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
Saint James the Apostle School

COLLECTING THESE ITEMS:

CLOTHING/SHOES
All Types / Styles of
Used Wearable Clothing
(Men, Women and Kids)
All Sneakers and Shoes

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Blankets Table Cloths
Sheets/Pillows Drapery/Curtains
Bedspreads Bath Rugs
Quilts Kitchen / Bath
Comforters Accessories
Towels (made of fabric)

ACCESSORIES
Purses, Backpacks,
Briefcases, Belts,
Hats / Gloves,
Under garments,
Socks, Scarves / Ties &
Baby Accessories

TOYS
Soft Toys:
-Stuffed Animals, etc.
Hard Toys:
Cars, Airplanes,
Playsets, Blocks
- Etc.

NO Books/CD's, VHS Tapes, Kitchen Appliances,
Outdoor Toys or Furniture, Please.

PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.
We are working with clothingdrivefundraiser.com and we'll receive
a monetary donation based on the total weight of the items we collect.

DATES / TIMES
March 11, 2019 thru
April 11, 2019

If you are unable to drop off your items on these dates and times, to make arrangements, please contact:

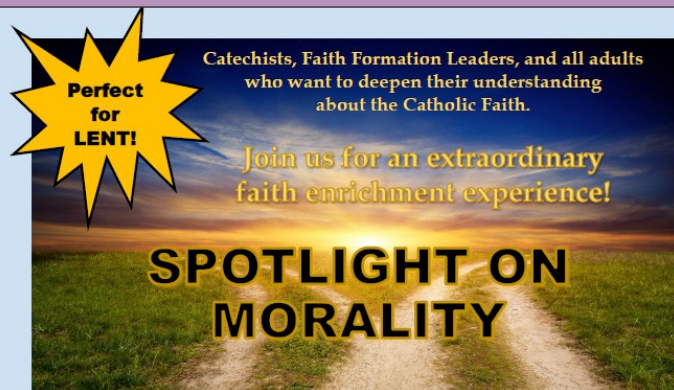
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Convent Steps

LENT

SPOTLIGHT SERIES:

Call 973-376-2061 or email:
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org to register.
Enrich your Lenten experience with us!

(discount for St. James Parishioners!)



Saturday, March 30, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. James the Apostle Parish - Springfield, NJ

LENTEN PARISH SCHEDULE

Weeknight Mass at 7:00pm
(Mondays through Thursdays)

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm
Friday evenings through April 12

LECTIO DIVINA

Join us at 6:30 AM in the rectory's St. John's Room Monday mornings through April 15th to read, reflect and discuss the Sunday readings.

All are welcome.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

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.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

**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.*

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director

Thank you to all who came and supported the music ministry's second dinner fundraiser on Fat Tuesday! We sold 109 tickets, raising \$1,689, and the money went towards the piano we purchased back in October. When I started raising attention about replacing our old piano about a year ago, many of you offered enough donations to cover almost half the cost, but I ultimately waited until after our September fundraiser to see what we're capable of fundraising. After the first fundraiser, we decided to move forward with the purchase, but only after we calculated it wouldn't affect the ability to complete other various things that need to be done around the church, like the walkway out front or the baptismal font motor that was just replaced. Everything went according to plan, and because of your support, I must thank you!

As far as the music ministry goes, I don't see any other significant expenses soon. The organ and the sound system components appear in good shape. The one thing I'm looking into is the outdoor speakers which crackle when significant volume is pushed through them. Last week I went up on a ladder and made sure the connections were good, only to find them corroded from the bird droppings and the plastic casing are very brittle as well. I cleaned them out the best I could, but for outdoor speakers, 17 years of use is nothing to be disappointed with. If I can find direct replacements online, they should be fairly inexpensive, I can bolt them in and connect them myself (saving us a ton of money!), otherwise I'll contact our sound system company for an estimate.

A special thanks to Ernie D. for capturing some photos at the Fat Tuesday dinner, you'll see some of them on the website soon! I have a lot of fun organizing these fundraisers, and big dinners are great fellowship opportunities, so I plan to keep them going about twice a year. Please look for details about our next one, which I plan to have in or around September!



ST. ZITA GROUP

**Saint James Church
Spring Cleaning
Saturday, April 6th @ 9:00 AM**

Join members of the St. Zita Group in cleaning and polishing the inside of our church on Saturday, April 6th, as we prepare for the Easter season. If you are able to join us please contact Rita Lombardi at ritalombaridi@comcast.net.

All are welcome.

2nd Collection March 30/31

Black and Indian / Catholic Relief

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125- year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.



THE PRAYER CORNER

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



A TIME TO HEAL

Glenn Albright, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Joe Brisick, Enid Cabot,
Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski,
Phyllis Colosimo, James Curry, Berta Franco,
Ana Harper, Steven Hensle, Joann Jennings,
Jake Kesler, Anthony LaSalle, Maryann Leach,
Dina Ledogar, Christina Leone, Angelina Lipski,
Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi,
Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph,
Angie Mazzarisi, Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele,
Michael Nargi, Rafaelina Oliviero, Karen Olsen,
Anna P., Berit Phair, Elizabeth Piedl,
Richard Quagliato, Cecilia Quintero,
Ginny Sampson, Jack Silbert, Tom Stanick,
Richard Tegnanter, Anne Wallis,
Frank Wendolowski, Jr., Kazia Winski

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO DIE

Bob Flor, Maureen Foley,
Angel Maria Hernandez,
Helen Himmelwright,
Florence Impellizziri, Mary Kelly, Anne Statile

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Brian Braine, Sean Curran,
Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart,
David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca,
2LT Andrew Kerwin, Stephen Patricco,
Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto,
1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki



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

O Jesus,
Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



SUNDAY, March 24 Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM (SATURDAY)

Matthew Noah Bernstein ~ *Bernstein Family*

7:30AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Bob & Lisa Longo*

9:00AM

Eleanor McCusker ~ *Weber Family*

10:30AM

Corinne Eckmann ~ *Anne & Ed Fanning*

12:00PM

Joseph Cupo ~ *Camille Mitarotonda*

MONDAY, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

7:30AM

Lorraine Guensch Pisapia ~ *Keffer Family*

7:00PM

Carlyn Ryan ~ *Jim & Chris Sirica & Family*

TUESDAY, March 26

7:30AM

James Tranuch ~ *Linda & Bob Donnelly*

7:00PM

Maria Josefina Alejandrez ~ *Guillen Family*

WEDNESDAY, March 27

7:30AM

Francis Fittin ~ *Mike & Rosemary Jorda*

7:00PM

Lucille Barone ~ *Mike & Theresa Quick*

THURSDAY, March 28

7:30AM

Anne Perucci

~ *Deacon Jerry & Janice Bongiovanni*

7:00PM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Lisa Monticello*

FRIDAY, March 29

7:30AM

Eleanor McCusker ~ *Rich & Anne Gaczynski*

SATURDAY, March 30

8:00AM

For the People of Saint James

SUNDAY, March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM (SATURDAY)

Mary & John Ostrowski ~ *Pappa & Ryan Families*

7:30AM

Theresa Blasi ~ *Family*

9:00AM

Eleanor McCusker ~ *Roethlin Family*

10:30AM

Antonio Soares ~ *Family*

12:00PM

Frank DeMartino ~ *Mirella & Family*

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

CELEBRATING FIVE, TWENTY-FIVE AND FIFTY YEARS OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE IN THE YEAR 2019

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on:

April 28, 2019

3:00PM

50 years

June 2, 2019

3:00PM

5 years and 25 years



Couples must register in advance to be acknowledged at these liturgies.

Please call Michelle Sblendorio in the Rectory to register.



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Jeong Gyeong Kim

BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

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

EUCCHARIST

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

CONFIRMATION

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

MARRIAGE

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

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

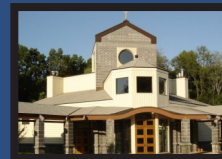
The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00pm Mass with instruction about the rite and its meaning following Mass. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Baptism Ceremonies are held at 1:30pm and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism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

CATECHESIS
May 5

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Apr. 28, June 9

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,

We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**

Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth.**