



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 8, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"WHEN SHALL I COME AND BEHOLD THE FACE OF GOD?
MY TEARS HAVE BEEN MY FOOD DAY AND NIGHT,
WHILE PEOPLE SAY TO ME CONTINUALLY, 'WHERE IS YOUR GOD?'"**

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book One, p.133

The coronavirus has dominated the news as well as people's lives. It has affected activities around the world. Public events are cancelled, gatherings or large crowds are discouraged, airlines have cancelled flights to China and elsewhere, and Japan has closed schools for a month. Commerce between nations has been affected and people are cautious about how they move from place to place. The last time the world was affected by something like this it was the SARS virus, which also affected people's lives and their movements. The coronavirus is scary because we don't know who has the virus, or where they have traveled in the world. The CDC is working on creating a vaccine. There are also labs around the country, including one here in New Jersey, working on it too. Hopefully, they will develop a vaccine relatively soon. It is incredible how all of this has affected all of us world-wide.

Last week, we were in the desert. Today we are on the mountain. The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is always the Transfiguration. It is a reminder that after Lent comes Easter, and after death comes resurrection. This Gospel is intended to give us a sense of hope about the Season of Lent. It also gave the apostles the opportunity to experience the transforming experience of Jesus that would change their lives. This experience is also meant to change our lives, so that we are able to live with hope about the present, as well as the future.

In the Middle Ages, Lent was such a serious time that penance imposed on people tended to be severe. This was to remind them that there had to be a radical change in their lives if they wanted to be prepared to celebrate the Great Feast and Season of Easter with heart, mind, spirit, and body renewed. While the season is not as severe as in ages past, Lent is still a serious time to improve our relationship with God and each other by stripping away all that prevents us from experiencing His life in ours. This should be a life-long process, which is highlighted during Lent. Lent is not so much about what we give up as much as it is about how we can become a better sign of Christ in our lives.

Last Sunday, at the Rite of Sending at the 9:00AM Mass, **ANNE MARIE CATTANE** and **ADIN SOTO** were sent to Cardinal Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark for the Rite of Election. They were called or "elected" to celebrate the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They are now the **ELECT**, and I look forward to welcoming them into the fullness of life in our parish. Their names are listed in the Book of the Elect next to the Baptismal Font. **CONGRATULATIONS, ANNE MARIE & ADIN!**
"HAPPY LENT!!"

~ Fr. Joe

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$10,644.00
\$8,249.00 Collection
\$2,395.00 Online

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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

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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 classroom learning" model, but our hope is that families will embrace this inclusive approach to sharing their Faith with their children. 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

The 8th Grade began Lent by "taking off their masks". We looked into our hearts to see what we might be "hiding behind" that would keep us from getting closer to Jesus. I was very proud of the class and the depth they showed in this activity. As we move through Lent together we will open up class topics that support their choices as well as open the door to early Confirmation preparation.

Next Class: Tuesday, March 10



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

A great big Shout Out and Thank You to Israel Lopez for joining us at Youth Group last Sunday! We love your input and depth of devotion to our Lord! Come back again!! As a Youth Group we agreed to "enter the desert" together and no matter what, keep moving forward. We will be examining what we have in the corners of our hearts that might need to be cleaned out to make room for a closer relationship with Jesus.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 8th - Discussion Topic: "Mean People Stink"

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

FAMILY FAITH

Karen Cocco, Ph.D.

"On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37-38

This passage is so telling of Jesus's love for us – His thirst for us. Once we go to Him with our thirst, we will never thirst again. We will be able to transcend the frustrations, sorrows, and hurts, that we encounter during this earthly journey. Most importantly, we will be able to experience the peacefulness in our hearts that comes from knowing that it is in God's hands. That trust allows us to know in a real way that ultimately, everything will be fine, despite the fact that we often don't understand where He is leading us! As we proceed through this Lenten journey, take time to reflect – Have I been able to recognize that I, too, thirst for Jesus? Have I been able to let Him know how thirsty I am? Have I been able to take some quiet time out of my day to hear His voice in my heart and know without a doubt that He loves me more than I can imagine? He is waiting for you & listening for your voice. He is waiting to quench your thirst for love.

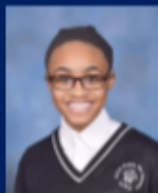
In your prayers, ask Him to make you receptive to His presence, His love, His thirst for you!

Have a blessed week and praying that you feel His loving presence on your journey!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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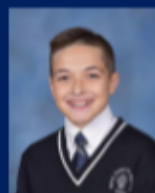
Saint James the Apostle School celebrates the **CLASS** of **2020**



Over \$210,000 in scholarships!

OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO:

- Academy of Saint Elizabeth
- Dayton Collegiate Academy
- Delbarton School
- Mother Seton Regional High School
- Oak Knoll School
- Oratory Prep
- Roselle Catholic High School
- Seton Hall Prep
- Union Catholic Regional High School



CONGRATULATIONS!



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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

Greetings Saint James the Apostle parishioners.

Have you ever heard someone say they were “called” to serve? That the Lord had spoken to them and told them to answer a call? I always thought that would never happen to me; the Lord would never call me to serve. But I understand that feeling now. I was “called” to serve on the **Pastoral Council** at Saint James the Apostle, and it’s been a wonderful and fulfilling experience. We are a dedicated group of parishioners that meet monthly with Father Joe to discuss parish matters and events. We are the liaisons between you, the parishioner, and our pastor. According to our by-laws, every three years we invite parishioners to become new members of the Council. Could the Lord be “calling” you now to serve in this way? Please let us know of your interest to join the Council by sending your name, telephone number, and email address, along with a paragraph or two about your vision for our parish to: saintjamesparishcouncil@gmail.com Feel free to reach out with any questions to either:

Nancy Starzynski: Council Co-Chair, 973-951-7969 Darin Cerreto: Council Co-Chair, 908- 447-4082

Please respond by April 1, 2020. Thank you for your consideration and God bless!

Ash Wednesday's Women's Lenten Retreat "Lent It Go!!!"



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★ Access to Parish Information ★

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



Newly Elect: Anne Marie Cattane and Adin Soto
Sponsors: Jackie Spell and Nancy Caputo (by proxy)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another

SPOTLIGHT ON PRAYER
Saint James, Springfield
Saturday, March 14, 2020
9:30AM ~ 3:30PM

PRAYER
IS PUTTING ONESELF IN THE
HANDS
OF
GOD

Moltar Treason

Wonderful way to experience Lent!

This course examines how we are called to experience a life of prayer as presented in Scripture and of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will explore not only prayer in everyday Christian life, but also the gift of God's presence when we pray as a Church and in intimate communion with the Father.

Call the Religious Education Office or Register online.

Registration deadline is Thursday, March 12

All are welcome (handicap accessible!)

<https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/spotlight-prayer-3-14-20>

VAN DRIVER NEEDED!

Are you or someone you know 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!

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, UNION, NJ

The Bereavement Ministry will be starting its Christ-centered support group sessions to help you cope with the loss of your loved one.

The next session will be Wednesday, March 18th and the group will meet for 8 weeks from 7:30PM-8:30PM in Drexler Hall. There is no fee to participate but **registration is required**. Please call the parish office: 908-687-3327. All are welcome. God bless you!

Coffee & Conversation



All those who are single (divorced, separated, widowed, never married, etc.) are invited to attend monthly gatherings on Fridays at 7:30 PM.

Join us for our next gathering on
March 20, 2020.



Come for an evening of
fellowship and fun.
Meet new people who
share your interests.

Church of the Little Flower
Bernauer Parish Center: Rear Entrance
290 Plainfield Ave. Berkeley Heights

Suggested Donation: \$5 for refreshments
Sponsored by the Divorced & Separated Ministry
RSVP to: divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call Margaret in
the office 908-464-1585

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Kids

MARCH 15TH, 2020

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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 9, 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

Vincent Genco
~ Daughter, Nancy Caputo



SANCTUARY LAMP

Vincent Genco
~ Daughter, Nancy Caputo

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO DIE

Michael Andreano, Rev. Fabio Brenes-Chavez,
Patricia Churchill, Josephine Dellaventura,
Joann Jennings, Katherine Johnson

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,
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 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 Pasquite*

MONDAY, March 9

7:30AM

Patrick Atwood ~ *Mary Jane Balak*

7:00PM

Ilene Runo ~ *Children*

TUESDAY, March 10

7:30AM

Maria Nuria Castells ~ *Cecilia Reyes*

7:00PM

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Michael & Theresa Quick*

WEDNESDAY, March 11

7:30AM

Carolyn Nelson ~ *Janet Petino*

7:00PM

George & Agnes Ondish ~ *Son, George & Arlene Ondish*

THURSDAY, March 12

7:30AM

Joanne Bollaro ~ *Mother, children & Sister*

7:00PM

Ann Narkiewicz ~ *Family*

FRIDAY, March 13

7:30AM

Kenneth Fedorko ~ *Loving Mother*

SATURDAY, March 14

8:00AM

Colleen Blasi ~ *Linda & Bob Donnelly*

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*

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.**