



SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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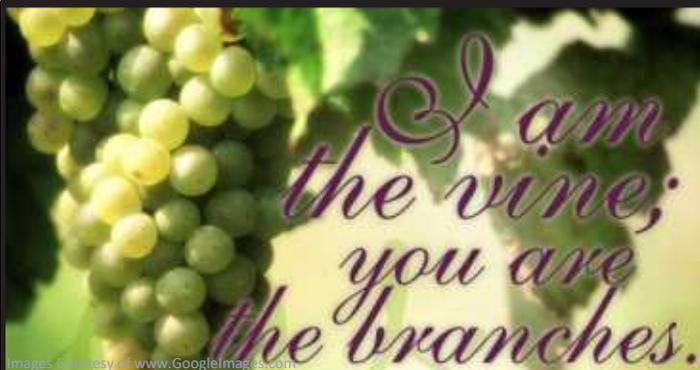
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PARISH COUNCIL

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RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)



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A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.
COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

May 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

***“THOSE WHO GAIN THE VICTORY,
I WILL FEED FROM THE TREE OF LIFE
WHICH GROWS IN THE GARDEN OF GOD.”***

An Easter Sourcebook, p. 98

If you have a grapevine in your yard, or you know someone who does, then you know that it has to be trimmed every year before the grapes appear. If this is not done properly, chances are that it will die, or go blind, as the Italians say.

Jesus is the vine, and as the branches, we draw life from him. This means that our lives are different because of this relationship. However, all the violence against Blacks, People of Color, Asians and other innocent people makes one wonder how seriously we take this relationship and message of Jesus. Some of the attitudes and actions that we have can easily make one wonder how serious we are about following the example that Jesus has given us.

As we continue through this Easter Season, we should focus on the new life Jesus has gained for us, and how he calls us to be a vibrant sign of what that life means. Our attitudes, words, and actions must reflect what our relationship with Jesus means; otherwise, we have missed the point of who he is and what he did for us. He has given us a new perspective in which to live, and we have a responsibility to ourselves and each other to be a faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus. If our behavior is consistent with what we believe, then the Gospel message will radiate through our lives and we can help others experience the love of Jesus in their lives.

We can be agents of change if we allow the presence of Jesus to permeate our lives. We may not be able to change the whole world, but we can change the world in which we live, as small as it might be, with new perspectives that reflect our faith in the Lord.

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,968.00

\$6,001.00 Mass Collection

\$1,967.00 Online Total

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:*

[https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/
archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us](https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us)

**Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield
(all donations are gratefully accepted)**



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM
(10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM

Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM
Facebook / Zoom

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually.

Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

2022 Parish Mass Book

The 2022 Mass Book for your intentions is now available!

Monday ~ Friday from 9:00AM—3:00PM

The rectory closes daily 12:00PM—1:00PM for lunch

Please note: To be fair to everyone, only **two** masses for the same individual will be accepted at this time.

Any questions, please speak directly to Fr. Joe Barbone or call the rectory 973-376-3044

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant
Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Congratulations to our second group of children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist yesterday! We look forward to sharing this meal with you often!

Sunday, May 16th is our last Zoom Class for those students (grades 1-6) who meet monthly with catechists. This has been an interesting year and we are so grateful to our volunteers who taught virtually.

We will begin accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year in June. We are hoping that we will be able to once again offer in-person classes on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons in September as well the Junior High Program on Tuesday evenings. I am sure there will continue to be social distancing guidelines and we also need to be sure we have enough teachers to teach. We will keep our classes to a maximum of 12 students per class so now that the parents are “master teachers” we are also hoping that you will consider teaching!

If you are interested and able, please contact me so we can discuss the details of what is involved. If you aren't sure you want to teach the class but are willing to aid in the class, just let me know.



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.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Prior to scheduling all parish events, the date(s) must be cleared through the rectory by **Michelle Sblendorio** before being sent to the bulletin for submission.

Email: msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or call: 973-376-3044

Information for the weekly bulletin needs to be emailed to **both** email addresses by

NOON ON MONDAYS:

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org **and** ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to: www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or click the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS ~ May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: [Acts 9:26-31](#) ~ SECOND READING: [1 Jn 3:18-24](#)

GOSPEL: [Jn 15:1-8](#)

HYMN OF GATHERING

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le -
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious king, Al - le -

lu - ia! All on earth with an - gels say:
lu - ia! Where, O death, is now your sting?

Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and
Al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our

tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heav'n; and, earth, re - ply:
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Tune: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1781-1821

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
 gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
 sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

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HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

EASTER

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE 27

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them rise, And the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us rise From the

1. choirs of heav - en chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the
 2. ris - en up in tri - umph From the dark - ness of the grave. He's the
 3. life of this cor - rup - tion To the life that nev - er dies. May your

1. moun - tains skip with glad - ness, And the joy - ful val - leys ring With ho -
 2. splen - dor of the na - tions, He's the lamp of end - less day; He's the
 3. glo - ry be our por - tion, When the days of time are past, And the

1. san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
 2. ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
 3. dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!

Text: #7 #7 © Edward Caswell, 1814-1878.
 Music: HOLY ANTHEM; St. Basil's Hymnal, 1885.

PARISH NEWS! *Keeping in Touch*



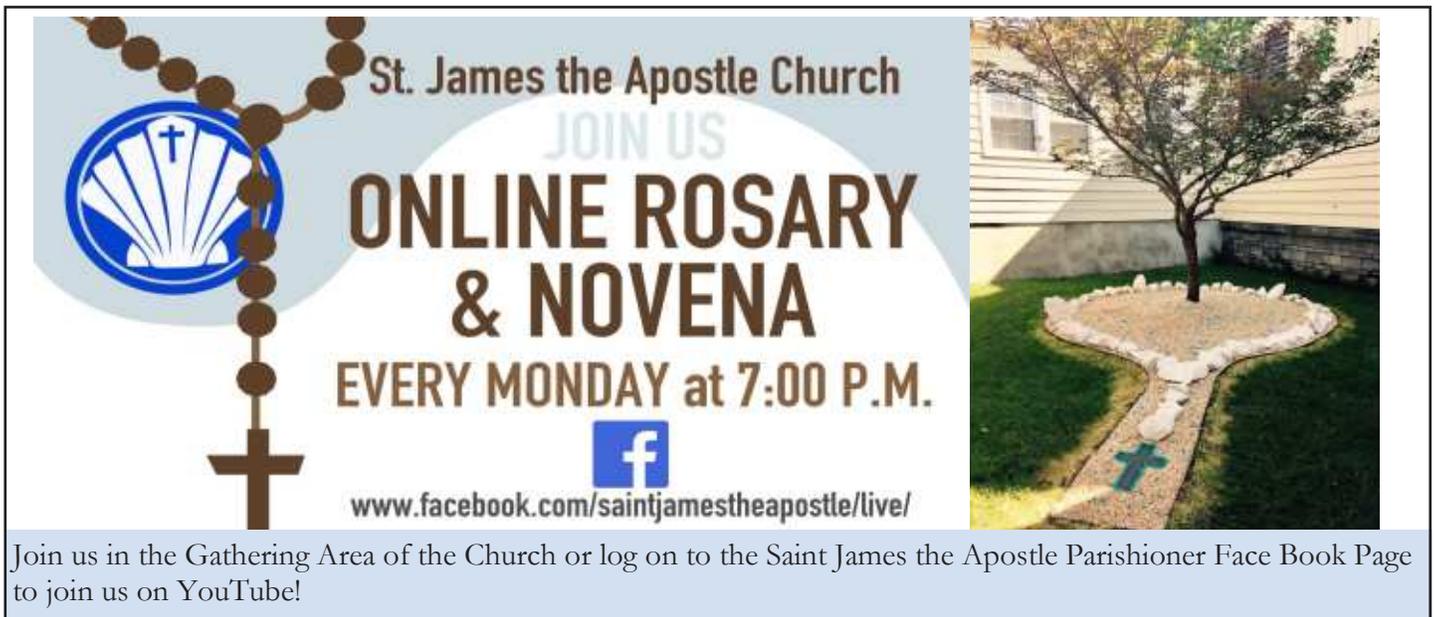
Annual Appeal ^{in 2021}
Make your gift today.

The banner features three circular images: a couple, a priest, and a young girl. The text is overlaid on a red and white background.

The 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese serves the needs of all in the diocese. Right now, Saint James has reached 34% of our goal. If we fail to reach our goal, the balance will be paid by the parish. This weekend a basket will be placed on the baptismal font for you to place your donation, or you can do so online at rcan.org/sharing.

Please help in any way you can.

Thank you. Fr. Joe



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.
www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/

The banner includes a large rosary graphic on the left and a photograph of a garden with a tree and a cross on the right.

Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube!

Saint James is Giving Back to Springfield ~ Can You Lend a Helping Hand?

Last year, Saint James adopted a plot of land called Dr. Eckel's Island in Springfield, just down the street from our parish. A small team of parishioners helped maintain it throughout the Spring and Summer months last year.

We could use more help this year. The parish is responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the Euonymus shrub, weeding and mulching (the Township will provide the mulch).

Please consider giving back to your town and helping your parish by volunteering once a month to clean the little island. If you would like to join our team please text or call Darin at 908-447-4082.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Corinthians 3:9

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

May 5, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our recent celebration of Easter once again brought into focus the hope of our Catholic faith – death and darkness do not have the last word. Christ has indeed risen! This joyous news compels us to be His witnesses in the world.

There is no question that the events of this past year have challenged us in ways we could never have imagined. Nevertheless, Christ's presence comforted, sustained, and motivated us to stay faithful to our call. As His disciples and members of the Archdiocese of Newark, we remain steadfast in the mission He has commended to us – to proclaim the Gospel, pass on the faith to the next generation, and care for the poor and marginalized.

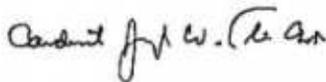
We are collectively fulfilling this mission in our parishes, and through programs and ministries that serve the faithful beyond the limits of our parishes. The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Newark ensures the continuation of these vital ministries.

I ask that you will prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. We are currently at 70% of our goal for 2021, and I know that through our shared commitment, we can achieve this goal and make a difference.

Please be assured that all contributions to the Annual Appeal will directly support the programs and ministries of this Archdiocese. You may visit our website at www.rcan.org/areas-support to learn about how your gift helps to sustain our programs and ministries.

Once again, thank you for your faithful witness to the Gospel, your commitment to the future of our Church, and your stewardship. May the Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, strengthen our resolve to serve God's people ever more faithfully.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Forming Future Priests *and*
Supporting Retired Clergy

Caring for the
Poor *and* Vulnerable



Archdiocese of Newark

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A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Kaliyah Valani Jean Baptist, Jordan Faundez

A TIME TO WED

Tara Nicola and Scott Rata

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Leo Brady, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Simeria DeWalt, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Shaun Findley, Frank Giacobbe, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Frank Morano, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, Richard Quagliato, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Justin Sequeira, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski

A TIME TO DIE

Marie Cocozelli, Steve Kalafer, Maryann Leach, Walter Mondale, Joseph Rodgers, Bill Ward,
all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, 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



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

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

For the People of Saint James



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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Florence DeVino ~ *Angela Ragonese*

9:00AM

John Natale ~ *Carol & Howie Balfour*

10:30AM

Matthew Swajkowski ~ *Robin Melleno*

12:00PM

Bernie LoMacchio ~ *Patty & John*

MONDAY, May 3

7:30AM

Pio Salle ~ *Gene & Nieves Salle*

TUESDAY, May 4

7:30AM

Una Ehrhardt ~ *Claire, Chris Jordan & Girls*

WEDNESDAY, May 5

7:30AM

Angela & Daniel Raimondo

~ *Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburg*

THURSDAY, May 6

7:30AM

Alessio & Francesca Iacobelli ~ *Family*

FRIDAY, May 7

7:30AM

Hannah Jane Bernstein ~ *Bernstein Family*

SATURDAY, May 8

8:00AM

Theresa Blasi ~ *Family*

SUNDAY, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

For All Mothers

7:30AM

For All Mothers

9:00AM

For All Mothers

10:30AM

For All Mothers

12:00PM

For All Mothers

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.**