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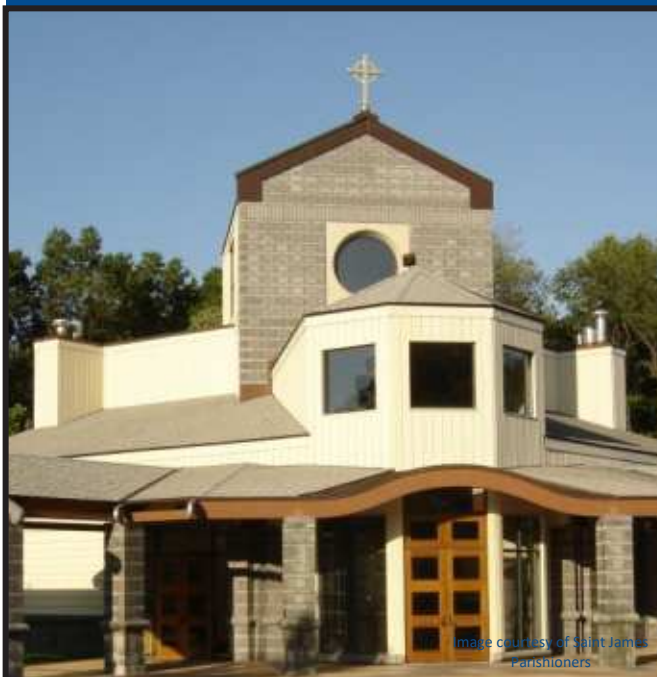


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The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 24, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"YOU SHALL BE CALLED BY A NEW NAME
PRONOUNCED BY THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
YOU SHALL BE A GLORIOUS CROWN IN THE HAND OF THE LORD,
A ROYAL DIADEM HELD BY YOUR GOD"**

An Easter Sourcebook, p. 124

Today is the **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD!** Cardinal Tobin has transferred the feast to today since we could not celebrate it on May 21.

The apostles had enough of a problem trying to deal with the death of Jesus. His resurrection restored their hope, at least for a while. But the Ascension may have confused them again since they saw Jesus permanently leave their presence. Of course, this will all change with the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

In today's readings, the apostles are reassured that Jesus will return to them, not in a physical way but in a spiritual one. Matthew reminds us that Jesus will not abandon the apostles but will always be with them. Maybe this was too much for the apostles to handle. After all, most were fishermen and not theologians. But eventually, they got it! The rest, as they say, is history.

Sometimes, we may feel that the Lord has abandoned us. During this time of Covid-19, there are some who feel we are being tested by God, and that God has caused all of this to happen. Whatever the reason for Covid-19, the pandemic has shown us how to live, work and learn differently. It has shown us that we have to watch out for each other in a way that is different than before. But it has also brought us to a better approach to God, who did not abandon us but gave us his Son and the Spirit. The most difficult issue for us during this pandemic is that we cannot gather in church to celebrate the Eucharist. Yet, God is present in our prayer life and in our care for one another. Hopefully, we will soon be able to gather together again in church as a community, with the changes required by Cardinal Tobin.

While Cardinal Tobin has allowed churches in the archdiocese to open for private prayer, I cannot open our church right now until all the directives required of us are put in place. These include cleaning and sanitizing the church, the availability of hand sanitizers and the re-configuration of the church for social distancing. Hopefully, all of this will be accomplished relatively soon. I ask your patience, as I have to comply with all the directives. If you have read or heard that Saint James Church is open, it is not true. You will be notified when the church reopens.

As you already know, our Parish Festival, which is usually held the last week of April, had to be postponed because of Covid-19. I want to tell you that the new dates are Tuesday, October 13 through Saturday, October 17. Hopefully, we will have good weather. Please make plans to join us.

I also want to announce that two of our staff members, Ann Marie Gesualdo and Karen Cocco, have resigned as members of the parish staff. There are a number of reasons for their departure. In the name of all of us, I want to thank **ANN MARIE & KAREN**, for sharing their expertise and their ministry with our parish, especially our young people and religious education families. I pray that God will continue to bless them, no matter what they do in his name. **GOD BLESS YOU, ANN MARIE & KAREN!**

HAPPY ASCENSION!!

HAPPY MYSTAGOGIA!!!

~ Fr. Joe

SUNDAY READINGS ~ May 24, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

“Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God.”

San Pio De Pietrelcina

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with the them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118

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

SECOND READING: EPH 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord

with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**

SUNDAY READINGS ~ May 24, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew....

R. Glory to you O Lord

(with your thumb, make a little sign of the cross, first on your forehead; then on your lips; then on your heart)

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Priest / Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.....

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reflection: Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Just as ambassadors are appointed to represent their country and to speak on behalf of their nation's ruler, we, too are appointed by the Lord Jesus to speak on his behalf and to bring others into a close and personal encounter with the Lord and Ruler of heaven and earth. This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

"Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death."

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday, May 31, 2020

SOLOMNITY OF PENTECOST

Reading 1: ACTS 2: 1-11

Reading 2: COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

SEQUENCE: Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Gospel: JOHN 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$5,412.00

\$2,865.00 Collection (Envelope)

\$2,547.00 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!

*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,
information on page 11 of this bulletin.*

(all donations are gratefully accepted)



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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.

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.

All Baptism preparation classes and Sacrament of Baptism Services are suspended until further notice.



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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God calls each of us to do His work here on earth. Some are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, some are called to vocations in the field of education, health care, labor, etc. The list goes on and on. Each of us brings a gift to that vocation that is supposed to be shared with others. That is how we learn and grow as individuals. Sometimes though, God calls us towards a different path, and we sometimes don't exactly know where that path will lead us.

If you have already read Fr. Joe's Message, then you know that Karen Cocco and Ann Marie Gesualdo will be leaving their positions within the Office of Religious Education. I have had the privilege of learning and growing in my ministry and my own personal faith journey because of the gifts that Karen and Ann Marie have shared with me, and your children as well. As a parishioner, Karen will remain active in parish events and help our in various faith formation programs. Ann Marie has agreed to continue with this year's 8th grade class to prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as helping out when we need it. I know that God brings people into our lives for a reason, and for that reason, I know that our journey with Karen and Ann Marie is not over. It's taking a different path.

As Cardinal Tobin announced the three phases to reopening the churches, I am hopeful that we will be hearing news of how and when we can offer masses to celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. I promise that as soon as I receive information from the archdiocese, the sacramental families will be the first to know and our masses will be rescheduled when it is safe for our parish to do so.

In the meanwhile, I encourage all families, but especially those with children preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, to continue attending our virtual Sunday morning mass on either YouTube or Facebook at 10:30AM. This is a great opportunity to answer your child's questions during the actual mass without worrying about disturbing anyone sitting around you. Participating in virtual mass will also reinforce the prayers that we recite and help the children to acclimate themselves when we are reunited in church again.

As we continue to discover new ways of sharing our faith, we are also working with the Archdiocese to find ways to continue to catechize our children should school look different in the Fall.

Any family new to our program or with a child entering 1st grade (Kindergarten is optional) please email me so we can arrange to speak. Baptismal certificates are required for all new students regardless of grade at the time of registration.

Happy Memorial Day and may God protect and keep your family safe!

You'll never walk alone when you walk with God...



PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in touch with you

Remember Those Who Served



All Gave Some, Some Gave All

**The parish rectory and offices
will be closed
Monday, May 25th in
observance of
Memorial Day
May God continue to protect all
those who serve!**

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH FESTIVAL



**The Saint James Parish
Annual Festival
rescheduled for
Tuesday, October 13th
through
Saturday, October 17th
Mark your calendar!
Stay tuned for ways to
volunteer!**

PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in touch with you

SAINT JAMES FACE MASK PROJECT

Over the last six weeks, the Saint James Face Mask Project has made and donated over 500 fabric face masks to medical workers and first responders. The parish gratefully acknowledges those who cut fabric, sewed the masks, and donated supplies. The group will be working over the summer, but at a slower pace. Donations of fabric and ribbon are still welcome and can be dropped off at the parish offices or outside the doors of the church.

Thank you. Have a safe and healthy summer!



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

*A Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark
For Our Catholic Community - For Over 160 Years*

At this time, we announce the following changes to our cemetery visitation policies:

- ◆ All archdiocesan cemeteries are open on Sundays for visitation from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.
- ◆ Up to 10 family members are permitted to attend a burial service.
- ◆ Cemetery visitation will be permitted weekdays, Monday through Saturday, from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, after all interments are completed.

PARISH NEWS

Staying Connected While Being Apart

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Each year young people from our parish families graduate from grammar, high school and college. Since this is a significant event in their lives, we would like to acknowledge it. If a member of your family or one of your friends is graduating this year, please call the **Parish Office** or send an email to:

msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org

by Monday, June 8th and we will include them on our graduation list which will be published in the June 21st, Father's Day bulletin.

Please be sure to include their name, the school from which they graduated, and the degree they received, if appropriate.



The 2021 Mass Book

**PLEASE NOTE
THE SOCIAL**



DISTANCING RULES

The 2021 Mass Book for your intentions is now available on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00AM—12:00PM (only)**. ONLY TWO PEOPLE at a time are permitted in the rectory. If you ring the bell and are not buzzed in, kindly wait your turn. To be fair to everyone, only two masses for the same individual will be accepted at this time. There are three ways to request a mass:

- 1) In person, respecting social distancing rules and rectory hours.
- 2) Email your intention(s) to: msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org. Once you receive the confirmation email, please mail in your check.
- 3) Mail your intention(s) and check to the rectory.

Any questions, please call the rectory.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH IS GIVING BACK TO SPRINGFIELD!

The parish has officially adopted Dr. Eckel's Island, a small piece of property located between South Springfield Avenue and Northview Terrace. As the social distancing restrictions are lifted, the parish will be responsible for cutting the grass, trimming the Euonymus shrub, weeding and mulching (the Township will provide the mulch).



If you would like to help, please call the parish office or send an email to the Parish Publicity Committee at publicity@saintjamesparish.org.

Thank you!

MAY THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst
women
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our
death.
Amen.

St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/

"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the World."
... Our Lady of Fatima
May 13, 1917

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
... Sister Lucy of Fatima

PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

Caring For One Another



Your community parish needs your help

All public celebrations of Mass throughout the Archdiocese of Newark are temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 crisis. Our archdiocesan parish communities are now struggling to meet critical needs.

Please consider a tax-deductible online donation to our Parishes Support program

All funds will support parish communities struggling to pay their employees, conduct outreach, and cover church utility bills through this crisis. We are grateful for your generosity, and we will work together in prayer to move past this and prevent the suffering of the most vulnerable among us.

Please consider a tax-deductible online donation to our Parish's Support Program. *GoFundMe charges no platform fees*, leaving only a small fee charged per donation to cover payment processing, in-line with the amount charged by many other online-payment services. Go to: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark> click on "CONTRIBUTE" and follow the instructions.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish. I am humbled by your generosity and extremely proud to serve as your pastor!

Fr. Joe

Donation bins are now open!

We are grateful for your patience and look forward to your continued support.

We need clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and children's books.

We pray for an end of this virus in our society and throughout the world.

Thank you with all our heart.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR PARISH PRIESTS



May 27, 1972

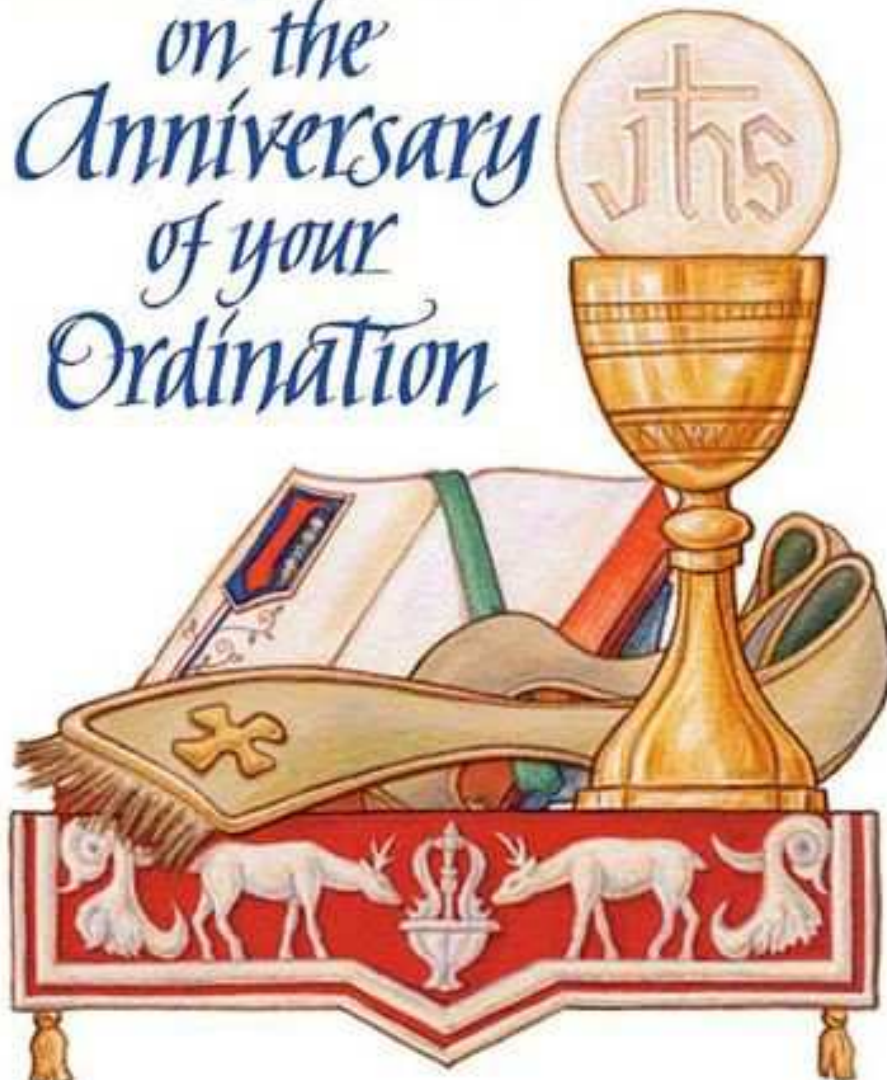


April 1, 1977
Incarnated December 2, 2003



May 30, 1981

BLESSINGS
on the
Anniversary
of your
Ordination





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

Marge Furner ~ Sam & Family

A TIME TO HEAL



Pat Anelli, Monina Avella, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Marie Crosby Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Matthew Burns, Pat Butterworth, Jose Cabezas, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Dr. Chad, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Dominic Ciraco, Phyllis Colosimo, Dr. Conrado, James Curry, Maureen D., Dr. Margaret Dames, Tressa Dombroski, Victoria Egner, 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, Andy Lindgren, Mary Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Donna Massa, Angie Mazzarisi, Richard Miele, Aman Mo, Moise Modestin, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Austerberta Olandres, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P., Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Manny Reyes, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Tom Walsh, Mary Ellen Warren, Kay Winski, Mary Yobbi



A TIME TO DIE

Eleanor Asaro, Michael D'Agostino, Pete Jilleba, Owen McManemin, Carmela Sarno,
and all who have died from Covid-19



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

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.**