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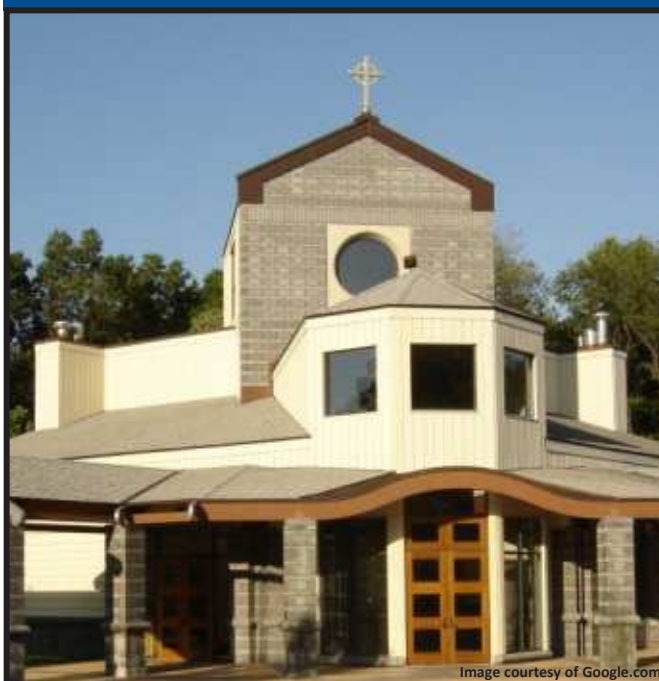


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A Welcoming Catholic Community of Faith.
Come Experience Christ With Us!



SOLOMNNITY OF PENTECOST ~ May 31, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**"HOLY SPIRIT, LORD DIVINE, COME, FROM HEIGHTS OF HEAV'N AND SHINE,
COME WITH BLESSED RADIANCE BRIGHT!
COME, O FATHER OF THE POOR, COME WHOSE TREASURED GIFTS ENDURE,
COME, OUR HEART'S UNFAILING LIGHT..."**

An Easter Sourcebook, p.155

Today is the **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST!** It is the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and all of us. Today is the birthday of the church and the beginning of its missionary activity. The Spirit galvanized the apostles into a convinced group of followers of Jesus, as they accepted the responsibility to bring the Good News to all the people of the world. The Spirit led them to places they had never thought of or known. As frightened as they had been previously, they now knew why Jesus had called them together and what their mission was about. They were so convinced of what they had to do that they were willing to die for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel, beginning with James, our patron.

In this time of Covid-19, our mission may seem a little clouded. After all, we haven't been able to worship together, and it's difficult to proclaim the Good News wearing a mask. Nevertheless, it is the Spirit who sends us forth to be a visible sign of Jesus for others. The example we give to others, especially in times like this, reminds all of us of the seriousness of the Gospel message and its impact on our lives. The way we respond to those we meet in stores and other places, including the way we treat those who serve us, indicate how seriously we have accepted the invitation from Jesus to be a sign of his presence.

Sometimes, though, this becomes difficult, especially when we encounter people who want to make our mission tougher than usual. Their attitude or behavior can challenge us in ways we may not like. But our demeanor and behavior must reflect the seriousness of our mission, which is to be and to proclaim the Good News. Jesus promised us that he would be with us always, and the presence of the Spirit reaffirms that. The presence of the Spirit should comfort and console us, knowing that we are not alone in this mission. We are sent forth to use our talents to help build the kingdom of God on earth, a kingdom of justice and peace, mercy, and compassion, equality, and forgiveness. We can only accomplish this with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost also ends the Easter Season. Tomorrow we begin Ordinary Time, which we will celebrate until the First Sunday of Advent.

We are in the midst of re-configuring our church for social distancing, so that we can open it for private prayer. You may have heard or read that the church will be open for public worship. That is not true, and it may not happen for another few weeks, when Cardinal Tobin decides it is safe for that to happen. The church will look very different when we are finished. We have received a set of directives from Cardinal Tobin, and when they are in place, the church will be open for private prayer a few days a week. I ask for your patience, as we work to make sure all of you who enter the church are safe. When we open the church, whether for private prayer or worship, masks will be required. If you do not have a mask on, you will not be able to enter the church. Thank you for your understanding. We will continue to live stream the 10:30AM AM mass each Sunday, even when the church opens for public worship.

The final total of our Easter collection is \$36,933. This is a tribute to your generosity, since we could not take up an Easter collection in church. Our budget was \$41,000, so we are not far off, considering the effects of Covid-19. **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity and support. I am proud and privileged to serve you as your pastor, and I am never hesitant to tell you. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!**

HAPPY PENTECOST!!!

HAPPY MYSTAGOGIA!!!

~ Fr. Joe

SUNDAY READINGS ~ May 31, 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 2: 1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

SECOND READING: COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:
No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

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

SEQUENCE

R. Veni Sancte Spiritus, Come Spirit Come!

SUNDAY READINGS ~ May 31, 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: JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."

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

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reflection: The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13).

Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

"Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom."

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday, June 7, 2020 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Reading 1: EX 34:4B-6, 8-9

Reading 2: COR 13:11-13

Gospel: JOHN 3:16-18

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$4,634.00

\$2,457.00 Collection (Envelope)

\$2,177.00 Online

Easter Collection

\$36,933.00

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:
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.



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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Happy Pentecost! Happy Birthday to the Church!!! This is the day the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. It is also the day when they were sent out to all the lands to spread the Good News that Jesus is for us. We continue to spread the Good News of Jesus by sharing His teachings with each other and especially with our children. So, today is the perfect day for each of us to spend time discerning and praying whether or not Jesus is calling us to share the Good News by continuing his mission and becoming a catechist.

I have no idea what Religious Education classes will look like in September, but one way or another, we will continue sharing the Good News with our children. If you are feeling the “tug”, then please give me a call so we can talk about being a traditional classroom teacher, classroom aide, virtual teacher, or how you think you might be able to volunteer!

Once the church is open for private prayer, I encourage you to come, spend some time discerning before the Table of the Lord. Our parish and children need you more now than ever before.

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. Please plan on joining us as we pray the Rosary every Monday evening at 7:00PM on Facebook.

As we continue to discover new ways of sharing our faith, we also need to find new ways to catechize our children. If you have ideas or suggestions, I encourage you to contact me..

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.

May God continue to protect and keep your family safe!

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



PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in touch with you

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Beginning Sunday, May 31

Sundays 12:00PM ~ 3:00PM

Tuesdays 4:00PM ~ 7:00PM

Wednesdays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Thursdays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Fridays 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Only 10 people permitted in the church at one time.

Everyone entering the church must wear a mask, follow the markings throughout the church, be respectful of others wanting to pray by limiting your prayer time to 15 minutes.

Please refer to the email sent by Publicity or the Parish Website for further details.



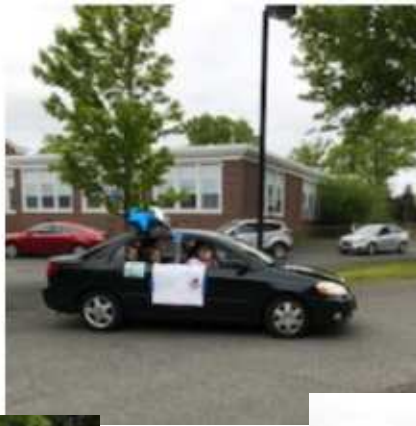
PARISH INFORMATION

Social distancing while praying.....





**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE DRIVE-BY
FOR FR. JOE'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY THE
BEST SURPRISE EVER!!!!**



PARISH NEWS

Staying Connected While Being Apart



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

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.



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!

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



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.

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.





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

Ludo Nolfo ~ *Wife, Maria*

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, Geleen Donovan, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski, Wanda Jackowski, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Irene Karpienski, 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, 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

Antonio Cifelli,
 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.**