

## SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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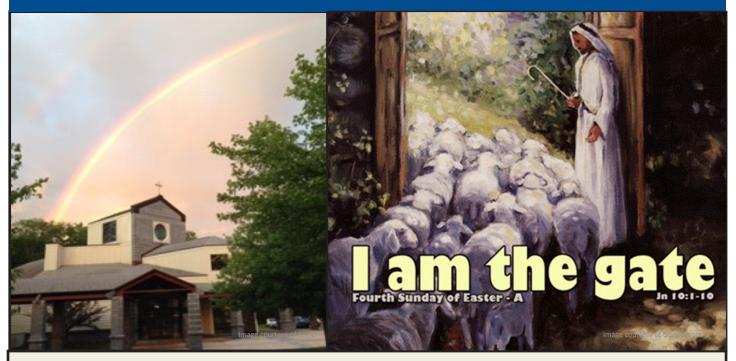
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Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## "...YOUNG AND OLD AND BEST AND LEAST SEE THEIR OWN ARISING. WE, THE NEWBORN PATTERNS ARE OF OUR GOD AND MAKER: CHRIST, OUR SPRING BEYOND COMPARE! CHRIST, OUR GOOD CREATOR!"

An Easter Sourcebook, p.73

The image of the shepherd is always one of comfort and care. Shepherds have a serious responsibility to watch over, lead and care for the sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who has shown us how much he cares for all of us by giving us an example of his concern and love. But he died for us to show the extent of that love. One of the best images of Jesus the shepherd is the one of him carrying the lost sheep over his shoulders. I have that statue and think of him doing that for us, because sometimes we stray, lose our way and get lost. So, he sends someone to care for us and bring us back to him.

The image of the shepherd can help us during this difficult time. There are those in our lives who care for us, and those for whom we care. Jesus sends us all into one another's lives to remind us of how important we are to him and need to be for each other. It is easy to become discouraged, frightened or even anxious about Covid-19. But Jesus reminds us that he is present to us and with us, and sends individuals to us to remind us of that. Of course, we are all concerned about what will happen in the coming months. It seems to me that nothing will happen before June, when hopefully, the worst will be over. We have been vigilant these past two months, but that doesn't mean we should relax our vigilance when everything opens up again. We probably will have to be just as vigilant and careful as we have been.

I hope that all of you are taking care of yourselves and your families. We all want to be safe, and if we follow all the directives and guidelines, we will be safe. We always have to look for what is positive and hopeful in all of this, or else we give in to the doom and gloom, and stupidity of too many. We have to use common sense and do what is right for us, our families and friends, our parish and our towns. Think of what Jesus offers us to help us. His presence in the Word reassures us of his presence in our lives. Since we cannot gather as a community in the church, consider reading and reflecting on the Word as a family. Connect to the live streaming of the 10:30 Sunday Mass to help you. It always helps families in times of difficulty to pray together, in whatever way works for you. It is important for all of us to be connected to the Lord and to one another at this time. All of us are in this together, and together we will survive it. But we cannot do this without the connection to the Lord, who reminds us of his abiding presence and love.

While this Period of Mystagogia is different from past years, it is still important for us to reflect on the effects of the Lord's Resurrection on our lives and the life of our family. This is what helps sustain us during this different and unusual period in our lives. **WWJD?** Be safe all of you!

### HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!

HAPPY MYSTAGOGIA!!!

~ Fr. Joe

## SUNDAY READINGS ~ May 3, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

Visit: <a href="http://www.usccb.org/">http://www.usccb.org/</a> to receive daily Scripture Readings

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

CCC, no. 2558, citing St. Therese of Lisieux, Manuscrits Autobiographiques, C 25rr

## FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles,

"What are we to do, my brothers?"

Peter said to them,

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call."

He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,

"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 118

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

## SECOND READING: PT 2:20B-25

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,

this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called,

because Christ also suffered for you,

leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult;

when he suffered, he did not threaten;

instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

For you had gone astray like sheep,

but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## SUNDAY READINGS ~ May 3, 2020

Praying Together Unites Us As One

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10**

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate

but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,

as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own,

he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow

because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger;

they will run away from him,

because they do not recognize the voice of

strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers,

but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

## Scripture Readings For Next Sunday, May 10, 2020

Reading 1: ACTS 6:1-7 Reading 2: 1 PT 2:4-9 Gospel: JN 14:1-12

## Gospel Reflection: The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the *door* through which the sheep had to pass.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence."

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$10,043.00

\$7,271.00 Collection (Envelope) \$2,772.00 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 7 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 <u>prior</u> 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.

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

## **EASTER REMEMBRANCE**

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## THE EASTER CANDLE

will burn in Loving Memory of The Members of the Bernstein and Butler Families r/b The Family

## THE SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT

The Ragosa/Fischer/Dondero Families r/b The Fischer Family

## THE LARGE SANCTUARY EASTER WREATH

will hang in Loving Memory of Raffaele and Sabino Battaglia r/b Battaglia Family

## THE SHRINE WREATHS

will hang in Loving Memory of

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Ann Marie Genninger (Sr. Mary Therese )**r/b Religious Education Staff

## **OUR PATRON SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE**

Carolyn Nelson
r/b Religious Education Staff

## THE GATHERING AREA WREATHS will hang in Loving Memory of

**Asilo & Zarello Families** *r/b The Family* 

Norman Jackowski r/b Wife, Wanda and Daughter, Lisa

Bernard and Susie LoMacchio James and Eleanor Carney r/b Patty and John **Deceased Members of the Roessner Family**r/b Nettie and Bob Roessner

Deceased Members of the Scanlon and Peer Families r/b Pat and Debbie Scanlon

**Susan Sullivan** *r/b Sister, Pat Sullivan* 

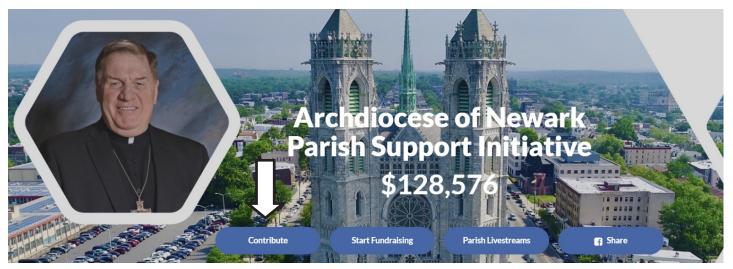
THE EASTER LILIES
AT THE MARIAN SHRINE
will be displayed in Loving memory of
Tony Graziano
r/b Wife, Anne and Family

THE EASTER LILIES
AT THE SAINT JAMES SHRINE
will be displayed in Loving memory of
Battaglia and Zara Families

r/b Battaglia Family

EASTER "LITTLE WHITE BOOKS"
In Loving Memory of
John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri

r/b The Pflug Family



Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to your parish on the parish's GoFundMe page, linked below, or to the *Parishes in Need Fund*, which will be used to support those communities struggling to pay their employees, conduct outreach, and cover church utility bills through this crisis. Contributions raised through the parish GoFundMe page will benefit the individual parish. *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: <a href="https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark">https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/archdiocese-of-newark</a> click on "CONTRIBUTE" and follow these 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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director  $\sim$  Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative. Assistant 45 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081  $\sim$  Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

I encourage all families, but especially those with children preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, to join 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 a virtual mass will also reinforce the prayers that we recite together. Please have your child follow along in their "Going to Mass" booklet.

Every Monday evening we recite the Rosary at 7:00PM on our Facebook page. If your family has never said the Rosary together, why not start now from the privacy of your own home? The only thing you need is a set of Rosary Beads (or use your fingers!) because the prayers are all posted on the screen for us to recite together.

As we discover new ways of sharing our faith, we are also working with the Archdiocese to talk about different ways to continue to catechize our children. These are definitely challenging times not only to share our faith but for preparing our children to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Unfortunately, until we are able to gather again within the church building, these sacraments will remain on hold. When I receive new directives from the Archdiocese I will surely let our sacramental families know! Until then, we are moving ahead planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Family Faith Program description along with the link to the **online** Family Registration was emailed to all currently registered, returning families. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept credit cards or online payments so payments will need to be mailed into the Religious Education Office, at the address above.

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.

The Religious Education Staff has resumed limited office hours but is always available by email if you have any questions or concerns. Please continue to maintain social distancing and stay home whenever possible.

May our loving Lord protect you and keep you and your family safe!

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

I am excited to announce that we will begin preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation, virtually. We will begin on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:30PM. The participation code and link to the virtual class will be emailed to all of the parents.

We will have an hour of discussion on the tradition and beauty of the sacrament, as well as discipleship and living our faith. As we are living in such difficult times, it is easy to fall away from a trust in God's plan. But He is always right here working though the noise to create a symphony from it.

I am excited to be able to see my class and move forward together through the use of technology.

Jesus looked at them and said,
"For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible"

Mark 10:27

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

The Youth Group and I have been meeting twice a week through Zoom. We are enjoying seeing each other and sharing all of our thoughts. This past week we played games and relaxed (virtually) a little together. And nothing can stop our closing prayer circle - we share a virtual candle and open our hearts to God. All 8th grade to 12th grade students are welcome to join us on Wednesday and/or Sunday evenings at 8:00PM. Please contact me directly for password and meeting ID information.

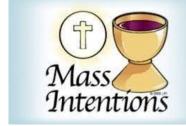
Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

## 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 973-376-3044

## 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 <u>publicity@saintjamesparish.org</u>.

Thank you!

## PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

Caring For One Another



Thank you to everyone who donated fabric and sewing supplies to the Saint James Face Mask Project. We have partnered with the Summit Area Sewing Squad (SASS) whose motto is "fighting coronavirus with needle and thread." SASS has made and distributed over 6,000 face masks so far. Under the direction of SASS, a team of 15 Saint James parishioners has been busy cutting fabric and sewing masks to be distributed to New Jersey hospitals, including Overlook, as well as several Union County police departments. Our greatest need is for people to sew masks using their sewing machines at home. If you are able to help, please send an

email to the Parish Publicity Committee at <u>publicity@saintjamesparish.org</u>. We provide instructions and all supplies. We also need shoe laces - new or used - that are at least 35 inches long and ribbon that would be suitable for ties. Please put all supplies in the mail slot on the rectory (red) door. To date, our team has made over 295 masks.

Thank you!



Many of the local food pantries are still seeing a tremendous rise in the need for their services. The Helping the Hungry Ministry will once again hold a non-perishable food drive in our parking lot on **Friday, May 8th from 10:00AM-12:00PM.** We will set up stations again on the church plaza for each different type of food. Please try to put your donations in the designated bins/areas in order to help us with the sorting process. We will deliver the food to the pantries Friday afternoon.

There will also be two coolers for frozen meatloaves and frozen food for Family Promise. Please see below for specific items that can help the folks at Family Promise. We ask that you please wait in your car until the area is clear of people as you drop off your items. Thanks so much for your support! Be well and safe!!

### **FOOD**

Frozen microwaveable veggies
Frozen breakfast entrees (no pork)
Frozen entrees (hot pockets,personal pizzas, etc.)
Canned chicken / tuna

Cereal / Oatmeal / Cereal Bars Sustainable milk (evaporated milk, dry milk, etc.)

Mac and cheese (Easy Mac, please) Bowls Rice/noodle pouches

Fruit cups

Mayonnaise / mustard Canned / Dry soups

Bread Pasta Pasta Sauce Chips / snacks Applesauce Peanut Butter / Jelly Instant Coffee Tea Bag

## **SUPPLIES**

Clorox products
Disinfecting products
Paper towels
Tissues
Toilet paper
Paper plates, plastic cutlery, cups
Ziplock bags

Laundry Detergent

Bleach Hand soap

## ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

FROZEN (pre-cooked) meatloaves Luncheon Deli Meats (pre-packaged) Cheese (pre-packaged)

## **GIFT CARDS**

Shoprite Grubhub Uber



PLEASE PLACE ALL PERISABLE DONATIONS IN THE COOLERS

## PARISH OUTREACH INFORMATION

Caring For One Another





WORRIED ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19?
DO YOU NEED HELP MINIMIZING YOUR EXPOSURE?

A group of neighbors has volunteered to do limited emergency grocery shopping and pick-up prescriptions for Springfield's elderly residents.

## TO REQUEST HELP

Call (973) 912-2227

Or email recreation@springfield-nj.us

Please allow 48 hours for requests to be met.

Payment will be received by two methods only: credit card on file at the store or a check to the volunteer after presentation of reciept for purchase NO CASH PAYMENT

NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS WITHOUT A RECEIPT

Volunteers are instructed to follow safety protocols. Participants accept this help at their own risk.











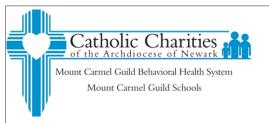


St. James the Apostle Church

# ONLINE ROSARY & NOVENA EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.



www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Catholic Charities thanks everyone for their recent donations.

The bin located in our parish parking lot has been emptied and sealed and will not accept donations until the restrictions have been lifted.

Thank you for your continued support!



## **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

Viola Morano ~ Daughter, Marylou

## A TIME TO HEAL



Pat Annelli, Anthony B., Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Pat Butterworth, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Dr. Conrado, Chad, Dr. Eileen Chad, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Dominic Ciraco, Phyllis Colosimo, Dr. Conrado, James Curry, Maureen D., Dr. Margaret Dames, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Dennis Flynn, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Henry Hernandez, 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., Edith Pelliccia, Elizabeth Piedl, 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, Lorie Williamson, Kay Winski, Mary Yobbi



## A TIME TO DIE

Anabelle Almeida, Ydelfonso Decoo, Rose Dente, Bambina Minicuzzi, Rev. John Morris, Joephine Reino, Miguelina Rodriguez, Rev. John Salvos, Deacon Al Tizzano,

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**.