



SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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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)



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

November 10, 2019

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

There has been a lot of advertisements and usage of DNA kits. A lot of people are surprised when they discover the results. They weren't what they expected. Folks who are one nationality thought they would see results from the nation from which their ancestors emigrated. What many are discovering is that there were many inter-marriages between people of different nationalities. That's because people moved around between countries, met people of other nationalities and eventually married and settled down to raise a family. Independently, many people can trace their families as far back as the Mayflower and later. This all makes for interesting discussions around family dinner tables. I find all of this interesting, especially when folks are surprised by the results they get. The important issue, though, is that we all came from somewhere else. No matter the origins of our ancestors, they left us a legacy to continue what they began. Obviously, there are new tools for all of this, including our own talents and abilities. This is how societies are built, including the church. Our ancestors would probably be very proud of our accomplishments, because this is what they expected.

In today's Gospel the Sadducees' concern over the seven brothers marrying the same woman is rather interesting, at least from our perspective. Since they did not believe in resurrection, they were trying to trap Jesus. But they couldn't escape the fact that when we die, there is no physical presence. That's because we are no longer limited by space and time. They would all live in harmony with each other and with God.

Maybe this confused them, but it shouldn't confuse us. After his resurrection, when Jesus appeared to his apostles, they did not recognize him. It wasn't that they didn't know him, but his body was in a glorified state, which means it wasn't limited by time and space. Once he did something familiar, then they recognized him. The saints and all our loved ones live spiritually with God for all eternity. There are no longer limits on them as there are on us, and they don't need a DNA test to prove it. As our ancestors and relatives now live with God, they are watching over us, hoping that we will continue to grow in God's love and help make his presence real for others. Did you ever wonder what heaven will be like, since no one has come back to tell us? Eternal peace and tranquility, where everyone will know everyone else? A giant party? Or maybe something different?

Only God knows and we'll have to wait to find out until we get there!

Today, at the 12:00 Mass, we are honoring our veterans in gratitude for their service to our country. Following the Mass, there is a luncheon for the veterans and their families, as a way of saying **"THANK YOU."** As a parish we are grateful for them, their families and their service to keep us free!

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

~ FR. JOE





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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,483.00

\$6,348.00 Collection

\$2,135.00 Online

\$1,679.00 All Saints

**To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org**

**WE ALSO ACCEPT
ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS
Thank you for your continued generosity!**



Today's Gospel Meditation.....

Luke 20:27-38

Is your life earth-bound or heaven-bound? The Sadducees had one big problem; they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven.

The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: *"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25). Jesus asks us the same question. Do you believe in the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life with God?

BAPTISM INFORMATION

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nov. 24

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

The parent (only) meeting for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist will take place Monday, November 18th at 7:45PM in the Church. If you did not receive the email and anticipate your child receiving the sacraments in the Spring, please call the Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

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 give us a call!

Reminder: No Classes today: Sunday, November 10

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

A great big shout out to the 8th Grade class and their Peer Leaders for the excellent work they did last class on the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Their creativity and spirituality was glowing through their work!

Next class is Tuesday, November 12th - we will be starting a 3 part series on Jesus.

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

REMINDER: Parent/Candidate Meeting for our new class being confirmed in 2020 will be Monday, November 11th at 7:30PM in the church. At least one parent and the Confirmation candidate must attend. We will be discussing requirements for the Sacrament and important dates and events in the coming year.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

A huge THANK YOU to this past Sunday night's group. We had a very in-depth and open discussion on the expectations we place on ourselves. **There is NO meeting tonight: Sunday, November 10th.**

We will meet again next Sunday, November 17th at 7:00PM in the school gym. We will be working on a community service project while we open the Discussion Topic: "How do I find God in difficult people?"



TURKEY DRIVE

Community Food Bank, Hillside, NJ

Saint James Parking Lot

Our Youth Group will be in the parking lot to accept your donations!

Sunday, November 17th ~ 9:00AM~ 1:00PM

Frozen turkeys, hams, non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving Dinners for those in need.



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal ~ Mrs. Marilyn DePrimio, Administrative Assistant
41 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-5194 :: Facsimile 973-376-5228

Saint James
the Apostle School



OPEN HOUSE WEEK

November 18 – 22

Every day from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Extended hours on Thursday, November 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM



- ✓ Middle States accredited
- ✓ Flexible PreK programs for 3 and 4-year olds
- ✓ Full Day Kindergarten
- ✓ Before & After Care programs
- ✓ Flexible tuition payment options
- ✓ Extracurricular activities
- ✓ SMART technology
- ✓ Service opportunities for all ages

Learn. Serve. Lead. *Succeed.*

Our teachers are **generous** and **constant** in their **love** and **dedication** to all our learners.

At Saint James the Apostle School, children experience a **vivid** sense of **God** in a **safe** and **nurturing** environment. What a **great gift**... giving your child a **faith-based education**!

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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director

Please join us for our third dinner fundraiser at Stage House Tavern on **Tuesday, November 19th**. Savor some delectable cuisine and refreshments complemented by the warm company of our parish community and friends. Secure your places after Mass this weekend, we're looking forward to seeing you there!



RESPECT LIFE

Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Coordinator



How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.



The Religious Education Staff extends a special **"THANK YOU!"** to all the parish ministry members who volunteered at the two Sacrament of Confirmation Masses last weekend! The ceremonies were beautiful

because you were there!

The time and talent that you provide our parish is a blessing!



WELLNESS

Mrs. Nancy Mahoney-Rajs, Coordinator

Volunteers Needed to help at the blood drive to greet and register donors on Sunday, December 1, 2019. If you are available for an hour or more between 8:00AM to 2:00PM please contact Nancy at 973-376-6235 or nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com.

New Health & Wellness information sheets are on the table in the Gathering Area. This quarter topics that are discussed are the following:

- ♦ **Counseling & Bereavement Services:** provided is a list of area parishes that offer Bereavement Groups, included are schedules of meetings and contact information. In addition are details on programs the Archdiocese offers for parents who are grieving the loss of their child.
- ♦ **Catholic Support Programs:** a listing of support groups given by Catholic and other organizations for single parenting, separated or divorced people, HIV, alcohol abuse, drug addiction, and other self-help support groups.
- ♦ **How To Remove Pesticides From Produce We Buy!**
- ♦ **Flu & Cold Season Recipes:** Immune Boosting Chicken Soup, Dr. Lee's Flu Soup, Garlic & Spinach Soup.

PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick



“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you, with the grace of the Holy Spirit.”

**On Saturday, November 16, during a special 11:00AM Mass
we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.**

All are invited to attend this Mass. Those who are elderly, ill and/or facing impending surgery or hospitalization are invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Those receiving the Sacrament should also be baptized Catholics who have reached the age of reason. Please join us.

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have handmade blessed shawls that will be distributed to those being anointed.

*Among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness and to provide them with the strongest means of support. This sacrament is called the **Anointing of the Sick**. This sacrament, as with all the sacraments, is performed to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude. Thus the sick person is able to bear suffering bravely.*

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BLOOD DRIVE!

On Sunday, December 1st New Jersey Blood Services will park a bloodmobile in front of the Church building from 8:00AM until 2:00PM. Donors need to be at least 16 years of age (with parental consent form available at blood drive), have ID, weigh at least 110lbs and eat a meal before donating. Blood is needed 365 days a year. Please take one hour out of your time to save up to three lives! If you have any questions or would like to sign up please call or text Genevieve 732- 672-5281

Donor link to sign up: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/273075

Donor code is 70414.



ST. ZITA GROUP

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 23rd ~ 9:00AM

Join members of the St. Zita Group in cleaning the inside of our church in preparation for Advent. If you are able to join us please contact Rita Lombardi at ritalombardi@comcast.net.



All are welcome.



HELPING THE HUNGRY OUTREACH MINISTRY THIS WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 9 / 10, 2019

Please donate non-perishable items to support the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and Our Lady of Sorrows food pantry, and other community food pantries. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Area.

Please consider donating these items, or any non-perishable items that can help those in need.

Collections of your homemade, individually wrapped (and labeled) sandwiches (plain, no condiments) and frozen meat loaves will take place in the Gathering Area of the Church before the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00AM to the beginning of the 12:00PM Mass. Coolers are in the Gathering Area for your convenience.



SPRINGFIELD INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 7:00PM

Saint James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, NJ
Combined Congregational Choirs and Springfield Children's Choir



Non-perishable goods for the Hillside Community Food Bank and monetary donations for the Springfield First Aid & Rescue Squad will be collected.

FAMILY FAITH FUN!

Ms. Karen Cocco



SAVE THE DATE!!! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 SCHOOL GYM ~ 3:30 - 4:45PM FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with a fun family event, by making an Advent Wreath. Then, bring your wreath to the 5:00PM Mass where the wreaths will be blessed during the mass. A great opportunity to spend time with your family, promote your creativity, and share the meaning of Advent in a fun and interactive way. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews!

All are welcome!

Please complete the form below **by November 15th** to register and drop it in the rectory mail slot, Parish School or Religious Ed Office or email the information to: kcocco@saintjamesparish.org
(Registration required, we need to be sure we have enough wreaths and decorations for everyone!)

Family Name: _____ number of: adults _____ children _____ (under 10)

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ children (ages 11+) _____



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 in prayer for the
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction on
Monday evenings in our Church.

All are welcome!

Join us: Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30PM
(NO NOVENA ON VETERANS DAY)



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

For the People of Saint James



SANCTUARY LAMP

Deceased Members of the Lombardi and
Mazzacuva Families
~ Rita, Angela & Pasquale

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Gianna Jennifer Catania, Tessa Monahan Feuker
William Gilligan, Julian Lawrowski

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO DIE

Richard Castellano, Deacon Nicholas Fargo,
Noah Keppler, Florence Rastelli

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo,
John Carney, Helen Chelis,
Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Van Corteza,
James Curry, Joe Cuthbert, Maureen D.,
Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco,
Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes,
Robert Hunrath, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna,
Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff,
Angelina Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi,
Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph,
Reggie Malabanan, Angie Mazzarisi,
Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele, Bob Mifsud,
Aman Mo, Timothy Morgan, Christian Murphy,
Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P.,
Joseph Papierz, Janet Payson, Elizabeth Piedl,
John Reiss, Epifania Rivera, Ken Rossi,
Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert,
Debbie Staib, Tom Stanick, Stephanie Toth,
Anne Wallis, Tom Walsh, Mary Yobbi

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, 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, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten,
Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki,
1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 10

Thirty-Second Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Joseph "Joe" DeFino ~ *Dan, Anna Smith & Family*

7:30AM

Lucille Barone ~ *Stephen & Michele DePiro*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Deceased Members of the Lombardi &
Mazzacuva Families

~ *Rita, Angela & Pasquale*

12:00PM

Angelo "Gene" DelMauro ~ *Family*

MONDAY, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

Veterans Day

8:30AM

Raffaele Battaglia ~ *Battaglia Family*

TUESDAY, November 12 St. Josaphat

7:30AM

Joseph O'Boyle ~ *Ed & Anne Fanning*

WEDNESDAY, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:30AM

Dai Njuyen ~ *Religious Education*

THURSDAY, November 14

7:30AM

Josephine Sofrank ~ *Annette & Ray Alberti*

FRIDAY, November 15

7:30AM

Mary Hayes ~ *Brian Hayes*

SATURDAY, November 16

8:00AM

Christine Leone ~ *Jean DePasquale*

SUNDAY, November 17

Thirty-Third Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

For the People of Saint James

7:30AM

Ethel Fasulo ~ *Tobia & Boris Families*

9:00AM

Matthew Klein ~ *Nick & Josephine D'Achille*

10:30AM

Lisa Agrillo ~ *Family*

12:00PM

Angelina Bell ~ *Mena Puzio*

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.**