



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 24, 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING! The feast celebrates the fact that Jesus is the Universal King, the one who has brought the Father's love up close and personal for us. In today's Gospel, as Jesus is hanging on the cross, he is mocked at being a king. What kind of king is he, anyway? His throne is the cross that saved us from our sins. His crown is one of thorns that penetrated and bloodied his head and face. His kingdom is not an earthly one but one of eternity. Besides, he is a servant king. He came to care for us, and showed that by the way he lived his life. He came to free us from sin and restore us to a right relationship with God. In the end, he invited the apostles and all of us to follow the example he gave to us. He sends us as ambassadors of his Good News, to help make the kingdom of God a reality for all we encounter in our lives.

The issue for us today is not what kind of king Jesus is, but how faithful have we been to the example he set for us. It is only in helping others experience the presence of Jesus through ourselves that we share in his kingship of service. Jesus offers us opportunities each day to help others discover the wonder that he is for them, as he is for us. Jesus offers us an encounter with the Father as part of that intimate relationship he has with the Father, hoping that we would listen and allow the Word to form and guide us. In this way, we celebrate the presence of Jesus as Messiah and Lord, and King of all the universe, and of all of us.

Today's feast also brings to close the end of the church's liturgical year. Next week we begin the Season of Advent, a new liturgical year with different opportunities to discover the wonder that Jesus is for us.

On Thursday, we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a day of tradition, of family, food and football! But it is an opportunity for us to formally give thanks to God for all we are, all we have and all we can accomplish as his people. So, in the name of our entire Parish Staff: **FR. TONY, FR. JOHN, DEACON DAN, DEACON JERRY, NANCY CAPUTO, KAREN COCCO, ANN MARIE GESUALDO, MATT WILSON, CAROLINE PONTERIO, OUR SUPPORT STAFF AND MYSELF,** I want to wish you and your family a **HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING.** May it be an opportunity to express our gratitude to our God, who has called us as his own and challenges us to express our gratitude in who we are as his people and how we can help make his kingdom a reality for all we meet.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

FELICE GIORNO DI RINGARIAMENTO!!

FELIZ DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS!!!

~ FR. JOE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,646.00

\$6,451.00 Collection

\$1,195.00 Online

\$351.00 ~ 2nd Collection (Military Services)

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

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



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

Today we welcome our Home Study families to their first retreat of the year beginning at the 10:30AM Mass! After the children meet with their catechist, we will gather to assemble Thanksgiving baskets for the graduate families of Family Promise of Union County. May we remember to Give Thanks for all the blessings in our lives and support those in need.

On behalf of the entire Religious Education Staff, Catechists and Classroom Aids, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

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!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

No Religion Classes Tuesday, November 26th (afternoon and evening!)

No Sunday Classes December 1st!

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

The Tuesday night 8th Grade class has begun a multi-night series of the Life of Jesus. We have had one night of excellent open discussion already. I'm looking forward to our continuing exploration of our Lord's time here with us. **Please note there will be no class on Tuesday, November 26th – Happy Thanksgiving!!**

We will meet again on Tuesday, December 3rd – to open Advent together!!

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

We welcome our Confirmation Candidates of 2020 this weekend to the enrollment blessing at either the 5:00PM or Sunday 12:00PM Mass. Let us keep the candidates in our prayers as they journey to an amazing new beginning in their faith life.

****If you did not attend either Confirmation parent/Child meeting, please contact Ann Marie Gesualdo as soon as possible to meet for important information regarding registration for the Sacrament****



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

A great big SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU! to Jocelyn Duallo and Charlize Lugo for their presentation last Sunday on "Finding God in Difficult People." A great night of discussion from ice breaker to small and large group discussions!! Thank you again Ladies!!

Next Meeting – Sunday November 24th – join us for a discussion on "Getting Along with Family" and a Youth Group Thanksgiving Celebration! We will also be packaging up the socks and sneakers collected so far to be delivered to area homeless shelters.

**** We thank you for your generous donations of socks and sneakers and ask for your continuing support throughout the winter season.****

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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Saint James the Apostle School.....

Advancing Academic Excellence, Fostering Faith, Instilling Integrity

Academic Excellence: Our 8th Graders continue to embody the values of our school. Recently they competed in the 48th Annual Roselle Catholic High School Scholastic Olympics against 14 other area Catholic elementary schools from three counties.

Four (4) of our eighth graders brought home individual awards along with \$1,500 scholarship each for freshmen year, should they attend Roselle Catholic. **Tierney Vesey** - FIRST place Current Events (Boys); **Ethan Stewart** - FIRST place Spelling (Boys); **Jamie Jules** - SECOND place History (Girls); and **Kumud Neupane** - SECOND place Math (Girls).

We are so proud of our eighth graders and are grateful to have the opportunity to share their accomplishments with the entire parish! God bless our Class of 2019!



Fostering Faith: Congratulations to our newest altar servers: **Emily O'Donohue, Alexa Castillo, Ryan Ezaah-Milku, Phoebe Ezaah-Milku, Solanges Latonnel, and Vivienne Silva**. We are grateful to all of our altar servers who serve the Lord with gladness. Thank you Deacon Dan for training our students during lunch and recess.

Instilling Integrity: The Girls' CYO Volleyball season wrapped up last weekend for the varsity team. Together with middle schoolers from Holy Spirit School, our girls played hard and they played well together: **Kyla Burdin, Abigail Jules, Isabella Martins and Sarai Pinion**. Thank you to our coaches: Pat Dolansky and John Ponterio.

Giving Thanks:

- * To the Home & School Association for organizing our Fall clothing drive and to all who donated. We collected over 100 bags of donations!
- * To our school and parish families for their support of our 50/50 Raffle which was drawn on November 8. The winner, Kristen A. received a prize of **\$1,235**.
- * To our school families for their generous donations to our annual Parade for Hunger. We made twelve (12) Thanksgiving baskets that were picked up by Dr. Gary Hecht for Springfield H.O.P.E.

Wishing all our school and parish families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director

A special thanks to everyone who supported our third dinner fundraiser last week. Your generosity helps offset our expenses and your support is greatly appreciated! We're glad you came out with us.

Join us for an Advent piano concert on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00PM. Enjoy pieces from New Age style piano composer David Lanz's album *Christmas Eve* performed by Matt Wilson. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. Admission is free. Free-will donations will support the music ministry expenses. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



join us @



LOCATION:

1721 Morris Ave, Union NJ 07083

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8am - 10am

TICKETS: \$10.00 Adult \$5.00 Children

Meal includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea.) Bring your own camera, pose with Santa, snap the special moment, and print the photo at home. Everyone will be able to pose with Santa at no extra charge. **ALL are welcome.** Please complete below and send in envelope with your payment labeled "**BREAKFAST**" to the School, Rectory or Religious Education Office by December 6, 2019.

----- Please return this portion with payment by December 6th -----

Family Name :

Phone / Email:

_____ adults @ \$10 and _____ children (age 3 and up) @\$5 = Total _____

FAMILY FAITH FUN!

Ms. Karen Cocco

Many thanks to all of the families who joined us yesterday for our very first Family Faith event! We had so much fun decorating Advent Wreaths and hearing about your family's Advent traditions. The families enjoyed tapping into their creativity while focusing on the true meaning of Advent and warming up with some hot cocoa and cookies!!! We thank Fr. Joe for blessing the wreaths at the 5:00PM Mass.

We wish you and your family an Advent Season filled with the richness of God's gift to us in Christ, His Son!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Family Faith event will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2020 where the school gym will be transformed into booths for a Saint James Carnival in preparation for Lent. We will wrap up the Carnival after the 5:00PM Mass with a pizza dinner! Please mark your calendar for this family friendly event!

Giving Tree 2019

We will be participating in providing gifts for the needy during this Holiday season for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

If you can take a tag and purchase a gift of warm clothing, it would be greatly appreciated. Please place the **UNWRAPPED gift with tags attached in a large gift bag with tissue paper.**

Return your gift to Church starting **Saturday, November 30** or **Sunday, December 1** but **no later than Sunday, December 15.**

If you have any large Christmas bags and/or tissue paper to donate, they are also needed at the Center.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity.



TURKEY DRIVE

Community Food Bank, Hillside, NJ

Saint James Parking Lot

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

TODAY!!!

Sunday, November 24th
9:00AM~ 1:00PM

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



PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another



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 Chorus

Non-perishable goods for the Hillside Community Food Bank and monetary donations for the Springfield

First Aid & Rescue Squad will be collected.



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.



HELPING THE HUNGRY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Claire Bernstein & Joanne Roethlin, Coordinators

“Peace begins with the hungry are fed”. ~ Dorothy Day

The Helping the Hungry Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to join our team in 2020! Our goal is to provide assistance to local soup kitchens, food pantries, and other organizations that provide help to the hungry in our area. You can select opportunities that work best for your schedule.

You can help by:

- sorting and/or delivering the monthly food collections (2020 monthly dates coming soon!). Each quarter we will send out an email requesting volunteers to help with the upcoming monthly collections. You can select the month(s) that work best for your schedule. We deliver to Morristown, South Orange, Summit and other locations that need assistance. All sorting of the food takes place in the Gathering Area after the weekend Masses.
- join our Lenten Supper planning committee (3/6/2020)
- join our Breakfast Bag Assembly team (10/17/2020)

Help us help the hungry in our area!

For more information or to sign up, contact Claire Bernstein: clairebbernstein@gmail.com or Joanne Roethlin: jroethlin@yahoo.com



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

God has uniquely equipped every person in the Church with specific skills and gifts. As Christians, we are tasked with utilizing these gifts in our community and in our parish. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, feel part of the parish community and serve Jesus at the same time. We are looking for a few good folks to take the lead with the following ministries:

Young Adult Group

Mom's Group

Rosary Making

Evangelization

Martha

St. Joseph

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please speak with Fr. Joe or any member of the Pastoral Council. Our email is saintjamesparishcouncil@gmail.com. The next *Coffee with the Council* will be held on Saturday, Nov 30th after the 5:00PM Mass and after all the Masses on Sunday, Dec. 1st. We will be happy to explain what each ministry involves. Booklets about all our parish ministries will be available.

Looking for ways to enrich Advent this year? DYNAMIC CATHOLIC offers a totally free daily video program sent directly to your email that will help you experience the BEST ADVENT EVER in preparation for Christmas. Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com>.



Liturgical
Environment

The Liturgical Environmental Committee is looking for new members! Please contact Pat Sullivan at 862-216-6861 or patricia.sullivan@hackensackmeridian.org for information about volunteering.

We will be decorating the church in anticipation of Christmas on **Saturday, December 14th immediately after the 8:00AM Mass**. This involves putting up the lights on the trees in the sanctuary, decorating the tree in the Gathering Area and setting up the indoor crèche. We are also looking for volunteers to assemble the outdoor crèche. Because there is some heavy lifting involved, strong young(er) men and women volunteers are needed!



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, December 2, 2019 at 6:30PM

NO NOVENA MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

Please join us for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service!



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

Ludo Nolfo ~
Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

Viola Morano ~
Daughter, Marylou Kjelle

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Giulianna Marie Dooley

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO DIE

Zeke Bratkowski, Theresa Carpenter, Joan Gignac,
Rita Munoz

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Anthony B., Paul Barbato,
Concetta Bellott, Pat Butterworth 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,
Marianne Galluccio, 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, Moise Modestin,
Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy,
Carol Muzacs, Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo,
Anna P., Joseph Papierz, Janet Payson,
Elizabeth Piedl, John Reiss, Epifania Rivera,
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 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Ann Petrignani & Carmela Frio~ *Ann & Family*

7:30AM

Rosemary Anderson ~ *Nancy Mahoney-Rjas*

9:00AM

Nazzareno Carra ~ *Anthony & Carmelina Reino*

10:30AM

Angela & Daniel Raimondo

~ *Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne VanVolkenburgh*

12:00PM

Frank DeMartino ~ *Mirella & Family*

MONDAY, November 25

7:30AM

Mark Weber ~ *Michael & Theresa Quick*

TUESDAY, November 26

7:30AM

Paul Anderson ~ *Bob & Linda Donnelly*

WEDNESDAY, November 27

7:30AM

Archangela D'Agostini ~ *Children*

THURSDAY, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

8:30AM

In Thanksgiving For the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, November 29

8:00AM

Matteo Apicella ~ *Wife & Children*

SATURDAY, November 30

8:00AM

Dolores Salle ~ *Nieves & Gene*

SUNDAY, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Saint Andrew

Lynn Ryan ~ *Rose & Clara Uliano*

7:30AM

Bill Larken ~ *Nancy Mahoney-Rajs*

9:00AM

Jeffrey White ~ *Schmidt Family*

10:30AM

Michael Sangregorio ~ *Grace Sangregorio*

12:00PM

For the People of Saint James

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.**