



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!

October 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus was always faithful to the Father in whatever he did, including his suffering and death. Jesus reminds us that we need to be faithful to him and to the Gospel if we want to be considered credible witnesses and disciples. Sometimes, though, we may get distracted by our concerns and while not forgetting about being faithful, it skips our minds. Trying to keep our focus and our balance in a complicated, and sometimes difficult world is not always easy. This is the reason we need to keep coming back to the Lord so that we can maintain our focus on his call for fidelity to the mission. The mission is simply to bring the Good News of Jesus to others, so that we can help make the kingdom of God real for others.

Consider Mary as a model of fidelity to her Son. As difficult as it was for her to see Jesus suffer, she maintained her faith in him and all she was called to be as his mother, by the Father. Sometimes we put Mary on a pedestal that is removed from the difficulties of life. Yet, when she was chosen by the Father to be the mother of Jesus, her faith in God enabled her to accept what the Father had called her to be, a sign for all of us. Even at the age of fifteen, in a male dominated society, she accepted her mission and showed us how to be faithful to the Lord.

It seems that our world is getting more and more complicated, especially with all the negativity that is occurring. It is so easy to get lost in all of this. Yet, we need to keep coming back to what is essential in our lives, and that is the presence of Jesus who calls us to fidelity and authenticity. Unlike the judge in today's Gospel, who was only concerned about himself, we are reminded that we also need to be concerned about each other. Building the kingdom of God on earth means that we recognize that we are connected to each other by the fact that we occupy the same planet. So then, we are challenged to use our gifts to help others experience the presence of Christ, whether they be family, friends or strangers. Most of us can accept this and live by this. Once we believe and live what we believe, then we can help others experience the presence of Jesus in who we are, and what we say and do.

Paul, in his Letter to Timothy, reminds us to be persistent in what we do, not in a negative way, but in a way that will allow the love of Jesus to be reflected in our lives. Look at the saints. They were persistent in their activities because they believed that following Jesus was the only way to live. Jesus had the way to the Father and eternal life, and their lives were reflections of what their faith was about. The same can be said of us, if we are just as willing to let the Word permeate our being and be reflected in all aspects of our lives. This doesn't mean that we won't have difficulties in life; just that Jesus can help us deal with them. If we are all believers of Jesus, do we really have any other choice but to follow him?

HAPPY OCTOBER!!

~ FR. JOE

World Mission Sunday

One Day: October 20, 2019

One Body: In Christ

One Church: Together in Mission





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.

2ND COLLECTION ~ THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 19/20

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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
Nov. 3

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Oct. 27, Nov. 24

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,787.00

\$6,102.00 Collection

\$1,685.00 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!

Today's Gospel Meditation.....

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us (grace). In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death. Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it. When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you?

"Lord Jesus, increase my faith and make it strong that I may never doubt your word and promise to be with me always. In every situation I face - whether trials, setbacks, or loss - may I always find strength in your unfailing love and find joy and contentment in having you alone as the treasure of my heart."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

41 South Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Our children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2020 were given their "God's Gift: Reconciliation" workbook. We ask that parents, grandparents and /or godparents spend time helping them understand the joy in forgiveness as they prepare to receive this sacrament for the very first time!

Saturday, November 2nd we will celebrate two Masses where 49 of our young teens will be Sealed with the Holy Spirit. We ask for your prayers for these children. May the foundation they have received through catechesis and the example we have shown them carry them through their lives. If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server or Usher.... please consider volunteering for one of these Masses.

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!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

We will be kicking off another season of Youth Group

with a Murder Mystery Evening!!

Join us on next week: Sunday, October 27th at 7:00PM in the School Gym!!

All 9th through 12th graders are welcome ~ bring a friend!!!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Matthew Wilson, Director

**THE MUSIC MINISTRY'S DINNER FUNDRAISER WILL BE AT STAGE HOUSE TAVERN IN MOUNTAINSIDE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH.**

Tickets for this season's dinner will include:

Garden salad, dinner rolls

Chicken Terriaki

Penne Vodka with roasted red peppers and green peas

Roast pork loin with wine Demi, Rosemary roasted potatoes, Seasonal vegetables

All soft drinks, coffee, and hot tea, one alcoholic drink (excluding shots)

Main courses will be served from 6:30-8:00PM and we have the room from 6:00-10:00PM.

Regular tickets are \$35 and children 10 and under eat free!

Tickets will be on sale next week. Please see Matt Wilson to secure your place!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal

41 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-5194 :: Facsimile 973-376-5228

What's Happening in 6th and 7th Grades?

Sixth graders started the school year learning about different topics in environmental science, including the different forms of pollution and how it affects our atmosphere. The class dug deeper into climate change and how greenhouse gases and carbon emissions are affecting our Earth. Afterwards, the students worked on a Carbon Emissions Project. Using a color-coded map, they looked at the total emissions by country, determined which countries produced the greatest carbon emissions and made conclusions based on their findings.

The second part of their studies included a discussion on the different types of renewable resources. Students learned about solar, wind, water, and other resources. They concluded their studies by creating an info graphic summary with the pros and cons of one of the resources of their choice. The study of environmental science with 6th grade promoted conversation about many current problems in the world, especially plastic pollution and climate change. Students brainstormed and shared possible solutions to many issues. It was great to see students thoroughly engaged in the discussions about our world, God's creation.

Seventh graders have been working very hard during the first few weeks of school. Students have been using their Sadlier vocabulary words to incorporate Language Arts skills into the writing of sentences for the unit words. Over the year, our students' reading and writing skills will "*evolve*" as they "*amass*" a "*prodigious*" list of terms to their vocabulary. The first three chapters in Social Studies link directly to what the class learned last year, making the sixth-grade material relevant to U.S. history, which is what they will be studying this year. In the upcoming weeks, students will be creating advertising campaigns to sell one of the thirteen original colonies.

BIG THANKS to the Springfield Fire Department... Saint James students love October because that means a visit from the Springfield Fire Department. Springfield firemen drove up in the pumper truck last week to talk about fire safety with our PreK and Kindergarten students. We are always grateful to the Springfield Fire Department for their dedication, service, and bravery.



PARISH INFORMATION

Keeping in Touch With One Another

CALLING ALL AREA VETERANS.....

Saint James Parish will once again honor all parish and area Veterans with a display of their photos in uniform. Please mail or drop off your photo to the parish offices. Please be sure to write your name on the back of the photo, as well as provide an email address or phone number so that we can reach you when it's time to return your photo. Veterans do not have to be members of the parish to be included in the display. For more information, email the Parish Publicity Committee at: publicity@saintjamesparish.org.



HELPING THE HUNGRY OUTREACH MINISTRY 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.

Some of the non-perishable items requested by these organizations include:

- * Canned tuna or chick
- * Shelf stable milk (quart/liter size)
- * Creamy peanut butter
- * Canned fruit (in juice, not syrup)
- * Low sugar cereal
- * Cans of hearty soup/chili/stew
- * Granola and cereal bars

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.

Your donations will be shared with the graduate families of Family Promise of Union County and the Elizabeth Food Bank Pantry.

God bless your generosity.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Considering a Catholic High School for your child? Please join us!

**Seton Hall Prep, 120 Northfield Ave.
West Orange, NJ 07052**

Sunday, October 27th from 12:00PM-3:00PM
Please call: 973-325-6640

Mother Seton Regional HS

One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066

Saturday Science/Engineering Day at MSR
November 2 – 8:30-11:30AM.

Girls in grades 6-8 are invited to experiment in our labs!

Union Catholic High School

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7:00PM
Please call: 908-889-1600, ext. 302

Oak Knolls School of the Holy Child

44 Blackburn Road, Summit, NJ 07901

Saturday, November 16, 9:30-11:15AM
Call Admissions: 908-522-8109



PARISH CALENDAR

Ms. Michelle Sblendorio

SUNDAY

10:00AM

October 20

Religious Ed (K-6) -*School*

1:00PM

Eagle Scout Ceremony-*Gym*

MONDAY

7:45PM

October 21

Confirmation Reconciliation-*Church*

TUESDAY

12:00PM

October 22

Altar Training (School)-*Church*

3:45PM

Religious Ed (Grades 1-6) -*School*

7:00PM

7th & 8th Grade Religious Ed-*School*

7:00PM

Finance Council Meeting-*Rectory*

WEDNESDAY

3:30PM

October 23

Altar Training (Public School)-*Church*

7:30PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal—*Church*

THURSDAY

3:15PM

October 24

Children's Choir Rehearsal –*Church*

FRIDAY

5:45PM

October 25

Trunk or Treat– *Parking Lot*

SATURDAY

9:00AM

October 26

Grounds Beautification Day-*Campus*

SUNDAY

10:00AM

October 27

Religious Ed (K-6) -*School*

1:30PM

Sacrament of Baptism—*Church*

CALLED TO SERVE: ALTAR SERVER

Saint James the Apostle Parish is looking for students in Grades 3-8 who have received their First Holy Communion and are interested in serving at the Altar during Mass.

What do Altar Servers do During Mass?

- Serve as the cross bearer, candle bearer and/or book bearer
- Assist deacon or priest with setting up the altar and receiving gifts
- Perform other duties such as carrying the incense, etc.

Altar Servers serve at the Saturday evening or Sunday weekly Masses and special Holy Days. Servers are scheduled approximately one weekend every 3 or 4 weeks, as needed. Altar Servers are usually scheduled to serve at their family's preferred weekly Mass to make serving easily fit into the family schedule. Saint James the Apostle students also serve at monthly school Masses. Altar serving is also a great way for 7th and 8th grade Confirmation Candidates to earn service hours!

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact the Parish School or the Religious Education Office for the (parental) permission form

Training Schedule:

St. James School Students will train during lunch (12:00-1:00PM)

Public School Students, please join us in the Church on Wednesday, October 23 from 3:30 – 5:30PM

*Parents with questions regarding Altar Server duties and / or for additional information,
please contact Deacon Dan O'Neill*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing information with each other



Saint James Home & School Association
invites all parishioners to join the fun...

*Decorate your trunk, bring some candy to share,
trick or treat from car to car...*

Friday, October 25

5:45 to 7:15 PM

Church parking lot

\$10 admission per car / per family

There will be hot cocoa, snacks, games and more.

Sign up by email hsa@sjspringfield.org

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 ~ 8:00PM– 10:00PM

Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark will host its 2nd Annual Homeless benefit Concert featuring The Midtown Men. All proceeds from this evening of great music will provide critical operations and program support, food clothing, and much more for the urgent needs of Catholic Charities Homeless Shelters and Transitional Housing in Jersey City and Newark.

For tickets, visit UCPAC.org or call 732-499-8226.

RESPECT LIFE

Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Coordinator

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information in a loving and caring way. Encourage her. Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.



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.

PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for the people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor at:

973-376-5934 or email your request to:
reenebowler@comcast.net.

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 *(as scheduled)* in our Church.
All are welcome!
Join us: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30PM



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

Marge Furner ~ *Sam*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Marge Furner ~ *Sam*

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO WED

Moses Vilomar and Pamela DeLeon

A TIME TO DIE

Marian Ferrigno

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, 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 Malaban, 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, 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, October 20

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Albert Uliano ~ *Clara Uliano & Family*

7:30AM

Richard Ferreira ~ *Joe, Judy Policastro & Family*

9:00AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Mr. & Mrs. Michele Vespa*

10:30AM

Collins Family ~ *Roethlin Family*

12:00PM

Silvana DePaul ~ *Mirella & Family*

MONDAY, October 21

8:30AM

Bea Scandale ~ *Brian & Gianna Hayes*

TUESDAY, October 22

7:30AM

Pio Salle ~ *Nieves & Gene*

WEDNESDAY, October 23

7:30AM

Robert McCourt ~ *Family*

THURSDAY, October 24

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, October 25

7:30AM

John D. Pflug, III ~ *Family*

SATURDAY, October 26

8:00AM

Marie Hennessy ~ *Daughter, Arlene*

SUNDAY, October 27

Thirtieth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Marge Furner ~ *Anne Graziano*

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

9:00AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Liliana Catullo*

10:30AM

Marge Furner ~ *Bill, Joe & Maria Furner*

12:00PM

John McGregor ~ *Janice Tagliareni*

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.**