



# 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 27, 2019**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

This coming Saturday, November 2nd, we once again welcome Bishop Manny Cruz, Vicar of Union County, to our parish as the confirming bishop. He will celebrate the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people. **BIENVENIDA, BISHOP MANNY!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our young people celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. As they grow in the grace and wisdom of the sacrament, may they also be good examples to all of us of the presence of Jesus in their lives.

In today's Gospel, the familiar story of the Pharisee and tax collector is proclaimed.

The Pharisees were the leaders of the temple, and they became so ingratiated with themselves that everyone else was looked down upon. They were arrogant and self-righteous and believed that they were better than everyone else, especially tax collectors. On the other hand, the tax collectors were seen as enemies of Israel because they worked for the force occupying their country, the Romans. In addition, they made money not just collecting taxes, by taking bribes, which made them wealthy. Yet, it was the tax collector who stood humbly before God seeking his mercy.

While we recognize that we are all sinners, it is easy to fall into the trap that because of our faith in God we deserve his mercy, love and forgiveness. God's love is freely given to us, not because we deserve it but because of his generosity and care for us. His love, as expressed in Christ Jesus, is a call to holiness and goodness, and is meant to be reflected in who we are as his people and how we should live. In revealing the secrets of his heart to us, Jesus has invited us to help make the kingdom of God a reality for all we meet. These are the qualities of the kingdom: justice, mercy, compassion, equality and forgiveness. If we want to be credible witnesses of Jesus, then these qualities have to be a part of who we are and how we live. We have to be able to recognize that we are all equal to the task of working for the kingdom, and there is no discrimination of any sort in our efforts.

We all stand under the power of the Word and because of this, the Word must permeate our being so that it is reflected in everything we say and do. This is how the kingdom of God is built on earth by the efforts of all of us willing to listen and learn from the Master. No one is better than the other in helping build the kingdom because we are all connected to each other by virtue of our baptism and our relationship to Christ.

**HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY!!**

~ FR. JOE



## ALL SAINTS DAY ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST  
7:00PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST  
7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 12:00PM ~ 7:00PM  
(9:00AM School Community—All Are Welcome!)



## 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

**\$6,968.00**

**\$5,703.00 Collection**

**\$1,265.00 Online**

**2nd Collection:**

**\$1,669.00 World Mission**

**To sign up for Online Giving go to:  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)**

**WE ALSO ACCEPT  
ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS**

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

### ***Today's Gospel Meditation.....***

*Luke 18:9-14*

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

*"Lord Jesus, where I lack charity, kindness, and forbearance, help me to seek the good of my neighbor, even those who cause me ill-favor or offense. May I always love as you love and forgive others as you have forgiven."*

### **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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director*

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

Fifty of our young teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 2nd. Bishop Manny Cruz will once again preside at the two masses. We ask that you keep these young teens in your prayers.

Our youngest children preparing for 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!

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

Tuesday, November 5th and Sunday, November 10



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

### TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!!

We kickoff another season of Youth Group with a Murder Mystery Evening!!

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

All 8th 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

## Kindergarten Happenings.....

At Saint James the Apostle, Kindergarten has been immersed in the season of fall. Mrs. Hiel's Kindergarten class has been studying about the parts of an apple and the life cycle of a pumpkin. Using their five senses, they have taken nature walks and written about what they see, hear, smell, touch and taste. Their art projects feature what they have collected on their walks and the students even made yummy fall snacks like applesauce.

Kindergartners love to count! The class predicted how many seeds were in their pumpkin after Mrs. Hiel cut off the top and emptied out the pulp. They counted up to 270! Their pumpkin investigation was messy, but so much fun! They are using ten frames and Halloween erasers to practice counting. They are also learning how to sort, recognize and create patterns using the fall items collected, like pine cones, leaves, and acorns.

Kindergartners are practicing beginning sounds and sight words and yes, beginning to recognize those words...which means they are reading! Kindergartners love books!

Last week, the class enjoyed a literature-based STEM challenge. They began with a *5 Little Pumpkins* story. After listening to the story about the pumpkins on the gate, they were challenged to build a gate or fence to hold up five pumpkins. Students were excited to try. For pumpkins, they used squeezable-fruit pouches. Building materials for the gate included clothespins, craft sticks, toilet-paper rolls, LEGO® bricks, and tongue depressors.

The children worked in small groups to create, test and then improve on their structures. They were creative and determined and SUCCESSFUL! Great job, budding engineers!



## PARISH INFORMATION

*Keeping in Touch With One Another*

### SAINT JAMES HONORS AREA VETERANS

Sunday , November 10, 2019 at the 12:00PM Mass

All area veterans and their families are invited to this patriotic mass followed by a luncheon in their honor.

There is no charge for the luncheon, but please call the Parish Rectory at (973) 376-3044 by November 1, 2019, to let us know you'll be attending.

All area veterans are invited, including those who are not members of the parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



## WELLNESS

*Mrs. Nancy Mahoney-Rajs, Coordinator*

How many volunteers does it take to make a difference? Just one—you! Volunteers are needed to make a weekly call to home-bound senior members of our Saint James family. This will help them feel connected to their spiritual community and family.

If you do not have time for a weekly call you can team up with a partner and take turns calling. If interested contact Nancy Mahoney-Rajs at 973-376-6235 or [nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com).

Any home bound parishioner who would like to receive a call, or if you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from this service please contact the parish office, or Nancy Mahoney-Rajs.

## HELPING THE HUNGRY OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Helping the Hungry Ministry sponsored a Breakfast Bag Assembly morning on Saturday, October 19.

A breakfast bag is a ziploc bag containing some simple, (non-perishable) shelf-stable breakfast items for those in need; granola bar, box of cereal, juice box, individual container of fruit, etc. We donated the Breakfast Bags to local soup kitchens and food pantries. The assembly crew put together close to 1,000 bags in an effort to help the hungry in our local community.

Thank you to all those who donated items and to all those who came out to help put the bags together. And many thanks to those who made the deliveries. We hope that the breakfast bags will do just a little bit to help those in need.

Our next collection of non-perishable food and frozen meatloaves is the weekend of November 9/10.



# 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 October 27

10:00AM Religious Ed (K-6) -*School*  
1:30PM Sacrament of Baptism –*Church*

## MONDAY October 28

## TUESDAY October 29

12:00PM Altar Training (School)-*Church*  
3:45PM Religious Ed (Grades 1-6) -*School*  
7:00PM 7th & 8th Grade Religious Ed-*School*

## WEDNESDAY October 30

3:30PM Altar Training (Public School)-*Church*  
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal-*Church*

## THURSDAY October 31

## FRIDAY November 1

4:45PM Confirmation Rehearsal-*Church*  
5:45PM Confirmation Rehearsal-*Church*

## SATURDAY November 2

10:00AM Sacrament of Confirmation-*Church*  
1:00PM Sacrament of Confirmation-*Church*

## SUNDAY November 3

10:00AM Religious Ed (K-6) -*School*

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

*Saint James School Students will train during lunch (12:00-1:00PM)*

*Public School Students, please join us in the Church on Wednesday, October 23 & 30 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*

To the Parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church,

Thank you for your generosity during our Popcorn Sales Drive to help us raise money for our Pack! We are grateful for your support!

Sincerely,

The Scouts and Den Leaders of Pack 73



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://UCPAC.org) or call 732-499-8226.

## FAMILY FAITH

*Ms. Karen Cocco*

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Join us for our FIRST Family, Faith & Fun Event on Saturday, November 23rd from 3:30PM—4:45PM in the School Gym. Open to all families!

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 their creativity, and teach them about Advent in a fun and meaningful way. Bring your children, grandchildren nieces and nephews!

More info to come!!!!



## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday of October, is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Priesthood Sunday, celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of October each year, is a special day to honor Priesthood in the United States. It is a call for parishioners to honor Christ as Priest and the men who were called to be his priests on earth. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations.



Fr. Joe



Fr. John



Fr. Tony

*We thank you!*





## 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 *(as scheduled)* in our Church.  
All are welcome!  
Join us: Monday, October 28, 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

Lucy Agolia ~ *Marie*



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



#### FLOWERS BY THE TABERNACLE

Marge Furner ~ *Sam*

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



## A TIME TO WED

Michael Bellante, Jr. and Gina DiCosmo  
Matthew DiProfio and Stephanie Manning

## A TIME TO DIE

Abbot Brian Clarke, Donald Cymbor, Sr.,  
Florence Monaco, Thomas Rung,  
Domenick De Santis, Mary Thomas

## 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 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*

**MONDAY, October 28**

**Saint Simon and Saint Jude**

**7:30AM**

Gaetano Botte ~ *Botte Family*

**TUESDAY, October 29**

**7:30AM**

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Tupper Family*

**WEDNESDAY, October 30**

**7:30AM**

Bernardina Rueda ~ *Gene & Nieves Salle*

**THURSDAY, October 31**

**7:30AM**

Salvatore Zotti ~ *Wife & Children*

**7:00PM**

Kieran Cantlon ~ *Schmidt Family*

**FRIDAY, November 1 All Saints**

**7:30AM**

Sal Consales ~ *Consales Family*

**9:00AM**

Sr. Joanne Jankowski ~ *Joseph & Jackie Inneo*

**12:00PM**

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Bernice & John Petersen*

**7:00PM**

Cynthia & Daniel Marianino  
~ *Children & Grandchildren*

**SATURDAY, November 2**

**8:00AM**

Villanova Family ~ *Family*

**SUNDAY, November 3**

**Thirty-First Sunday in OT**

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

**7:30AM**

Lucille Barone ~ *Hamilton Family*

**9:00AM**

Romualdo Fusco ~ *Karen Strasko*

**10:30AM**

Antonio Guzman ~ *Daughter*

**12:00PM**

Joseph E. McDonald ~ *Schmidt Family*

## **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.**