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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 6, 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

There are a lot of words coming out of Washington regarding the Impeachment Inquiry into the president's conversation with a foreign leader. Impeachment is never an easy decision because it affects not just the president but the country as well. Sometimes it's hard to know whom or what to believe, but hopefully the truth will ultimately prevail. It'll be interesting to follow this whole procedure. Regardless of what party one is affiliated with, as the discussions continue, hopefully all of this will be resolved.

In today's Gospel, the apostles are asking Jesus to increase their faith. It is never as easy as it sounds. Faith is increased when we are willing to enter into dialogue with the Father, and allow his presence to touch and transform us. This is not about a quantitative relationship, but a qualitative one, which cannot be measured. It is like our relationships with each other. Our relationships are not measured by how much we talk to each other, but by how willing to explore the unique person each one is for the other. It works the same way with God. We have to be willing to listen with our heart as Jesus reveals the secrets of his heart to us and to express this in the way we pray and live our lives. It's not about how many prayers we say, although prayer is always important, but how willing we are to be transformed by his presence in our lives.

In last week's bulletin, Caroline Ponterio, the Principal of Saint James School, mentioned a new addition to our campus, the outdoor classroom. This classroom was planned and developed by one of our parishioners, and an alumnus of Saint James School, John McElroy. This project was the fulfillment of John's Eagle Scout Service Project. The classroom was dedicated by Caroline on Thursday, September 19, 2019 and has already been used by one of the teachers and her class. I had the honor of blessing the outdoor classroom on Saturday, September 28, 2019, after the 8:00AM Mass. I invited the parishioners who were present at the Mass to join in the blessing. **THANK YOU, JOHN, for sharing your gifts and talents with the Saint James Community. May the outdoor classroom be used by many Saint James School students for many, many years to come!**

HAPPY OCTOBER!

~ 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

\$7,668.00

\$6,153.00 Collection

\$1,515.00 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!

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism prior to attending the catechesis class.

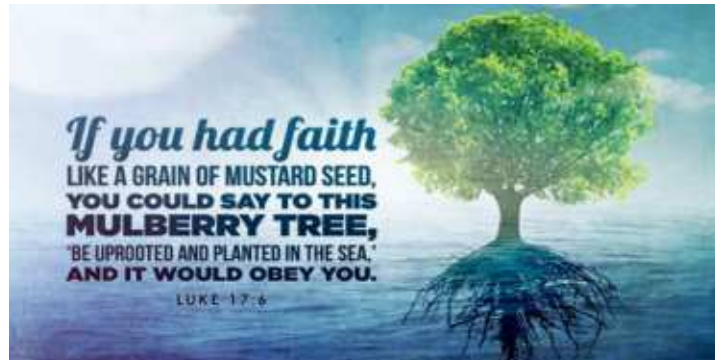
The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00PM Mass. Following the Mass, the Baptismal Team meets with the parents about the rite and its meaning. The child's Godparents are also encouraged to attend this class.

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

2020 dates will be published in December.



Today's Gospel Meditation.....

Luke 17:5-10

How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way. Jesus used this parable of the dutiful servant to explain that we can never put God in our debt or make the claim that God owes us something. God expects us to serve him willingly and give him the worship, praise, and honor which is his due.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

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

This week we welcome our 8th graders to class! We look forward to supporting you on your journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. Classes for all grades, 1st through 7th resume this week! 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!

No Classes: Sunday, October 13th—Happy Columbus Day!!!

7th Grade ~ Ms. Karen Cocco

The next 7th Grade class is Tuesday, October 8. Students are reminded to enter and exit through door #6 in the back of the school building.

8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

Classes begin this Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 7:00PM-8:30PM in Hatcher Hall

I am very excited to see everyone and begin a year of re-affirmation of faith and preliminary Confirmation Preparation! Please feel free to contact me at any with any questions!

Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

A great big SHOUT OUT and CONGRATULATIONS to this years Confirmation Class on completing their Retreat last Saturday!! It was a very long day but the students were troopers and embraced the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through talks, small group sharing and an outdoor scavenger hunt! I'm very proud of our class and will stand tall before the Bishop on November 2nd!

*****My personal thanks to the most amazing Retreat Team Ever!! A team of 19 made up of high school students and parish staff worked very hard to make this year's Confirmation Retreat a spiritual success!! *****

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2, at 10:00AM and 1:00PM. We have a few preparatory events remaining:

Confirmation Interviews

Tuesday, October 15 through Friday, October 18 (a link to the Sign up Genius was emailed)

Reconciliation Prayer Service

Saturday, October 19th at 10:00AM OR Monday, October 21 at 7:45PM (in the Church)

Please contact me at any time with any questions at all!



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 with the Class of 2020?

Saint James the Apostle School is very proud of our 8th graders who continue to embody the values of our school as they represent us in the community, and here in the parish. In October, they will represent our school at the Roselle Catholic High School's Forty-Eighth Annual Scholastic Olympics, an academic competition designed to encourage and stimulate educational interest and ability in our youth.

The wall outside the School Office is filled with posters and information about upcoming Open Houses at area high schools. The 7th and 8th graders spent the morning of September 30th meeting admissions directors and students from 12 high schools who were invited over the summer to come and speak to our students. After months of preparation, the entire eighth grade will take the COOP test on Friday, November 8. This test is taken by all students – from Catholic, private and public schools who are interested in attending an archdiocesan high school. The high schools use the results to make decisions about admission, scholarships and advanced placement.

In the classroom, the eighth graders look forward each week to "Monday's with Father Joe," when Father Joe teaches them religion. The students especially enjoy his faith stories and his "question of the day" which relates faith to everyday eighth-grade life. The class is also reading *Warriors Don't Cry*, a memoir by Melba Pattillo Beals, detailing the integration of Little Rock's Central High School following the landmark **Supreme Court** decision of **Brown v. Board of Education**. We will follow this up by seeing a one-woman play dramatizing this book at Kean University in January.

We are so proud of our eighth graders! They have seamlessly taken on their leadership role in our school and are grateful to have the opportunity to share their accomplishments and goals with the entire parish! God bless!





YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

It's almost October! We will be kicking off another season of Youth Group with a Murder Mystery!! Join us on Sunday, October 27th at 7:00PM in the School Gym!!

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Dates for using the parish buildings must be cleared by **Michelle Sblendorio** before being sent to the bulletin for submission.

Email: msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org or call: 973-376-3044

Information for the weekly bulletin needs to be emailed to both email addresses by

NOON ON MONDAYS TO:

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org **and**
ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	October 6
10:00PM	Religious Ed (Grades K-6) - <i>School</i>
MONDAY	October 7
7:00PM	HSA Meeting- <i>Hatcher Hall</i>
7:00PM	Pastoral Council Meeting- <i>Rectory</i>
TUESDAY	October 8
12:00PM	Altar Training (School)- <i>Church</i>
3:45PM	Religious Ed (Grades 1-6) - <i>School</i>
7:00PM	7th & 8th Grade Religious Ed- <i>School</i>
WEDNESDAY	October 9
3:30PM	Altar Training (Public School)- <i>Church</i>
7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal— <i>Church</i>
THURSDAY	October 10
3:00PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal - <i>Church</i>
FRIDAY	October 11
6:00PM	School Harvest Dance~ <i>Gym</i>
SATURDAY	October 12
SUNDAY	October 13

CALLED TO SERVE: ALTAR SERVER

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN 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)*

**please call the school office for more information!*

***Public School Students, please join us in the Church on
Wednesdays, October 9, 16, and 23 from 3:30- 5:30PM***

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



MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL TOBIN

Keeping in Touch With One Another

"Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead"

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

During the Easter season Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, announced his new pastoral vision called ***Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead***.

This vision maps out the future of the Archdiocese with six key pillars to create a positive path forward for all the faithful, clergy, and religious in the Archdiocese, while simultaneously addressing the key challenges of the past.

Forward in Faith Together seeks to engage more fully laity of all ages in the life of the Church. It also seeks to strengthen unity among the clergy and the people they serve, and to empower deacons and consecrated women and men. Additionally, it emphasizes lifelong faith formation and education, and the ongoing formation of clergy.

Forward in Faith Together will ensure that, together, we thrive as a community of disciples, companions of our Lord, Jesus Christ. All are encouraged to engage in this process. Please speak with your pastor or parish administrator about how to get involved.

For more information about ***Forward in Faith Together***, visit forward.rcan.org. Here you will find the complete pastoral vision document along with a letter and video message from Cardinal Tobin and other materials.

Cardinal Tobin will present ***Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead*** at four county parishes: **October 1** at St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield; **October 2** at St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge; **October 23** at Holy Spirit Church in Union; and **October 29** at Our Lady of Mercy in Jersey City. All presentations are from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Parishioners are invited to a session in their county.

We can do all things in Christ who strengthens us. Philippians 4:13.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, Coordinator

Call the Rectory for more information

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing information with each other

CATHOLIC EDUCATION ~ OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Mother Seton Regional HS, One Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066

Sunday, October 6th, 1:00PM

732-382-1952 ~ www.motherseton.org

Academy of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Convent Station

October 6th, from 12:00PM-2:00PM - October 17th, 7:00PM-8:30PM - November 7th, 7:00PM-8:30PM

Go to www.aosenj.org to register for an Open House or to apply online!

Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Wednesday, October 9th - 7:00PM "Early Bird Tours" will begin at 6:15PM

Contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email bthornton@unioncatholic.org

Saint Peter's Preparatory School, 144 Grand St, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Sunday, October 20th from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

For more information, please call 201-547-6389



Mark Your Calendars Rosary Rally on Oct. 12

Let us rally and pray the rosary in reparation for the sins of abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, clergy abuse, drug addiction, suicide, and Satan Worship.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019

Time: 12 noon

Place: Briant Park in Summit (along Springfield Ave and Briant Pkwy)

We urge you, your family and friends to join this *America Needs Fatima* nationwide Rosary Crusade for the urgent conversion of America.

For more info, please contact:

Vinny Candela (908) 463-1026

Teresa Evangelista (908) 389-0531





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 7, 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

Tobia & Valente Families
~ Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

Tobia & Valente Families
~ Family

A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO DIE

Casmir Bandinelli, Emily Bajek, Patrick Coan,
Barbara Isselin, Domnick Monteleone, Sr.,
Santa Wolfec

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Don Attanasio, Anthony B.,
Paul Barbato, Concetta Bellott, Enid Cabot,
Dolores Cardillo, John Carney,
Maria Casalnuovo, 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, Simone Lanza,
Wendy Lanza, 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,
Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Tom Stanick,
Christopher Tiu, Stephanie Toth,
Kathleen Voldish, Anne Wallis, 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 6

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Tobia & Valente Families ~ *Family*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Mr. & Mrs. Dario Basilone*

12:00PM

Tony Graziano ~ *Family*

MONDAY, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30AM

Terri Stapleton ~ *Michael & Rosemary Jorda*

TUESDAY, October 8

7:30AM

Nancy Caballar-DeVera ~ *Gene & Nieves Salle*

WEDNESDAY, October 9

7:30AM

Pedro & Escolastica Aguinaldo ~ *Aguinaldo Family*

THURSDAY, October 10

7:30AM

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Anne & Ed Fanning*

FRIDAY, October 11

7:30AM

Kathryn Elliot ~ *Woodruff Family*

SATURDAY, October 12

8:00AM

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Clara Uliano & Carol Uliano*

SUNDAY, October 13

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Andrew Foscatto ~ *Michael & Theresa Quick*

7:30AM

Helen B. Bongiovanni ~ *Deacon Jerry & Janice*

9:00AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Lucia & Tony Romano*

10:30AM

Tony Graziano ~ *Sam Furner*

12:00PM

Angela & Daniel Raimodo

~ *Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne VanVolkenburgh*

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**.