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Celebrating Our 95th Parish Anniversary 1923 ~ 2018 Celebrating Our 65th School Anniversary 1953 ~ 2018



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# Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASSES

Anticipated 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday at 11:00AM

# **RECTORY HOURS**

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~4:00PM (closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)



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

September 16, 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# FROM THE PASTOR

Today is **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**, in the Catholic Church within the United States. Each year, the bishops designate the Third Sunday in September as a reminder of the importance of the teaching Ministry of the Word. This year's theme is: **"ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST."** By virtue of our baptism, each of us is a witness for Jesus as he calls us to proclaim the Good News to all we meet. Sometimes, though, we forget what our responsibility is as a member of the church. To be a witness for Jesus is not just the responsibility of the priests, deacons and religious. It is the responsibility of all of us to give witness to Jesus by who we are and how we live or lives.

We always need new people to teach the Word to our children, youth and adults. This ministry takes time and a willingness to share our faith with others. The interesting thing about the teaching ministry is that when we are involved in it, our lives become even more enriched.

NANCY CAPUTO, OUR DRE & ANN MARIE GESUALDO, OUR 8th GRADE/CONFIRMATION/YOUTH COORDINATOR & ALL OUR PARISH CATECHISTS, will be blessed and commissioned at the 12:00 Mass today. As they have accepted the opportunity to bring the Good News to our children, youth and adults, they also reflect what their faith means to them so that together we discover the wonder that Jesus, THE catechist, is in our lives. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CATECHISTS!!!

In today's Gospel, Peter is eager to proclaim Jesus as the Christ but doesn't want to deal with the image of a suffering Christ. Yet, it is through his suffering and death that we are all freed from our sins, and restored to a right relationship with God through the resurrection. Yet, after the resurrection, Peter and all the apostles went out, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to all they met.

So, the same opportunity is given to us, hoping that we will be as faithful to the Lord and his message, as were the apostles. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are able to proclaim Jesus as Messiah and Lord in who we are and what we believe.

HAPPY CATECHETICAL SUNDAY!!!

~ FR. JOE

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

## Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

In 1935, the Vatican published, "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education", a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

#### What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

#### Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?

This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday? Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

# The Catechists from Saint James will be commissioned and blessed at the 12:00PM Noon Mass.

We are still in need of Catechists on Tuesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. We also need class-room aides and hallway monitors to ensure the safety of our children.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to volunteer?

Please contact us: 973-376-2061 or ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org.

# **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS NEWS!**

Hello Everyone! I hope the first 2 weeks of school have gone smoothly! We will be starting 8th Grade Religious Education Classes on **Tuesday October 2nd at 7:00-8:30pm in Hatcher Hall.** I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone. Please contact me at 201-709-5280 with any questions!

# **CONFIRMATION CORNER!**

Hello! I hope the transition into High School is going well for everyone! A few spiritually enriching happenings coming up as Confirmation Day draws near:

**Reconciliation Service:** Saturday September 22 at 10:00am in the church <u>OR</u> Monday September 24 at 7:45pm in the church (one parent please attend/remain with your child).

**Confirmation Retreat:** Saturday September 29 beginning promptly at 9:00am in Hatcher Hall and concluding after the 5pm mass, families and sponsors are encouraged to join us for Mass.

Please contact Mrs. Caputo or myself with any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Ann Marie Gesualdo, amgesualdo@saintjamesparish.org / 201-709-5280

# **PARISH SCHOOL NEWS**

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal



## **Back-to-School Happenings**

The entire Saint James school community remembered the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11 in many ways last week. The school flag was lowered to half-staff. Students gathered in Hatcher Hall at the start of the day for a prayer service led by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. At 8:46 AM, three 8<sup>th</sup> graders walked the length of the school hallways of each floor ringing a bell which concluded with a moment of silence. Teachers took the opportunity to have appropriate class discussion about the events of 9/11. May we never forget.

The faculty, staff and students celebrated the Opening of School Mass on Wednesday at 1:15 PM in the church. The responsibility for planning and carrying out important details of the Mass were handled by our eighth graders, the Class of 2019. Under Mrs. Tupper's direction, they served as greeters, lectors, altar servers and gift bearers. At the end of Mass, Bibles were blessed by Father Joe and distributed to our 6th graders and newest 7th grade students. This is a wonderful tradition at Saint James and its meaning is significant for the students. They continue to learn how to use the Bible to delve into Scripture as part of their faith formation, but now with their own copy to treasure. We are always grateful for Father Joe's support of our parish school and for leading this liturgy of welcome and encouragement for students, faculty, staff and parents. Throughout the school year, students will gather for Mass in the church. The student Mass schedule can be found on the school's website, and on these days we ask our students in Grades K-8 to wear their full dress uniform.

The faculty and staff met with parents on Back-to-School Night last Thursday evening to officially kick off the school year. It was great to see our school families in Hatcher Hall and to share with them all the school improvements that have taken place over the summer. This included updates in our academic program as well as a run through of work on the campus.

Some other upcoming dates to remember:

9/22 - HAE-In-Motion 5K in Cranford @8:00 AM

9/23 - Family Bowling Day @1:30 PM

9/25 - High School Night at Holy Trinity @7:30 PM



# **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator

Our Youth Group will officially kick off on Sunday, October 28 at 7:00pm! Right now the core team and I are working hard to plan and prepare for a very exciting, fun and faith-filled season! We are diligently creating our own "Youth Group Hub" on the stage in the school gym, and it's almost finished!!

We will soon be announcing our first meeting, the theme, fall activities and community service projects. If all this sounds fun and you have ideas you'd like to share, come join the core team! Reach out to me with questions at 201-709-5280 any time!!

Thank you, Ann Marie Gesualdo



September 16, 2018

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On September 16th, the third Sunday of September, the U. S. Bishops call us to recognize and prayerfully support the catechetical ministry as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme chosen for this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ". In each parish, those who are called to the catechetical ministry, as catechists, parish catechetical leaders, youth ministers, Catholic School religion teachers and leaders in our RCIA processes will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry among us.

Essentially, a catechist is a witness to Jesus by what they teach but more importantly, by how they live. Bl. Pope Paul VI who will be canonized next month, wrote an Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Nuntiandi, published in December of 1975. It has been called the "Magna Carta of Evangelization." In it he said, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." (Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 41). While those called to the catechetical ministry are recognized in a formal way for their ministry today as we commission them, we are reminded that, because of our baptism, each of us is called to be a witness to Christ and his Gospel. By the choices we make and the way we live we are giving witness to our faith in Jesus every day, at work, at home, in our friendships and in our families, we all share in the mission of Jesus.

In our responsibilities as citizens we are also called to be witnesses for Jesus Christ in the ways we work to protect the earth and all who dwell in it, to protect those who are impacted by the abuse of the environment, those who are poor and marginalized, and the refugee, as well as those who are negatively affected by unjust economic systems. These, too, are areas where the Catholic Christian is impelled by the power of the Gospel to witness to Jesus Christ and His Gospel. It is the purpose of catechesis to draw us ever closer to Jesus and to a richer understanding of our Catholic faith which compels us to give witness and enlist others as witnesses to Jesus as well.

I wish to join with the faithful of the Archdiocese, as your Archbishop, in recognizing those who give of themselves so generously in fulfilling the call to witness to Jesus through the important ministry of catechesis in our parishes and schools. I extend my gratitude and that of the whole Church of Newark to our catechists, our parish catechetical leaders and our Catholic school teachers and administrators and pledge to them our support and our prayers.

May God richly bless you for your witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark

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# **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**





We hope the music you hear at Mass each week enhances your spiritual devotion. Whether you sing along or listen with a prayerful heart, you are invited to a relaxing family-friendly dinner.

Stage House Tavern ~ Route 22 East, Mountainside, NJ Tuesday, September 18th, dinner is available 6:00-8:00PM the room is available until 10:00pm

The Buffet Dinner includes: a garden salad, penne vodka, chicken piccata, and sausage and peppers

Each dinner also includes a drink choice of soda, coffee, wine, beer, or a mixed drink. (Full menu and cash bar is available to purchase additional food and drinks)

The price of \$30.00 per person includes gratuity!
Buffet for children 10 and younger is free!

Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Area and can also be purchased at the door the night of the event. Checks payable to "Saint James Church" or cash.

Be sure to bring your ticket with you if you purchased in advance!

Please email Matt Wilson with questions or concerns: mwilson@saintjamesparish.org.

All funds raised will go toward the replacement of exhausted music equipment.

Thank you for your anticipated support, we look forward to seeing you at dinner!

## Want to keep up with events at Saint James?

Know a friend or neighbor who might like to hear about what's going on in our vibrant parish?

Send an email to: publicity@saintjamesparish.org

to be added to our email list and be notified of parish events.

Like us on Facebook: Saint James the Apostle Church



Mount St. Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Highway 22 East, Watchung, NJ 07069-6587 (908) 753-2091 \* msmhope@msmhope.org

Registration is Required

**Sat., Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** (\$45- \$55 as you are able)

#### WOMEN'S FALL SPIRITUAL SPA DAY

Are you looking for more balance and peace in your everyday life? Come and receive refreshment of spirit, mind and body as you surrender yourself to our loving, gentle God! The day includes prayer and a variety of ways in which participants can learn how to achieve greater serenity in their ordinary lives.

Facilitators: Team

# SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

**NEXT WEEKEND: SEPT. 22/23, 2018** 

The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting **non-perishable items** to support the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and Summit Helping Its People (SHIP) and other community food pantries. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Area. Some of the non-perishable items requested by these organizations include:

- Cans of hearty soup/chili/stew
- Low sugar cereal
- Individual packets of nuts and trail mix
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Granola and cereal bars

Thank you for your continued generous support! For more information or questions please contact either:

Claire Bernstein: clairebbernstein@gmail.com or Joanne Roethlin at: jroethlin@yahoo.com

Collections of your homemade, individually wrapped (and labeled) sandwiches (plain, no condiments) and frozen meat loaves for St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth 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 NOON Mass. Coolers will be in the Gathering Area for your convenience.

Please contact Nancy Caputo with any specific questions or if you are able to help with the collections. 973-376-2061 or

ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

Thank you for your continued generosity!

7th & 8th graders who purchase the ingredients and prepare sandwiches or meatloaves will be given 2 hours of community service for helping to feed the hungry!

# **Bible Study**



Please join us as we continue to journey through The Bible with Jeff Cavins' video series and reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

We will study the New Testament for six weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm beginning September 19th and ending on October 24th in the Saint James the Apostle School Gym

A one-time fee of \$5 is suggested to cover light refreshments.

To register, or if you have questions, please email Darin Cerreto at: daring2350@verizon.net



# **NATURE & HIKING CLUB**

# **Explore Briant Park!**

A walk through one of Union County's most beautiful natural areas—Briant Park—will take place in the park—on the Springfield-Summit border— on Saturday, September 22 at 2 pm as the St. James Nature and Hiking Club kicks off another action-packed season. This will be a slow and easy walk and an opportunity to meet other St. James parishioners and fellow Springfielders. The group will gather on Briant Parkway—outside the park and just off Shunpike Road-Orchard Street. Those who wish to participate can call Bob or Joan Faszczewski up to 11:00pm on Friday, September 21 or email them at writersgate48@verizon.net.

# THE PRAYER CORNER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."



# A TIME TO BAPTIZE

William Edward Fonti, Olivia Franza

# A TIME TO HEAL

Irene Baranski, Paul Barbato, Lisa Bellott, Joe Brisick, Joselyn Carreon, Mary Ann Casale, Helen Chelis, Phyllis Colosimo, James Curry, Dave Darby, Marie Del Mauro, Matthew Friedman, Martin Gignac, Monica Gomes, Ana Harper, Steven Hensle, Jake Kessler, Maryann Leach, Christina Leone, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Barbara Ludolph, Simone Miller, Rafaelina Oliviero, Elizabeth Piedl, Richard Ouagliato, Ginny Sampson, Jack Silbert, Raymond Schwartz, Louis Stiglitz, Amanda Tuten, Scott Walling, Anne Wallis

# A TIME TO WED

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# A TIME TO DIE

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

# A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, 2LT Andrew Kerwin Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki

O Jesus,

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.



# **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**

Matthew Klein ~ Mom



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Matthew Klein ~ *Mom* 



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**SUNDAY,** September 16 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT 5:00 PM (SATURDAY)

Deceased members of the Boscia Family ~ Family

7:30AM

Louise Bertero ~ *Angela Ragonese* 

9:00AM

Marguerite Cavallo ~ *Husband, Anthony* 

10:30AM

Arthur Bandel, Sr. ~ *Deacon Art & Nancy* 

12:00рм

Josephina & Rafaelle Battaglia ~ Battaglia Family

MONDAY, September 17

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

**TUESDAY, September 18** 

7:30AM

Matthew Klein ~ *Juliana Monticello* 

WEDNESDAY, September 19

7:30AM

William Schmidt ~ Clark Family

**THURSDAY, September 20** 

St. Andrew Tae-gon and St. Paul Chong Ha-sang

7:30AM

Annunziata Mazza ~ *Nancy Treiber* 

FRIDAY, September 21 St. Matthew

7:30AM

Matthew Klein~ *Chiera Family* 

SATURDAY, September 22

8:00AM

Peter Iannelli ~ Mr & Mrs Pasquale Iannelli

SUNDAY, September 23 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

5:00 PM (SATURDAY)

Rose Anne Citro ~ *Nancy Mahoney-Rajs* 

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

9:00AM

Raymond Alberti ~ Parents

10:30AM

Maria Lombardi ~ Rita Lombardi

12:00pm

Paul Centamore ~ Connie

As part of the yearlong celebration of the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish, we have been researching the vocations from the parish. Since 1923, seven men from Saint James Church have become priests. We reached out to the diocesan archivist at Seton Hall University for ordination dates. Those we were able to find are listed here.

Rev. John Weibel

Rev. William Lynch (ordination date: June 15, 1935)

Rev. Duan Coan, ST (ordination date: June 4, 1963)

Rev. Kenneth St. Amand (ordination date: May 31, 1969)

Rev. William Halbing (ordination date: October 30, 1982)

Rev. William Drobach (ordination date: May 28, 1988)

Rev. Joseph Furnaguera (ordination date: May 26, 2018)

We were notified that a woman from the parish did become a nun:

Sister Mary Daniel - a Cloistered Dominican Sister for 70 years!





# SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Jeong Gyeong Kim

#### **BAPTISM**

Communal Baptisms are held on various Sundays during the year at 1:30pm in the Church. Please see the dates listed below.

#### RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions are heard every Saturday at 11:00am in the Church, or anytime by appointment.

#### **EUCHARIST**

Communion can be brought to the sick and homebound either at home or in a facility.

#### CONFIRMATION

Adults who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to call the Parish Office and speak to one of the priests.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to marry are asked to call the Parish Office at least one year prior to their desired date so that arrangements can be made.

# **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. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament can be administered anytime. We make visits to area hospitals and nursing homes.

#### 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 INFORMATION**

The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00pm Mass with instruction about the rite and its meaning following Mass. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Baptism Ceremonies are held at 1:30pm and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism or catechesis please call the Parish Office at 973-376-3044.

Nov. 18

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25

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# **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.