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Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2020!!!!

Sarah Alves, Nickolas Apicella, Antonia Bentivegna, Gianna Bentivegna,
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A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

September 20, 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today is **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. The United States Catholic Bishops always declare the third Sunday of September to be Catechetical Sunday. It is a way to recognize the teaching ministry of the church. This year's theme is **'I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD WHAT I HANDED ON TO YOU.'** This is from one of Paul's letters in which he reminds us that what he taught and what the church teaches is what the Lord has shown us. Today we recognize especially **NANCY CAPUTO, OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AND ALL OUR PARISH CATECHISTS** who bring the Good News of Jesus to our children, youth, young adults, and adults. The Good News is more than just what we hear and learn; it is also what we bring to all those we meet in our lives, for we are called to be the Good News for each other. What we teach must be consistent with what you parents teach your children, so there is a consistency in their lives between what happens at home and what happens in the parish Religious Education Program and in the Catholic School.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the landowner who hires workers to work in his vineyard. No matter how many hours they worked, he paid them justly. Jesus sends us into the world, the vineyard, to help others experience the gift that Jesus is for us. The way we proclaim the Good News is as varied and different as each of us. It is caring for one another, responding to the needs of each other, and helping others discover the wonder that Jesus can be for them that he is for us. Most times this does not require a great deal of effort because it has become natural for us. But it does require faith in the Lord who has called us by name and invites us to celebrate the gift of Jesus in our lives. It also requires a willingness to allow Jesus to be reflected in all we are and all we say and do with each other.

During this pandemic, as we have gotten more comfortable wearing masks and maintaining social distance, we have also learned that doing these things does not diminish our mission to help others experience the gift of Jesus in our lives.

On behalf of our entire Parish Staff, our entire parish, and myself, I want to extend our **CONGRATULATIONS** to our young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday with Bishop Manny Cruz as the confirming bishop. May they continue to grow in grace and wisdom and to accept the challenge to be a vibrant sign of Jesus for all of us, as they are guided by the Holy Spirit. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!**

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!!

~ Fr. Joe



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\$6,108.00

\$4,271.00 Collection

\$1,837.00 Online Collection

\$285.00 ~ 2nd Collection: Catholic University

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*Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their
weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are
welcome to do so*

OR

*To make a donation to help our parish, please
visit our GoFundMe page:*

*[https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/
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MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

(10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM

Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM

Facebook / Zoom only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fr. Antonio N. Kuizon

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.

The suspension has been lifted for the preparation classes and Sacrament of Baptism Services

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

Regarding Attending Mass during Covid-19

Dear Fellow Saint James Parishioners:

It is great to be back together in church for Mass, but things are a little different. Please don't forget to call the parish office or email me (jbarbone@msn.com) by noon on Saturdays to let us know which Mass you plan to attend. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home and watch the Sunday online 10:30AM Mass, which we will continue to live-stream.

If you do come to church for Mass, please remember the following:

1. You must wear a mask to enter the church and you must keep your mask on at all times while in the church, including during Mass.
2. As you go from the Gathering Area into the church, please use the appropriate door to enter and exit the church.
3. Please observe the one-way aisles, which are marked with blue tape on the floor.
4. You must maintain social distancing while in the church.
5. Half of the pews have been taped off to maintain social distancing. There are pieces of blue tape on each pew where you can sit. They are also on the floor by the back walls for those who prefer to stand. This area is also marked for social distancing.
6. Family members can sit together, but everyone else must sit 6 feet apart.
7. The weekly collection baskets will not be passed from parishioner to parishioner. They will be on the baptismal font. Please drop in your donation as you enter or exit the church.
8. There is no procession of the bread and wine ("bringing up the gifts").
9. Please do not shake hands when giving the sign of peace. Instead, wave, nod, or bow slightly.
10. There are three Communion stations: one in the center, one by the organ, and one by the ambo. The ushers will direct you to maintain social distance.
11. When it is your turn to receive Communion, approach the priest or deacon, receive the Host in your hand, raise or lower your mask, and place the Host on your tongue. Immediately replace your mask over your mouth.
12. Hosts can no longer be placed directly on a parishioner's tongue by a priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister. You must receive the Host in your hand and place it on your tongue. There is no receiving from the Cup.
13. The candles in the Gathering Area have been turned off and they are taped.
14. There are no printed bulletins. Bulletins are posted online on the parish website.
15. The Worship books have been removed from church. You may bring your own booklet, iPad or iPhone to use during Mass.
16. You will also notice that everything that can be touched has been removed from the church. There is no Holy Water.
17. Once Mass is over, please quickly exit the church so that the pews can be sanitized for the next Mass.
18. If you want to socialize with others whom you may not have seen in a while, please do so outside of church and not in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do while in church, please ask an usher. I ask your patience as we attempt to navigate through all of this. We realize this is a very different situation for all of us. It can work if we work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Stay safe!

Fr. Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant

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Special “thank-you1” to Ann Marie Gesualdo for being an excellent role model and teacher to our Confirmation Class of 2020. Through her leadership and guidance they now have the foundation they need to be good Disciples of Christ!

If you have any questions about the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program, please give us a call or send me an email.

Wishing all our students a successful school year!

Today is Catechetical Sunday! On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Today is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Thank you to all who teach our children!

Virtual Classes begin in October. There’s still time to register and volunteer as a Catechist!

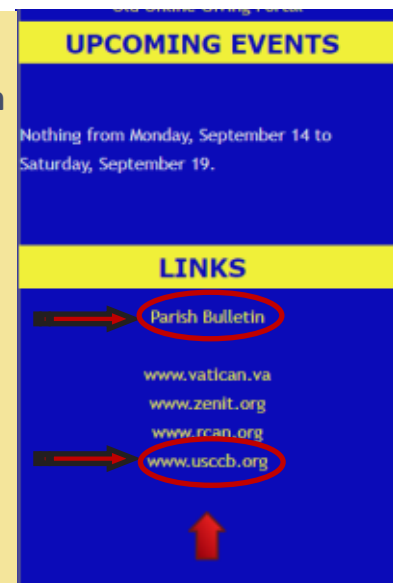


Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly bulletin and follow along with the readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to:

www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or the USCCB website





Archdiocese of Newark

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 20, 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On September 20th, the third Sunday of September, the U. S. Bishops call us once again to celebrate Catechetical Sunday in order to recognize and support in prayer those called to serve our parish communities in the catechetical ministry. The theme chosen for this year is **"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you"** which is taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. 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.

This year's theme recalls our responsibility as disciples of Jesus given to us at our Baptism to share what we have received. Through our words and actions we are called to witness and to share our faith with others and to strengthen the faith of those whose lives we touch.

Today, we continue to ask for the grace to be faithful witnesses in handing on the gift of faith. In these challenging times, our lives have been so disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The current situation has called each of us to use our creativity and to make an extra effort and sacrifice to continue to reach our young people and our families.

In our civic responsibilities we are also called to hand on what we have received—the rich social justice tradition of the Church that comes to us from the Gospels. We do this in the ways we work to protect those who are poor and forgotten-- the refugee and those who are at the margins of society, to cherish and protect the environment and to reach out to all who suffer injustice and racial bigotry. This is how the vision of the Gospel calls us to hand on what has been entrusted to us to enable Jesus to be recognized in the world through our witness and our choices. Through our catechetical ministry it is the task of the Church to hand on what we have received and to make this gift of faith alive and active.

As your Archbishop, I wish to join with the faithful of the Archdiocese in recognizing those who so generously offer their service in helping to make Jesus present by handing on what has been entrusted to us through the vital ministry of catechesis in our parishes and schools. I offer 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 offer to them our support and our prayers.

May God bless you for your efforts to make Jesus present by handing on what you have received.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

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

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SUNDAY READINGS ~ September 20, 2020

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: ISIAH 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Busquen al Señor mientras lo pueden encontrar,
invóquenlo mientras está cerca;
que el malvado abandone su camino,
y el criminal sus planes;
que regrese al Señor, y él tendrá piedad;
a nuestro Dios, que es rico en perdón.
Mis pensamientos no son los pensamientos de
ustedes,
sus caminos no son mis caminos, dice el Señor.
Porque así como aventajan los cielos a la tierra,
así aventajan mis caminos a los de ustedes
y mis pensamientos a sus pensamientos.'

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**
R. La palabra de Dios

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
R. Bendeciré al Señor eternamente.

SECOND READING: ROMANS: 14: 1-7

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life
or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is
gain.
If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor
for me.
And I do not know which I shall choose.
I am caught between the two. I long to depart this
life and be with Christ, for that is far better.
Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for
your benefit.
Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gos-
pel of Christ.

Hermanos:
Ya sea por mi vida, ya sea por mi muerte, Cristo será
glorificado en mí. Porque para mí, la vida es Cristo, y
la muerte, una ganancia. Pero si el continuar viviendo
en este mundo me permite trabajar todavía con fruto,
no sabría yo qué elegir.
Me hacen fuerza ambas cosas: por una parte, el deseo
de morir y estar con Cristo, lo cual, ciertamente, es
con mucho lo mejor; y por la otra, el de permanecer
en vida, porque esto es necesario para el bien de
ustedes.
Por lo que a ustedes toca, lleven una vida digna del
Evangelio de Cristo.

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**
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Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew....

R. Glory to you O Lord

Sacerdote / Diácono: El Señor esté contigo ...

R. Y con tu Espíritu ...

Sacerdote / Diácono: Una lectura del Santo Evangelio según Mateo ...

R. Gloria a ti, oh Señor ...

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them,

‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,

‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage.

So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more,

but each of them also got the usual wage.

And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’

He said to one of them in reply,

‘My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’

Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?

Are you envious because I am generous?’

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola:

“El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña. Después de quedar con ellos en pagarles un denario por día, los mandó a su viña. Salió otra vez a media mañana, vio a unos que estaban ociosos en la plaza y les dijo: ‘Vayan también ustedes a mi viña y les pagaré lo que sea justo’. Salió de nuevo a medio día y a media tarde e hizo lo mismo.

Por último, salió también al caer la tarde y encontró todavía a otros que estaban en la plaza y les dijo: ‘¿Por qué han estado aquí todo el día sin trabajar?’

Ellos le respondieron: ‘Porque nadie nos ha contratado’. Él les dijo: ‘Vayan también ustedes a mi viña’.

Al atardecer, el dueño de la viña dijo a su administrador: ‘Llama a los trabajadores y págales su jornal, comenzando por los últimos hasta que llegues a los primeros’. Se acercaron, pues, los que habían llegado al caer la tarde y recibieron un denario cada uno.

Cuando les llegó su turno a los primeros, creyeron que recibirían más; pero también ellos recibieron un denario cada uno. Al recibirlo, comenzaron a reclamarle al propietario, diciéndole: ‘Esos que llegaron al último sólo trabajaron una hora, y sin embargo, les pagas lo mismo que a nosotros, que soportamos el peso del día y del calor’.

Pero él respondió a uno de ellos: ‘Amigo, yo no te hago ninguna injusticia. ¿Acaso no quedamos en que te pagaría un denario? Toma, pues, lo tuyo y vete. Yo quiero darle al que llegó al último lo mismo que a ti. ¿Qué no puedo hacer con lo mío lo que yo quiero? ¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?’

De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos.”

Priest / Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord..... **R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

El Evangelio del Señor **R. ¡La Palabra del Señor Jesucristo!**

HYMN OF GATHERING

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I

won-der Con-sid-er all the works thy hands have
wan-der And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
trees, When I look down from loft-y moun-tain

thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played!
gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

Text: Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

Tune: HOW GREAT THOU ART, 11 10 11 10 with refrain; Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

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HYMN DURING COMMUNION PROCESSION

You Are Near

Refrain

O Lord, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways
at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you
lead me in ways ev - er - last-ing.

Verses

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you
2. Where can I run from your love? If I
3. You know my heart and its ways, you who
4. Mar - vel - ous to me are your works; how pro -

know when I sit and when I stand. Your
climb to the heav - ens you are there; if I
formed me be - fore I was born, in the
found are your thoughts, my Lord. E - ven

hand is up - on me, pro - tect - ing me from death,
fly to the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea,
se - cret of dark - ness be - fore I saw the sun,
if I could count them, they num - ber as the stars,

keep - ing me from harm.
still I'd find you there.
in my moth - er's womb.
you would still be there.

Text: Psalm 139; Dan Schutte, b.1947
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Gospel Reflection:

Matthew 20: 1-16

What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.



SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn: Here I Am, Lord

Communion Procession: Shepherd Me O God

Hymn of Sending Forth: Instrumental

Feast of Saint Matthew. Feast Day: September 21. Patron Saint of tax collectors and accountants.

Matthew must have been surprised when Jesus walked up to him and said, “Follow me.” He probably fell off the stool in his customs booth!

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector in the town of Capernaum. Most tax collectors were hated by the Jews because they worked for the Romans, who had conquered the land. A tax collector could use his position honestly or dishonestly. The temptation to use the position to become rich was great. Now do you think the choice of Matthew was surprising?

Yet Jesus chose a tax collector to follow him, to learn from him, and to go out and spread the Good News to others. The call from Jesus was more powerful than the call of wealth. Matthew left his work as tax collector. He invited Jesus to a dinner where other tax collectors (publicans) and sinners were gathered. The Pharisees were upset when they saw this, and they said to the disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus heard them and replied, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners.” (See Matthew 9:9–13.)

We know nothing other than that about Matthew from the Scriptures, but we do know that Matthew preached the Good News of Christ, and at least part of the Gospel attributed to him was first written for the Jewish converts in Palestine. There is some uncertainty about where Matthew preached and where and how he died. Some say Matthew went to Persia; some say Syria and Greece, while others say Ethiopia. Yet we can learn much from Matthew. He was a man who knew quite well the power of money. He knew the comfort it could ensure, the recreation it could buy, the luxury it could provide. But he was wise enough to know what it could not do. Money could never give him that sense of peace deep inside. It could never befriend him when he was lonely or give him the strength and courage to go on when all else seemed lost. Money could never buy him forgiveness or love. But the love of Christ could do all this and more.

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Feast Day: September 23. Patron Saint of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, and stress-relief.

Critics of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina regarded him as an anomaly, a throwback to earlier times when Christians expected saints to do weird things. “I thought we left such legends back in the Middle Ages,” said one incredulous observer. I suspect he had in mind saints like Joseph of Cupertino, who flew through the air at the sight of a statue of Mary. However, Padre Pio’s many disciples regarded him as a saint as much for his charity, generosity, and tenderness as for the extraordinary mystical phenomena attributed to him.

Miracles happened every day of Padre Pio’s life. Like other wonder-workers such as Francis of Paola, Pio freely contradicted inviolable laws of nature. He appeared in two places at the same time to help people in trouble. He summoned friends by mental telepathy or by causing them to smell the scent of violets, which was associated with his presence. He read people’s thoughts and used that special knowledge to tease them. He dumbfounded people in the confessional by describing all their sins in detail. He accurately predicted future events, including his own death. He healed people of deafness, blindness, and incurable diseases. And for fifty years he bore Christ’s wounds on his body and suffered enormously because of them.

How do we understand the appearance of such a “medieval” figure in our contemporary world? Perhaps we should not be surprised that God acts dramatically to get our attention when we lose sight of spiritual realities. God sent Padre Pio to us as a light to challenge the darkness of the mid-twentieth century and to offer hope to a world racked by depression and war.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Caring for one another



Saint James the Apostle Church
Helping the Hungry Ministry

Non-perishable Food Collection

Donations
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Drop off in front of Church
Please remember to adhere to
social distancing when leaving
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MONDAY, SEPT. 21
5:30 – 7:00 PM

Most needed items:

Canned Tuna/Chicken
Canned Veggies
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Shelf Stable Milk
Rice

Beans
Soup
Pasta & Sauce
Cereal
Oatmeal

The Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
will be prayed at 7:00 PM,
outside in the Rosary Garden
near the Church entrance.
Please join us if you can.



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August 20, 2020

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Springfield, NJ 07081

Dear Pat and everyone at St. James,

On behalf of all of us at Family Promise Union County, thank you for the donation of a beautiful "virtual" baby shower for our guest, Trish.

Trish is expecting her third child (a boy!) in early September and was disappointed to not be able to have a baby shower in-person. She was so overwhelmed with joy that volunteers who had not met her were willing to donate such beautiful new baby items for her! She feels very loved and cared for and is ready for the baby now!

No goods or services were provided by Family Promise-Union County in return for this contribution.

We are so grateful for you! We couldn't do this work without people like you. Thank you for supporting Family Promise.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Geleen G. Donovan
Executive Director

Building Communities, Strengthening Lives

Prayer to Overcome Racism

MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on
your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil
of racism
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.

Amen.



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Oración para superar el racismo

MARÍA, AMIGA Y MADRE DE TODOS,
a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado
un camino para unirse a todos los
seres humanos,
llamados a ser un solo pueblo,
hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo,
buscando el perdón por las veces
en que hemos fallado en amarnos
y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de
tu Hijo
la gracia que necesitamos para vencer
el mal del racismo y construir una
sociedad justa.

Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo,
para que el prejuicio y la animosidad
no infecten ya nuestras mentes
o corazones
sino que sean reemplazados por el
amor que respeta la dignidad de
cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia,
el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús
alienta nuestros corazones:
Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.



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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.

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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar 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.

The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

*May those who are infected receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.*

*May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded
from the onslaught of the virus.*

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

*Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

Amen.

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Nikolas Fernando Castanheira, Maxwell Cartlidge, Zara Odige

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Monina Avella, Concetta Bellott, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Matthew Burns, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Soon Choi, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Richard Delany, Carmela DeSarno, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Sal Gullace, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Robert Jackowski, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna, Neil K., Thomas Killikadan, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Dana Majewski, Angie Mazzarisi, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Julie Mohnhunn, John Montana, Jr., John Montana, Sr., Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Ophelia Pitchford, John Reiss, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Richard Tegnander, Stephanie Toth, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, Robin Wise, Mary Yobbi

A TIME TO DIE

Anthony Bagnato, Lou Brock, Americo Caputo, Rosaria Riola, Dorothy Scott, Joe Tomasello,
and all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, PFC Kevin Bernor, 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, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, September 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Philip Citro ~ *Daughters*

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

9:00AM

William Schmidt ~ *Clark Family*

10:30AM

Maria Lombardi ~ *Rita Lombardi*

12:00PM

Eleanor Carney ~ *Patty & John Carney*

MONDAY, September 21 Feast of Saint Matthew

7:30AM

Matthew Klein ~ *Chirra Family*

TUESDAY, September 22

7:30AM

Paul Centamore ~ *Wife & Children*

WEDNESDAY, September 23 Saint Padre Pio

7:30AM

Raymond Alberti ~ *Mom & Dad*

THURSDAY, September 24

7:30AM

Lorraine Dowling ~ *Deborah DeViscovo*

FRIDAY, September 25

7:30AM

Bambini Minicuzzi ~ *Carmela Fusco*

SATURDAY, September 26

8:00AM

Anna Maria Villanova ~ *Family*

SUNDAY, September 27 Twenty Sixth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Richie Coan ~ *Listowski Family*

7:30AM

Ernie Reedy ~ *Religious Education Community*

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

Ilene Runo ~ *Children*

12:00PM

Paul Centamore ~ *Wife & Children*



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

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.**