

# SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH

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*Celebrating Our 95th Parish Anniversary 1923 ~ 2018*

*Celebrating Our 65th School Anniversary 1953 ~ 2018*



*Saint James is served by:*

Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, *M.A., Pastor*

Rev. Jeong Gyeong Kim, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. John D. Dennehy, *Weekend Associate*

Mr. Jerome Bongiovanni, *Permanent Deacon*

Mr. Daniel O'Neill, *Permanent Deacon*

## 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)

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The Gospel  
of Mark 9:30-37

**"THE GREATEST  
IN THE KINGDOM"**

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

September 23, 2018

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Last week we saw the destructive nature of hurricane Florence as it struck the Carolinas and other states with the wind, rain and storm surge. What made it worse was that it was a slow moving hurricane and did extensive damage to the affected areas. Because of global warming, the projection is that these hurricanes will become more fierce and destructive. Obviously, this remains to be seen.

Then there were the gas explosions in three towns in Massachusetts. The best scenario the gas company could come up with was that there was gas build up within the system. It's scary when folks were sitting in their houses and all of a sudden there was an explosion. This left folks in New Jersey wondering if the same thing can happen here. It might, considering how old some of these gas lines are in the various cities. Two serious and rather scary events that left people wondering what will happen next. If you have noticed when you drive around Springfield, that PSEG has been replacing gas lines throughout the town. This should help us feel a little better.

The news about the sexual abuse in the Catholic Church continues to make headlines in print and on television. This scandal is more widespread than most people ever imagined. The church as a whole is suffering because of this, but the victims have suffered the most. Hopefully, through the care and concern of others, they have been able to experience some healing, although this will be a life-long process. We can pray for them, and hope that those responsible will be brought to accept responsibility for their actions. This scandal has certainly hindered the work of the church, which is supposed to bring the Good News of Jesus to others. Hopefully, most understand that the percentage of priests and bishops involved in this scandal is minimal compared to those of us who have been faithful to the Lord and the care of his people. But this doesn't make it any easier for the victims. They continue to need our prayers, that they may come to recognize the gentle, healing touch of the Lord in their lives.

Of course, people ask how could something like this happen in the church. It happened because there were too many men who should not have been ordained priests, and who may have had some sort of personal and/or psychological problems. There were also some who allowed alcohol to take over their lives and caused them to behave in a destructive manner to the children and young people. I am sure there may be other reasons, and hopefully with the recent revelations, there may come healing to the individuals and to the church at large. Our faith rests in Jesus who is present to all affected, and to all of us. Hopefully, we can be reassured of his presence as we continue to reflect his life and love to all we meet. The time is now for healing and not judgment, even though we may want to lash out at the offenders. Our responsibility is to continue to be a sign of the presence of Jesus to all we meet, for we are his body, and so we should act like it.

**HAPPY AUTUMN!!!**

~ FR. JOE

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

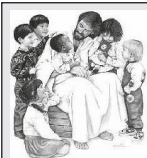
**\$6,596.00**

\$5,753.00 Collection

\$843.00 Online

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ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director*

We are still in need two of Catechists on Tuesday afternoons for 4th Grade Classes!  
We also need classroom aides and hallway monitors to ensure the safety of our children.  
***Is the Holy Spirit calling you to volunteer?***

The new year of Religious Education has begun and it is wonderful to see how much the children have grown over the summer!

A heart-felt "thank you" to our returning catechists as well as to our new catechists—this program runs solely on volunteers, volunteers just like you!

If you submitted your family registration late and have not yet received a class placement email for your child(ren), please call the Religious Education Office.

As a reminder, the only doors accessible for Religious Education classes or meetings is through the double glass doors #8 located in the front of the school building.

Has your child been Baptized and not catechized or received their sacraments? Are they of school age and not yet baptized?

Please contact the Religious Education Office: 973-376-2061 or [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org)

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

8th Grade Religious Education Classes begin on **Tuesday, October 2nd from 7:00-8:30pm in Hatcher Hall.**

Emails have been sent to all public school parents of registered 8th graders. If you have not received emails from me, please check your spam/junk folders first, then call Colleen Tyra to update/confirm your email information. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Please contact me at 201-709-5280 with any questions!

***\*Any high school student interested in becoming a Peer Leader please join us at a training session on either Sunday, September 23 at 2:00pm or Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Office.***

## CONFIRMATION CORNER!

A few spiritually enriching happenings coming up as Confirmation Day draws near:

**Reconciliation Service:** 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](mailto:amgesualdo@saintjamesparish.org) / 201-709-5280





## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

*Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal*



### GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

We are back to school at St. James the Apostle and full of energy! Our Kindergarten students have been enjoying every minute. They are making friends, adjusting well to our routine, learning new things, and, of course, having fun!

We are already writing our names and recognizing the names of our friends. We are practicing our beginning sounds and even learning sight words...which means we are beginning to learn how to read! We've been discussing the seasons and are very excited Fall will soon be here. As such, our theme for the next few weeks is APPLES. We will be taste testing apples of all varieties, learning the parts of an apple so we can create our own diagrams, and measuring ourselves using apples. We will also be making our own applesauce....yum!

Kindergarten students love to count! As Fall arrives, we will count leaves, acorns, and even candy corn. We will recognize, sort, and create patterns using these Fall items. We are also learning about our five senses. We take nature walks and will be writing about what we see, hear, smell, and touch. We often stop and pray, thanking God for His beautiful gift of creation.

On one of our first (very warm) days of school, we decided to venture outside for a picnic. We stopped to admire the sunflowers growing in the school garden. We spoke about how those plants grow from a tiny seed, with the care of gardeners, and water and sunlight from above. Our students are learning they also grow from season to season. With the help of their parents, their school, and their church, they grow bigger, wiser, and closer to God each year. The students were surprised to learn the Kindergarten class from last year planted the tiny seeds that became these tall, beautiful sunflowers. They were even more excited to learn how they will do the same planting in the spring with the seeds we harvest from these sunflowers. The picture below shows our First Graders, proud of what they have planted and grown!

**See you at FAMILY BOWLING this afternoon - @Linden Lanes from 1:30-3:30PM**





## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo, Coordinator*

Our first Youth Group Meeting will be Sunday October 28th from 7-9pm in the gym! All 8th to 12th graders are invited to attend, and friends are welcome! The Core team and I are working on the calendar for the year so watch for more information!!

All high school students are invited to join the **Core Team**. Core Team members plans meeting themes, discussion topics, community service projects, parties and field trips. For more information please call 201-709-5280 or [amgesualdo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:amgesualdo@saintjamesparish.org)

## Beautiful Fall Foliage



Mother Nature manifests a magnificent display of colors in the fall. The breathtaking scenery of multi-colored leaves –the brilliant yellow, gold and orange, along with the green, brown and in some regions purple produces an unforgettable image. We hope you enjoy the fall and as you do please think of contributing to the Catholic Charities donation bin in the parking lot.

Thank you.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

### Update: Ministry Fairs

Over the next 4 months, parishioners will have the opportunity to learn more about our parish ministries at monthly fairs held in the gathering space.

Each ministry falls into 1 of 4 groups -Word, Worship, Service, and Community Building. We will highlight one group and the ministries within it on the first weekend of each month after all of the masses. Representatives of the ministries will be available to answer questions and you will have the opportunity to sign up. The following Service ministries will be featured on September 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>: **Angel Tree, Blood Bank, Evangelization, Family Promise, Helping the Hungry, Finance, H2O, St. Zita, St. Joseph, Prayer Line, Pro Life, Rosary Making, Wellness, Hospitality.**

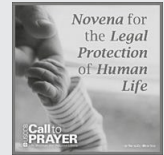
These weekends will coincide with “Coffee and.... with the Council”.

It only takes a few minutes to stop and discover the wonderful ways you can bring the gospel of Jesus to His people. WE ARE THE SHEPHERDS!



## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

*Ms. Pat Sullivan, Coordinator*



### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION MONTH 9

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

As a way of saying "Happy Birthday" to our spiritually adopted babies, there will be a drive in October to support Mercy House in Newark.

Needed items include diapers, clothing and strollers. A detailed list will be in the gathering space soon. Collection dates are October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ROSARY RALLY ON OCT. 13

Date: Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 ~ Time: 12:00PM ~ Place: Briant Park in Summit (along Morris Ave and Briant Pkwy)

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.

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 or Teresa Evangelista (908) 389-0531

#### ***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

**THIS 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](mailto:clairebbernstein@gmail.com)  
or Joanne Roethlin at: [jroethlin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## BREAKFAST BAG MAKING MORNING

The Helping the Hungry Ministry will be hosting a Breakfast Bag Making Morning at St. James on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 AM in the school gym. All parishioners are invited to donate items for the Breakfast Bags and/or help to assemble them.

A Breakfast Bag contains several non-perishable breakfast items that soup kitchens or food pantries provide to their guests. It's a wonderful way to Help the Hungry in our local area. More details about the event and how to sign up will be available in the bulletin during the weekend of Sept 29 and 30.

Please contact Chris Gaston at [cresalex@verizon.net](mailto:cresalex@verizon.net) with any questions.

## A RETREAT FOR THOSE LIVING WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS

**GENNESARET RETREAT ~ OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 2018**

Have you ever wanted to make a retreat but have been unable because of illness or disability? Consider attending the Gennesaret Retreat at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ. There is no cost to you for this retreat.

For further information contact Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237 or Pat Morris 908-370-9965.



## THE PRAYER CORNER

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



### A TIME TO BAPTIZE



### A TIME TO WED



### 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 Quagliato,  
Ginny Sampson, Jack Silbert, Raymond  
Schwartz, Louis Stiglitz,  
Amanda Tuten, Kathleen Voldish,  
Scott Walling, Anne Wallis

### 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

Marge Furner ~ Sam



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Maria Lombardi ~ Rita Lombardi





## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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



**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*

**MONDAY, September 24**

**7:30AM**

Christina Salvatore ~ *The Casey Family*

**TUESDAY, September 25**

**7:30AM**

Gerald Kielty ~ *Mary Jeanne Cullen*

**WEDNESDAY, September 26**

**7:30AM**

Silvio Grenga ~ *Rosalba DiMaio*

**THURSDAY, September 27** St. Vincent de Paul  
**7:30AM**

Matthew Klein~ *Mom*

**FRIDAY, September 28**

**7:30AM**

Matthew Klein~ *Mom*

**SATURDAY, September 29**

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels**

**8:00AM**

Anna Maria Villanova ~ *Family*

**SUNDAY, September 30** Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

**5:00 PM (SATURDAY)**

Lisa Agrillo ~ *Parents*

**7:30AM**

Kathryn Janowski ~ *Janowski Family*

**9:00AM**

Patrick Kennedy ~ *Dombroski Family*

**10:30AM**

Marge Furner ~ *Sam*

**12:00PM**

Raffaele Battaglia ~ *Battaglia Family*

***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.

### EUCCHARIST

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.

**CATECHESIS**  
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.**