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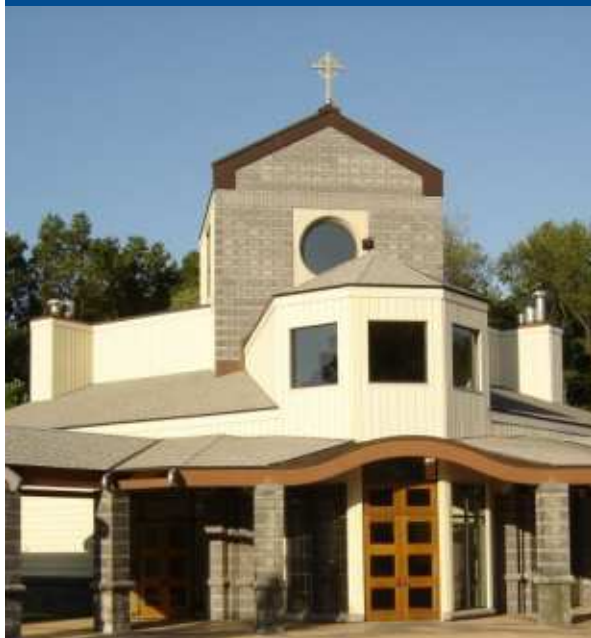
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RECTORY HOURS

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



Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Owen Bell, Vincent Ferreira,

Tayli Fielding, Allyson Gbologa,

Carson Gbologa, Jayson Gbologa,

Madalyne Lopez, Samantha McLaughlin,

Emma Perez, Esteban Rodriguez

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

September 27, 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We have all gotten used to living differently because of COVID-19. Schools have opened and classes are being held in school, remotely, and in some districts, a hybrid of both. For many parents and teachers, there is a concern with in-school teaching because of the possibility of contracting COVID-19. This is even more of a concern as high schools begin fall sports, particularly football, where there is close contact with players on the same team and the opposing team. There are also concerns as some colleges begin football in October. It remains to be seen what will happen as we continue through the fall, especially as we move inside as the weather gets colder. It certainly is a different world than the one we knew before the pandemic.

Authenticity is a value to which we aspire. After all, we know people who really are phonies. They say and do things that are convenient for them, and then they change their attitudes as the circumstances dictate to them. For Jesus, the Pharisees were the worst offenders of this. As obstinate as they were, they changed their stories to fit the occasion, regardless of who was affected. That's because they were only concerned about themselves. How many people do we know who are like this? This is not passing judgment, just stating a fact with which many of us live.

In today's Gospel, the two sons provide us with a contrast. One said he would go into the vineyard, but lied to his father, while the other said he wouldn't go but changed his mind. The first son wasn't an authentic individual because he was more concerned about himself than he was about helping his father. The other son decided that it was best to help his father, even though at first he chose not to help him.

Being an authentic person means that we stand behind what we say and believe. It means that I am either a believer in and follower of Christ or I am not. If we are a believer, then our words and actions have to reflect what that means, and we become a visible and viable sign of Jesus for others. If we don't believe in Christ, then our nonbelief is also reflected in who we are and what we say and do. We can't have it both ways, although there are some people who would like to. This is called situation ethics, where we change what we believe according to the circumstances. With Jesus we can't have it both ways. We either believe in him or we don't. He has given us an example. We either follow his example or we don't. The choice is always ours.

In the name of our entire parish, and myself, I want to say CONGRATULATIONS to our children who celebrated First Eucharist on Saturday. No matter what, we celebrated the Body and Blood of Christ with our children and their families. The Eucharist remains the same, whether we celebrate during the pandemic or not. The Eucharist is an encounter with the Lord that nourishes, nurtures, and challenges us at the same time!

Saturday, October 3, at 12:00 noon, we will bless animals in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This will occur in front of the church. Bring your animals and maintain social distance. Masks are also required.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$6,327.00

\$4,315.00 Collection

\$2,012.00 Online Collection

\$285.00 ~ 2nd Collection: Catholic University

To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

*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/
archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us](https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us)*

*Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield
(all donations are gratefully accepted)*

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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Yesterday we welcomed our last group of Communicants to the Table of the Lord for the very first time! We are so proud of you!

We are blessed to have a group of high school peer leaders volunteer to help with Faith Formation for our 7th and 8th graders! The Holy Spirit is working through these teenagers and we are so grateful!

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



Log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on Zoom or YouTube!



Feast of Saint Francis
Saturday, October 3rd
Mass in Italian at 10:30AM

Blessing of the Animals in front of the Church
Saturday, October 3rd

at 12:00PM

**Please maintain a
social distance,
masks required.**



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nothing from Monday, September 14 to Saturday, September 19.

LINKS

[Parish Bulletin](#)

www.vatican.va

www.zenit.org

www.rcan.org

www.usccb.org



SUNDAY READINGS ~ September 27, 2020

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

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Esto dice el Señor:

“Si ustedes dicen: ‘No es justo el proceder del Señor’, escucha, casa de Israel: ¿Conque es injusto mi proceder? ¿No es más bien el proceder de ustedes el injusto?

Cuando el justo se aparta de su justicia, comete la maldad y muere; muere por la maldad que cometió. Cuando el pecador se arrepiente del mal que hizo y practica la rectitud y la justicia, él mismo salva su vida.

Si recapacita y se aparta de los delitos cometidos, ciertamente vivirá y no morirá.”

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

R. Remember Your Mercies, O Lord.

R. Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord**R. Thanks be to God!**

Hermanos:

Si alguna fuerza tiene una advertencia en nombre de Cristo, si de algo sirve una exhortación nacida del amor, si nos une el mismo Espíritu y si ustedes me profesan un afecto entrañable, llénenme de alegría teniendo todos una misma manera de pensar, un mismo amor, unas mismas aspiraciones y una sola alma. Nada hagan por espíritu de rivalidad ni presunción; antes bien, por humildad, cada uno considere a los demás como superiores a sí mismo y no busque su propio interés, sino el del prójimo. Tengan los mismos sentimientos que tuvo Cristo Jesús.

Cristo, siendo Dios

no consideró que debía aferrarse
a las prerrogativas de su condición divina,
sino que, por el contrario, se anonadó a sí mismo,
tomando la condición de siervo,
y se hizo semejante a los hombres.

Así, hecho uno de ellos, se humilló a sí mismo
y por obediencia aceptó incluso la muerte,
y una muerte de cruz.

Por eso Dios lo exaltó sobre todas las cosas
y le otorgó el nombre que está sobre todo nombre,
para que, al nombre de Jesús, todos doblen la rodilla
en el cielo, en la tierra y en los abismos,
y todos reconozcan públicamente que Jesucristo es el Señor,
para gloria de Dios Padre.

La Palabra del Señor.....

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Gospel Acclamation.....

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz, dice el Señor;
yo las conozco y ellas me siguen.

R. Aleluya.



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 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same
order.

He said in reply, "Yes, sir," but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los sumos sacerdotes y
a los ancianos del pueblo:

“¿Qué opinan de esto?

Un hombre que tenía dos hijos fue a ver al primero y
le ordenó:

‘Hijo, ve a trabajar hoy en la viña’. Él le contestó:
‘Ya voy, señor,’ pero no fue. El padre se dirigió al
segundo y le dijo lo mismo. Éste le respondió: ‘No
quiero ir,’ pero se arrepintió y fue. ¿Cuál de los dos
hizo la voluntad del padre?’

Ellos le respondieron: “El Segundo.”

Entonces Jesús les dijo: “Yo les aseguro que los
publicanos y las prostitutas se les han adelantado en
el camino del Reino de Dios.

Porque vino a ustedes Juan, predicó el camino de la
justicia y no le creyeron; en cambio, los publicanos y
las prostitutas, sí le creyeron; ustedes, ni siquiera
después de haber visto, se han arrepentido ni han
creído en él.”

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

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

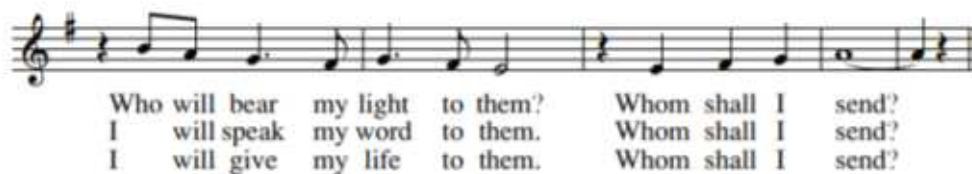
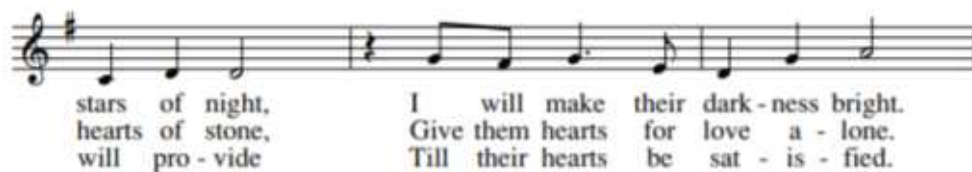
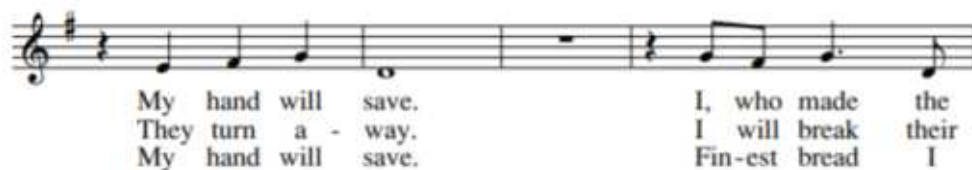
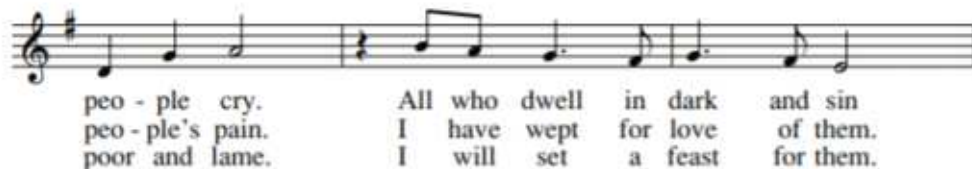
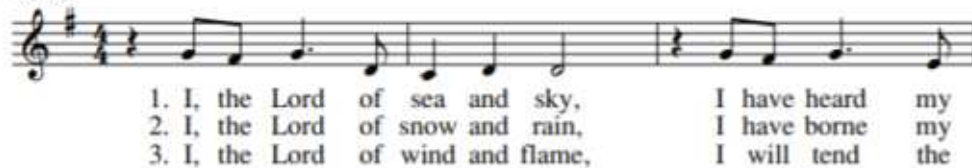


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HYMN OF GATHERING

Here I Am, Lord

Verses



Refrain

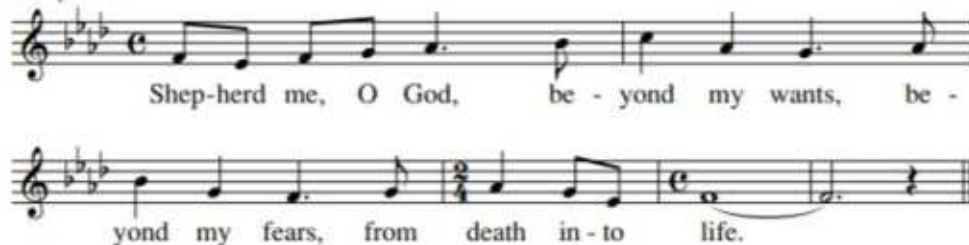


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HYMN DURING COMMUNION PROCESSION

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Antiphon



Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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Gospel Reflection:

Matthew 21: 28-32

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come. God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Romans 14:17).

Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly.



SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

Communion Procession: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Hymn of Sending Forth: Instrumental

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Feast Day: September 29.

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. **Michael** (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. **Gabriel** (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. **Raphael** (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition."

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

Source: <https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2018/9/29/feast-of-archangel>



Memorial of Saint Jerome. Feast Day: September 30. Patron Saint of Priests, Scholars, Hebraists, and Writers

Jerome was a man of extremes. His real name was Eusebius Hieronymus Sophronius. He lived to age 91 even though he undertook extreme penances.

Jerome had a fierce temper but an equally intense love of Christ. This brilliant saint was born in Eastern Europe around 345. His Christian family sent him to Rome at age 12 for a good education. He studied there until he was 20. Then he and his friends lived in a small monastery for three years, until the group dissolved. Jerome set out for Palestine, but when he reached Antioch, he fell seriously ill. He dreamt one night that he was taken before the judgment seat of God and condemned for being a heretic. This dream made a deep impression on him.

Although Jerome wished to study rather than to be a priest, he was ordained. Again he tried the life of a monk in the desert, but impure temptations plagued him. To fight them, he studied Hebrew, wrote letters counseling friends in the spiritual life, and copied books. Finally, Jerome moved to Constantinople. He studied Scripture under the Greek theologian Gregory Nazianzen. Pope Damasus summoned him to Rome and had him translate the Bible into Latin, a 30-year task. His translation, called the Vulgate, became the official text of the Catholic Church.

Jerome was strong willed. His writings, especially those opposing what he considered heresy, were sometimes explosive. His temperament helped him do difficult tasks, but it also made him enemies. Jerome was named a Doctor of the Church for the Vulgate, his commentaries on Scripture, his writings on monastic life, and his belief that during a controversy on theological opinions, the See of Rome was where the matter should be settled.

Jerome also guided a group of Christian widows who were practicing a semimonastic life. Gossip about his spending so much time with women led Jerome to move to Bethlehem.

Source: Loyolapress.com



Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux). Feast Day: October 1.
Patron Saint of missionaries, AIDS sufferers, florists and the sick.

From obscurity as a young, idealistic Carmelite, Thérèse of Lisieux has emerged as one of the best-loved saints. Her simplicity attracts us because she puts holiness within our reach.

Thérèse was the daughter of Louis and Zélie Martin. When she was four years old, her pleasant childhood was interrupted by Zélie's untimely death. Then Thérèse's older sister, Pauline, took responsibility for raising her in the faith. In 1882, Pauline entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, igniting a desire in Thérèse to do the same. Thérèse's fourteenth year was pivotal. Her sister, Mary, joined Pauline at the convent. And at Christmas, the young saint had an experience she described as her "conversion." Later, in *A Story of a Soul*, her autobiography, Thérèse described it as a release from depression and oversensitivity: "Jesus flooded the darkness of my soul with torrents of light. I got back for good the strength of soul lost when I was four and a half. Love filled my heart, I forgot myself, and henceforth I was happy." In spite of Thérèse's youth, the next year the bishop allowed her to become a Carmelite at Lisieux.



From childhood Thérèse aspired to become a missionary and a martyr. It soon became clear to her, however, that neither option was open to a cloistered nun. So she sought the Holy Spirit and searched the Scripture for another way to excel:

We live in an age of inventions. We need no longer climb laboriously up flights of stairs. And I am determined to find an elevator to carry me to Jesus, for I was too small to climb the steep stairs of perfection. So I sought in Holy Scripture some idea of what this lift I wanted would be, and I read, "Whoever is a little one, let him come to me" (see Luke 8:16). I also wanted to know how God would deal with a "little one," so I searched and found: "You shall be carried in her arms and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her son. . . ." (Isaiah 66:12–13 NAB) It is your arms, Jesus, which are the elevator to carry me to heaven. So there is no need for me to grow up. In fact: just the opposite: I must become less and less.

In 1897, Thérèse thought her dream of becoming a missionary was about to come true. The Carmelites at Hanoi in Indochina, now Vietnam, had invited her to join them. But on the early morning of Good Friday she began to hemorrhage from the mouth. She had contracted tuberculosis, which tortured her for several months before it took her life on September 30, 1897.

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Feast Day: October 2.

Here is a riddle for you: *I am always with you, but you never see me. I am not God, but I was created by God. I protect and guide you. Who am I?*

God gave us guardian angels to protect and guide us. Saint Jerome wrote that the human soul is so valuable in heaven that every human person has a guardian angel from the moment the person comes into being. These pure spirits, which we can neither see nor feel, play an important role in our lives. Jesus refers to them when he says, "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10).

Angels are messengers from God. The word angel comes from the Greek word for "messenger." In a very real way, these powerful spirits point out to us the ways of God. Guardian angels assist us in work or study. In times of temptation, these spiritual beings direct us to do good. Thomas Aquinas said that angels are the most excellent of creatures because they have the greatest intelligence next to God.

Perhaps the guardian angels are best known for protecting us from physical danger, but their main role is to care for the salvation of our souls. It is wonderful to know that God has promised to love, protect, and be with us always. One way he does this is through the care of the angels. Whenever you meet with danger or discouragement, your guardian angel is your personal, heavenly bodyguard. The angels also offer prayers to God for us. Because angels always see and hear God, they can intercede for us. We should love our guardian angels, respect them, and pray to them.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Staying Connected While Being Apart

REVISITING THE BEATITUDES IN LIGHT OF THE 2020 ELECTIONS

Jesus' Beatitudes and our role in discipleship will be explored. Does understanding the deepest meaning of the Beatitudes impact our vote and moral responsibility?

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7-9 p.m.

On ZOOM or in person at the House of Prayer
(\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Rev. Anthony Randazzo

Rev. Anthony is a happy priest and the pastor of Holy Trinity, Westfield.



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Watchung, NJ 07069

Registration required:
908-753-2091
or
www.msmlhope.org



The mission of Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, rooted in the Gospel and the charism of the Sisters of Mercy, is to provide a sacred space, prayer experiences and spirituality programs that help adults of any faith to encounter the God of mercy and share that mercy with others. The mission moves beyond the House of Prayer to any place where we share our ministry.

Union Catholic HIGH SCHOOL

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Fall Open House

Wednesday, October 7th—7:00PM

Prospective students and their families have two options to attend our Fall Open House

In-Person, Drive-In format or
Virtual Open House Via Zoom

For additional information, or to reserve your spot, visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org or call 908-889-1600, ext. 302

A COMPASSIONATE ROAD FOR DISMANTLING RACISM

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Wednesdays,

Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*On Zoom or in person at the
House of Prayer*
(\$100 for series)

Presenter:

**Ada Renee
Williams,
M. Div.**



Ada Renee is the Mercy Institute Director of Anti-Racism and Racial Equity. Ada Renee is a 2019 Fellow with the Practicing Democracy Project, an ordained minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and an anti-racism leader for faith communities as well as a poet, writer and political artist.

Registration is required:
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or mail check to address above.

Join us as we prayerfully look at the challenges facing our society. Theological reflection invites us to look at the world we live in and work to individually and collectively be transformed. Be part of this new and exciting series with us!

Week 1: Oct. 7

Racism 101:

Language for the Journey

Week 2: Oct. 14

White Privilege: Its History and Significance

Week 3: Oct. 21

Systemic Racism:

How It Impacts All of Our Institutions

Week 4: Oct. 28

Radical Transformation for Ourselves, Our Families, Our Communities, and Our Institutions

Limited to 40 participants

2020 ROSARY CONGRESS

7 Days & 7 Nights

Masses, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Hourly Recitation of the Rosary, Confession, Processions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

This Rosary Congress will take place in various churches throughout the Archdiocese of Newark (12 or 24 hours/parish). Plan to come and join others in prayers for reparation, life, peace, healing, renewal, families, our Country and our Church.

Sponsored by the Office for Evangelization www.rcan.org/evangelization

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.



www.usccb.org/racism



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

Cara Aurora Garcia, Emilia Caitlin Garcia, Dominic Howanicz

A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, 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., 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

Ken Chmielewski, Br. Ralph Darmiento, Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Thomas Killikkadan
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 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*

MONDAY, September 28

7:30AM

James Edwards ~ *Pat Sullivan*

TUESDAY, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:30AM

Gabriel Soriente ~ *Angela Ragonese*

WEDNESDAY, September 30 Saint Jerome

7:30AM

Gerardo DiLeo ~ *DiLeo & Clark Families*

THURSDAY, October 1 Saint Thérèse

7:30AM

André Lacey ~ *Mom, Mary Jane*

FRIDAY, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30AM

Michael Ruggiero ~ *Family*

SATURDAY, October 3

8:00AM

Kathryn Janowski ~ *Janowski Family*

10:30AM ITALIAN MASS Feast of Saint Francis

Gaetano D'Agostini ~ *Children*

SUNDAY, October 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Brian Palestis ~ *Cynthia & Neighbors*

9:00AM

Sandra Lee Woitkowski ~ *Kim, Jim, Ryan & Karly*

10:30AM

Donato Reino ~ *Anthony & Carmelina Reino*

12:00PM

Anthony Graziano ~ *Family*

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ



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**.