



# SAINT JAMES

the APOSTLE CHURCH



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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM  
7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

## DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM  
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

Evening Novena: Mondays ~ 6:30PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ~ 11:00AM

## RECTORY HOURS

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



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

**September 29, 2019**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Sometimes we find that life is difficult, for one reason or another. There may be sickness, death or other situations that make a somewhat normal life a little complicated. That may strain our faith and make us wonder where God is to help us. God may be present in our family and friends who help us through these difficult times. Hopefully, most of life will be lived in a somewhat routine manner, with all the different activities associated with our day-to-day lives.

Each of us also brings something unique and different to life, all of which must be respected and honored. This allows us to recognize that each individual and family is different and unique. This adds to the coloration of the human experience, as it does for the church.

When we come to Sunday liturgy it is supposed to keep us focused on what is essential in our lives, and that is the presence of Jesus. It is he who reminds us that he is present to us in Word and the Eucharist, so that we can tap into his loving presence that sustains us all. Sometimes, though, the liturgy touches us in a way different from other times. Maybe it's the Word as it is proclaimed, or the music, or in the bread we break together. Whatever the reason, the liturgy moves us so that we may want to stand up and shout out to God, or clap or do something that will express our gratitude for what we are celebrating. This only shows us how important liturgy is to us, and how life giving it is for us and for the church.

Because the liturgy is so life giving, if we reduce it only to the ritual, the way we are supposed to celebrate liturgy, then we miss the point of why we celebrate each week. It is not so much how we celebrate, but why that it is important. It is to give glory to God for the gift of Jesus and the fact that his death and resurrection have transformed us as a people of faith and restored us to right relationship with God. Each of us brings something unique to liturgy, and that is what also enhances what we do. The liturgy is also a challenge to live what we believe and worship, so that we may be a visible and viable sign of the presence of Jesus in our lives. The liturgy also challenges us to use our gifts for the good of others so that we may discover the wonder that Jesus is for us and can be for them.

As a people and followers of Jesus, we are reminded that we are ambassadors of his Good News as he sends us forth to help build the kingdom of God on earth. Hopefully, we can accept this challenge with the same enthusiasm that we bring to liturgy each Sunday as we gather as a people of faith to worship the God who calls us as his own!

Next Sunday is Springfield Day. Both our parish and school will have tables on Mountain Avenue. You are welcome to come and visit us, along with all the other displays and activities. Springfield Day runs from 11:00AM - 5:00PM.

**HAPPY AUTUMN!!**

~ FR. JOE

## Luke 16: 19-31

*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented."*





## SACRAMENT INFORMATION

*Fr. Antonio Kuizon*

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION  
CONCERNING ....**

### THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

**BAPTISM  
CONFIRMATION  
MARRIAGE  
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

### VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

**\$8,192.00**

**\$7,057.00 Collection  
\$1,135.00 Online**

***To sign up for Online Giving go to:  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)***

**WE ALSO ACCEPT  
ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS**

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

### BAPTISM INFORMATION

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

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

The Sacrament of Baptism is held at 1:30PM and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15PM. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office and someone from the Baptismal Team will return your call.

**CATECHESIS**  
Nov. 3

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Oct. 27, Nov. 24

2020 dates will be published in December.

### ***Today's Gospel Meditation.....***

*Luke 16:19-31*

What most absorbs your time, your attention, and your heart? In the parable of the rich man who refused to help the beggar named Lazarus Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts - riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor and a beggar, he was also sick and unable to fend for himself. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings.

The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life! In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave away.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director*

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

**There are no classes (today) Sunday, September 29 and Tuesday, October 1.**

Has your child been baptized but not catechized or received their sacraments? Are they of school age and not yet baptized? Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis? Please give us a call!

### Home Study News ~ Ms. Karen Cocco

**No 7th grade class on Tuesday, October 1**

Please consult the calendar emailed to families and posted on our website.

### 7th Grade ~ Ms. Karen Cocco

If you missed the family Home Study meeting last week, please join us on Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00PM in Hatcher Hall.

### 8th Grade ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

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

I am looking forward to beginning a new year of faith formation and the first steps on our journey to Confirmation! Please feel free to contact me with any questions at all!!

**Any high school student interested in being a Peer Leader to the 8th grade class:**

There will be at training on Thursday, October 3rd from 7-9PM. Please contact me with any questions.

### Confirmation ~ Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo

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

#### **Confirmation Interviews**

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

#### **Reconciliation Prayer Service**

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

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





## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

*Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal*

41 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 ~ Main Office 973-376-5194 :: Facsimile 973-376-5228

John McElroy, Saint James Class of 2016, has always wanted to give back to his alma mater

When it came time for John to plan and develop his Eagle Scout Service Project, the senior at Union Catholic and member of Boy Scout Troop 73 in Springfield, chose to build an outdoor classroom so the students of Saint James would have a space to learn outdoors. "When I began working on my Eagle Scout Project, I thought it would be an excellent opportunity to give back to the school community that supported my family and me when I was younger," said McElroy.

The Eagle Scout Service Project is the opportunity for boy scouts to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community.

Over several weekends in August and September, John and his team of volunteers cleared the area and built and painted benches and a blackboard display featuring doors that close and lock. The blackboard display is further protected from the elements with a cover. The area was prepped for the installation of eight benches on either side of the blackboard display. Final touches included mulch provided by Springfield Township and a bed of yellow flowers at the foot of the blackboard.

In addition to donations for materials, some fundraising was involved to help offset the cost of materials. John wrote a letter to the school community introducing himself and describing his Eagle Scout project. His appeal resulted in \$175 in donations from the school community for which John was truly grateful.

John visited Saint James the Apostle School on the afternoon of September 19 for a ribbon cutting. In attendance were John's sister, Deirdre (Class of 2009), school principal, Mrs. Ponterio, teachers, children in After Care and After Care proctors.

The timing of this project could not be more perfect. In a September 2019 Education Week article "The Irrefutable Case for Taking Class Outside," author Kate Ehrenfeld Gardoqui wrote, "Let's bring teaching outside the box that is the classroom and into the natural world. Outdoor learning is so much more than fun; it is one of the richest pathways to inquiry, communication, and problem-solving. Every child deserves the opportunity to see where that path takes them." Thanks to John McElroy, Saint James now has a beautiful place to do so.



The school community is grateful to John for his time and talent and for thinking of Saint James and wanting to give something back. We congratulate John on the successful completion of his Eagle Scout Project and look forward to using the outdoor classroom space he created for many years to come.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



*Ms. Ann Marie Gesualdo*

Youth Group will kick off its 2019-2020 year with a **Murder Mystery Night on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**! We meet in the gym from 7:00-9:00PM. All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders through High School Students are welcome. A calendar of meetings and Youth Group Events will be emailed!

Hope to see you!

Please contact me with any questions!!



## PARISH CALENDAR

*All calendar items must be confirmed through the rectory before being advertised in the bulletin.*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 29</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 30</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 1</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>October 2</b>
7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal— <i>Church</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>October 3</b>
3:00PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal – <i>Church</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>October 4</b>
6:00PM	School Harvest Dance~ <i>Gym</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 5</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 6</b>
10:00AM	Religious Ed (Grades K-6) - <i>School</i>

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

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

Email: [msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org) or call: 973-376-3044

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

**NOON ON MONDAYS TO:**

[bulletin@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:bulletin@saintjamesparish.org) and [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org)



## OUTDOOR MINISTRY

The Outdoor Ministry Group is heading out for a bike ride! Join us on a casual, autumn ride on the D & R Canal on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM**. We will gather in front of St. Matthais Catholic Church in Somerset at 168 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

From there we will ride down to the trail.

We hope to see you there!

If you plan on attending  
please text Darin at 908-447-4082.



## PARISH INFORMATION

*Keeping in Touch With One Another*

Thank you to Fr. Joe, for giving me the opportunity to address the parish a few weeks ago. I would also like to extend a heart-felt thank you to those of you who have joined my support team and have agreed to partner with me on this mission. It is through your generosity that I am able to go forth and serve the students on campus.

For those who were not in town, my name is Halie Burns. I have been a parishioner at Saint James for 15 years. I recently accepted a full-time position to serve as a Missionary with Saint Paul's Outreach, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Saint Paul's Outreach is a Catholic college-outreach program. We work to create households for Catholic living, build faith communities, and host events to help form and establish deep relationships with one another and with Christ.

If anyone is interested in supporting this mission or in learning more, please reach out to me via email at: [halie.burns@spo.org](mailto:halie.burns@spo.org)

For more information on who we are and what we do, please visit: [spo.org](http://spo.org)

If you are interested in partnering with me, please visit: [spo.org/missionarysupport](http://spo.org/missionarysupport)

**The Parish Publicity Committee is looking for a volunteer to photograph parish events when our primary photographer is not available. A good-quality digital camera is needed. If interested, please see Fr. Joe or email him at [jbarbone@msn.com](mailto:jbarbone@msn.com).**

**ITALIAN MASS**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
**7:00PM**  
**SAINT FRANCIS**  
**OF ASSISI**



### REFLECTIONS ON WALKING THE WALK!

Welcome back to all of our families – we are off to another year! Now that we are almost through September, it is probably safe to say that we have gotten through the “Back To School Nights,” adjusting one’s calendar to your children’s sport practices and events – and this week is just starting to feel like you may be able to have a “normal” routine again – and the journey of life continues - HOPEFULLY!

In a similar way, the Lord moves us forward on our spiritual journey as well, but in the busyness of our day-to-day lives – especially as we shift from the relaxing Summer to the hectic Fall schedules, we often can ignore the nurturing our soul needs. It may be only by Divine Providence then that two of our 20<sup>th</sup> century Saints we celebrate this month were entrenched in “people” ministries putting tremendous demands on their time, namely Mother Teresa and Padre Pio. One of the things we learn through these 2 Saints is that “walking the walk” does not mean being in Church 24/7 – but it does mean doing everything for God and with love. Something to think about this week as you go through your busy schedule – offer it up to God and do it with love. I leave you with some words of wisdom from Mother Teresa: “My prayer for all families is that you grow in holiness through this love for each other. Bring Jesus where you go. Let them look up and see only Jesus in you.....He is close to you; He is with you. Just keep the lamp burning and you will always see Him.”

Have a blessed week!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Sharing information with each other*

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION ~ OPEN HOUSE DATES:

#### Academy of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Convent Station

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

Go to [www.aosenj.org](http://www.aosenj.org) to register for an Open House or to apply online!

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

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

Contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email [bthornton@unioncatholic.org](mailto:bthornton@unioncatholic.org)

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

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

For more information, please call 201-547-6389

#### MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

1651 US Hwy. 22 West, Watchung, NJ 07069  
908-753-2091

[www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org) or [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org)

#### **SOCIAL MYSTIC: WHO, ME?**

Are you a social mystic?

Do your faith and relationship with Jesus make a difference in your family, parish, neighborhood and world?

If so, you may need to consider the fact that you are a social mystic!

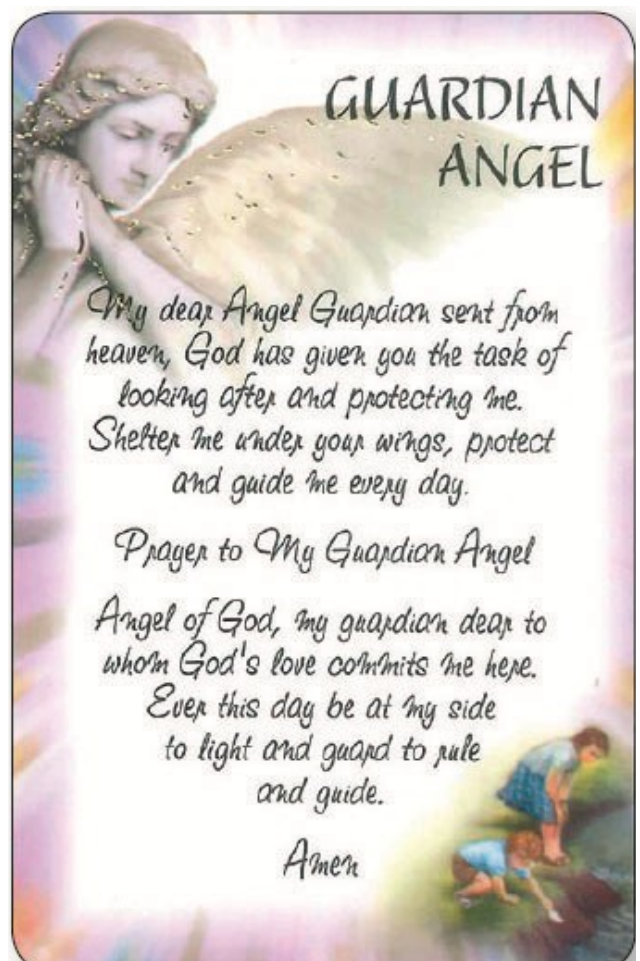
This program will center on how we, like the saints who have gone before us, are called to be social mystics, continuing the presence of Jesus each day in our own way.

**Tue., Oct. 15, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Mary Pat Garvin, RSM

*Sr. Mary Pat, Ph.D. in psychology, works with groups exploring the interplay of spirituality and psychology*

#### The Holy Guardian Angels Wednesday, October 2







## THE PRAYER CORNER

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



### INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

At the *General Intercessions* we pray for the sick. Our prayers for the sick are very important, especially in critical times of sudden illness, surgery or worsening condition. We will continue to pray for and mention the names of the sick. When the condition improves, please call the Rectory so that the name can be removed from the list.

### HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and a member of Saint James the Apostle Church. Saint James will be notified and arrangements will be made for a priest or deacon to visit you. Please be sure to include the hospital information.

Contact the Rectory to have a name added to the prayer list at Mass and/or to the Prayer Line.

### PRAYER-LINE MINISTRY

Members of this ministry pray for the people who are ill, in the hospital, undergoing surgery, or who have been involved in an accident, are grieving the loss of a loved one or any other special intention. If you know someone in need of prayers or if you would like to become a member of this ministry, please contact Maureen Bernor at 973-376-5934 or email your request to:

reenebowler@comcast.net.

### COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, please let one of the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to you at the end of the procession and administer the Body & Blood to you.

Please join us in prayer for the  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with  
Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction on  
Monday evenings *(as scheduled)* in our Church.  
All are welcome!

Join us: Monday, September 30, 2019 at 6:30PM



## DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

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



### BREAD AND WINE

Marge Furner ~ Sam



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Marge Furner ~ Sam

## A TIME TO BE BAPTIZED

Jon Cubukcu, Jr., Giuliana Maria Leokumovich,  
Tessa Puopolo, Leonardo Douglas Thorn

## A TIME TO WED



## A TIME TO DIE

Manuel Cortez, George Ebert, Michael Gunshefski,  
Andree Lacey, Anthony Marchitto,  
Bob Menina, Jr., Robert Shore

## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Don Attanasio, Anthony B.,  
Paul Barbato, Concetta Bellott, Enid Cabot,  
Dolores Cardillo, John Carney, Helen Chelis,  
Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Van Corteza,  
James Curry, Joe Cuthbert, Maureen D.,  
Victor DeLapa, Rick Ellmer, Berta Franco,  
Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes,  
Robert Hunrath, William Jackowski, Eddie Jenna,  
Simone Lanza, Wendy Lanza, Maryann Leach,  
Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Angelina Lipski,  
Richie Lipski, Ronnie Livares, Carmen Lombardi,  
Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph,  
Reggie Malabanan, Angie Mazzarisi,  
Nicholas Melillo, Richard Miele, Bob Mifsud,  
Aman Mo, Timothy Morgan, Christian Murphy,  
Rafaelina Oliviero, Tom Olivo, Anna P.,  
Joseph Papierz, Janet Payson, Jack Silbert,  
Debbie Staib, Tom Stanick,  
Christopher Tiu, Stephanie Toth,  
Kathleen Voldish, Anne Wallis, Mary Yobbi

## A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, September 29**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT**

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Mary Costa ~ *Ramundo Family*

**7:30AM**

Anna Maria Villanova ~ *Family*

**9:00AM**

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Maria D'Iorio*

**10:30AM**

Marge Furner ~ *Sam & Family*

**12:00PM**

Bernard Speckhart ~ *Bernstein Family*

**MONDAY, September 30 St. Jerome**

**7:30AM**

Raffaele Battaglia & Jossephine Pacifico  
~ *Battaglia Family*

**TUESDAY, October 1**

**St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

**7:30AM**

Terri Stapleton ~ *Chris & Claire Jorda*

**WEDNESDAY, October 2**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

**7:30AM**

John Madaras ~ *Rossomando Family*

**9:00AM SCHOOL MASS ~ ALL ARE WELCOME**

Josephine & James Doria ~ *Family*

**THURSDAY, October 3**

**7:30AM**

Gaetano D'Agostini ~ *Children*

**7:00PM ITALIAN MASS**

Bilotta Family ~ *Family*

**FRIDAY, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi**

**7:30AM**

For the People of Saint James

**SATURDAY, October 5**

**8:00AM**

Theresa Blasi ~ *Family*

**SUNDAY, October 6**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT**

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

**7:30AM**

Tobia & Valente Families ~ *Family*

**9:00AM**

For the People of Saint James

**10:30AM**

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

**12:00PM**

Tony Graziano ~ *Family*

## **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**.