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the APOSTLE CHURCH



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RECTORY HOURS

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

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.
COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

May 16, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“WHEN EVERYONE HAS ANSWERED “AMEN,” THE DEACON SAYS: “ATTEND!” THE BISHOP THEN ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE WITH THESE WORDS: “HOLY THINGS TO THE HOLY!” THE PEOPLE ANSWER: ONE ONLY HOLY ONE, ONE ONLY LORD, JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER, TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER. AMEN.”

An Easter Sourcebook, p. 135

Today is THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD. It was transferred from Thursday to today by the Bishops of New Jersey. Cardinal Tobin's decree about the Ascension was in last week's bulletin. The Ascension commemorates the end of the earthly ministry of Jesus, as he returns to the Father and entrusts his ministry to the apostles. That ministry has now been given to each of us.

By virtue of our baptism, we are commissioned to proclaim the Good News, not just by our words, but also by our actions. Like the apostles, we are sent forth into the world to be signs of Christ's presence so that others will know what we know and hopefully come to believe what we believe because of what we do.

In today's Gospel Jesus is reminding the apostles and all of us that this is a serious ministry, entrusted to those who are willing to follow the example that Jesus has given us. Not everyone we meet will be receptive to the message, but that doesn't make it any less important and serious. The challenge is always given to us. Whether we accept it or not depends on how willing we are to enter into the intimate relationship of Father and Son which nurtures us.

The final total of our Easter collection is \$34,495. Thank you for your continued fidelity and generosity to our parish, especially in this difficult time. You are the reason why I can say how privileged and proud I am to serve as your pastor. GOD BLESS YOU!!!

HAPPY ASCENSION!!!

~ Fr. Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$8,088.00

\$6,036.00 Mass Collection

\$2,052.00 Online Total

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>

**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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.

Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL 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.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

GENUFLECTION

One way Catholics show respect for the Eucharist is by genuflecting. The proper way for Catholics to genuflect is by lowering the right knee to the floor and then rising. The left leg should never be used for genuflecting. In addition, when genuflecting, you should be facing the Tabernacle, not the pew you are entering. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Monstrance, the proper way to genuflect is to bring both knees to the floor (kneel). Those who are not able to genuflect should bow respectfully before the Tabernacle or Monstrance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant
Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Congratulations to our last group of children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist yesterday! We look forward to sharing this meal with you often!

Thank you to the 7th & 8th graders and their families who scrubbed, dusted and sanitized our classrooms yesterday in anticipation of welcoming the children and catechists back to class in September!

A special THANK YOU to all of the catechists who taught virtually this year and to the parents for their commitment to ensuring their children's religious education remained an important part of their lives.

We will begin accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year in June. We are hoping that we will be able to once again offer in-person classes on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons in September as well the Junior High Program on Tuesday evenings. I am sure there will continue to be social distancing guidelines and we also need to be sure we have enough teachers to teach. We will keep our classes to a maximum of 12 students per class so now that the parents are "master teachers" we are also hoping that you will consider teaching!

If you are interested and able, please contact me so we can discuss the details of what is involved. If you aren't sure you want to teach the class but are willing to aid in the class, just let me know.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION!

Our last scheduled 8th Grade Zoom Class is Tuesday, May 18

Confirmation Preparation Class Information

Tuesdays: June 8th and June 15th 7:00PM-8:30PM

additional dates and detail information will be emailed to parents / students

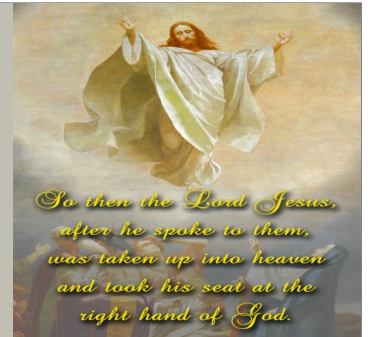
PLEASE LOG IN YOUR 7th & 8th GRADE SERVICE BEFORE JUNE 1ST!

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

TODAY: Sunday, May 16th.

The Crowning of Mary will take place after the 12:00PM Mass.

All First Holy Communion children are welcome to join the procession dressed in you Communion attire!



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

MAY 15/16, 2021

Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

PARISH NEWS!

Keeping in Touch



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Each year young people from our parish families graduate from grammar, high school and college. Since this is a significant event in their lives, we would like to acknowledge it. If a member of your family or one of your friends is graduating this year, **please call the rectory before Monday, June 7th** and we will include them on our graduation list which will be published in the June 20th bulletin.

Please call the rectory: 973-376-3044

The Pastoral Council invites parishioners and friends to join in the dedication of a tree in memory of our beloved Deacon Dan O'Neill after the 12:00PM Mass on Sunday, May 23.

No RSVP is required as we will be outside. We hope you are able to join us.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Mrs. Claire Bernstein & Mrs. Joanne Roethlin

Join us on **Monday, May 24 from 6:00-7:00PM** for a non-perishable food collection and an ice cream party!

- Drop off your non-perishables and enjoy an ice cream treat as we say **THANK YOU** for your generous support of ALL of the food collections during these past 12 months.

All ice cream will be pre-scooped and toppings will be individually packaged, so you can grab-and-go. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy on the parish grounds, or take your ice cream home for an after-dinner treat.

Two important notes:

1. This food collection will support the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at St. Teresa's in Summit. Their pantry is low on the following items and they are asking for these specific donations:
 - Cereal
 - Pasta and Sauce (plastic jars only, please)
 - Canned veggies and fruit
 - Beans
2. The Rosary and Novena will be prayed at 7:00PM in the Rosary Garden -- please join us!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Mr. Dan Palko, Director

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00PM our parish choir accompanied by Myranda Adams on the harp, will be presenting a virtual program of readings and musical reflections celebrating the seasons of Easter and Pentecost.

The program will be live-streamed (only) and will be available for a number of weeks through our parish website for your viewing pleasure if you are unable to watch the live virtual program.

The Springfield Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is once again able to rent their hall for various events including family gatherings for up to 75 people. They are also hoping to set up an outdoor seating area. For more information, please call Albert Hoesly, PGK Council 5560 at 908-277-3722



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Join us outside in the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Gathering Area of the Church (if raining) or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube!



Annual Appeal the 2021
Make your gift today.

The [2021 Annual Appeal](#) of the Archdiocese serves the needs of all in the diocese. Right now, Saint James has reached 34% of our goal. If we fail to reach our goal, the balance will be paid by the parish. This weekend a basket will be placed on the baptismal font for you to place your donation, or you can do so online at rcan.org/sharing.

Please help in any way you can.

Thank you. Fr. Joe

TODAY'S READINGS ~ MAY 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings

(click the links to access the readings)

FIRST READING: [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#) ~ SECOND READING: [Ephesians 4:1-13](#)

GOSPEL: [Mark 16:15-20](#)

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HYMN OF GATHERING

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -

songs through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As -
lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their

cends un - to the throne of God.
Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Hymnum canamus gloriae*; Venerable Bede, 673–735; tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, *The Hymnal Noted*, 1854, alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 47

Ostinato Refrain*

1. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O
2. sing your prais - es to the Lord!

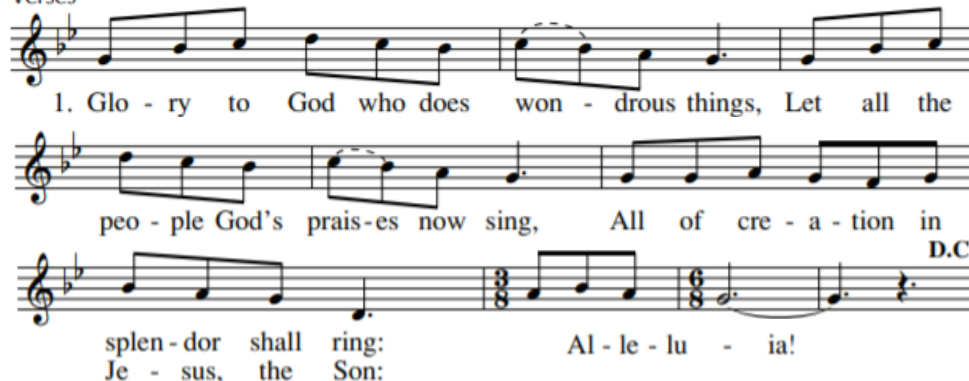
HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Easter Alleluia

Refrain



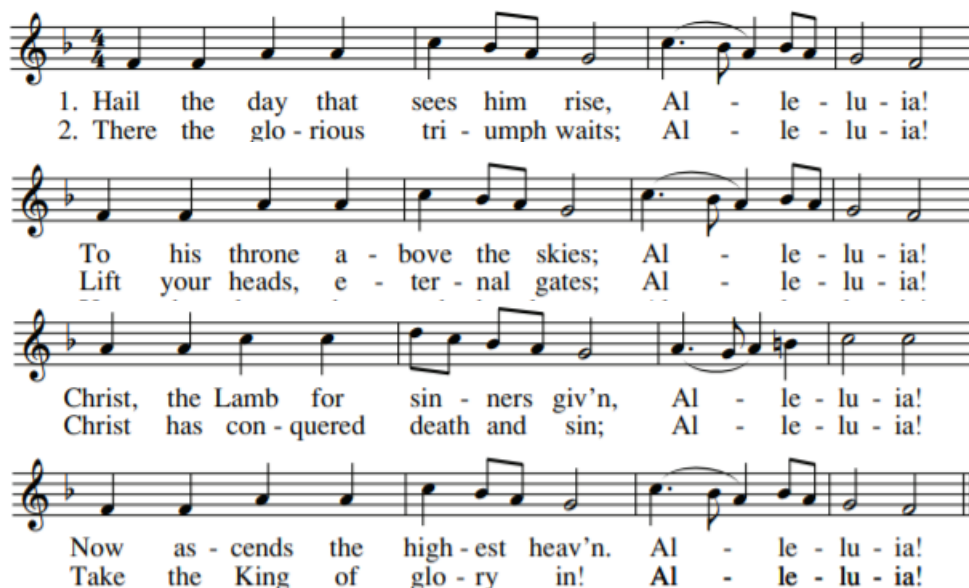
Verses



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HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.; st. 5 from *The New Century Hymnal*, © 1992, The Pilgrim Press
Tune: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluia; Robert Williams, 1781–1821

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Lexi Alexandra Pereira

A TIME TO WED

Christine Vanness Diaz and Jose Diaz

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Simeria DeWalt, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Deacon Stan Fedson, Alfredo Fernandes, Shaun Findley, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Frank Morano, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, Richard Quagliato, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Justin Sequeira, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski

A TIME TO DIE

Leo Brady, Rosemarie Bielan, Frank Giacobbe, Ester Haas, Bill Kruse, Sue Lallo,
John Lasko, Elizabeth Mulvaney,
all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, 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



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



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 16 Ascension of the Lord 5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Carol House ~ *Bob House*

7:30AM

Gerard Cocuzza ~ *Costa Family*

9:00AM

Joanne Herbert ~ *Rosalie Raschella*

10:30AM

Harold "Buster" Rapke ~ *Mazzitelli Family*

12:00PM

Tom Walsh ~ *Patty & Derek Nardone*

MONDAY, May 17

7:30AM

Pat Berkley ~ *Ellmer Family*

TUESDAY, May 18

7:30AM

Janice Bongiovanni ~ *Raffaella Conetta*

WEDNESDAY, May 19

7:30AM

Clyde T.B. Ragland ~ *Linda & Bob Donnelly*

THURSDAY, May 20

7:30AM

Joe Galluzzi ~ *Dennis & Eileen Salko*

FRIDAY, May 21

7:30AM

Arlen Johnson ~ *MaryJane Balak*

SATURDAY, May 22

8:00AM

For the People of Saint James

SUNDAY, May 23 Solemnity of Pentecost

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Chris Hennessy ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Una Ehrhardt ~ *Linda & Bob Donnelly*

9:00AM

Patrick Coan ~ *Botte Family*

10:30AM

Lisa Agrillo ~ *Mom & Dad*

12:00PM

Elisabetta Iannelli ~ *Aldo & Tatiana Pacifico*

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**.