

# SAINT JAMES THE LESS PARISH

36 Lincoln Avenue, Jamesburg, NJ 08831



That they may all be  
one, as you, Father, are in  
me and I in you.

JOHN 17:21

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## Parish Office Summer Hours:

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appointment)

## Religious Services

### **Morning Prayer**

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm (Sp.), 5:00 pm

### **Confession**

Thursday 4:30 pm, Saturday 3:00 pm or by Appointment

### **Holy Rosary**

First Saturday 3:40 pm; First Sunday 9:40 am and  
1:30 pm (Sp.) of each month

## Adoration

On Thursdays, Adoration will be held in the Church from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come for any amount of time. Confession from 4:30 to 4:50 pm.

## **Parish Mission Statement**

St. James the Less Parish is a Christian Community of the Roman Catholic tradition. Our Parish Community is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus, and as the people of God, are called to further the mission of Jesus. We will do this through the Word, Liturgy, Sacrament, Music, Ecumenism, Evangelization, Religious Education of our Children, Prayer and the Honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will deepen our knowledge, skills and understanding of our Faith. We will be Faith based. Above all, we will foster Love by example and serve the needs of others to work towards economic and social development for all people.

## *A message from Fr Juan C. Gaviria*

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

### Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

#### **That the world might grow in compassion**

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

### Parish's Monthly Prayer Intention

As many prepare for vacations in June, we pray that all will remember to keep the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Corpus Christi uppermost in our minds and hearts, as both are celebrated this month.

## Stewardship Scripture Reflection

### **June 1, 2025 - The Ascension of the Lord**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

## Ministry Schedule June 7th and June 8th

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server(s)
<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>	Ed Moke	Pat Moke	Demi Dale & Gianna Scilingo
<b>Sunday 8:00 am</b>	Jeanne Bezerra	Denise Halpin	Misael Ortiz
<b>Sunday 10:00 am</b>	Joann Malet	Jackie Roca	Jake Fiordaliso
<b>Sunday 2:00 pm</b>	Alfredo Olachea	Janet Lopez	Annette Olachea, Hailey Herrera, & Adrian Vergara
<b>Sunday 5:00 pm</b>	Susan Keating	Jennie Ludas	Nick Brady & Michael Palm



Requestors attending a Mass intention who wish to bring up the offertory gifts should notify an usher prior to the start of Mass.

**MONDAY, June 2** | *Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*  
**8:30 AM** + St. James Memorial Society

**TUESDAY, June 3** | *Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*  
**8:30 AM** + Fred Gabriel  
 R/B: Lina Mercado

**WEDNESDAY, June 4**  
**8:30 AM** + Brian Fletcher  
 R/B: Ann Fletcher

**THURSDAY, June 5** | *Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*  
**8:30 AM** + Ann Fritz  
 R/B: Paul & Eleanor Rich

**FRIDAY, June 6** | *Saint Norbert, Bishop*  
**8:30 AM** + Lucille Harczuk  
 R/B: J. Gorecki

**SATURDAY, June 7**  
**4:00 PM** + Anthony & Julie Pisciotto  
 R/B: Family

**SUNDAY, June 8** | *PENTECOST SUNDAY*  
**8:00 AM** + Ingrid Rivera  
 R/B: Sonny Siravo

**10:00 AM** + Anthony & Mary D'Albero  
 R/B: Vincent & Marie D'Albero

**2:00 PM** + Yolanda Vilchis Vilchis  
 R/B: Friends

**5:00 PM** + Stephanie Germann  
 R/B: Mother, Jeanne



## Week of June 2, 2025

### MONDAY/LUNES

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

### TUESDAY/MARTES

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

### WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLE

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19

### THURSDAY/JUEVES

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
 Jn 17:20-26

### FRIDAY/VIERNES

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

### SATURDAY/SÁBADO

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25

### SUNDAY/ DOMINGO

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



**Baptism:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized need to call the Rectory. Preparation classes are required and are by appointment only.

**Sponsors and Godparents:** Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic over the age of 16. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and leads a life compatible with Church teaching. **We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.** Mass attendance is confirmed by envelope use. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor letter or for additional information.

**Matrimony:** Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

**Ministry of the Sick:** Parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Rectory.

**Religious Education Classes:** For information on Religious Education classes, please contact our Religious Education office at 732-521-1188. **Registration is now open.**

**OCIA (formerly RCIA):** Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults which begins in September and runs through the following Easter.



*"The Lord loves our brothers and sisters who are ill. With trust let us pray to him that he will comfort them with his grace."*

David Addesso, Claudia Addesso, Kristen Aikens, Neil Armorer, Barbara Boyer, Denis Brady, Len Caglianone, Joan Conover, Joe Conti, Charles Ferrito, Janice Gervasi, Finnley Hanway, Ellie K., Rev. Brian McCormick, Eileen R., Irene Resnick, Tony Rondinelli, Grace S., Peggy Schiller, Bill Sharp, Annette Sowa, Rev. Louis Stingel, Richard G. Tittel, Antoinette Tumas, Cathy Valendo

### **IMPORTANT**

If you wish to add a name to the list in the **2025** bulletins, please call the Parish Office. 2025 names will be added and remain on the list for 60 days. Please notify the office if you wish to remove it sooner, or by the 15th of the ending month if you wish to keep the name on the list.

To add or remove someone on the sick list, please contact the Parish Office at 732-521-0100 or via email at [jamestheless1800@gmail.com](mailto:jamestheless1800@gmail.com).



## Una carta de Rev Juan C. Gaviria

Hoy celebramos la Ascensión del Señor, cuando Jesús asciende al cielo en el día 40 luego de la Pascua. En el ciclo C, el evangelio es tomado de San Juan.

Hay puntos parecidos en los reportes de la Ascensión del Señor en los evangelios sinópticos-Marcos, Mateo y Lucas. En cada relato, Jesús asigna a sus discípulos a proclamar en evangelio al mundo entero. Hay algunas diferencias también. En los evangelios de Marcos y Mateo, los discípulos son enviados por Jesús a bautizar y a predicar. En el evangelio de Lucas, sin embargo, esa comisión de bautizar no se encuentra. En lugar de ello, Jesús invita a los discípulos a regresar a Jerusalén y a esperar el cumplimiento de la promesa del envío del Espíritu Santo. Curiosamente, solo San Marcos y San Lucas mencionan que Jesús asciende al cielo. El evangelio de San Mateo concluye con la promesa de Jesús de permanecer con sus discípulos para siempre. Solo el evangelio de San Marcos nota que Jesús asciende y se sienta a la derecha del Padre. San Marcos enseña que la ascensión de Jesús afirma la gloria de Jesús recibida de Dios luego de su muerte y resurrección.

Aquellos que creyeron en Jesús, serán empoderados para hacer lo que el mismo hizo. Ya en el evangelio de San Marcos, durante su ministerio, Jesús envía a sus discípulos a predicar, a sanar y a expulsar demonios. Ahora mismo, ellos son enviados de nuevo a hacer esas cosas y a más. Desde su lugar en el cielo, Jesús ayudó a sus discípulos y aun nos ayuda, de manera que continuamos apoyando a sus seguidores.

### REFLEXION BIBLICA SOBRE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

#### 1 de junio de 2025 - La Ascensión del Señor

*“Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el primero y el último, el principio y el fin.” (Apocalipsis 22:13)*

Eso es un recordatorio de cómo debemos vivir nuestras vidas las 24 horas del día, 7 días a la semana - poniendo a Dios en primer lugar en todo lo que hacemos. No solo cuando estamos en Misa y en las actividades parroquiales, sino cuando estoy en el mundo, en el trabajo o en la escuela. Vivir una vida agradecida y generosa es un estilo de vida intencional. Cada decisión que usted toma lo acerca más a Dios o lo aparta de Él. ¡Escoja sabiamente!

#### Novena to the Holy Spirit (Spanish)



La Novena al Espíritu Santo se rezará diariamente desde el viernes 30 de mayo hasta el sábado 7 de junio a las 7 PM, excepto el domingo 1 de junio, que se rezará a la 1 PM.

#### Stay in Touch For Upcoming Events!

Interested in upcoming events at St James? Sign up for [Flocknote](#) and receive regular communications on upcoming masses & services. Sign up to receive news via email and/or text.

There are 3 ways to sign up:

1. Scan the QR code below
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#### The Ascension of Our Lord Prayer

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. ~ *Amen*

#### Weekly Collections

May 17-18, 2025	May 18-19, 2024
1st collection \$6,903	1st collection 5,917
2nd collection \$1,413	2nd collection \$1,623
Next week's 2nd Collection: Father's Day Novena	

## Spiritual Gifts Week of May 31—June 6



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To learn more, visit [www.alaforveterans.org/poppy](https://www.alaforveterans.org/poppy)

### CELEBRATE LIFE

#### A MORNING FOR GRANDPARENTS AND SENIORS (55+)

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025**  
 9:30 am- 12:30 pm  
 Celebrating the  
 Feast of Sts. Anne & Joachim

**Guest Speaker: Keaton Douglas**  
 Consultant, Educator, Counselor

**Schedule:**  
 9:30 am Welcome, Breakfast and Fellowship  
 10:30 am Presentation  
 "The Spiritual Gifts of Aging: Wisdom, Patience & Grace"  
 11:45 am Holy Mass

Event is free, registration is required! Scan code:

Contact Angela at  
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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter June 7-8, 2025

Looking to strengthen your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a powerful weekend experience for married couples to deepen their communication and renew their commitment. Details of upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends will be explained next weekend. The encounter offers a chance to step away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other in a supportive, faith-based setting. Visit <https://wwme.org/> to find out more.



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