

April 27, 2025

SAINT JAMES THE LESS PARISH

36 Lincoln Avenue, Jamesburg, NJ 08831

Put your finger here and see my
hands, and bring your hand and
put it into my side, and do not be
unbelieving, but believe.

JOHN 20:27



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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's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

April 27, 2025 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' " (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Ministry Schedule May 3rd and May 4th

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00pm	Lois Castrovine	Charlotte Klecan	Nathan & Nevin Panichiyil
Sunday 8:00 am	Carmen/Misael Ortiz	Elaine Slabinski	Sammy & Lucas Ortiz
Sunday 10:00 am	Judy Pugliese	Michele Raimondi	Henry & Sean Alvarenga
Sunday 2:00 pm	Janet Lopez	Lidia Daniels	Angelo Olachea, Brandon Tlapale & Hailey Herrera
Sunday 5:00 pm	Ryan Dunn	Christine Holmes	Kayla, Madelyn & Tyler Dunn



If requestors are in attendance for a mass intention and wish to bring offertory gifts to the priest, please advise the usher before the start of mass.

MONDAY, April 28

8:30 AM Marcus Sasmita-Sian (living intention)
R/B: Dino Sian

TUESDAY, April 29

8:30 AM + Lisa Keppler
R/B: Linda Rondinelli

WEDNESDAY, April 30

8:30 AM + Lucille Harczuk
R/B: J. Gorecki

THURSDAY, May 1

8:30 AM + John Cashin
R/B: Al & Irene Resnick

FRIDAY, May 2

8:30 AM + Michael Petras
R/B: Al & Irene Resnick

SATURDAY, May 3

4:00 PM For the protection of babies in the womb, and their families
R/B: Lifenet

SUNDAY, May 4

8:00 AM + Allan Baldassano
R/B: The Lehmann Family

10:00 AM + Frank & Minnie Sasso
R/B: Pat Stotzer

2:00 PM + Dario Vidal Luis
R/B: Francisca Vidal

5:00 PM + Ada & Nicolas Ciccone
R/B: Maria Stahorska



"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 Adesso, Kristen Aikens, Neil Armorer, Barbara Boyer, Denis Brady, Len Caglianone, Joe Conti, Charles Ferrito, Janice Gervasi, Finnley Hanway, Ellie K., Ronnie Kreutzer, 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 call the Parish Office at 732-521-0100, or send an email to:
jamestheless1880@gmail.com.



Week of April 28

MONDAY/LUNES

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY/MARTES

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY/JUEVES

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

SUNDAY/ DOMINGO

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14



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.

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.

Una carta de Rev Juan C. Gaviria

El evangelio de hoy se proclama en el segundo domingo de Pascua en cada uno de los ciclos litúrgicos. Esto debería de alertarnos sobre la importancia de los encuentros con el Jesús resucitado descritos en esta lectura de hoy. El evangelio combina dos escenarios: la aparición de Jesús luego de su resurrección y el diálogo de Jesús con Tomás, el discípulo que dudaba.

Parte del misterio de la resurrección de Jesús es que el apareció a sus discípulos, no como espíritu, sino en su mismo cuerpo. No sabemos como era esa aparición. En el evangelio de San Juan, leíamos como fue el primer encuentro entre María Magdalena con el Jesús resucitado, ella no lo reconoció en ese momento. En el evangelio de San Lucas, los discípulos que iban hacia Emaús tampoco lo reconocieron hasta que partieron el pan con El. Sabemos, por lecturas como las de hoy, que, en su resurrección, Jesús no estaba limitado por el espacio: el se aparece a sus discípulos atravesando una puerta con llave. También leemos que los discípulos pudieron ver en su cuerpo las marcas de la crucifixión.

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús saluda a sus discípulos con el regalo de la paz y del Espíritu Santo. Jesús también comisiona a sus discípulos a continuar el trabajo que había comenzado. Como Jesús fue enviado por Dios, también El envía a sus discípulos. La continuidad de la misión de Jesús es un elemento esencial en la Iglesia. Jesús les garantiza el éxito de su misión a sus discípulos con el regalo del Espíritu Santo. Este Espíritu Santo los une como una comunidad de fe y los fortalece para ser testigos de la resurrección de Jesús.

Las palabras de Jesús también resaltan la conexión entre el perdón de los pecados y el regalo del Espíritu Santo. Perdón y reconciliación son regalos de Jesús para nosotros. La gracia dada por el Espíritu Santo también puede ser compartida. Este es otro aspecto esencial de ser cristiano. La Iglesia continúa el ministerio de Jesús del perdón y de la reconciliación.

Tomás, el discípulo que dudaba, representa la realidad de la Iglesia que llega luego de la primera comunidad de los discípulos. Todos, excepto los discípulos, deben de creer sin ver. Al igual que Tomás, nosotros quizás tengamos dudas sobre las apariciones del Cristo crucificado y sepultado y que apareció a sus discípulos. Es parte de nuestra naturaleza humana el buscar evidencias de que el Jesús que apareció a sus discípulos luego de su muerte, era el mismo Jesús que fue crucificado. Tomás tuvo la oportunidad de ser nuestro representante que obtuvo evidencias. El nos da su testimonio de que el Jesús que resucitó es el mismo Jesús que murió. Por medio del regalo del Espíritu Santo, nosotros estamos entre quienes son bendecidos de que, sin haber visto, hemos creído.

REFLEXION BIBLICA SOBRE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

27 de abril de 2025 - Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

"Una vez más Jesús les dijo: 'La paz sea con ustedes. Como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes.'" (Juan 20:21)

La Paz, el primer don del Señor resucitado. Así como Jesús envió a los apóstoles al mundo, así también, Él nos envía a nosotros. Como discípulos de Jesús, somos llamados a ser compasivos y misericordiosos; y no solo con aquellos que son nuestros amigos, sino también con nuestros enemigos. Piense de alguna persona en su vida con la que necesite reconciliarse. Llámela justo ahora o mejor aún, vaya a visitarla.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Parish Prayer Intention for April

In April, we continue with prayers, fasting, abstinence, and more mortification, in preparation for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

Spiritual Gifts Week of April 16—May 2

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp that is lit during our Eucharistic Celebration is in memory of Vince & Virginia Mennona. This is requested Vincent & Joan Buonocore.



Weekly Collections

April 12th and 13th:

1st Collection \$8,914.50

2nd Collection \$3,085.00

Holy Week and Easter:

1st Collection \$18,364.00

2nd Collection \$1,358.00

Easter Flowers \$1,818.00



Next week's 2nd Collection will be for
Mother's Day Novena & Offering

Lord, bless her and keep her
Happy Mother's Day Mom!

First Holy Communion 2025



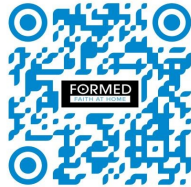
The rehearsal for First Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 pm and the final rehearsal **with parents** on Friday, May 2 at 6:30 pm. All children receiving their First Communion are required to attend, along with at least one parent or guardian.

Please pray for our First Communicants and as they receive their **First Holy Communion** on May 3.

We invite you to celebrate with our First Communicants as they crown the Blessed Mother and receive Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 at 10 am.

May Crowning of the Blessed Mother

The Rosary Altar Society invites you to recite the Rosary and celebrate the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Rosary Garden on Thursday, May 1st at 6 pm. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.



This Week on Formed

Week of April 27, 2025



The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



The Wild Goose

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit.



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Food Donations

We will be collecting food for the Deacons' Food Pantry in Jamesburg on May 3rd and 4th.

Items needed include: ketchup, mustard, relish, cereal, pasta, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned tomato products, peanut butter, jelly, and canned fruit.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the **Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication**. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.



Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education Program is now open. The registration packet was distributed to the students. Copies of the packet are available in the office. Please contact the Religious Education Office at (732) 521-1188 if you have any questions or require additional information.

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
2. Text JAMESTHELESS to 84576
3. Visit stjamestheless5.flocknote.com



Knights of Columbus Council #6336



83 E. Lincoln Avenue, Monroe
1st & 3rd Monday of every month 8:00 pm

St. James Columbiettes
2nd Monday of every month 7:00 pm
except July & August