

## Sacramental Life The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Sundays: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm (Saturday), 7:30am, 10:15 am & 12:00 Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am. Tuesday 8:15 am (children's mass) Saturdays: 8:30 AM Holy Days: AS ANNOUNCED The Sacrament of Penance Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00 PM or by request at anytime. The Sacrament of Baptism Celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month immediately AFTER the 10:15 am Mass Parents should contact the Parish House either before or soon after the birth of the baby to register for the reception of the Sacrament. Instruction for parents and godparents are held by appointments. Parents and godparents are expected to be practicing Catholics; godparent must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to serve as The Sacrament of Matrimony Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Please call the Parish House for an appointment. Sponsor Certificates: ONLY Eligible Registered & Practicing Parishioners will be given certification to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation. Parish House 32 St. James Place, Totowa, NJ 07512 Phone: 973-790-0288 Fax: 973-790-7064 (office hours 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday) The Academy of St. Francis of Assisi 400 Totowa Road, Totowa, NJ 07512 Phone: 973-956-8824 Fax: 973-956-9430

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## Church of St. James of the Marches

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- Mr. Jerry McFarlane, & Mr. Antonio Vacca, Sacristans

#### Pastoral care of the Sick

We wish to be of help to anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, age or disability. To receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick at home, please call the Parish House. Kindly call the Parish House if you wish a visit for a family member who is hospitalized.

Devotions: Every First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 am Mass

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Anyone wishing to become Catholic or who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation should call the Parish House for further information.

#### **Parish Registration**

Every Catholic family in the Parish should be registered. Please contact the Parish Office to do so or use the below form to join our Parish.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All adult Catholics should register in the Parish. Young adults of working age should register independently of their parents. In order for us to testify to your ability for sponsorship in Baptism, Confirmation or witness to a Catholic marriage, it is necessary to be a registered member of this Parish. Also, please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. (Please P R I N T)

#### NAME

CITY

ADDRESS STATE

#### PHONE #

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### Thinking Out Loud . . . .



As Lent is the time for greater love, come listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor – He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you. So suggests Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mother knows of what she speaks. This Lent, we should pray over her suggestion, see where it leads us, and experience the grace-filled moments that await us.

We are very grateful to the **Honorable Philip Murphy**, former U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, for his enthusiastic and insightful talk on the state of the world. The former Ambassador, the first speaker in our Lenten series, gave his perceptive and knowledgeable presentation to a large and listening audience in our school hall immediately after the evening Mass on Ash Wednesday. His comments were challenging and encouraged us to think about the many situations, economic, social, and political, which challenge all of us who want a better world to pass on to the next generation.

Once again, this bulletin is going to press in the morning, with the Most **Reverent Yousif Habash**, Syriac Bishop assigned presently to St. Joseph Syriac Cathedral, Bayonne, New Jersey, speaking to us on Wednesday evening on the calamities which are taking place in the Middle East. **Bishop Yousif** is a native of Iraq and knows firsthand of the atrocities committed against Christians in that part of the world.

Now, on to the big screen. A few weeks back, a priest friend and I saw the movie *Brooklyn*. It is the story of a young girl, Ellis Lacey played **by Saoirse Ronan**, (don't ask me how to pronounce her first name) who leaves Ireland and comes to Brooklyn to, as they say, "make something of herself." Before long, she meets an Italian plumber, named, "Tony" (what else) and they fall in love. It is a wonderful, simple story, with a few unexpected turns in it. The movie takes place in the 1950's so if you like that era, you will enjoy the movie even more.

There were three aspects of this film worth mentioning. The first is that *Brooklyn* is proof that as far as films go, there need not be violence, bad language, or a lot of sex to make a movie like this a good one. It kept me interested from the beginning until the end. Second, while this is a boy- meets-girl story, it was romantic, not sappy, and the characters in the film were so much like many of the Irish were known to be as I grew up. Whoever did the casting did a terrific job. Third, the movie accurately portrays the role the parish priest played in the everyday life of ordinary people back in the 1950's and especially in the lives of immigrants. His role was pivotal. So often it was the parish priest who helped make the transition from one country to another the success the newly-arrived hoped it would be. No negative press or innuendo for the clergy in this film. Ms. Ronan is a "looker," a real Irish beauty, and Tony the plumber is played by **Emory Cohen** whose role is more than convincing.

Coming from the forgotten borough of Staten Island, which survived the Brooklyn invasion right after the Verrazano Bridge was built, there were many Irish-Italian couples who fell in love and together had very happy marriages that produced many beautiful babies.

Walking along the boardwalk of South Beach, one could see children in t- shirts which have, "Half Gaelic half garlic" printed on them, no doubt the children of the Tony and Ellis who once lived in Brooklyn and who had happily found their way to Staten Island.

Monday morning brought with it a bus trip for our Altar Servers and Children's Choir members, as a way of thanking them for their liturgical service to our Church.

Traffic was exceptionally light, both going and coming, as it was President's Day holiday. The day started with a Staten Island Ferry ride from Staten Island to the lowest part of Manhattan. From Battery Park, we moved our way up to Old St. Patrick's Cathedral which is now a Basilica. **Monsignor Donald Sakano**, the Pastor of this old historically significant parish located on Mott Street of Little Italy fame, gave us a personal tour of the Old St. Patrick's which is in the middle of the renovation of everything one might imagine. It is a gem of a Church already and with the renovation currently underway, it will be the jewel of jewels.

We were late in our arrival, and while Monsignor had a Mass a little after noon, he was as thorough as could be in the presentation of all aspects of the renovation. When the renovation is complete, the adults of our parish would be wise to take advantage of a trip to the Archdiocese of New York's first Cathedral.

Completing the tour of the Old St. Patrick's, our coach brought us up to the newer and also newlyrenovated St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue and 50<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our tour guide, one of the Cathedral's volunteer staff members, was as gracious as could be as she showed us every point of interest which could be shown. From the Holy Doors, to the Lady Chapel, to the crypt in which the Archbishops of New York are laid to rest, it was as thorough a tour as could be imagined.

When I asked if our children could get a better view of the Archbishop's chair, thus designating the Church in which the Cathedral is located as the Cathedral, we were treated to the rarest of rare opportunities to view the throne while in the sanctuary itself. One of our more observant students commented that they were only ten feet away from where our Holy Father presided at Vespers during his recent visit to the Big Apple. It is my sense that this experience will become quite a memory for our young participants and rightly so!

Another wonderful group in our parish, the St. (Column continues on next page)

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James Seniors, is not only alive and thriving but growing in numbers. What is the reason for this success you might ask? The answer is this: a committed moderator, very fine members of its executive committee, the officers are great, and a solid core group of members who are positive in their outlook and pleasant in their disposition. My prediction is that this will become one of the largest and most active groups in the parish in the not too distant future.

So, once again, we have been blessed with a grace-filled and productive week here at St. James. As Lent continues, let's remember Mother Teresa's words and continue to show our love for Jesus by showing our love to others, especially to the poor, and to those most in need of our kindnesses.

Father Patrick



A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS FOR:

Lt. Gen. Sam Angelella USAF/Japan Captain Ryan Bellmann Army/Kuwait Lance V. Chwan Retired US Marine/ Kosov Lt. JG Brittany Davis US Navy/San Diego, CA

Lance Corporal Lorenzo Andro Estrera US Marines / Arizona **Captain Jesse Geiger** Army Reserve / Fort Dix First Lt. Joshua Kluzek US Marines / Japan **Senior Airman Anthony Laurice** US Air Force / Davis Monthan AFB. AZ **Major Daniel McGuire** US Air Force / Afghanistan **Major Jeffrey Meade** US Air Force / Luke AFB, Phoenix, AZ Specialist Edward Mutch Army Reserve / Fort Dix **Private Anthony Rivera** US Marines / Paris Island, South Carolina Private Clifford VanTassel Army / Iraq Major Joseph Trynosky USAF/UAE

If you have a relative or friend who is in the Armed Forces, please call us at 973-790-0288 and their names will appear in our weekly bulletin & we will be praying for them for their safety & their families. God Bless America!



## Easter Ham Donation

If you will be donating a ham for the needy in our community, please drop-off in the <u>CCD office (31</u> <u>St. James Place, Totowa)</u>

Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00

**<u>pm.</u>** Thank you for your generosity.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember in your prayers the following: John Amodio, Jeanette Aughey, Jackie Balloutine, Sharbel Balloutine, Monsignor Patrick Brown, Donna Bruen, Lorraine Calamita, Rose Campagna, Kristin Cappuccio, Angela Coubati, Maria Ciaremella, Lucy & Anto-

nio Convertino, Harry Cortes, James E. Cunningham, Pete Farina, Dennis Florence, Maria Dezago, Valerie Foti, Nancy Ann Gallo, Betty Goodsier, Philip Gordon, Karen Gourley, Linda & Domingo Handal, Josephine landiorio, Theresa luculano, James Keeley, Angie Kimble, Dana Kobloth, Anne Krautheim, Joey Kuri, Father Justin Kusibab, OFM Conv., Juliann Marciano, Madeline Mathers, John Nicoll, Andrew O'Connor, Kathleen Occhino, Brother Stefano Panizzolo, LC., Michael Panzella, April Matera-Patiro, Anthony Polito, Denis Sullivan, Paul Tommasi, Joseph Valle, Bea Vinciguerra, Bryan Wells, Ann Williams, Robyn Zaleski, Evan Zillner, Agnes Mariella Zimmer.

## HOME TO GOD

Please pray for all those who have recently passed on, especially **Linda Donato Strenkoski**. The deceased always rely on our prayers on their journey home to God.

#### A Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults R.C.I.A.



Classes are held EVERY SUNDAY after the 10:15 am Mass in the CCD office. (31 St. James Place) for any adult wanting to be baptized and/or to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist or Confirmation.

## Thank You

## A Special Thank You

On the bus trip to New York City this past Monday, water, donuts and fruit were provided for the members of our altar servers, children's choirs, and the chaperones who accompanied us.

We owe a special *THANK YOU* to **Millie & Dario Arana**, who brought bagels, cream cheese, lox and muffins for everyone on the trip.

It was a thoughtful considerate and generous gesture and one enjoyed by both adults and children alike.

Hats off to Mr. & Mrs. Arana!

# Giveblood

## DONATE BLOOD / GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

St. James R.C. Church will sponsor its 23rd Annual Good Friday Blood Drive. Friday, March 25, 2016, Parish Hall 6:30 am to 1:30 pm, 400 To-

towa Road, Totowa. Complimentary cholesterol screening will be done for all blood donors. All healthy people between the ages of 17 & 75 years of age are eligible to donate to save a life. Donors must present signed ID and know their social security number. Coffee, juice, bagels & buns will be provided. For more info call Darlene Walsh at 973-956-9378.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 14, 2016		
	Amount	Envelopes Used
Saturday: 5:30 pm	\$1,748	70
7:30	\$ 859	49
10:15 am	\$1,559	73
12:00 pm	\$1,978	70
TOTAL	\$6,144	

 COLLECTION COMPARISON

 2011
 2012
 2013
 2014
 2015
 2016

 \$4,820
 \$5,550
 \$6,374
 \$6,408
 \$6,099
 \$6,144

Next Money Tabulators Group: St. Desmond



Knights of Columbus News March Meetings: March 7 & 21. Degree Meeting, March 10

(Please bring canned goods)

Want to do some good deeds? Why not join the Knights of Columbus Council # 6574? We are always looking for new members. Free cake, coffee and laughs at every meeting so if you're interested, please contact Grand Knight Vincent D'Antonio Sr. (201 745-3387) or Membership Chairman Ted Kopec (201 396-9026).



#### **Rosary Altar Society**

The monthly Rosary Mass will be on Sunday, March 6 at 12 noon. Recitation of the Rosary at 11:45 am. Rosary Meeting on Monday, March 7th at 7:30 pm



#### St. James Senior Out-Reach Program

Are you ever lonely, wish someone would stop by for a visit and some conversation, or a phone call just to see if everything is okay? How

about having someone read to you, if you have poor vision or play a game? These are just a few of the services being offered through our Out-Reach Program. Also for the families of our seniors, as well as the seniors, we have a NJ State Certified Social Worker who will have information on Medicare, Medicaid, PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance Program) and other available assistance. Please feel free to call the Parish House 973-790-0288 or email at stjameschurch@optonline.net regarding the above information. If you reach out - we will reach back!



## **Hospital Visits**

Please call the Parish House (973-790-0288) or email (stjameschurch@optonline.net) to let us know if someone in your family and/or another parish member is

hospitalized and would appreciate a visit from a member of our parish team.

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FEBRUARY 2016 SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 pm Rosemarie & Ken Brino & Ruth Kurczab Sunday, 7:30 am Marianne LoBue, Bette Beagin, Mary Stuckey Sunday, 10:15 am Sister Mary Cecile, Michele & Jerry Siccardi Sunday, 12:00 noon Leila Stephan, Diane Capone & Michael Greco

## LECTOR

## FEBRUARY 2016 SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 pm Ken Kurczab Sunday, 7:30 am Mary Jean Hayek Sunday, 10:15 am Sister Mary Cecile & Academy Student Sunday, 12:00 noon Debrah McHugh



## ALTAR SERVER FEBRUARY 2016 SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday:</u> <u>5:30 pm</u> Paolo Figueroa Benjamin Flores Devyn Guzman Justyn Guzman



<u>Sunday:</u> 7:30 am Jaiden Joseph Matthew Ruiz Santiago Ruiz Sebastian Ruiz Christian Sanchez

<u>10:15 am</u> Erick Cielemecki Christopher Marren Daniel Torres Marcus Washington

<u>12:00 pm</u> Jorge Arana Aaron Collado Salvatore Licea



#### 2016 Mass Book

The Daily Mass Record Book for 2016 is in the Parish House. Please stop in the office to arrange for your Mass intentions.

First Friday of the Month: Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 am Mass



## <u>MEMORIAL INTENTIONS</u> <u>SATURDAY MASS AT 8:30 AM</u> YEARLY: JANUARY / DECEMBER 2016

Brizzi & Simonetti Families, Margaret & John Costantini, Father James F. Dolan, S.J., Gabriel Dragone, Giuseppe Dragone, Lucille Gillen, John J. Griffin & Erin Ryan Gourley, Monsignor Michael F. Hart, John W. Krautheim, Sr., Father Bernard McKenna, The Marone & DiGuglielmo Families, Grace & Angelo Occhiuzzi, Anna (Nina) Pezzolla, The Porco Family & Anthony Picarelli, Father Francis J. Reilly, Philip Sgobba, Krystle M. Spinner, Jean Sprich, John E. & Rose V. Tchounis, Nunzio Vacca, Robert Varettoni & Family, Albert Venditte, Sr., Jack Whitney, Stephen Wrazen & Family, The Family of Frank P. Zaccaria.

## MONTHLY: JANUARY 2016

Ernestine & William Colella, and Anthony John Colella.



Stations of the Cross

*Every <u>Tuesday</u> in Lent <u>after the 8:15 am Mass</u> February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22* 

Every <u>Wednesday</u> in Lent at <u>7:30 pm</u> (In Italian) February 24, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23

*Every <u>Friday</u> in Lent at <u>7:30 pm</u> <u>February 26, March 4, March 11, March 18</u>* 

## Music Corner

Why not begin a Lenten song transforming it into an **"alleluia"** for Easter mass!

Consider singing with the **Adult Choir** during LENT and HOLY WEEK as a way to

deepen your spiritual life. We rehearse **Thursdays 7-8:30pm** come and join in the singing. A follow up rehearsal happens every **Sunday before the 12noon Mass at 11:30am**.

For Holy Week, we will sing at Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday service and the Easter Vigil Mass. Children's Choir sings at the 10:15am Mass every Sunday and includes CCD and Academy children.

Rehearsals are held before Mass **at 9:15am every Sunday.** Make us your Lenten project!

**Volunteer Musicians:** Would like flutes, guitars, violins for Lent. Please see Jeannine after mass for more information

## BULLETIN WEEK OF: February 21, 2016

Mass Intentions

Monday, F	ebruary 22	
8:00am	Donald Ariola, req. by Janet Cozzolino	
	John Spages, req. by The Spinner Family	
Tuesday, F	ebruary 23	
8:15am	John Spages, req. by The Spinner Family	
Wednesda	y, February 24	
8:00am	Hughie Vickeriella, req. by Steven Veltri	
	John Spages, req. by The Spinner Family	
Thursday,	February 25	
8:00am	William Lenahan, req. by wife, Eleanor	
	Dirk VanGelder, req. by wife, Anna	
	The People of St. James Parish	
Friday, February 26		
8:00am	Thomas Curcio, req. by Roberta Hensler	
	Special Intentions for Our Servicemen and	
	Servicewomen Serving Our Country	
Saturday, February 27		
8:30am	Memorial Mass	
5:30pm	Carmela Cianni, req. by Adriana & Ajit Agnihotri	
	Patricia Braunlich, req. by The Trommelen Family	
	Matthew Clarken, req. by Bette & Jim Beagin	
	Richard Mirrer, req. by Bette & Jim Beagin	
	Domenico Stampone, req. by The D'Apolito Family	
Sunday, February 28		
7:30am	Krystle M. Spinner, req. by The Spinner Family	
	Mr. & Mrs. Estrera, req. by Family	
	Lucy Mecca, req. by The Spinner Family	
	Hughie Vickeriella, req. by Donna Trommelen &	
	Maria Sagui	
10:15am	Aniello Moscariello, req. by wife, Carmela	
	Domenico Bambara, req. by Virginia	
	Anthony Passafaro, req. by Family	
	Mario Gaita, Sr., req. by Family	
	Julia Hoffman, req. by Denise Olsen	
40.00	Richard Capo, req. by The Forbes Family	
12:00noon	John Francis & Ruth M. Ryan, req. by Father Patrick	
	Grace & Angelo Occhiuzzi, req. by Family	
	Salvatore & Giovanna LaCognata, req. by Maria, Enza &	
	Marge	
	Theresa McGuire, req. by Carroll McGuire	
	Giuseppe Colombo, req. by The Ormsby Family	
	D Jon Tunic, req. by Ralph Curcio	



LENT 2016 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions "WELCOME HOME"

As a reminder, the 2016 "Welcome Home" Reconciliation Initiative will run at each

parish in the Diocese on the five (5) Mondays in Lent *Every <u>Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm</u>* 

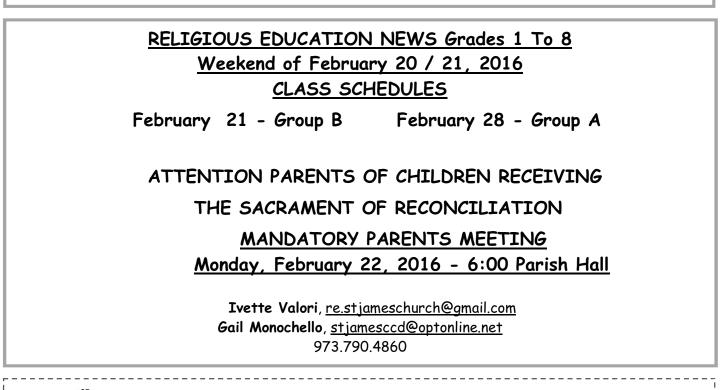
February 22, February 29, March 7, March 14

## ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Weekend of February 20 / 21, 2016

Time really is flying in the second grade! The students are getting ready for their First Reconciliation in March and their First Communion in May. We are so excited for these opportunities to grow closer to Jesus and to participate more in our Catholic faith. The children learned about the beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday. Now, we are preparing for Jesus' resurrection at Easter, too!

They are learning how to add double-digit numbers; how to identify theme and plot in a story; how to tell the difference between facts and opinions; all about life cycles of plants and animals, and about important historical figures such as Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Wow, so much to learn! And we are continuing to practice being "star listeners" so we can all learn and grow to the best of our ability. I am so proud of my students!

## Sr Bridget, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher





Opening Our Hearts & Working Together To Serve Others - Putting Our Faith Into Action. Our mission is for all of us to create a stronger bond and strengthen our Parish Family together with our children, as we go out into the community to serve others who are less fortunate than us and need our help.

The Parish Outreach of St. James Church started with the Confirmation families and branched out to our Parishioners along with the Academy of St. Francis with various projects, such as soup kitchen visits, spending time with sick children and the elderly and participating at Special Olympics. We welcome all parishioners & our extended family at the

Academy of St. Francis to join us as we put our *FAITH IN ACTION*. Please keep your eyes open for bulletin inserts listing Parish Outreach Opportunities and join us on our mission in helping those in need in our community. Thank You to all previous donors & participants. God bless.

Please contact Ms. Handal at (973) 432-0591



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