

Saints Are Not Always “Saints”

This week-end the spotlight falls on Saint James, the patron of our parish, as his feast day is celebrated on July 25th. Saint James was one of the first four of Jesus’ chosen disciples, having been called from his fishing nets along the Sea of Galilee. He and his brother got up immediately to follow Jesus.

James seems to have been one of Jesus’ favorites. He was privileged, along with Peter and John, to be present at the Transfiguration. The same three witnessed the raising of the daughter of Jairus. They also were called upon to be a comfort to Jesus as he suffered His agony in the garden. (Remember, though, they all fell asleep.)

The Gospels seem to be quite honest in not “spinning” the actions and attitudes of the apostles. James and his brother were not perfect angels. They had a streak of ambition which showed itself at least once. They took Jesus aside, and tried to get Him to agree to give them the seats of honor—at His right and His left—when Jesus established His Kingdom. The other apostles got wind of this scheme, and you can imagine what Jesus had to deal with. He uses the situation to teach that the purpose of authority is actually to serve, not to dominate: “*Whoever wishes to be first, must be the slave of all.*” (Mark 10:35–45)

Another occasion showed their readiness for revenge. On His journey to Jerusalem, the Samaritans would not let Him pass through their town. James (and John) become highly indignant, and offer to call upon God to rain down fire from heaven to destroy that town. Jesus turns, only to rebuke them for such a vengeful attitude (Luke 9: 51—56.) It seems that they still had a lot to learn.

It seems also that the Apostle James was the first of Jesus’ disciples to be martyred (Acts 12: 1—3). He had become a leader of the early believers in Jerusalem, and was therefore targeted by King Herod. In his martyrdom he truly professed his faith in Jesus. His death showed that he had finally become re-made in the image of His Lord.

Our Saint James is actually one of three early disciples (all named James) who could be the author of the *Letter of St. James* in the New Testament. It is this Letter that gives us the basis for the Sacrament of the Anointing. He writes: “*Are there people sick among you ? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. And if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.*” (James 5: 14—15).

James also speaks about the importance of both faith and works (James 2: 14—17). They need to be found together. One without the other is misguided or dead.

And check his warnings about the human tongue (James 3: 5—11.). It might be wise never to speak again.

Did you know ? Saint James Church has actually had three names since its beginnings in 1943. When it was founded, the parish was known as the **Church of Saint James the Apostle**. Because there are actually two ‘Saint James the Apostles’ in the lists found in the Gospels, within a few years the name was changed to **Saint James the Great**, suggesting that he is James the ‘brother of John,’ not James, ‘son of Alphaeus.’ Perhaps thinking this title was a little too triumphal, the name was morphed to **Saint James the Greater** (less triumphal?) Here the official name of our parish remains—till further notice!

Happy Feast Day,
Father Wayne

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2010

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week
burns in Memory of
Deceased Pastors and Parishioners

TUESDAY, July 27

8:00AM – No Mass

SATURDAY, July 31

8:00 AM – Wilton “Abby” Lamoreaux
req. by Valerie & Bill Ricciardi

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1

8:00AM – Rose Marie Breitbach
req. by Regina Quinn
11:30AM – Irma Pagano
req. by The Millspaugh Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,174.00 – Regular Collection – July 18, 2010
\$ 289.00 – Catholic Communication
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$1,247.00 – Regular Collection – July 19, 2009
\$ 358.00 – Catholic Communication

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,148.00 – Regular Collection – July 18, 2010
\$ 382.00 – Catholic Communication
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$3,407.00 – Regular Collection – July 19, 2009
\$ 786.00 – Catholic Communication

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Mary Bell, Vickie Bennett, Joseph Bruno, Eric Cerra, Gail Collis, Jerry Cooper, Jason DeLorenzo, Geri Fawyer, Carl & Ronnie Ferriere, Marie Furtado, Nancy Green, Eric Harper, Horace Harper, Catherine Higgins, Sharon Hubbell, Peter Jaycay, Sharon Johnson, Pearle Kohol, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Lugi Osso, Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill Sousa, Lilia Vazquez, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner and Gabriel Wyzga

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Father Lewis Center **today, July 25th** from 8:00AM to 1:30PM. Blood supplies are low during the summer and donations are greatly appreciated.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns
in Memory of David Serena at the
Request of the Knights of Columbus

MONDAY, July 26

9:00AM – Tom Sehrt
req. by His Wife, Lorraine

TUESDAY, July 27

9:00AM – Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, July 28

9:00AM – Daniel Jacobellis
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

THURSDAY, July 29

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 30

9:00AM – Lenore Cook
req. by Josephine Yarosz

SATURDAY, VIGIL, July 31

5:30 PM – Ella Karahuta
Req. by Dave & Marion

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1

9:30AM – Eugene St. John
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUE

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the love God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a beautiful image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings grace to those who open their hearts to any image of God's love. If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home, please contact Diana, Legion of Mary at 973-948-7601. *Pray the Family Rosary.*



We joyfully welcome
Thomas John Alsdorf
Caylee Lynn Fletcher
Joshua Frank LoPorto
who were all baptized during July.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Come and Experience God through His Creation

Families of the parishes are invited to spend a day celebrating the last month of summer at Camp Linwood MacDonald on Monday, August 2nd (weather permitting) from 10:00AM until 3:00PM for a day of faith and fun! Father Wayne will begin our day at 10:00AM with Holy Mass at the outdoor amphitheatre. The rest of the day will feature rock wall climbing, swimming, boating, fishing (bring your own poles), and field sports. Please pack a picnic lunch – we will provide desserts. The cost per child/teen is \$5.00 and parents are free! You must RSVP to Mary at 973-948-7004 by July 30th. This summer day spent together will surely be graced and blessed by the One who created all.

Registrations for 2010/2011 Catechetical Year

All re-registrations were to be returned by July 15th to avoid the late fee. If you have not already re-registered your child(ren) - you need to do so immediately.

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish or children enrolled in Catholic school or home school who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation must call the Religious Education Office to register. To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Explore your interest through the R.C.I.A. ---‘Come and See’. When Jesus was approached by those who wanted to become His disciples, Jesus invited them to “...come and see”. Walk with us. Learn who we are, then make your decision to become Catholic, a disciple of Jesus. If you have thought about the R.C.I.A. before, and passed up the opportunity, today may be the time that the Holy Spirit has chosen for you. The R.C.I.A. is a time for you and your needs and concerns. It is a journey in faith and a time to slow down to enjoy the journey. ‘Come and See’ by calling the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004.

From the Health Ministry:

Thank you to all those parishioners who filled out the Health Interest Survey. For those who did not fill out a survey, but would like to do so, please call the Religious Education office for assistance.

The results of the survey are as follows:

- Participation would be high in a Health Fair and a Blood Pressure screening.
- Interest is high in wellness issues particularly: chiropractics, women’s health, health & wellness through lifestyle, exercise and nutrition.
- Disease issues to be addressed – cancers, diabetes, heart, Lyme disease and Osteoarthritis.

As the Health Ministry evolves, we hope to address many of the issues which concern our parish members. Also, we look forward to having a dedicated telephone line for the Health Ministry and to share space in the sacristy for our equipment and records. Many parishioners graciously volunteered to assist where needed, as needed, and a special thank you goes out to them. Continue to check the bulletin for continuing information on the new Health Ministry.

St. James and St. Thomas Food Pantry

The following items are still needed to stock our pantry. Please consider making a donation in order to help those in need – boxed cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna and chicken, mayonnaise, canned pasta, stew, soup, fruit, potatoes and vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, rice, cake mixes and icing, muffin mixes, cookies, crackers, coffee, tea, sugar, juice (bottles and boxes), crackers, cookies and toiletries (deodorant, soap and toothpaste). **Please – No pasta, sauce, or macaroni and cheese at this time.** Gift cards to Shop Rite in \$10.00 increments would also be helpful for perishable items. Please make sure food is in original packaging with current dates. Donations can be left at St. James or St. Thomas for your convenience.

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to our Emergency Food Drive these last few weeks and to Gina Barbagallo for arranging it.

Respect Life Reflections

“That which came to be found life in Him” ~ John 1:3.

Reflection: Love leads to life; it does not close it off. Love welcomes life; it is not afraid of it. Love and life go together because they are two aspects of the one God.

Prayer: Lord, God, You are love and You are life. Open all people to Your love so that they may give life

From Our Columbiettes

How can I help? The Columbiettes have a no cost way that you can help. As many of you already know, we collect can tabs from soda cans, soup cans, cat food cans, etc and cancelled stamps. We are now adding card fronts from used greeting cards of all occasions, “box tops” for education found on cereal boxes and baking mixes and “Campbell” soup labels for education. These new additions will be sent to St. Jude’s Children Ranch in Boulder City, NV. This organization provides a safe haven for abused and neglected children. These items can be placed in the container in the church labeled for can tabs etc. Any questions, please call Donna Lewandowski at 973-293-3706 or email at donnalew1@optonline.net. Thank you.

Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli has designated **Saturday, September 18, 2010** as the day for our Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness.

He will lead this Pilgrimage of Faith and celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving; he hopes we will have 4,000 people coming. Price for the 1 – day bus pilgrimage is \$40.00, leaving between 6 and 7 AM and returning around 10 PM. An optional overnight Pilgrimage is outlined on the blue flyers and posters. Please call our Parish Coordinator: St. James, Carol Lombaerde at 973-948-2285 and St. Thomas, Diana Rimshnick at 973-948-7601 for registration or information.

A THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

STC -- St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center

SJC -- St. James Ch. or Church Hall

REC -- Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center

Sunday, July 25, 2010

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. James the Greater

Monday, July 26

Tuesday, July 27

Wednesday, July 28

Thursday, July 29

Friday, July 30

Saturday, July 31

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

Sunday, August 1, 2010

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

Future Events

Mon. Aug. 2 *Family Day* at Camp Linwood
MacDonald from 10:00AM until 3:00PM

St. James Christmas Bazaar Committee

is holding a planning meeting on **Thurs. July 29**. All volunteers interested in helping with this year's Bazaar are invited to attend this planning meeting, beginning at **7:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall**.

Summer Food Pantry Drive. Our Food Pantry is low on supplies at the same time that we are experiencing increased calls for help. To answer this problem, high school student Gina Barbagallo will be conducting an Emergency Food Drive on **these two weekends** at both our parishes. Boxes are placed in the Gathering Space for dropping off items. **Please check the notice on page four for items especially needed at this time.**

“God’s Will—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else.”

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Going on long journey ? It’s amazing that a Catholic church can be found within miles of any location throughout our nation. Attending Mass in another region can help widen the horizons of our faith, and deepen our appreciation of the “catholicity” of our faith. To find a convenient Mass at your vacation destination, consult www.masstimes.org. And bring back a bulletin. Signed.

Young Adults, 20 – 35. “Theology On Tap” is a way for young Catholics to socialize and to deepen and challenge their faith. The Morristown Catholic Young Adults invite all to a Summer Seminar on **Tuesday, July 27th**. Fr. Hernan Arias, Pastor of St. Margaret’s, Morristown, will speak on *“Jesus the Bread of Life, the Center of Our Lives.”* It begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at Mehndi Restaurant, 88 Headquarters Plaza / 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown. Parking is free in Headquarters Plaza Garage (with validation.) For more info contact Bridget at info@myca.us or visit www.myca.us

Catching up on the Sacraments:

The Sacraments of Healing:

Reconciliation *“The Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth,”* and throughout the Gospels Jesus does just that, saying, *“Child, your sins are forgiven.”* (Mk 2: 10, 5) On the first Easter, He empowered His apostles and their successors to do the same: *“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.”* (Jn 20: 23) We all stumble and fall, despite our best efforts. Christ Himself awaits us in the confessional, eager to offer this sacrament’s healing grace. It is “one of the Church’s precious treasures, since authentic world renewal is accomplished only through forgiveness. (Pope Benedict XVI, Pentecost, 2005)

Anointing of the Sick This sacrament is the Church’s call to bring healing of body, mind, soul and spirit, with scriptural basis for this anointing in Mark 6:13 and James 5:14. This custom continued, but for several centuries only the dying were anointed, with the priest anointing the sick at seven points on the body, praying for forgiveness of the person’s sins. Today, priests and bishops anoint the forehead and hands of the person while praying, “May the Lord, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.” (Anointing of the Sick Prayers, 25)

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