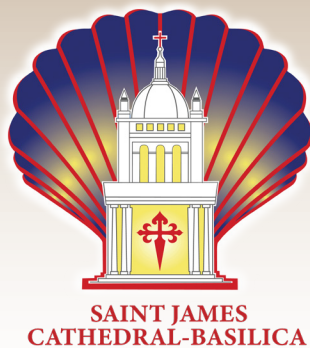




**THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE**

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
February 4 , 2024



**MASS TIMES:**

**Weekday Mass: Monday–Friday 12:00 PM**

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**

*Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, D. D., Bishop*

*Reverend Bryan D. Patterson, S.T.L., Rector*

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## From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

*Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,*

On what I would characterize as a ‘self-discovery by travel’ blog, Brendan John Lee on [brenontheroad.com](http://brenontheroad.com) has a post, “What People Are Doing When They Travel to ‘Find Themselves’”. There you can find a quote by Bob Moawad, “The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours – it is an amazing journey – and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day your life really begins.” Life as a journey . . .

Paradoxically, as a Christian you find your own unique life journey by deciding to follow Jesus as the Way. After that, the only fault is not remaining steadfast in following, rather than trying to lead God. If life is not found in the fullest, no applicable apologies or excuses, there is no one to lean on, rely on or blame other than yourself. The gift of life is given and only your faith in God determines the quality of it.

For us at Saint James, the theme of the journey is all around us. We are the first stop on the now annual diocesan Lenten Church pilgrimage. The famous Camino de Santiago/the Way of Saint James that ends in Compostela in Spain is a constant reminder to us, whether we walk the actual Camino or walk with Jesus through life right here, that there is a starting place and a goal, baptism leading to entrance into the Kingdom of God.

The pandemic pretty much squashed my dream of somehow linking up Saint James Cathedral with pilgrims departing from New York to walk the Camino in Europe. “Your Daily Camino” as it appears in the bulletin is an opportunity to use each day here-and-now as a guide on the trail to grow closer to God and be encouraged on the journey. I envisioned the bulletin to be more than simply a Sunday post of parish activities but more like a weekly spiritual guide, a kind of roadmap for every day of the week.

At the Pro-Vita Mass, Fr Michael Gelfant, the associate state chaplain for the New York State Knights of Columbus Council, remarked that he reads our bulletin every week, as do many people outside the parish. We are very fortunate to have with us Mrs Beeyean Santos as our creative director, she is the one who designed the present bulletin. The artwork is amazing and the content is much more robust which has further increased its popularity.

Like Saint Paul in the Letter to the Corinthians, we try to win over as many as we can to the Lord Jesus, in any way that we can, the bulletin being one of them. The disciples tried to get Jesus to linger longer in Capernaum but he says his whole purpose in coming is to preach the Gospel all over.

If we want to be followers of Jesus, we are going to have to get used to him going different places, maybe a few a tad scary, and taking us along! The bulletin can help. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. If we want to have life in the fullest, we’ll have to keep pace with the Lord in our lives, all the way to the Kingdom of God.

Bon voyage,

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**





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**READING I****Jb 7:1-4, 6-7****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

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**READING II****1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23**

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

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**GOSPEL****Mk 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

**5th Sunday OT B - Gloria****Open: 852 - Only-begotten, Word of God Eternal****Offertory: 758 - Eye has not seen****Communion: 928- Eat this bread****Recession: 791 - Glorious in majesty****Postlude: Dialogo - Adriano Banchieri 1568-1634**

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**February 4, 2024**

“Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed.” If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Matt Mason**, the Vocations Director at (603) 663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### **THANK YOU** **To All Parishioners**

Thank you for making the coffee hour potluck a success with your delicious contributions. Your participation made it special. Let us carry this positive energy forward and continue building our church community.

### **Online Giving**

To support the maintenance of our **Cathedral-Basilica of Saint James**, please visit: <https://brooklyncathedral.org/online-giving>



### **FAITH LEADS TO FAITHFULNESS**

We are all being called to serve God and are in need of candidates interested in liturgical formation as Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers at Saint James Cathedral-Basilica.

If you are interested in serving at St. James and meet the requirements for Liturgical formation listed below, please see **Fr. Bryan** or **Deacon Ron** after mass or e-mail at: [rector@brooklyncathedral.net](mailto:rector@brooklyncathedral.net)

### **LITURGICAL FORMATION**

The process for determining the suitability of candidates for service at the Altar involves:

- \* *Observation* : Candidates should express by words and actions that they are reasonably living their baptismal call to service.
- \* *Discernment*: Prayer is an integral part of continuing to discern their service and the type of service they will offer.
- \* *Collection of information*: Candidates must provide sacramental certificates of baptism, confirmation, and marriage (if applicable).



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY - 11:00 AM</b> February 4, 2024	<b>MONDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 5, 2024	<b>TUESDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 6, 2024
People of the Parish	Cornelius (Neal) Pronek	Imelda Mallavarappu
<b>WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM</b> February 7, 2024	<b>THURSDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 8, 2024	<b>FRIDAY- 12:00 PM</b> February 9, 2024
Marie Machak ( <i>Brithday Wishes</i> )	Leema Rose Karnati	Alice Machak
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>February 4, 2024</b> Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes	<b>February 11, 2024</b> Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>February 4,, 2024</b> <i>Potluck style - Bring a dish &amp; share a smile</i>	<b>February 11,, 2024</b> <i>Potluck style - Bring a dish &amp; share a smile</i>

*O Mary, I entrust myself into your hands. I give you my body and my soul, my thoughts and my actions, my life and my death. Help me to love Jesus above all things.*

*Amen.*



*Obedience in  
Faith*



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

“That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city was lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits. Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn’t let them say a word.”

~Gospel of Saint Mark 1:32-34

### 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - MONDAY

“Lord Jesus Christ, you created me, you watched over me from infancy, kept my body from defilement, preserved me from love of the world, made me able to withstand torture, and granted me the virtue of patience in the midst of torments.”

~Saint Agatha

### 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

“Like my Master, I shall die upon the cross. Like him, a lance will pierce my heart so that my blood and my love can flow out upon the land and sanctify it to his name.”

~Saint Paul Miki

### 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - WEDNESDAY

“I am ugly in body but I want a beautiful soul.”

~Saint Joan of Valois

### 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

“If I was to meet those slave raiders that abducted me and those who tortured me, I’d kneel down to them to kiss their hands, because, if it had not have been for them, I would not have become a Christian and religious woman.”

~Saint Josephine Bakhita

### 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

“My eyes, I have filled with Jesus upon Whom I have fixed them at the Elevation of the Host at Holy Mass and I do not wish to replace Him with any other image.”

~Saint Colette


### 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - SATURDAY

“Please do not leave me tonight; let us go on until morning talking about the delights of the spiritual life.”

~Saint Scholastica to her twin brother Saint Benedict of Nursia

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

### SAINT AGATHA PRAYER



Saint Agatha, you offered your life to Christ and your divine Spouse and were faithful to your last breath. Please pray for me, that I may learn from the witness of your life to be single-hearted in my fidelity to the will of God and devoted to Him above all earthly fears and evils, trusting in Him until the end. Saint Agatha, pray for me. Amen.

### SAINT SCHOLASTICA PRAYER

O God, Who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend to Heaven in the form of a dove: grant, we beseech Thee, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently, as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through Jesus Christ, Thine only-begotten Son, Our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER BY SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

Hail, you who held the Uncontainable One in your holy and virginal womb! Through you, the Holy Trinity is glorified; the precious Cross is celebrated and adored throughout the world; heaven exults, the angels and archangels rejoice, the demons are put to flight, the devil, the tempter, falls from heaven, the fallen creation is brought back to paradise, all creatures trapped in idolatry come to know of the truth. Amen.

### SAINT JOHN DE MATHA PRAYER

O God, You were pleased to institute by heavenly direction, through St. John De Matha, the order of the Holy Trinity, for redeeming captives from the power of the Saracens; grant, we implore You, that by the suffrage of his merits, we may be delivered by Your grace from captivity of soul and body. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who being God, lives and reigns with You in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

The Feast of Saint Agatha is celebrated twice a year: February and August. Such is the devotion to Saint Agatha, that she is now recognized as the patron and protector of all.

St. Agatha is referred to in the martyrology of St. Jerome, the Calendar of Carthage, and other cited works. Even though she was regarded among the most revered virgin martyrs in Christianity, the specifics of her martyrdom are not of much historical value. Catania and Palermo are both debated as her birthplace, and both of her parents were nobles in society. It is also evident from the tradition that she is considered as belonging to a wealthy family. Dedicating her virginity and life to God at a young age, she rejected the persistent courting of a Roman prefect who was sent to govern Sicily by the emperor Decius.

Her rejection of the Roman Prefect and dedication to her faith was perceived (by the prefect) as an insult, and it led to her cruel torture and imprisonment. Her breasts were cut off, which is reflected in images and statues of her. During her imprisonment, St. Peter the Apostle visited her in her visions, comforting her and healing her pain and wounds with his prayers. An attempt to burn her at the stake was made, but accounts tell us that an earthquake

occurred, leading to the people protesting for her release. Agatha was imprisoned once again and died in captivity.



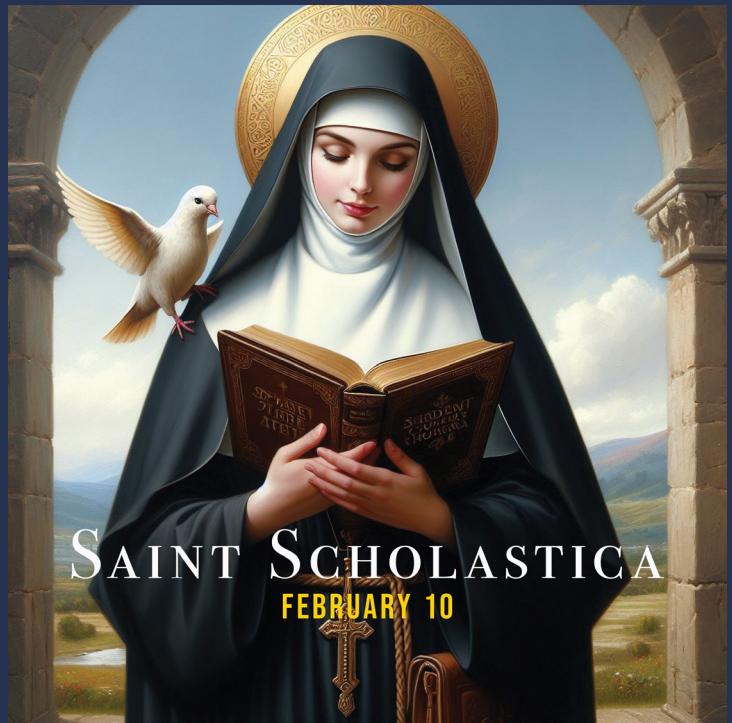
St. Scholastica was St. Benedict's twin sister. They lived in the 5th century. At an early age, Scholastica entered a convent joining a Benedictine order for women. The Benedictine motto ora et labora (pray and work) became a real joy for the young abbess, for she had practiced it since childhood. She found it the best way to keep her mind occupied with God even though her duties as abbess kept her busy most of the day. Pope Gregory explained that, although Benedict had set out a rule of life for these holy women, it was Scholastica's duty to see that they kept it faithfully, cheerfully and regarded it as the best means for their sanctification.

Each year, Benedict and Scholastica met to discuss their way of life and the various spiritual challenges in the two religious houses. Since women were not allowed to enter his monastery, Benedict and a few companions met her in the guest house at Monte Casino.

One day when Scholastica was very ill, her brother came to visit her at the convent. They spent the day singing psalms and speaking about the spiritual life, its compensations and challenges. When evening came, they sat down to supper and continued the conversation until quite late. Strict orders of the monastery only allowed one day for a monk to visit his family and never allowed him to stay away overnight.

After a delightful day of visiting, Scholastica asked her brother to stay the night since she was afraid that she would not live until his next visit. Benedict, an obedient monk, would not hear of such a thing. Legend has it that Scholastica folded her hands in prayer. When she looked up a minute later, lightning flashed in the sky, thunder roared ominously, and such a downpour of rain began that Benedict and his monks could not safely leave the house. Realizing what had happened, Benedict reproached her: "What have you done, my sister?" Scholastica answered simply, "I asked a favor of you, and you refused to listen to me. So I asked my God, and He, more generous than you, granted my request." Once again Scholastica's pleas won the favor she was seeking.

In the days that ensued, Scholastica became weaker and finally succumbed to the illness. While praying in his room, as Benedict looked toward the convent, he



saw a white dove circling the building, finally disappearing into the blue. He interpreted this event to mean that his sister had died and her soul had gone to heaven. The white dove is a symbol of her purity.

St. Scholastica was outstanding for her simplicity and faith. She spoke to God directly, in reverent familiarity, without complex or elaborate ritual. As an abbess, St. Scholastica instilled in her sisters the necessity of living in accordance with the great Benedictine aim: "That in all things God may be glorified." The Benedictine sisterhoods flourished under Scholastica and through the years to the present day. She demonstrated great faith and felt that it was more important to tend the needs of others than to follow a rule rigidly. St. Gregory the Great said of St. Scholastica, "She could do more because she loved more."



# Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

## Musical Lenten Rigor

A few months ago, I wrote that we're not able sustain the level of exuberance called for at Easter beyond the fifty days of the season. Similarly, our Easter celebrations can't have any impact unless we scale back during Lent. I'm writing to explain - as the grade school nuns would put it - what you'll be "giving up" musically during Lent.

First, the Mass Setting we'll sing is based on the melodies of the traditional Requiem Mass. The music of the Requiem Mass is simple yet that simplicity can leave you awestruck. Using themes from the Mass for the Dead is a musical reminder of the Ash Wednesday admonition: "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Listen to a recording of the chanted Requiem, or - even more luxurious: the Duruflé Requiem - and you'll recognize many of the melodies you'll be singing during Lent.

Next, I'll be toning down the cathedral organ. Gone will be the bright mixtures and bold trumpets. Doing so will make their return on Easter Sunday even more exciting.

Finally, replacing the marches, jigs, and toccatas you hear most Sundays will be quieter, more subdued postludes.

Last year Father Bryan shared a wise piece of advice: You can do the things you want PROVIDED you tell people WHAT you're doing, and WHY. Having done that, I leave you with the Jewish Yom Kippur greeting: "Have an easy fast."

Nick Martellacci  
Music Director



### BAPTISM

Parents are requested to contact the Rector to make the necessary arrangements for the Baptism of their child.



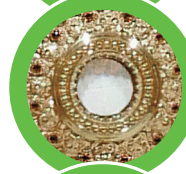
### FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education is provided for children from 1st to 8th grade in preparation for the Sacraments and adult classes are also available. Please contact the office for more information.



### MARRIAGES

Couples are requested to make arrangements at least six months before the actual date of the wedding.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for a Holy Hour each Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.



### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

When we sin, the Holy Spirit calls us to conversion, to turn away from sin and to turn toward God. Friday: 12:40-1:00 P.M.



### VISITS TO THE SICK

Please call the office 718-852-4002 to notify us if any one is in the hospital or ill at home so that a pastoral visit can be made.