



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28 , 2024



**SAINT JAMES
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

MASS TIMES:

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 12:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

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

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ELEVATED TO MINOR PAPAL BASILICA IN 1982**

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FROM THE RECTOR OF SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

On Tuesday, we had the funeral for Mr Joseph J. Thomas. If I could summarize his life in a phrase, I would say he went about sharing himself to make others great. He became a great and beloved husband, father, friend and mentor in the process. The attendees were many and varied, a testament to his universal appeal – helping others to be what they were born to be.

Afterwards, we had the noon time televised Mass. I was tired as all-get-out (again, whatever that really means) but the generous Spirit of the Lord helped us make it through. Immediately following that, I had lunch with a visiting priest. We were catching up on this and that and I had a chance to tell him about the recent plans to renovate the church. I was particularly pleased to give him a tour of the land, and I do mean land, the gardens around the Cathedral. It was a particularly tranquil day, the temperature perfect, the sun at just the right angle and an ever so slight breeze.

Somehow my strength was renewed talking about all we had been through together since I first arrived. Everything seemed astonishingly in order, as though we had gone on a sprucing up rampage before ‘company’ comes. But it was its now normally beautiful, inspiring self.

I write all this with today’s Gospel in mind. Jesus says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Prior to this he said that the vine branches that bear fruit bear even more fruit when they are pruned. Immediately I thought of those vines you see that are growing in rocky, seemingly inhospitable soil. They don’t look lush but rugged, dry and gnarly. Yet, these are the branches that produce the best and most fruit.

Jesus compares us to that grape vine. Those branches that don’t bear fruit are cut off, and those that do are put to the test. The stressed ones turn out to be the best of all. So, yes, we’ve been through a lot but that Tuesday showed that we are indeed producing good fruit.

“Let’s, we oughta stay together.” Loving each other, “whether times are good or bad, happy or sad.”* If we stay close to the Lord and let the Father have his work in us, we will stay together producing good and abundant fruit for the Kingdom.

In the Lord, we oughta stay together,

Fr. Bryan Patterson

*Thanks Al Green, Al Jackson Jr., Willie Mitchell





READING I : Acts 9:26-31

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32



READING II : 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Gloria
Open: 590- Sing to the mountains
Offertory: 772 - Bring forth the kingdom
Communion 917: Draw us in the Spirit's tether
Recession: 743 - Love divine, all loves excelling
Postlude: Recessional - Archangelo Corelli 1653-1713
Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Religious Brothers Day - May 1st
April 28, 2024

“He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Christopher J. Bethge**, the Vocations Director at (718) 827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
Meeting Christ in Prayer
May 6 - June 27, 2024

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an 8-week spiritual program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Through prayer, reflection on scripture, and faith-sharing, the retreat gives an opportunity to see Jesus as a companion and encounter him anew. Brother Andy Richards will guide the group starting **May 9 thru June 27 at 6:30** at **St. Boniface (190 Duffield St)**.

You and your friends are welcome to share your faith journey, whether you are new to Ignatian Spirituality, or it's been years since your last Ignatian retreat. This retreat experience is ideal for existing small groups.

Please read details and register here:
<https://forms.gle/TFDxDp3Tsa3j9uFS8>

Any questions about the program?
 Please contact **Brother Andy** at arichards@oratorychurch.org

Please Join
THE BRIDGE TO LIFE
 32nd Anniversary

gala

Honoring:

Deacon Kevin McCormack

*Superintendent of Catholic Schools
 in Brooklyn and Queens*

Saturday, May 4, 2024
 12 pm - 5 pm

Leonard's Palazzo

*555 Northern Blvd
 Great Neck, NY 11021*

*Music | Dancing | Raffles | 50/50
 Tickets \$125 Per Person*

You may also register at www.thebridgetolife.org
 If you have any questions please call 718-463-1810
 or email Events@thebridgetolife.org



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OPEN HOUSE
 JOIN US ON CAMPUS

**High School Students and
 Transfer Students**
Saturday, April 27
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

495 Western Hwy Orangeburg, NY 10962



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY April 28, 2024	MONDAY April 29, 2024	TUESDAY April 30, 2024
People of the Parish	Shouriah Karnati	Rosa Mendez
WEDNESDAY April 30, 2024	THURSDAY May 1, 2024	FRIDAY May 2, 2024
Anita Gonzalez	Lucia Maschi Mariarosa Corredor	Patricia M. Brennan
LECTORS	April 28, 2024 Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes	May 5, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Candidad Perez
COFFEE HOUR	April 28, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	May 5, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

28th APRIL - SUNDAY

“But if you make yourself at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is – when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples”

~Gospel of Saint John 15:7-8

29th APRIL - MONDAY

“Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

~Saint Catherine of Siena

29th APRIL - TUESDAY

“All the evil in the world is due to lukewarm Catholics.”

~Saint Pius V, Pope

30th APRIL - WEDNESDAY

“Joseph’s wise dealing with Mary is a model for us when we face complex moral and personal issues. He subordinated his feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and when he sensed the Divine Will, he obeyed.”

~Bert Ghezzi

1st MAY - THURSDAY

“Mark’s Gospel is a narrative “The demons... first make an attack by temptation and place hindrances to hamper our way, to wit, evil thoughts. But we need not fear their suggestions, for by prayer, fasting, and faith in the Lord their attack immediately fails.”

~Saint Athanasius

2nd MAY - FRIDAY

In the sixth century, Pope Pelagius I traveled to Constantinople and brought the relics of the Apostles Philip and James back to Rome, placing them in what is today called the Church of the Holy Apostles. It is for this reason that we honor these two Apostles together with one feast. My Catholic Life!

3rd MAY - SATURDAY

“Sleep is the only source of invention.”

~Marcel Proust

WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINT JAMES

O gracious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart wast chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and His agony in Gethsemane; thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly, followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor’s crown in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Look upon us, Lord; hear us, enlighten Saint Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Amen.

PRAYER BY SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Holy Spirit, come into my heart; draw it to Thee by Thy power, O my God, and grant me charity with filial fear. Preserve me, O beautiful Love, from every evil thought; warm me, inflame me with Thy dear love, and every pain will seem light to me. My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all my actions. Jesus, love, Jesus, love. Amen.

MARIAN PRAYER BY SAINT ATHANASIUS

Dear St. Zita, patron saint of domestic It is becoming for you, O Mary, to be mindful of us, as you stand near him who bestowed upon you all graces, for you are the Mother of God and our Queen. Come to our aid for the sake of the King, the Lord God and Master who was born of you. Amen.

MARIAN PRAYER BY SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT

Hail Mary, beloved Daughter of the Eternal Father! Hail Mary, admirable Mother of the Son! Hail Mary, faithful spouse of the Holy Ghost! Hail Mary, my dear Mother, my loving Mistress, my powerful sovereign! Hail my joy, my glory, my heart and my soul! Amen.



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Catherine was born in 1347 and grew up in a large family in Siena, Italy, where her childhood home still stands. She was a light to her family, and they nicknamed her “Euphrosyne” which is Greek for “joy.”

Catherine’s parents were adamant that she find a husband. When she was young, Catherine dressed in colorful gowns and fashionable jewels. However, she was opposed to the marriage plans of her parents and cut off her beautiful hair in opposition. As punishment, she was given menial housework as a chore and, although her parents knew she craved being alone, they did not allow it. Later Catherine wrote, “The soul, who is lifted by a very great and yearning desire for the honor of God and the salvation of souls, begins by exercising herself, for a certain space of time, in the ordinary virtues, remaining in the cell of self-knowledge, in order to know better the goodness of God towards her.” Eventually Catherine’s parents provided a small room where she could live in solitude as she wished.

Catherine made a private vow of virginity while living at home and dedicated herself to prayer, penance and works of charity, especially for the benefit of the sick. When she was sixteen, she entered the female branch of the Third Order of the Dominicans called the Mantellate. At the age of nineteen, as she was praying, Catherine received a vision in which Jesus gave her a splendid ring, saying to her: “I, your Creator and Saviour, espouse you



Feast Day- April 29th Virgin and Doctor of the Church

in the faith, that you will keep ever pure until you celebrate your eternal nuptials with me in Heaven.” This ring was only visible to Catherine.

When Catherine was twenty-eight, she received another vision. As she gazed at the crucifix, she saw five rays shining from it. The rays then pierced her hands, feet, and heart and were only visible to herself, but they were made visible to others upon her death. These rays of light that pierced her body are a reminder of one of her most well-known sayings, “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” Catherine had the fire of God’s love within her, which radiated from her into the world.

Catherine traveled widely to work for the internal reform of the Church and to foster peace. She had a vital role in ending the Avignon papacy, the time when the Pope, though still the bishop of Rome, lived in Avignon, France.

Catherine passed away in Rome at the age of thirty-three, after having a paralytic stroke that left her paralyzed from the waist down. Catherine was canonized in 1461 and named a doctor of the Church, a title held by only a few other Catholic women, including St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The majority of Catherine’s remains are encased in a statue held in Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome; however, her head is preserved in the Church of San Domenico in Siena, where it is venerated today.



Eucharistic Revival
HIGHLIGHT APRIL 20, 2024

Saint James Cathedral Basilica

SAINT **ATHANASIUS**
OF ALEXANDRIA

St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, was born in Alexandria in AD 297. As a child he was educated under the eye of Bishop Alexander and he grew in knowledge and virtue. At the age of 23, he became a deacon and at the time took an active part against the rising heresy of Arius, who denied the Divinity of Christ. In AD 326, he was named successor by his Bishop and he became the Bishop of Alexandria. He underwent many trials and persecutions for his stance against the Arian Heresy. But despite this, this great champion of the Faith was resilient in his defense of the true faith. He died in AD 373 and is considered a Doctor of the Church.
 (Feast Day - May 2nd)



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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION