

SAINT JAMES PARISH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS







A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34







*Photos from 2019

This year, Open Doors Ministry has shifted from the Classroom Inclusion model to a Family Support model. Children who are enrolled in our St. James remote RE programs receive tailored support based on their individual needs. Our team routinely checks in with parents and we provide supplemental materials so students can fully participate in the program. Remote learning can be extremely challenging and making the process less overwhelming and the content accessible is our primary goal this year.

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Why I do what I do

When I was a little girl, the kids in the neighborhood would play together all summer long. As is typical, kids like to go where parents are welcoming and toys are aplenty. For us, it was my friend Tim's house. Tim's parents were really cool. He had two cats named Hey-You and Ditto. He had a baby brother named Patrick, who we could feed and dress! Tim also had a sister named Nora, who was two years younger than we were, and had Down's Syndrome.



At that time, I didn't know many people with disabilities. Nora certainly looked different because she had the distinguishing features of a person with Down's Syndrome. But other than that, she was just part of our kids' group. We all played together on the swing-set in the backyard, inventing stories and plots that kept us greatly entertained! We had lemonade stands and ran through sprinklers. When it got dark, we played Kick the Can and Ghost in the Graveyard. On rainy days, we played house or school in the basement. Our days were full of kid-fun activities, and no one ever bothered to notice that Nora was different. Everyone was included.

When school rolled around, Nora wasn't included. She had to take a special bus to a special school while the rest of us walked together both ways to our local Catholic school, where we were taught to be kind and loving and accepting of one another. Except that wasn't what was happening to Nora. She wasn't being accepted, she was being sent off to another school. Our Catholic school had no place for Nora, or other individuals with special needs. Even as a child, I knew something wasn't right. Why was Nora, who was our friend/sister/fellow child of God NOT part of our loving, caring Catholic school that taught each one of us children how much God loves us, how important it is to love each other, how every human life is precious and deserving of respect? Through the years, I encountered this repeatedly. Families would leave Catholic schools because the needs of one of their children couldn't be met. Friendships that had formed between children and families were changed forever. The message was clear: We can't serve that child here. I couldn't understand why.

Fast forward to today. Much has changed in the world, and the way we approach teaching children with special needs is remarkably different. I have worked at several schools in my career, and I am so proud to be a part of the inclusive Catholic education and services at St. James. St. James School offers inclusive education to students with various disabilities, both visible and invisible. We serve children with Specific Learning Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, and Cerebral Palsy, to name a few. We differentiate to meet the needs of our students and we find a way to teach and learn from each and every child. We honor God in everybody. Open Doors Ministry welcomes children with varying special needs, so they can fully participate in religious education classes with their peers. We provide mentors and materials to ensure students feel safe, confident, and encouraged. By focusing on welcoming and serving all children, everyone recognizes that we are all made in God's image, and nobody should be sent away. To this day, I think of Nora as my inspiration.

Karen Jarosz
 Open Doors Ministry Coordinator

LAST CHANCE MASS

JOIN FR. MATT FOR AN OUTDOOR MASS:

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - NO MASS IF IT RAINS

TIME: 6:30PM

BRING: SOMETHING TO SIT ON, MASK AND 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE

LOCATION: ST. JAMES SCHOOL PARKING LOT (WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS RD.)

PLEASE PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AND WALK ACROSS TO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

THERE WILL BE NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

THANKSGIVING MASS



All are invited to join us and offer their thanks for the gifts we have received at our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00am in the church. Individuals and households must register for this mass on our website: www.stjamesah.org/mass-sign-up

Registration opens on Monday, November 16. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@stjamesah.org

The mass will be live-streamed on our website and Facebook page.

We wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving!

PROJECT LINUS

Collection Dates: November 17th & 18th at the parish office or November 17th during RE Family Faith Nights at 4:30pm & 6:30pm

This year, we are asking families to make the blankets at home and drop them off at St. James.

If you would like to make a blanket, and are not a part of the RE ministry, please contact Kevin Byrnes, kbyrnes@stjamesah.org





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REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR RE, EDGE, AND LIFETEEN!

We invite our youth to develop their relationship with Christ this year!

Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information and registration. Call Theresa at 224-345-7213 or email her at <u>tstorto@stjamesah.org</u> for details.

We hope to hear from you!



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Grades 6 - 8

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Registered LIFETEEN
Students
Grades 9 -12



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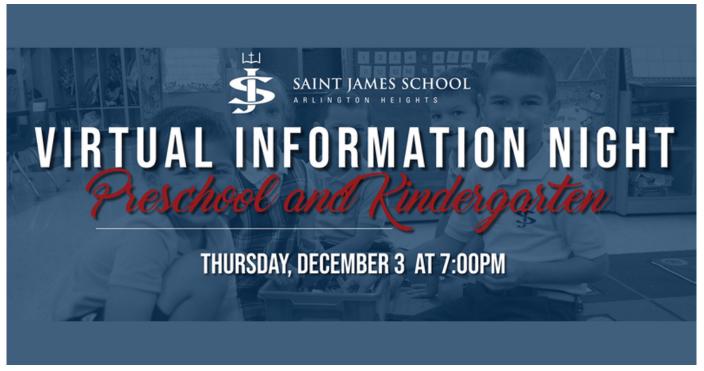
LIFETEEN FRIENDSGIVING 2020 is this Sunday.

We may not have our potluck or 45lbs of turkey, but we will still have dinner and fun! We are pushing our night to the afternoon so we have some daylight for Friendsgiving from 2:30-4:30pm, and then join us in the Laramie Room for mass at 5pm.

All teens who are registered for LIFETEEN do NOT need to register for this event. If you are new to LIFETEEN, or would like to check it out, please email Christina Hudson, our Youth Minister, to see how you can join the socially distanced, number tracking, masked-up, pre-packaged dinner fun: chudson@stjamesah.org.

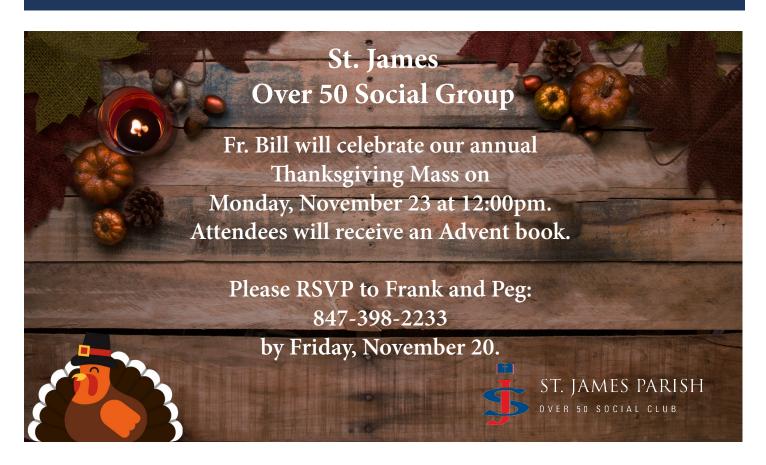


ST. JAMES SCHOOL



Save the date for our upcoming virtual Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00pm! Families will learn about our early education programs, events, and enrollment steps for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more and to register, please visit our website: http://www.stjamesschoolah.org/2020/11/04/virtual-prek-and-kindergarten-information-night/

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



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Mercy Box Program 2020

We are thrilled to announce that the St. James Annual Mercy Box program will be a part of our Christmas charities again this year. Fr. Matt has identified several inner-city parishes with families struggling to make ends meet. This year St. James will deliver "Mercy Boxes," to needy families to St. Malachy, St. Agatha, and The Kolbe House in Chicago. The spirit of Christmas is alive as these food boxes benefit a diverse group of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

HOW CAN I GET A BOX?

Mercy Boxes will be distributed after the Saturday and Sunday masses on the weekend of November 28th and 29th. The boxes come unassembled, with a list of food items needed, attached to the box. It will not be necessary to wrap the box. Filled boxes are due back to the St. James Parish Center parking lot on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th from 8AM-1PM.

If you are attending a virtual Mass the weekend of November 28th and 29th feel free to stop by the gathering space and pick up a box.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Borst: <u>bev51064@gmail.com</u>

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Chase the Chill Reminder

If you haven't already created a scarf, it's not too late. All warm knit or crocheted scarves 6 inches wide and 60 inches long are most welcome and appreciated by those who will receive them. Don't forget to bring your warm winter scarves to the designated bin outside the parish office next weekend, November 21st and 22nd.

For any questions, please contact Kathy Kasprowicz at kk ek@msn.com





MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Please join us in the church for a special ADORE on November 19th at 7:00pm.

Fr. Bill Zavaski will give a talk entitled: *A Prayer Service to Lift the Needs of Creation*

Join us for a special evening with Fr. Bill as we pray to heal the earth we all share. If you cannot join us we ask that you keep this special intention in your prayers.

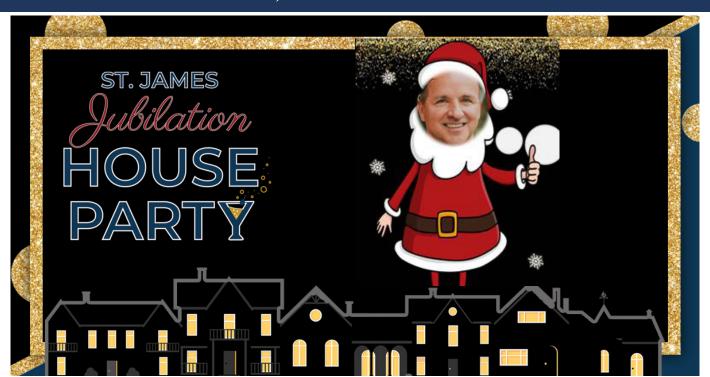
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The event will also be live-streamed on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you, St. James Parish Earth Shepherds Ministry



JUBILATION 2020



We are so grateful to over 300 guests at our Jubilation House Party held last Saturday night. Click to watch the evening's video highlights that include a welcome from our co-chairs, live entertainment offered by Fr. Matt and Fr. Ryan, and a slide show that features over 150 individual and business donors of Jubilation 2020. We are incredibly grateful for the support of EVERYBODY. Thank you very much for your generosity! Watch the highlights here: https://youtu.be/1b1Gi8aB4Xk

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6). Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 **Friday**: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40 **Sunday**: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick...

Mary Opon, Norine Naselli, Michael McGowen

Rose For Life

Rose for Life was donated by The Serafin Family in loving memory of their daughter, Emily, on the 30th anniversary of her death.

Wedding Banns

November 21, 2020 Mary Katherine Murphy & Patrick McGarry

Baptisms

Amelia Grace Sutcliffe, child of Vincent Sutcliffe and Julie (Semerau) Sutcliffe

Logan Andrew Ader, Ali Ader and Alexis (Leddy) Ader Mia Rose Vavalle, child of Peter Vavalle and Laura (Tenuto) Vavalle

Palmer Belle Zittergruen, child of Tyler Zittergruen and Kathryn Bonk

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday November 14th/15th 2020 John Glueckert Sr., Patrick Callero, Diane Kirschner (1st Anniv), Mary Katherine Ventrello (1st Anniv), Christopher Pearce, Della Guarraci, Maureen Prassas, Roman Quejada

Monday, November 16th

Ann Scearce (1st Anniv), Kevin James Houlihan, Bill Pietrolonardo Family, Vincent Neri

Tuesday, November 17th

Catherine Sabay, Meggan McDermott (29th Anniv)

Wednesday, November 18th

Bill Mahrenholz, Cathrine Sabay, Dana Mangi, Alphonso Pietrolonardo

Thursday, November 18th

John Berry (1st anniv), Anna Pietrolonardo, Cornelius Vanderwiel Jr., James E. Lyman (20 yr Anniv)

Friday, November 19th

Gertrude McDermott, Larry Gorey

Saturday 7:30am, November 20th

Robert Bielecki (1yr anniv), Dana Mangi, Bob Staed, Madeline Brock, Joey Rodriguez

In Loving Memory

Peter Lippert is survived by his wife Judith E. (nee Sachetti) Lippert; his daughters Susan E. (Charles Chauncey IV) Spencer, Nancie C. (Mark) Frighetto and Amy M. (James,Jr.) Doman; his grandchildren Charlie, Henry, Reid, Reese, Drew and Jake; his siblings Gundi (George) Rentz, Frank (Barbara) Lippert, Christine (Michael) Muller and Hajo (Helga) Lippert.



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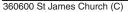
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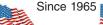
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