

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL  
APRIL 26, 2020

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All virtual learning schedules remain the same as posted on the school website.

SAINT JAMES  
LIVESTREAMED LITURGIES ON YOUTUBE

SAINT FRANCIS CATHEDRAL  
DAILY 7 AM MASS LIVESTREAM

As directed by  
Governor Murphy,  
Saint James School  
is closed  
until May 15

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Congratulations to the Astle family who won the Night Under the Stars raffle for a \$5,000 gift card! Many thanks to all who participated in making this a successful fundraiser for our school!

We are working on some fun, virtual, evening events for our school community so please stay tuned. If you have any ideas for some community fun, I would love to hear them! Please email them to me and watch for announcements.

On the next page, you will find a list of upcoming, scheduled events and the decisions that have been made regarding each. Please know that these have not been easy decisions and it breaks my heart to have to cancel so many things. We will be in touch as the Governor decides the schedule of schools' reopening.

I hope you continue to read our morning prayers each day with your children and have been 'attending' Mass either at Saint James or your local parishes. It is so important, especially during these trying times, that we continue to practice our faith and develop our relationship with Jesus Christ. May He continue to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

If there is anything we can do to help you or if you have prayer intentions that you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact Monsignor Cronin ([scronin@diometuchen.org](mailto:scronin@diometuchen.org)), Sister Joann Marie ([sjmaumand@sjsbr.org](mailto:sjmaumand@sjsbr.org)), or me ([sflorendo@sjsbr.org](mailto:sflorendo@sjsbr.org)).

Love and prayers,  
Mrs. Florendo

# Humility

LUKE 10:21

LUKE 14:10-11

LUKE 9:47-48

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

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# From the School

BACK

**It is with the heaviest of hearts that the following decisions have been made regarding upcoming scheduled events:**

- May 1 – May 2: School Play – Canceled
- May 9: First Communion – POSTPONED
- May 15: 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip – Canceled
- May 18: Book Fair – ONLINE
- May 18: Grandparents' Day – Canceled
- May 18 – 29: MAP Testing – Canceled
- May 20: ACRE Testing (grades 5 & 8) – Canceled
- All final exams for grades 6 – 8 are canceled

Decisions regarding June events will be made after May 15.

 **Weill Cornell Medicine**  **NewYork-Presbyterian**

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April 10, 2020

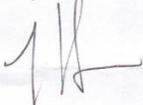
Ms. Sue Florendo, Principal  
St. James School  
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Dear Ms. Florendo:

I would like to say thank you very much on behalf of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and our House Staff for the donations of goggles and gloves that were recently received.

We are truly blessed and appreciate your help during these devastated time.

Thank you,



Anthony Hollenberg, MD  
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If you are a parishioner of St. James Church, please complete the [Pastor Renewal Survey](#) by May 1.

### 14 Ways Kids and Teens Can Help Others During Coronavirus Outbreak

Kids love to help, and that's especially true now, as they see and hear stories about coronavirus affecting neighbors, friends, and strangers around the world. Sending inspiring messages, making homemade masks, and gathering important supplies can make children and teens feel more connected, and even spark joy during these dark times. "Children have an intrinsic need to help others, and get true enjoyment from getting involved 'just like' mom and dad," says Alyssa Schlehuber, LCSW, a social worker who counsels patients and families at Boston Children's Hospital.

#### Ways Kids Can Help During the Pandemic

##### **1. Chalk your walk.**

From Connecticut to Colorado to California, kids are taking their chalk to the sidewalk (and driveways and cul-de-sacs). Heartfelt messages include "thank you" to first responders, handwashing reminders, and more. It's graffiti for the greater good!

##### **2. Plan a scavenger hunt in your 'hood.**

Create a list of nature themed items for children to find throughout the neighborhood. Items can also include outdoor features, such as a car in the driveway, lights left on, a red front door, etc. Email the list out to friends and neighbors so they can enjoy!

##### **3. Assemble brown-bag lunches for a local shelter.**

With reduced personnel, many shelters are struggling to keep up with client's meal needs. Contact a local shelter to find out if it's welcoming bagged lunches, and if so create an assembly line with your kids to decorate bags and pack nourishing midday meals to drop off. Ask parents for help and permission!

##### **4. Help mom and dad clean the house.**

With everyone hunkering down at home, cleaning house requires a team effort. It's a great time to teach kids skills like vacuuming and mopping. (Bonus: Harvard research shows that kids who do chores are happier and more successful as adults.)

##### **5. Create homemade masks.**

Hospitals are suffering a shortage of protective masks, and the Centers for Disease Control now recommend that everyday citizens wear masks outside the house. If you can sew, this might be a fun activity!

##### **6. Cheer on a doctor, nurse, or grocery clerk in your neighborhood.**

Create a poster with a thankful or inspirational message for a local hero, and affix it to a garden stake (or tape over an old lawn sign if you have one around). These selfless servants will be touched as they drive to and from their jobs.

##### **7. FaceTime or Zoom grandparents.**

As senior citizens are advised to avoid in-person contact with extended family members, grandparents may be feeling the need to connect with children now more than ever. Scheduling daily or weekly FaceTime or Zoom chats will give them something to look forward to. Tech-savvy older kids can walk grandparents through instructions over the phone.

### **8. Make a pen pal with a nursing home resident.**

Not all senior citizens have children to send them well wishes during these lonely times. Ask local organizations or nursing homes if they accept homemade cards!

### **9. Inspire passersby from a window or balcony.**

A trend that started in Italy several weeks ago has spread to the US, as children decorate windowpanes and balconies with cheerful pictures and messages. Think rainbows, motivational messages, or patriotic flags.

### **10. Share books through Little Free Library.**

With libraries and book stores shuttered, little bookworms could use some fresh reads. Have your child help you find or create a Little Free Library, where local kids can leave and take books while social distancing.

### **11. Create or donate to a Little Free Pantry.**

Food insecurity is growing around the country as work becomes less steady and grocery stores less stocked. Inspired by little libraries, Little Free Pantries are places where neighbors can take or leave non-perishable items.

### **12. Gather clothing to donate.**

Now is as good a time as ever to encourage kids to root through their closets and create a donate pile of unneeded clothes. If donation drop-off is currently an option, at least you'll be ready when it is again.

### **13. Find out about friends' birthdays and celebrate them in creative ways.**

Hopefully, kids have been singing "happy birthday" while washing hands... so let's put that practice into action! Friends who can't have a party during coronavirus deserve to be celebrated from afar. Kids can organize a Zoom party, host a drive-by birthday parade, or make a funny virtual birthday card.

### **14. Paint and leave kindness rocks on your stoop, front yard, or on local trails.**

Paint inspiring messages on rocks to plant outside your home or on local walking paths (just make sure there are no "leave no trace" rules on your community trails).

Source: [mommypoppins.com](http://mommypoppins.com)