



Gruppo Storico Borgo e Valle -



St. James Confraternity



Levanto Town Council



## 53<sup>rd</sup> FESTIVAL ON THE SEA – 2023

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY**

**St. James Oratory: Pilgrims welcome.**

**h 18.00 St. James Oratory: Meeting and blessing of the Pilgrims who are going to Saint Antony Monastery in “ Punta Mesco”.** A moment of pray, packed lunch, return to Levanto ( h 23:00) along the coastal path everyone with his/her torch.

**h 21. 00 St. James Oratory:** Triduum of St. James. **Holy pre festive Mass** , celebrated by Don Dario Scopesi

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY**

**h 21. 00 St. James Oratory** Triduum of St. James. **Holy Sunday Mass**, celebrated by Don Dario Scopesi ; some new brothers and sisters will become members of the confraternity .

**h 21.30 Piazza Cavour: Concert by the Musical Group “ Orchestra di Fiati of Levanto.”** Conducted by Mr Andrea Bracco.

**h 21.45 St. James Oratory:** Lecture “ **The Pilgrimage to the holy Shroud**” by Prof. Bruno Barberis, teacher of **Mathematical Physics at Turin University and vice president of the S: Shroud council**

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**h 10.30 Piazza Cavour: Arrival of the Musicians and Flag Flyers “Il Cassero” from Castiglion Fiorentino (AR). Salute to the Levanto Banner. Flag Raising Ceremony** in memory of the people died in the sea at the rock “ **La Pietra**”. Then in **Piazza Colombo: Flag Raising Ceremony** at the **Sailor’s Monument**.

**h 17.00 Via Vinzoni :** Departure of the **procession** of the “Gruppo Storico Borgo e Valle from Levanto”.

**h 17.30 In the area “Fuori Porta”:** **Historical meeting** among the **Gruppo Storico Borgo e Valle** from **Levanto** with its **Musicians and Flag Flyers**, the **Musicians and Flag Flyers “Il Cassero”** from **Castiglion Fiorentino** and the **Historical Group** from **Pontremoli (MS)** . The parade will march through the streets as far as the Medieval Loggia where a short show will be put on.

**h 20.40 St. James Oratory: Tribute to the Saint** by” the Gruppo Storico Borgo e Valle”.

**h 21. 00 St. James Oratory** Triduum of St. James **Holy Mass**, celebrated by Don Dario Scopesi .

**h 21:00 Piazza del Popolo: Departure of the Historical Parade** with historical groups and with the **Musicians and Flag Flyers** from **Fivizzano (MS)**, arriving at Piazza Cavour, followed by **Musicians and Flag Flyers** shows.

## **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY – FEAST OF SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE**

**h 08.30 St. James Oratory:** Lauds and St. Mass: celebrated by Don Dario Scopesi. ,

**h 11.00. St. James Oratory: Holy Mass** celebrated by **Mons. Gualtiero Bassetti**, Archbishop of Perugia-Città della Pieve and by **Mons. Luigi Ernesto Palletti**, Bishop of La Spezia-Sarzana-Brugnato with the special appearance of **Don Bosco Choir** from **La Spezia**. During the Holy Mass some people will become “**Clergymen of the Eucharist**”.

**h 12.00 Levanto Gulf:** Arrival of the Ligurian boat called “**Leudo**”; it is the last “Leudo” that can still sail and it can be visited.

**h 18.00 St. James Oratory:** Second Singing Vespers celebrated by **Don Alessio Batti**,chaplain of the St.James Confraternity

**h 18.30 Piazza del Popolo:** Arrival and reception of the **Ligurian Confraternities**, carrying their typical “**Christs**”.

**h 20.40 St. James Oratory:** Salute of the local Confraternity and the Saint Bearers to St James.

**h 21.00 Piazza del Popolo: Solemn Procession** with the **statue of St. James**, led by “**Gruppo Storico Borgo e Valle**” from Levanto and the **Ligurian Confraternities** with their precious **Christs**, **Sesta Godano Musical Group** through the local streets to the rock “**La Pietra**” where a blessing will be given. Celebrated by **Don Marino Navalesi**, General Vicar of the Massa- Pontremoli diocese, with **Don Alessio Batti** and **Padre Dario Scopesi**. After a wreath will be laid down in the sea to remember the Fallen and Missing People. .

**at about h 23 FIREWORKS DISPLAY FROM THE SEA**

**St. James Oratory :** At the end of the fireworks and when the statue of the Saint will be back to the Church:” **Compline**”.

EXTRA TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED

**A great thank to all the people who have given and will give their help for the success of the festival**