

**MASS FOR THE WEEK
February 17 – February 25**

**SAT., 2/17 The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order**

5:30 Margaret Ann Mehldan/Gilda & Umberto
Niro

SUN., 2/18 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 Priests & Deacons of St. James Parish/
Knight of Columbus Council 525
8:15 Luz I. Pinlac/Victor & Family
9:30 Jane Schmitt/Her Family
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Patricia Beckert/Mellor Family
5:30 The People of the Parish

MON., 2/19 President's Day

6:25 MaryAnn Schulz/Bill & Gale Gray
8:00 Pierce Jarck/The Cusanelli Family
12:10 Marilyn & Benjamin Gerbino/Their Daughter

TUES., 2/20

6:25 John Johnson, Living/M. Connolly
8:00 Terence Cosgrove/Sueanne & Rob Belicose
12:10 Walton W. Kingsbery, Jr./Walton & Tara
Kingsbery

**WEDS., 2/21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
Of the Church**

6:25 Dean Jim Crowley/His Family
8:00 Laura Anez/Catherine Weber
12:10 Jennifer Tobias/Lee Callman

THURS., 2/22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:25 Jane Pike/Lynn Gale
8:00 Joseph French/Douglas Glassmacher
12:10 Beverly Nelson/Richard & Maureen Mania

FRI., 2/23 St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

6:25 Warren Kruse/Eleanor Gialiano
8:00 Nina Distefano/Debbie Hemschoot
12:10 William Vota/Jane & Walt McBride

SAT., 2/24

8:00 Hugh Gallagher/Jim & Dymphna Murrer
& Family
5:30 Mary & Thomas Belton/Mastriano & Russo
Families

SUN., 2/25 Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 Police & Fire Personnel/Knights of
Columbus Council # 525
8:15 John Kotulak, KIA Germany, WWII/
Mike & Jeff Vanuga
9:30 Pat DeRosa/John & Buz Byrne
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Midge Coolahan/Barbara O'Hern
5:30 The People of the Parish

Mass Readings

Sun., 2/18 Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Mon., 2/19 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tues., 2/20 Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wed., 2/21 Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thurs., 2/22 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

Fri., 2/23 Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

Sat., 2/24 Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Sun., 2/25 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10,
15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the
10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of
the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Bingham
Deriquito/Rex Gimotea Family; Isabelle Babstock/
Kathleen Green; Teresa Setara/Sueanne & Rob
Belicose; Robert Lyons/John & Marlene Kuhn;



Please Pray for the Sick

Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of
our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick
and aging who suffer: Joe; Catherine Sharkey;
Debbie Fitzpatrick; Andre; Maire Gallagher; Jerry;
Barbara Clark; Roberta Keenan; Donna; Dolores;
Mary Knapp; Karen; James Fenlon; D.; Sheila
Nolan; Mary McDermott; Bill McDermott; Connor
Murphy; Vivian Viscardi; James Madden; Dave
Park; Marlene Hotaling;

Please Note: Names on the Prayers for the Sick
list will be removed at the end of the month.
**Please feel free to call if you would like someone
kept on the list for the new month.**

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends of St. James Parish: Beatrice Doty and William Rogers.

Please pray for the men and women of our armed

forces, especially Capt. Steven Carbone; Staff Sgt. Matthew D'Alessandro, USMC; Steven James Gluth; Owen Michael (Bergin) McCann USN; Jason Palendrano; Staff Sgt. Matthew Roberts; Jonathan Welch; Shane Martin Dalton, USMC., Capt. Nicholas Abbate & Capt. Justin Abbate (brothers); Majors Brian C. Jones(Truex) & Crystal Jones (Husband & Wife); Capt. Josh Pershing; Brendan Gilroy; Lcpl. Brian Dilger, Jr., USMC; LTC Robert Duchaine; Maj. Carlo Brancato, USMC; Capt. Robert Beery; Capt. Thomas Beery; Capt. Sean Screen (Iraq); Sgt. James Conklin (Afghanistan); 1LT Cooper Lewis, USMC; Pvt. Robert Bartos, Army; Spec E4 Thomas F. Welch, V; Navy, AOAA Brian J. Truex; Sgt. Kevin Andia, USMC; Lt. Jeffrey Trezza, Ens. James Rimmele, Coast Guard;

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PASTOR

Lenten Obligations:

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of **fast (only one full meal and abstinence (no meat))** are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.
2. All other **Fridays of Lent** are **days of abstinence (no meat)**.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18th to Trinity Sunday, May 27th**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

All Catholics should go to confession and make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

Msgr. Lowery

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS: *The kingdom of God is at hand.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the reading from Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah, declaring the rainbow as the reminder to all his people. In the second reading, we hear that the eight who have been saved by the water in the story of Noah prefigure out baptism which saves us now. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins his Galilean ministry by proclaiming the need to repent and believe.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)
SUNDAY,2/18
 3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church
MONDAY,2/19
 8PM, Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Anthony
 Of Padua Church, Red Bank
TUESDAY,2/20
 7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church
WEDNESDAY,2/21
 6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent
 7 PM, St. James Choir, Church
THURSDAY,2/22
 7:30-9M, Peace of Christ Prayer Grp., Parish Mtg.
 Rm.
FRIDAY,2/23
 7:30PM, Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY,2/24
 6:30AM, That Man Is You, Student Center
SUNDAY,2/25
 REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM
 3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church
 5:30PM, Youth Mass
 6:30-8PM, Youth Group Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH

*The Rectory Office is Closed Monday,
February 19th.*

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Join us each Sunday at 3PM in the Church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

OUR DAILY BREAD succeeds with your help! Donations to the poor boxes enables us to assist those in temporary need.,

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will be collecting *clean and empty* prescription bottles (**labels removed!**) to send to Imprint Hope, a nonprofit in Uganda designed to raise awareness, break down barriers, and overcome the stigma that children with disabilities in Uganda face on a daily basis. Imprint Hope envisions a world where all children with disabilities are appreciated for their unique talents and provided an opportunity to actualize their full potential. When we send the empty bottles over, we can help the parents of these children provide a clean and safe way to store their children's medicine.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...it is right to give Him thanks and praise. **Come to the Peace of Christ Prayer Group** for an opportunity to get together with others who give thanks and praise to our God and pray for each other's needs. We meet in the High School Meeting room on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM.



ROSARY PRAYER CENACLE invites you to say the Whole Rosary, sing hymns to Our Lady and read the meditation every Wednesday at 6PM in the Convent.

OUR LADY NEEDS YOUR HELP: Please come say the Rosary every 2nd & 4th Monday, 2 to 3 PM at the Meridian Rehab Center, Shrewsbury. Call Lucy Rounds, 732/747-9044 for information.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE, March 3rd & 4th: Begin Lent with some almsgiving by bringing your donations of non-perishable food items and supermarket food cards with cash register receipts for the **ST.JAMES LENTEN FOOD DRIVE** the week-end of **March 3rd and 4th.**

Items can be left in the Church vestibule *that week-end* - **NOT** before then; in the entrance hall from the parking lot; or taken directly to Alicia's Chapel on the south side of the parking lot while volunteers are there during the week-end Masses.

Most preferred food items? Pasta, pasta sauce, rice, dried red beans, tuna fish, canned vegetables, cereals. Paper products, personal hygiene items, cleaning products are also useful. Please, no outdated food items; we just have to discard them. No time to get to the supermarket? Monetary donations are acceptable too.

If you'd like to assist in receiving and sorting the items during the Sunday Masses call Megan McCaffrey, 732-513-4567 or Jim Schmitt, 732-861-3220, jschmitt4@comcast.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Families must be registered in St. James Parish in order to enroll children in this program and submit a copy of the Baptism certificate for new students who were not baptized here. Call 732 747-6006 for information and forms. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from September through April. Children are expected to continue religious education studies after reception of their sacraments in order to be fully prepared for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade.

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Annulment Information Sessions: For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, see the flyers placed throughout the church or call 609/406-7411 or email rmoores@dioceseoftrenton.org

Annual Catholic Appeal – In Action!

Catholic Education Administration: Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 31 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Saint James School

Looking for a nurturing and engaging Preschool or Kindergarten?

Give us a call, schedule a tour – learn about what Saint James School has to offer. Bring a friend!
Thursday, February 22 for Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th Grade 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Saint James Hosts Free Preschool Program

Searching for a good Preschool? We have it right here!

Saint James School is hosting a fun filled **free** program called *Read, Rock, and Roll!* for parent and child! Get a head start on preschool and ensure

that your child is ready to enter a fall school program.

The program is held for 6 weeks starting March 14th and meets on Wednesdays from 10 – 11 AM at Saint James School. We welcome children ages 2 ½ - 5, space is limited and fills up quickly. Please register your child by calling 732 741-3363 ext. #2. Although these story times and activities are aimed at preschool children, younger siblings are welcome. Come and visit our exceptional preschool learning program, explore the space, meet new families and see all that we have to offer! Visit our website at www.mysaintjames.com for more information.

Catholic Schools Week

We would like to thank all of our students, parents, teachers, and fellow parishioners for making our Catholic Schools Week a very successful and meaningful event. *The opening celebration was kicked off with the 25th Anniversary of our Preschool. Every day throughout the week, activities are planned for all, that support activities for appreciating students and teachers. Our teachers planned many activities for students throughout the week, which include poster and bumper sticker contests, a daily quiz on SJS facts, spirit days, and student and teacher appreciation celebrations. So much fun!*

We had a very active open house for both future families and also for our current parents, grandparents, and friends who toured the school and visited the classrooms with much enthusiasm. It certainly was a week that provided a great opportunity for others in our community to learn about our great school and to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

7th Annual Run With The Royals 5K Run/Walk & 1/2 Mile Kids Run

Yes, spring will be here soon! On Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 am, Run with the Royals be holding its 7th Annual 5K Classic and 1/2 Mile Fun Run. The 5K will held in beautiful Sea Bright with a fun After Party on the beach overlooking the ocean at the rebuilt Donovan's Reef. The course is flat and fast, welcoming to runners or walkers of all abilities. Early entry fee is \$25, then \$30 after 3/15/18. All proceeds benefit the Saint James Athletic

Association, which has one of the most comprehensive sports offerings for elementary schools in our area. All early entrants will receive a Run With the Royals Shirt. To register, please pick up an entry form in the back of the Church, or to register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/SeaBright/RoyalsRun5K>. **Businesses and Families: Sponsorships are available to advertise your business, or show family support for SJAA.** For additional information email mdferrigine@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Lenten Mission “Loving God Gladly”, Church of St. Catharine, 108 Middletown Rd., Holmdel. Monday, February 26th thru Wednesday, February 28. Conducted by Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM. For more information call 732/842-3963, ext. 13.

The St. James Senior Citizens Club meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Red Bank Senior Center at **1 PM**. Call Sr. Ethel for more information, 732/741-0724.

Catholics United For Life invite you to join the Rosary Vigil For Life every Saturday, 9AM to 10AM rain or shine, at the planned parenthood abortion facility, 69 East Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury.

Classic Danube River Cruise & Passion Play: Join Msgr. Sam Siranni, Msgr. Tom Gervasio, Fr. Garry Koch, and others, June 7 to 16, 2020. See flyers in the Church.

St. Patrick’s Day: Knights of Columbus Fr. McGivney Council presents an evening of Irish music, songs and comedy with Seamus Kennedy. Come enjoy this wonderfully entertaining Irish balladeer on Friday, February 23rd, 8PM at St. Leo the Great, Lincroft. Tickets: \$15/Advance; \$20/Door. Seniors \$10. Call 732/618-1683 for information and tickets.

Saintly Quotations

Watch over me, Father, so that everything I do may be with the intention of pleasing Jesus.

- St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879), Patron of Poverty, Feast Day February 18

INTENTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS I FOR FEBRUARY

Pope’s Universal Intention for Evangelization: Say “No” to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES – to get involved email your contact info to saintjamesredbank@stjames-redbank.com

Faith in Our Future Greg Arnold

Adult Choir	Ashley Kate Gimotea	Our Daily Bread	Martha Christofili
Folk Choir	Joe Clark	Hospitality	Stephanie Snow
Knights of Columbus	Tom Wiczczak	Senior Citizens	Sr. Ethel Friedman
Social Concerns	Jim Schmitt	Youth Group	Ann-Marie & Dave DeStefano
That Man is You	Jack Paul	Altar Servers	Christian Buckman
Lazarus Ministry	Pat Ahlemeyer	Religious Ed Program	Fillie Duchaine
RCIA	Deacon Bryan Davis	Peace of Christ Prayer Group	Sue Kuhar
Ushers	Pat Flood	Young Adults	Colleen Owens & Nick Guarda