

**MASS FOR THE WEEK
February 25 - March 3**

SAT., 2/25

5:30 Andrew J. O'Bosky, IV/Barbara O'Bosky

SUN., 2/26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Agnes M. Lewsis/Francis R. Lewis
8:15 Elizabeth Reardon/The Doyle Family
9:30 Mary Belton/Russo & Mastriano Family
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Teresa Romanik/The Rogicki Family
5:30 The People of the Parish

MON., 2/27

6:25 Joan Stoddard/Donna & Tom Cuming
8:00 Joyce & Jake Schnoor/Their Family

TUES., 2/28

6:25 Therese Weiss/Pam Taylor
8:00 Rush Kennedy/The Cusanelli Family

WEDS., 3/1 Ash Wednesday

6:25 Helen McNamara/Her Family
8:00 Thomas B. Schweers/His Family
12:10 Edward Francis Harmon/Virginia Harmon
4PM Service Only
5:30 Rosemary B. & James J. Edelen, Jr./Children
7:30 Geraldine Rogers/The Rogers Family

THURS., 3/2

6:25 Herman & Madden Families/Mr. & Mrs.
R. Herman
8:00 MaryAnn Lettieri/Leo & Martha Christofili
12:10 Edward William Mudge/Barbara & Jack

FRI., 3/3 FIRST FRIDAY

St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

6:25 Don & Daniel Callahan/Their Family
8:00 Frank Waldron/Marie & Richard Woods
12:10 James McCahill/The Westgate Family

SAT., 3/4 St. Casimir

8:00 Dawn Rose/The Griffin Family
5:30 Florence Rogicki/Maryann & John Gibson


SUN., 3/5 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 Theodore Koslowski/Donna & Tom Cuming
8:15 Ray Six/Ree Six & Fred Link
9:30 Mary McGuire/Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kirwan
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Jean Smith/The Edgerly Family
5:30 The People of the Parish

Mass Readings

Sun., 2/26 Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3, 6-9 1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34
Mon., 2/27 Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 10:17-27
Tues., 2/28 Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31
Wed., 3/1 J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17
2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs., 3/2 Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25
Fri., 3/3 Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Sat., 3/4 Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sun., 3/5 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the 10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of the week: A Special Intention; Claude Abi-Yaghi/A Friend; Paul Cacicedo/Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pellicone; Edward Harmon/Bill Britton; John Horner/Ziemanis Family; Arija & Viesturs Kundzins/Ziemanis Family; Steve Tuccillo/Pia & Family; Joseph Cummins/Tom & Roseann Ignoscia; Jerry McKenna/Tom & Roseann Ignoscia;

 **Banns of Marriage:** The following couples are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage as they answer God's call to live in his love:

1st Time: Mike Spahrs & Casey Grier
Gary Glass & Katie Cox



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; Donna Halse; Debbie Fitzpatrick; Dolores; Andre; Maire Gallagher; Margaret Heaney;

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: Elizabeth Morin.

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; Cpl. Kevin Andia, USMC; Staff Sgt. Miguel Soto; Jeffrey Trezza, LTJG;

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PASTOR

The following message is from Bishop O'Connell regarding our Lenten Obligations:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray." This line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from *Ash Wednesday, March 1st until Holy Thursday, April 13th* --- it is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray. The

model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. "With YOU we fast and pray" is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. "With YOU, too, we fast and pray." 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).

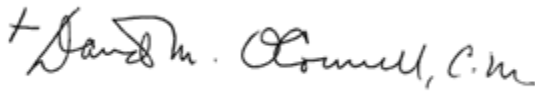
The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

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, March 5th to Trinity Sunday, June 11th**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

On Feb 6, 2017 I received a check from the Diocese Faith to Move Mountains Campaign in the amount of \$137,554.00. This represents our share of pledges paid to date. We were asked to raise \$890,000.00. You pledged \$966,530; of this \$458,512.06 has been paid. I thank you sincerely for your extraordinary generosity in helping to meet the needs of the future of the Diocese of Trenton and your parish of St James.

Rev. Msgr. Philip A. Lowery

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Today's Gospel reminds us that we cannot serve both God and mammon.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading ensures the people of Israel that God will not forsake them. In the second reading, Saint Paul extols us to live in a trustworthy manner so that when God judges and reveals the hiddenness of our hearts, we will be judged worthy. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages his followers to place their trust in God alone.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)
SUNDAY,2/26
REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM
3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church
5:30PM, Youth Group Mass followed by meeting.
MONDAY,2/27
TUESDAY,2/28
7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church
WEDNESDAY,3/1
6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent
7 PM, St. James Choir, Church
7:30PM, RCIA, Parish Meeting Room
THURSDAY,3/2
7:30-9M, Peace of Christ Prayer Grp., Parish Mtg. Rm.
FRIDAY,3/3
SATURDAY,3/4
6:30AM, That Man Is You, Student Center
SUNDAY,3/5
REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM
3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH

Our Lenten 12:10PM weekday Mass will begin this Thursday, March 2nd.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

March opens the first week in Lent, so visit with Jesus at March Nocturnal Adoration on Friday March 3rd and Saturday March 4th. St. James special hour is at 3 AM. Nocturnal Adoration starts at 9 PM and runs through the night closing at 6 AM. For more information, email frankrlr@verizon.net and use Adore in subject.

And remember that afternoon Adoration and Benediction will be from 4 PM to 5 PM. Watch and pray with Christ, one hour, one day, each month.

All are invited.



PROJECT RESURRECTION: Lent is a season of preparation for the grand celebration of Christ's Resurrection. To have a visual sign of our forty day journey, we invite the children to build a Cross out of donated LEGOs! From Ash Wednesday (3/1) to Palm Sunday (4/9), we encourage old LEGO pieces to be offered at Masses throughout Lent. For each LEGO piece donated, one Hail Mary or Our Father should be prayed. The size of our Cross will be determined by the amount of prayers and LEGOs offered. Please see flyers in the Church for more details, or contact us for more information. SJGodSquad@stjames-redbank.com or YoungAdults@stjames.redbank.com



Young Adults Group: We are hosting a **Paint Night** on Friday, March 10th from 7-9 PM in the Valentino Meeting Room. The event is BYOB. Paintings will cost \$15.00 to cover the cost of materials. Scan the

QR code for more details on the Facebook event page. **RSVP at**

<https://goo.gl/forms/S6vgZziu7HO9eTr11>

Sign up for our mailing list at:

www.stjames-redbank.com/youngadults.html

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



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.

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.

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Men's Priestly Vocation Discernment Meeting:

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about an exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Priestly Vocation Discernment Meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 p.m. (Mass) - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd. in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallack, Father Dan Swift and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment and vocations, and dinner. Please RSVP (or for further information) by contacting Father Dan at father_dan@smlparish.org

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Red Bank Catholic High School:

CAFETERIA HELP WANTED, Hours, 7AM to 2PM, school days. No special skills required. Please obtain an application from the RBC main office.

Saint James School

Saint James Hosts Free Preschool Program

Saint James School is hosting a fun filled **free** program called *Read, Rock, and Roll!* for parent and child!

The program is held for 6 weeks starting March 8th 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. Visit our website at www.mysaintjames.com for more information.

The Progressive Raffle is Back! Saint James is selling raffle tickets for a Progressive 50/50 fundraiser. Each Raffle ticket is \$10 and runs through April 6. This fundraiser benefits all students in Saint James School and our CCD education classes. Half of the total proceeds go to Saint James School, and the remaining 50% is split among 4 lucky winners winning tickets to be drawn on Friday, April 7. One of our most successful fundraisers in the past, with previous winners receiving over \$5000, this event helps raise funds for the long and short term benefits of our school. If you would like to purchase 'the lucky ticket', SJS students will be offering tickets after Masses on April 1 and 2 or stop by the school business office. Good luck to all! **YOU GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Thank you for your donations which help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/national collections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Charismatic Healing Mass: Monday, February 27th, 8PM at Holy Cross Church, Rumson.
Celebrant: Fr. Alex Enriquez.

INTENTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS I FOR FEBRUARY

For Evangelization: Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES – to get involved email your contact info to saintjamesredbank@verizon.net

	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	Jim Booth	Senior Citizens	Sr. Ethel Friedman
Social Concerns	Jim Schmitt/Kathy Panepinto	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		