

MASS FOR THE WEEK
March 25 – April 1

SAT.,3/25 The Annunciation of the Lord

5:30 Marie Sernio/Annunciata & Sernio Families

SUN.,3/26 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 Paul G. Lewis/Francis Lewis
 8:15 Casper S. Curreri/His Family
 9:30 Kenneth L. Walker, Jr./His Family
 10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
 12:00 Mekhi Iman Benton/Sister Marge
 5:30 The People of the Parish

MON.,3/27

6:25 Frances Ciaurro/Mike & Margaret O'Neill
 8:00 Emil "Toby" Tobias/Ree & Fred Link
 12:10 Marion Quartararo/Gaudio Family

TUES.,3/28

6:25 Albie Niffing/Wendy & Nif
 8:00 Joseph T. Ahlemeyer/Wife & Family
 12:10 Thomas Kelly/Joe & Linda Arnone

WEDS.,3/29

6:25 Tomasina Rose Sage/Ann M. Sage
 8:00 Dennis Collins/Wife & Family
 12:10 Walter C. Hill/Brian Hill

THURS.,3/30

6:25 Richard Stegeland/Richard & Teresa Cella
 8:00 Pasquale Pugliese & Camille Pugliese/
 John Pugliese
 12:10 John K. Donnelly & James V. Donnelly/
 Bill Donnelly

FRI.,3/31

6:25 Gloria Tyndall/Her Family
 8:00 Angela & Cathy Tamburri/
 Anthony Tamburri
 12:10 James A. Kennedy/Brian Hill

SAT.,4/1

8:00 Mary Blihar/Laura Fallon
 5:30 Jimmy Wan, Living/M. Connolly

SUN.,4/2 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 Anna Manganaro/Siuseppe Scottodicarlo
 8:15 Ann Lopushansky/Janet Lewis
 9:30 Sarah Hill/Jim & Gerry Allen
 10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
 12:00 Herman & Madden Families/Mr. & Mrs.
 Robert Herman
 5:30 The People of the Parish

Mass Readings

Sun.,3/26 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6
 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Mon.,3/27 Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
 Jn 4:43-54

Tues., 3/28 Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed.,3/29 Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
 Jn 5:17-30

Thurs., 3/30 Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Fri., 3/31 Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2,
 10, 25-30

Sat., 4/1 Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sun.,4/2 Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11
 Jn 11:1-45

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the 10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of the week: A Special Intention; Leo Coinaghan/Jimmy F.; John Boles/Charles & Irene Petry; Sylvia Petry/Charles & Irene Petry; Anthony DeStefano/Charles & Irene Petry; Christopher DeStefano/Charles & Irene Petry; Debbie Tannenbaum/Marie & Bob Halloran; Joseph Ivan Saguing & Oscar Valero Gomez/Family; Sarah & Clinton Rounds/Peter & Lucy Rounds; Patrick Mulvaney/Pat Ahlemeyer; A Special Intention; Helen Gibbons/St. James Folk Choir;

Baptism The parish family of St. James welcomes Into the Catholic faith those baptized last Sunday:
 Joseph Gabriel Fenimore, Child of William & Crystal
 Madeline Kate Murphy, Child of Kellen & Catherine
 Jake Ryne Woehner, Child of Matthew & Jaclyn



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; Debbie Fitzpatrick; Dolores; Andre; Maire Gallagher; Margaret Heaney; Frank Colosimo; Diane Simpson; Edward Zelenick;

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: Jakub Czajkowski and Tracy Merola.

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; Jeffrey Trezza, LTJG;

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PASTOR

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.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS: The blind man's conversion of heart stands in stark contrast to the stubborn blindness of the Pharisees

LITURGY OF THE WORD: At first, Samuel judges by appearances, then he is reminded by God to judge the heart in order to find a worthy candidate to anoint as king. Saint Paul challenges us to live as children of light. In the Gospel, we have a man, blind from birth, move from seeing Jesus as a prophet to seeing Jesus as the Promised One, while the blindness of the Pharisees remains.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)

SUNDAY,3/26REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM**3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church****MONDAY,3/27****TUESDAY,3/28**

7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY,3/29

6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent

7 PM, St. James Choir, Church

7:30PM, RCIA, Parish Meeting Room

THURSDAY,3/30

7:30-9M, Peace of Christ Prayer Grp., Parish Mtg. Rm.

FRIDAY,4/1

7:30PM, Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY,4/2

6:30AM, That Man Is You, Student Center

SUNDAY,4/3REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM**3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church****ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH**

Young Adults Group: It's here again! Join us Tuesday, March 28th 7-9 PM in the Valentino Meeting Room for GAME NIGHT! Snacks will be provided! Scan the QR code for more details on the Facebook event page and to RSVP.

Sign up for our mailing list at:

www.stjames-redbank.com/youngadults.html

OUR DAILY BREAD Further your spiritual journey by joining the camaraderie of Our Daily Bread as we visit and help those in need. For more information, please call the rectory at 732/741-0500.

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 .

*Let us welcome our new Readers and
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

Frank Clifford
Christopher Faherty
Emily Fitzpatrick
Jim Guinee
Mitch Hall
Amanda Hardie
Jeff Ingrassia
Rita Kline
Colleen Owens
Helen Redmond
Cheryl Stavola
Regina Waldron
Ted Westhelle
Tom Wiczerzak

May God bless them and all our ministers as they bring the good news of Jesus Christ and recognize him in the people they serve.

ALTAR SERVERS: **4th – 8th Graders!** If you are interested in joining the St. James Altar Server Ministry please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number. Fr. Mark will be conducting altar server training in the near future.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Confirmation Practice: Saturday, March 25th
at 1-4PM, & Tuesday, March 28th 3:45-5PM**
St. James Gym & Cafeteria

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

Annual Catholic Appeal - In Action!

Evangelization - Pastoral Care: Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person-to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

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

Searching for a good Preschool or Kindergarten?

We have it right here!

Open House Date for Prospective Families
April 11 for Preschool through 8th Grade 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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. The winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, April 7. One of our most

successful fundraisers in the past, with previous winners receiving over \$5000. This year's proceeds will be used to continue to upgrade classrooms and the school building so that all who belong to the Saint James community will benefit from these improvements. 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!**

Drama, It's Elementary at Saint James

Under the guidance of faculty Directors Barbara Oakerson, Fran Byrne, and Susan Signoriello, the students are given an opportunity to develop and hone their God given singing, dancing, and acting talents through membership in the school's Drama Club. This year's musical comedy titled, "I Want My Mummy" opens to the sounds of screams and the banging of castle doors at Castle Frankenstein with a colorful cast of characters. Come see the play. The two performances are Friday April 7th, 7PM & Saturday April 8th, 7:30 pm. For more details visit the Saint James website at www.mysaintjames.com.

Family Dinner: Saint James School is inviting friends and family to a special family dinner on Thursday, March 30 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Saint James Café. Dinner tickets are \$10 child, \$15 senior (over 65), and \$20 adult. The menu is fixed and provided by Maloney's Pub & Grill. All contributions will go toward a facelift of the SJS gymnasium which is in need of repair and refurbishment. Please join us for a night of fun, good food and enjoyment. Make your reservation today. Take-out orders are available. Visit our website at www.mysaintjames.com for more information or call 732 741 3363. Friends, families and neighbors welcome!

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.

Blood Drive: Help us help others through a selfless act of giving. Council #525 of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, April 1st from 9:00AM-2PM, at St. Anthony's parish center located on Chestnut St in Red Bank. (Chestnut St. is off Bridge Ave, behind St. Anthony's). Donors are eligible for gift drawings. You don't need a special reason to give blood but the need for blood is constant.

- Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.
 - Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.
 - Some believe it is the right thing we do.
- Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life for the better. Please consider helping us help others. Please schedule your appointment by calling **Kelly Booth** at [732-299-6580](tel:732-299-6580) or via email: boothkj@redbankcatholic.com, or **Jim Booth** at [973-997-9145](tel:973-997-9145) or via email at jrb1751@gmail.com Appointments preferred, walk ins welcome.

12th Annual Divine Mercy Conference! Saturday April 8th from 9AM-5:30PM. Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, NY. Registration open at 7:30AM. Led by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, author of "Fatima for Today". Buses leaving from Lincroft. Contact Amy at 848/218-0319 for businformation. Flyers located throughout the Church.

From Giveaway: Lunch Break will be hosting its second annual prom giveaway on Monday, April 10th. They will be collecting dresses, tuxes, shoes and accessories from now until March 31st (Monday to Friday 9:30 to 2:30 and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30). They are also hoping to secure donations for blow outs, manicures/pedicures or make up for prom day. If you have a salon that you frequent and are able to secure a donation, please e-mail Corinne Thygeson at thygeson@comcast.net. Salon Coco Bond and Rogue Salon (Oceanport) have already donated. Let's keep the momentum going!

Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) will be taken up this weekend to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

INTENTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS I FOR MARCH

Pope's Intention For Evangelization: Support for Persecuted Christians. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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		