

**MASS FOR THE WEEK
December 9 - December 17**

SAT.,12/9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
5:30 Alfred & Thomas Annunziata/ Annunziata Family

SUN., 12/10 Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 Lauren Allingham, Living/The Allingham Family
8:15 Stephen Stronzer/Patricia Stronzer
9:30 Magrit Keating Marks/Linda & Kevin Keating

10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Henry Rogicki/The Rogicki Family
5:30 The People of the Parish

MON.,12/11 St. Damasus I, Pope
6:25 Sr. Maria Margaret Mulcahy/Francis R. Lewis
8:00 Margaret Coolahan/Dolly Rose & Family

TUES.,12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:25 Dominic & Rudolph Sama/Their Family
8:00 Dr. Alice Tyndall/Her Family

WEDS., 12/13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
6:25 Margaret Parkes/ Ann Parkes
8:00 Pat DeRosa/Toledo Madriz Family

THURS.,12/14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
6:25 Linda Zizzamia/Her Family
8:00 Peter Belmont/Friend, Donna

FRI.,12/15
6:25 Sally Wichmann/Bill & Mary McDermott
8:00 James Griffin/Ann Griffin

SAT.,12/16
8:00 Bill Allingham, Living/ Allingham Family
5:30 Rosa & Giovanni Valentini/Their Family

SUN.,12/17 Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 Robert Lewit/Jennifer & Ted Mellor & Family
8:15 Joseph Hegner, Sr./Joe Hegner
9:30 Mary & Thomas Belton/Russo-Mastriano Family
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Mr. & Mrs. William R. Noble, Sr. & Family/ Lorraine Noble
5:30 The People of the Parish

Mass Readings

Sun.,12/10 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
Mon.,12/11 Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14Lk 5:17-26
Tues., 12/12 Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc Lk 1:26-38
Wed .,12/13 Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thurs., 12/14 Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13b Mt 11:11-15
Fri., 12/15 Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Sat., 12/16 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun.,12/17 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Memorials

Ad Marjorem Dei Gloriam
Our Lady's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory of Eugenie Hillyer by Jeanne Naccari
St. Joseph's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory of Dolores Belvin by Her Daughter, Robin Pederson & Family

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the 10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Eugenie Hillyer/Jeanne Naccari; Nancy D'Angelo/Mary Lovecky; Caritino Olivera/Kathy Kelly; Arlene Mayeur/Kathy Kelly; Kathleen Lynch/Kathy Kelly; Rosendo Lopez/Victor & Rosemarie Pinlac; Luz I & Percy Pinlac/Victor & Rosemarie Pinlac;

Baptism The parish family of St. James welcomes Into the Catholic faith those baptized last Sunday:

Quinn Charlotte Hemschoot, Child of David & Kathleen



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; Neil Fitzpatrick; Jerry; Barbara Clark; Roberta Keenan; Louis Montanaro; Patricia Sabatos; Donna; Dolores; Mary Knapp; Karen; James Fenlon; D.; Sheila Nolan;

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: Caritino Olivera.

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

Remember you may memorialize a loved one with our Christmas Decorations Intentions. Please pick up a form found in the bulletins or at the Church doors and return it to the rectory **no later than December 18th for publication in the bulletin.**

Msgr. Philip Lowery

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS: As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples – his witnesses in the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear a voice that cries out: *In the desert prepare the way of the Lord.* In the second reading, we are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready. Today's Gospel talks of John the Baptist proclaiming a *baptism of repentance.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)
SUNDAY,12/10

REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM

3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

6:30-8PM, Youth Group Meeting, Student Center

MONDAY,12/11

TUESDAY,12/12

7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY,12/13

6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent

7 PM, St. James Choir, Church

THURSDAY,12/14

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

FRIDAY,12/15

SATURDAY,12/16

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

SUNDAY,12/17

REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM

3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH

"Simbang Gabi": The Filipino-American Catholic Community of Monmouth County is holding "Simbang Gabi" Masses in preparation for the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ. This beautiful Filipino Christmas tradition was introduced by the Spanish Friars in the Philippines centuries ago to honor the birth of Christ. St. James will be the host Church on Monday, December 18th. 7PM, Rosary; 7:30PM Mass; light snacks follow. All are invited.

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

Christmas Schedule

Confessions: Tuesday, 12/19, 6:00-7:00PM.
 Thursday, 12/21, 6:30-7:30PM
 Friday, 12/22, 6:30-7:30PM

Masses:

Sunday, 12/24 (Readings for following Masses will be for the Sunday Liturgy): 7AM, 8:15AM, 9:30AM, 10:45AM.

PLEASE NOTE: There is **no** 12 Noon Mass on 12/24

Readings for following Masses will be for the Christmas Liturgy): Church: 5:30PM, 7:30PM, Midnight Mass

Gymnasium: 5:30PM, Children’s Mass

Monday, 12/25: 7:00AM, 8:15AM, 9:30AM, 10:45AM, 12 Noon

No 5:30PM Mass on Christmas Day

New Year’s Schedule 2017-18

Confessions: Saturday, 12/30, 4-5PM

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, 12/31/2017 (Readings for following Masses will be for the Sunday Liturgy): 7AM, 8:15AM, 9:30AM, 10:45AM & 12 Noon

Readings for following Mass will be for the Solemnity of Mary Liturgy):

Sunday, 12/31/2017: 5:30PM

Monday, 1/1/2018: 7:00AM, 8:15AM, 9:30AM, 10:45AM, 12 Noon & 5:30PM

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 .

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. 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.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Saint James School

2018 Open House Dates for Prospective Families

Sunday, January 21 for Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th Grade 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, January 30 for Preschool through 8th Grade 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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! This preschool program incorporates story time, a music session, and a gym class allowing your little one to experience the excitement of being in a friendly learning ‘school’ environment.

The Read, Rock, & Roll! program is held for 6 weeks starting January 17 and meeting on select Wednesdays from 10 - 11 AM at Saint James School. We welcome children ages 2 ½ - 5 but 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. So 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.

BE COOL FOR SCHOOL- The Polar Plunge Saint James School will be participating in the 12th annual AOH Polar Plunge for Catholic Education.

The event will take place on January 28th, 1:00 pm at Donovan’s Reef in Sea Bright. This event gives an opportunity for Catholic schools to raise money for tuition assistance, infrastructure, and other projects– 100 percent of money raised at this event goes back to our school. Please help! If you are interested in a corporate sponsorship, participating or giving a pledge please contact Saint James at 732 741-3363 or KNelsen@mysaintjames.com or Travis.s0620@gmail.com. Pledge forms /sponsor cards can be obtained at www.mysaintjames.com

9:30 Mass at Saint James Church
 10:30 Pre-plunge munchies in our cafeteria
 12:30 Meet by the Saint James School Flags in parking lot
 1:00 The PLUNGE!
 1:10 After party at Donovan’s Reef
 Please come out and support Students, Parents and Staff and take the PLUNGE!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Church of the Nativity, Far Haven will be selling Christmas Nativities, Children’s books, Statues, Bibles and much more after all their Masses until 12/18.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious: “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, & more for senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

St. Catherine’s Church, 110 Bray Ave., Middletown. *Advent Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Song* with Deacon Anthony Liquori; Sunday, December 10th at 7PM in the Church.

Christmas Concert - St. Anthony of Padua, Red, Bank presents John Rutter's **Magnificat** featuring the combined talents of the Choir of the St. Anthony Oratory, the Diocesan Festival Choir and the Orchestra of the Society of Saint Cecilia under the direction of Mr. Shawn Mack, Friday, December 15th at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony, 121 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank (732) 747-0813 . Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for Seniors & Students)

INTENTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS I FOR DECEMBER

Pope’s Universal Intention: *The Elderly.* That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian Communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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