

**MASS FOR THE WEEK
December 15 - December 23**

SAT.,12/15

5:30 Thomas & Alfred Annunziata/
Justine Annunziata

SUN., 12/16 Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 Muriel DeFazio/Her Family
8:15 Santiago A. Bernardo/His Family
9:30 Daphne Brennan/The Cusanelli Family
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Kathryn Moran/her Children
5:30 The People of the Parish

MON.,12/17

6:25 Mr. & Mrs. William R. Noble, Sr./
Lorraine Noble
8:00 John Hussey/Patricia Hussey

TUES.,12/18

6:25 Loretta & Don Wickline/Their Niece
8:00 Robert Hotaling/His Family

WEDS.,12/19

6:25 Annette Langley/Dr. Walter King
8:00 Joseph Sestito/His Family

THURS.,12/20

6:25 Rudolf & Domenick Sama/Their Family
8:00 Danielle Scotto/Her Parents

**FRI.,12/21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor
Of the Church**

6:25 Mr. & Mrs. R. Wichmann/Their Family
8:00 Diane Link/Fred & Ree

SAT.,12/22

8:00 Dec'd. Members of the Ducey Family/
Emma Ducey & Family
5:30 Frank Edgerly, Sr./Frank, Lori, Kaitlin,
Megan, Ryan & Emma

SUN.,12/23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 Hunter Johnson, Living/M. Connolly
8:15 Charles E. Egelton/The Curreri Family
9:30 Dec'd. Members of Weinman Family/
Tom & Ann Parkes
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Isabelle & John Babstock/Kathleen Green
5:30 The People of the Parish

Mass Readings

Sun.,12/16 Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18
Mon.,12/17 Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:3-4b, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17
Tues.,12/18 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25
Wed.,12/19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b,
16-17
Thurs., 12/20 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
Fri.,12/21 Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45
Sat.,12/22 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:2-1, 4-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56
Sun.,12/23 Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Memorials

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

The Sanctuary Candle Is Offered In Loving
Memory of Julia & Michael Cunningham by
Pat & Breda Flood

Our Lady's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory
Of Neil Fitzpatrick by the St. James Choir
St. Joseph's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory
Of Joseph Sestito, Sr. by His Family

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the
10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of
the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Prudencio
Hernandez/Laura Pagan; Justina DeJesus/Laura
Pagan; Rafael Ortiz/Laura Pagan; Calixta Morales/
Laura Pagan; Eusebio Benitez/Laura Pagan;
Awilda Aruz/Laura Pagan; Edward Radzik/
Patricia Radzik; Teri Paton/Susan & Richard
Nocella; Roberto Wallace/Rogers Family;
MaryEllen Purvis/MaryEllin Sweeney;



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: Maire Gallagher; Jerry; Barbara Clark; Mary Knapp; Karen; Sheila Nolan; Connor Murphy; Rex Gimotea; Vera Gamgemi; Irma Castillo; Robert Kryger; Dorothy Young; Karen Erhardt; Joe; Donna; Dolores; Bill McDermott; Olivia; Liz Readie; Matthew Keenan; Carol Griffin; David O'Reilly;

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: Concetta Zuccaro, James Fenlon, Mark Thompson and Carol Setton.

Please pray for the men and women of our armed

forces, especially Maj. Steven Carbone; Staff Sgt. Matthew D'Alessandro, USMC; Steven James Gluth; Jason Palendrano; Staff Sgt. Matthew Roberts; Jonathan Welch; Maj. Nicholas Abbate & Capt. Justin Abbate (brothers), USMC; Majors Brian C. Jones(Truex) & Crystal Jones (Husband & Wife); Capt. Josh Pershing; Brendan Gilroy; SSGT 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; Spec E4 Thomas F. Welch, V; Navy, AOAA Brian J. Truex; Sgt. Kevin Andia, USMC; Lt. Jeffrey Trezza; LTJG. James Rimmele, Coast Guard; USMC LCPL Walter Anderson;

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS: The Lord is near, we rejoice and give thanks.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Zephaniah presents a vision of a great festival where God's love and forgiveness will be celebrated, and his mercy shared with all. Saint Paul reminds the Philippians to be happy and prayerful as they await the return

of Christ. John the Baptist proclaims the good news of the kingdom in the Gospel and challenges his listeners to act with justice and generosity.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)
SUNDAY,12/16
 REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM
3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church
MONDAY,12/17
8PM, Baptism Class. Meeting Rm. Located in the High School
8PM, Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Anthony Of Padua Church, Red Bank. Parish Center
TUESDAY,12/18
 7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church
WEDNESDAY,12/19
 6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent
 7 PM, St. James Choir, Church
THURSDAY,12/20
 7:30-9M, Peace of Christ Prayer Grp., RBC
FRIDAY,12/21
SATURDAY,12/22
6:30AM, That Man Is You, Student Center
SUNDAY,12/23
3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH

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

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 Parish Meeting Room located in RBC 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 DAILY BREAD is a St. James ministry made up of lay Catholic volunteers. Initially, we respond to phone requests to the parish. If the request is sound, 2 members visit locally face-to-face, usually in the caller's home. Two more approvals are required:

1. To ensure the client's need and that there is a plan for their future well-being; and
 2. To ensure the justifiable use of the generous, voluntary contributions made to the poor box.
- Checks are never made out to cash. We directly pay such entities as utility companies, landlords or pharmacies, verifying with each via bills, leases, etc. We distribute food cards to those in need. We are blessed with camaraderie as we aspire to perform charity described by Mother Teresa as, "It is Jesus in the poor that you feed, clothe, and take in." Please pray for Our Daily Bread ministry.

Christmas Schedule

Confessions: Thursday, 12/20, 4:30-5:30PM.
Friday, 12/21, 7-8PM
Saturday, 12/22, 4-5PM

Masses:

Monday, 12/24:

Church: 5:30PM, 7:30PM, Midnight Mass
Gymnasium: 5:30PM, Children's Mass

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

No 5:30PM Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Schedule 2018-19

Confessions: Saturday, 12/29, 4-5PM

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, 12/31/2018: 5:30PM

Tuesday, 1/1/2019 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon, 5:30PM

JESSE TREE: The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all those who participated in this year's Jesse Tree project. Over 330 gifts were collected, and with an estimated average value of \$40, that puts the total estimated value of all gifts received at about \$13,000. A truly amazing sign of generosity. St James Parish seems to know the Luke 12:48 verse: "Of those to whom much is given, much is required."

THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

Community service opportunities for teens: We invite RBC students and all parish teens to help in the Sunday morning REP program that runs from September into April from 9:15-10:30AM. Letters to attest to community service hours will be gladly provided.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Saint James School

2019 Open House Dates for Prospective Families

Sunday, January 13 for Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th Grade 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, January 29 for Preschool through 8th Grade 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Come and learn about all we have to offer. Tours provided. Saint James is a preschool 3's - Grade 8, a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Can't make the Open House, call for a private tour and visit us at www.mysaintjames.com

It's not too early to start looking for the 2019-20 school year!

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 16 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. #1. 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.

2018 Progressive Raffle Winners!

We would also like to sincerely thank all of our generous parishioners, student families and friends for supporting this year's Progressive Raffle, with your help we raised \$ 17,490. The winners will share the \$8,745 winning pot.

The Murphy Family 1st Prize Winner

The Gray Family 2nd Prize Winner

Stebbs Garcia 3rd Prize Winner

The Magee Family 4th Prize Winner

We offer our congratulations to our lucky winners!

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who made the effort in the mist and rain to stop by our tables to purchase car magnets, including the ever so popular "Keep Christ in Christmas" option. There were about one dozen options in total including "PRAY", "BE KIND", etc. There are leftovers, so if anyone is interested in knowing the other captions or purchasing more (great stocking stuffers) please contact MarkDegenhartSr@gmail.com THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Centering Prayer: Continuing Our Transformation in Christ, Upper Room Spiritual Center

3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2.

Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating, (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ. *Includes Centering Prayer session. **Facilitator:** Sun Spriggs. Tuesday, December 18th. 10:00am - 2:00pm. Fee: \$35 - \$50 (sliding scale - light lunch included) Go to www.theupper-room.org for more information.

ATTENTION VETERANS: The Monmouth County Division of Transportation provides free rides to the VA Clinics in Tinton Falls, Brick, East Orange and Lyons. Call 732 431 6480, choose option # 1 to register to reserve your ride.

College-Age* Retreat, January 4 – 6, 2019
Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale Ave.,
Cape May Point, NJ.

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$135 per person, double occ.

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or
call 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available

** High School Seniors are welcomed*

The Monmouth County SPCA accepts donations of the following: paper towels, laundry detergent, brillo/sos pads, Lysol disinfectant & wipes, 30+ gallon size garbage bags and more. Go to their website, monmouthcountyspca.org for a complete "wish list". 260 Wall St., Eatontown. 732/542-0040

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.

The Parker Family Health Center: For over 18 years the Parker Family Health Center (PfHC) has provided FREE medical care for Monmouth County residents without health insurance or the ability to pay. We offer full spectrum primary healthcare.

Volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, interpreters & others donate service to support our core clinical staff. A Social Worker is available to help in applying for health insurance that may be available through Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act programs.

To meet these needs the clinic relies entirely on charitable giving, assorted grants & fundraising. Individual donations account for 60% of all PFHC's funding.

To learn more about the PFHC or to donate please visit us at 211 Shrewsbury Ave., Red Bank or visit www.parkerfamilyhealthcenter.org

**INTENTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS,
POPE FRANCIS I FOR DECEMBER**

Pope's Intention. In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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
Folk Choir	Joe Clark
Knights of Columbus	Tom Wiczerzak
Social Concerns	Jim Schmitt
That Man is You	Jack Paul
Lazarus Ministry	Pat Ahlemeyer
RCIA	Deacon Bryan Davis
Ushers	Pat Flood

Our Daily Bread	Martha Christofili
Hospitality	Stephanie Snow
Senior Citizens	Sr. Ethel Friedman
Youth Group	Lynda Fiorenza
Altar Servers	Christian Buckman
Religious Ed Program	Fillie Duchaine
Peace of Christ Prayer Group	Sue Kuhar
Young Adults	Colleen Owens

