

**MASS FOR THE WEEK
December 16 - December 24**

SAT.,12/16

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

MON.,12/18

6:25 Joseph Sestito/Son, Joseph & Grandsons
Joseph & Brendan

8:00 Robert Hotaling/His Family

TUES.,12/19

6:25 Annette Langley/Dr. Walter King

8:00 Michael O'Sullivan/Ron & Siobhan Fay

WEDS.,12/20

6:25 Sally Wichmann/Joan O'Connor

8:00 Santiago A. Bernardo/Rosabella Bernardo
& Family

**THURS.,12/21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest &
Doctor of the Church**

6:25 Audrey Truex/Her Daughter-in-Law

8:00 Hunter Marjamaa/M. Connolly

FRI.,12/22

6:25 Dec'd. Members of the Ducey Family/Emma
Ducey & Family

8:00 Anthony Ponturiero/Marion Ponturiero

SAT.,12/23 St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 James P. Murray/Kristine Galassi

5:30 Jane Frances Carbone/Les Carbone

**SUN.,12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve**

7:00 Bernaldo Calara/Rosabella Bernardo

8:15 Dec'd. Members of the Weinman Family/
Tom & Ann Parkes

9:30 Danielle Scotto/Her Parents

10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week

NO 12 NOON MASS

5:30, **Church:** Frank & Connie Doyle/The Doyle
Family

5:30, **Gym:** Maxine DiSylbester/Michelle Battista

7:30 Armand J. & Susan Tarsitano/Dtr., Donna

Midnight: Mike & Martha Vanuga/Mike & Jeff
Vanuga

Mass Readings

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

Mon.,12/18 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Tues., 12/19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-6, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Wed.,12/20 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

Thurs., 12/21 Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Fri.,12/22 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Sat., 12/23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Sun.,12/24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27,
29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Memorials

Ad Marjorem Dei Gloriam

St. Joseph's Candle Is Offered In Loving

Memory of Michael Squillante by His Parents

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the
10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of
the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Loretta
Wickline/Helen Bergin; Edward Radzik/Patricia
Radzik; Dick Kirsh/Eileen Kirsh; Donato Colella/
Chanta Timoniere; Merritt J. McAlinden/John
Mossa; Willie Ann Key/John & Justine Annunziata;
Donald Anderson/Charlie & Peggy Kauffman;

Baptism The parish family of St. James welcomes
 Into the Catholic faith those baptized last Sunday:
 Alyssa Alburo, Child of Aldrin & Aireene
 Iabella Margaret Laterza, Child of Michael &
 Christina
 Summer Olivia Scardelli, Child of Nicholas &
 Alyssa



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: Neil Fitzpatrick and Daniel Robinson.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS: Rejoice in your God, the God of hope and
 light.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today's readings are
 readings of hope for a future that is bright with
 promise. Isaiah announces a year of favor from the
 Lord in which all manner of suffering is soothed.
 Saint Paul reminds us to rejoice, to pray always and
 to give thanks in all circumstances. In John's
 Gospel, we hear that the Light has come into the
 world, and it cannot be extinguished.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)
SUNDAY,12/17
 REP; Gr. K-7, 9:15-10:30AM, 8th Gr., 9-10:30AM
3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church
MONDAY,12/18
8PM, Knights of Columbus Meeting, St.
Anthony's Church
TUESDAY,12/19
 7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church
WEDNESDAY,12/20
 6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent
 7 PM, St. James Choir, Church
THURSDAY,12/21
 7:30-9M, Peace of Christ Prayer Grp., Parish Mtg.
 Rm.
FRIDAY,12/22
SATURDAY,12/23
SUNDAY,12/24
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.

OUR DAILY BREAD Needs your help to help others. Please remember those in need with your donation to the Poor Boxes. Thank You!

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

“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.

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.

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.

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Pregnant? Need Help? Call Good Counsel's help line at 1-800-723-8331. Good Counsel provides a safe, loving home to women who are homeless and pregnant, before and after the birth of her baby. Good Counsel provides personalized programs of educational, vocational and life skills training within a home environment to help her become self-sufficient. If you would like to learn more about this home or to donate go to www.goodcounselhomes.org When donating, please designate South Jersey to ensure the donations help the home located within the Trenton Diocese. You may also mail your donation to Good Counsel-South Jersey, PO Box 6068, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Red Bank Catholic High School:

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

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 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Donavan'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 from www.mysaintjames.com Please come out and support Students, Parents and Staff and take the PLUNGE!

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.

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.

Charismatic Healing Mass: Tuesday, December 19th; Holy Cross Church, Rumson. Celebrant: Fr. Alex Enriquez.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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.

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Saintly Quotations

He who loves Our Lord Jesus Christ must desire to be with Him...the more we conform ourselves to His example the more perfect will be our lives.

- *Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18*

**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

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