

**MASS FOR THE WEEK  
December 22 – December 30**

**SAT.,12/22**

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

**MON.,12/24**

8:00 Carol Griffin, Living/Her Family  
5:30PM: Church: The Griffin & Stoehr Families/  
Family  
5:30PM: Gym: Patricia Armstrong Shelby/Ashley  
Family  
7:30PM Frank & Connie Doyle/Their Family  
Midnight: Mike & Margaret Vanuga/Mike &  
Jeff Vanuga

**TUES.,12/25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

7:00 Ellen Perry Brennan/Brian & Erin Brennan  
8:15 James Fenlon/Richard & Marie Woods  
9:30 Louis J. Mannello, Sr./Wife & Children  
10:45 George Zielenbach, III/Barbara Clark  
12:00 Mary McDermott/Pat & Breda Flood

**NO 5:30PM MASS****WEDS.,12/26**

6:25 Maurice Walsh/The Allingham Family  
8:00 Dec'd Members of the Parkes Family/  
Ann Parkes

**THURS.,12/27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

6:25 Ernie Masson/His Friends  
8:00 Bruce Gsell, Living/Cynthia Portera

**FRI.,12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

6:25 William Bonner/Dr. Walter King  
8:00 Rose Scarpulla/Your Children

**SAT.12/29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 Rosa & Giovanni Valentini/Their Family  
5:30 John Ducey/Emma Ducey & Family

**SUN.,12/30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
And Joseph**

7:00 Parents & Grandparents, Rosemarie Grace  
& William Forbes Taylor/Melissa Taylor Bahrs  
& Christina Bahrs  
8:15 Claire Faistl/Don & Susan Faistl  
9:30 Bernadette O'Sullivan/Michael & Annette  
O'Neill  
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week  
12:00 Rosa Gaspar/Frank & Filomenia Sequeira  
5:30 The People of the Parish

**Mass Readings**

Sun.,12/23 Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45  
Mon.,12/24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,m 16  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79  
Tues., 12/25 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17  
Mt 10:17-22  
Wed.,12/26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17  
Mt 10:17-22  
Thurs., 12/27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Fri.,12/28 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18  
Sat.,12/29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35  
Sun.,12/30 17:Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5  
Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

**Memorials**

**MASS REMEMBRANCES.** This Sunday at the  
10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of  
the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Raymond  
Rainville/Murphy Family; Ina Marshall/Maureen  
Lamoutte & Family; Elizabeth Schroeder/Patricia  
Radzik; Rosemary B. & James J. Edelen, Jr./Family;  
George Smith Family/Muriel Maloney; Marcella A.  
Purcell/Francis R. Lewis; Patricia Armstrong  
Shelby/Ashley Family; George Spiecker/Debbie  
Hemschoot; Remigio/Barragan Family; Angela  
Kirkman/Nancy Giles & Toy Walls; Lawrence  
Clark/Barbara Clark; George, George, Jr., George,  
III, Helen & Elizabeth Zielenbach/Barbara Clark;  
Pauline Costa & All Dec'd. Members of Costa  
Family/Marion Z. Costa;


**Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam**

The Sanctuary Candle Is Offered In Loving  
Memory of Mr. & Mrs. G. Edwin Jones, Sr.  
& Mr. & Mrs. William T. Jones, Sr.


By Patricia Mullin

Our Lady's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory  
Of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer F. Layden, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs.  
William T. Jones, Jr. by Patricia Mullin

St. Joseph's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory  
Of Mr. Elmer F. Layden, Jr. ,Mr. Michael Layden,  
Patrick Layden, & Mr. Elmer F. Layden, III by  
Patricia Mullin

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

Nora Rose Blommestein, Child of Timothy &  
Elizabeth

 **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:

1<sup>st</sup> Time: Steven Wikoff & Mary Williams

**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; Kaitlyn Petrillo;  
James A. Carter;

**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: Lourdes Burgese.

**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;

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

This week we celebrate the great liturgical  
feast of the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. If we  
have truly taken our Advent season to heart casting  
aside that which will not bring us closer to Our Lord,  
then we have every reason to rejoice with our  
families and our community on this glorious day.

The Birth of Our Savior heralds in a new  
law of love. This is a command to love all. These  
perilous times tempt us to choose who to love and  
who not to love. I urge all of us to resist this  
temptation now and always in the name of Our  
Savior who is love itself.

As we move into the New Year, let us move  
forward with a renewed faith and continue to live out  
the faith of Christ Jesus which is so present each and  
every day in our community.

I truly thank you for all that you do for  
St. James.  
Msgr. Lowery

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**FOCUS:** Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd.

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Micah prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. Paul reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and his obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. The Gospel depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)

**SUNDAY,12/23**

3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

**MONDAY,12/24**

**TUESDAY,12/25**

**WEDNESDAY,12/26**

6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent

7 PM, St. James Choir, Church

**THURSDAY,12/27**

**FRIDAY,12/28**

**SATURDAY,12/29**

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

**SUNDAY,12/30**

3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH****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

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

**OUR DAILY BREAD** Is there for those in need of temporary financial assistance. We ask your help through your donations to enable us to assist those calling on us. Remember, the Poor Boxes located on either side of the main interest to the Church are there to accept your donation.

**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 LADY NEEDS YOUR HELP:** Please come say the Rosary every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

### Saint James School

#### Christmas Wishes

*May His Love and Presence fill you to overflowing and bring you a most Joyous Christmas.*

*May you and your family be given the true blessings of Christmas ~ Joy, Hope, Peace, and Love!*

#### 2019 Open House Dates for Prospective Families

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

Tuesday, January 29 for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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! The program is held for 6 weeks starting January 16 and meeting on 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](http://www.mysaintjames.com) for more information.

### Saint James Students Making a Difference

At Saint James School, our goal is to challenge every student to meet a standard of excellence in everything he or she does. This begins with

academics, but in no way does it end there. We do not measure achievement by grades alone. Our students also learn valuable lessons through community service and extracurricular activities. This is why they not only thrive as students, but also as caring, well-informed Christian individuals long after they have graduated from Saint James. We are very proud of our students who continually give back to our community by raising funds and items through bake, candy, and flower sales, dress down days, community service hours, food and clothing drives, bracelet sales, and book drives. Among the beneficiaries of this year's fundraising projects were: Thanksgiving Baskets, Lunch Break of Red Bank, Holiday Express, Association of the Holy Childhood Missionary, The Pajama Program, Lt. Dennis Zilinski II Memorial Fund, The SJS Drama Club, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. We are extremely proud of all of our students' accomplishments and it is wonderful to know that they surely do make a difference in the lives of many people.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE (FCS):****Medicare Savings Programs - Help Available!** FCS

has been awarded a grant to help seniors, individuals with disabilities and their caregivers apply for special assistance through Medicare.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary and your annual income in 2018 does not exceed \$27,189 for a single person or \$33,334 for a couple, programs are available to help pay some or all of your Medicare Parts B and D premiums, deductibles, coinsurances and/or co-pay costs.

Please contact FCS at 732/728-1331 for assistance learning about and applying for these programs.

**The St. James Senior Citizens Club** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Red Bank Senior Center at **1 PM**. Call Sr. Ethel for more information, 732/741-0724.

**TAX AMNESTY:** The State of NJ has asked us to help spread word of the following:

**NJ TAX AMNESTY**

- No Penalties, reduced interest on back taxes
- Applies to outstanding tax filings or payments from Feb 1 2009 to Sept 1 2017
- For individual taxpayers and corporations
- 5% additional penalty for non-participation
- Ends Jan 15 2019
- Call 800-781-8407 or visit online [TaxAmnesty.nj.gov](http://TaxAmnesty.nj.gov)

**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](mailto: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	Lynda Fiorenza
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

