

**MASS FOR THE WEEK
December 23 – December 31**

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

**MON.,12/25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**
7:00 Ellen Perry Brennan/Brian Brennan
8:15 James & Paul Griffin/Ann Griffin
9:30 Thomas B. Schweers, Sr./His Family
10:45 Dec'd. Members of the Parkes Family/Tom &
Ann Parkes
12:00 Louis J. Mannello, Sr./His Wife & Children

TUES.,12/26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr
8:00 Maurice Walsh/The Allingham Family

WEDS.,12/27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
6:25 Sally Wichmann/Bill Conley
8:00 Sean Owens/Mike & Margaret O'Neill

THURS.,12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
6:25 William Bonner/Dr. Walter King
8:00 Sandra Sica/Gilda Niro

FRI.,12/29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
6:25 Robert Wichmann/His Family
8:00 Claire Faistl/The Scarrone Family

SAT.,12/30
8:00 Molly Dalton/Her Family
5:30 Thomas A. Truex/His Mother

**SUN.,12/31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
And Joseph**
7:00 Claire Scales/Mr & Mrs. Thomas Jans
& Whitney
8:15 William J. Eyres/The Edgerly Family
9:30 Julia, William & Eileen Bassler/Family
10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week
12:00 Richard & Margaret Allen/Kathleen Allen
5:30 The People of the Parish

Mass Readings

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
Mon.,12/25 Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18
Tues., 12/26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22
Wed.,12/27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thurs., 12/28 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
Mt 2:13-18
Fri., 12/29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Sat., 12/30 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Sun.,12/31 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Ps 128:1-5
Lk 2:22-40


Memorials

MASS REMEMBRANCES. This Sunday at the
10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of
the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Isabelle &
John Babstock/Family; Bob & Mary Meyer,
Living/ Ellen & Brian; Caritino Olivera/Kira
Nelson; Elizabeth Schroeder/Patricia Radzik;
Bernaldo Calara/Rosabella Bernardo & Family;
Alice & Michael Bergin/Helen Bergin; Marcella A.
Purcell/Francis R. Lewis; Eileen Olsen/
Community of RBC; Michael Drespel/Susan &
Richard Nocella; Richard Kirsh/Family; Special
Intention; Special Intention; Special Intention;
Special Intention; The Cullen Family; Ann
Sosa/Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ciaravino; Donna
D'Adamo/Evelyn Ciaravino

Ad Marjorem Dei Gloriam

The Sanctuary Candle Is Offered For Peace and an
End to Violence

St. Joseph's Candle Is Offered In Loving Memory
Of Molly Dalton by Her Family

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

Brielle Christine Swanton, Child of Keith & Cynthia

**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 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
Palandrano; 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

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Today 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.

+ May the blessing of Our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ remain with each & everyone now and always.

Msgr. Lowery

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS: Sometimes, as children, we think that a
special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will
never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The
people of the Old Testament were waiting for
centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free
them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time
before he was accepted.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's first
reading, David wants to build a temple for the
Lord, but hears from the Lord that he will build a
family dynasty for him that will last forever. The
passage from the Letter to the Romans is a hymn of
praise giving glory to God. The Gospel tells of the
angel Gabriel's message to Mary that she would
conceive and bear the son of God, Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)

SUNDAY,12/24**3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church****MONDAY,12/25****TUESDAY,12/26**

7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY,12/27

6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent

7 PM, St. James Choir, Church

THURSDAY,12/28

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

FRIDAY,12/29**SATURDAY,12/30****SUNDAY,12/31****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.**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.**New Year's Schedule 2017-18****Confessions:** Saturday, 12/30, 4-5PM

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:*** 8:00AM, 12 Noon & 5:30PM**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.

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.

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

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!

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, ribbon, 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, The Pajama Program, Dennis Zilinski Memorial Fund, The SJS Drama Club, and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Hurricane Harvey Relief, St Vincent DePaul School of Houston, and CYO Toy Drive.

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

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.

Reading Buddies Program: Family & Children's Service has a meaningful volunteer opportunity available to adults who love children and books, the *RSVP Reading Buddies Program*. Committed volunteers will read to kindergarten thru 2nd grade students during school hours for one hour, once a week. We serve 17 public schools in Monmouth County. Substitute readers also needed. No previous teaching experience is required; training will be offered & books are supplied. Please show your concern for our children by sharing your time. Calls Lisa, 732/222-9111, Ext. 153 for more information.

TRAVELING Need to find a church? Can't find your weekly bulletin? Go to www.masstimes.org You'll find the Mass schedule, confessions schedule, languages, address, and directions of every church in the world.

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.

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 Wiczerzak	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