

**MASS FOR THE WEEK  
December 30 - January 7**

**SAT.,12/30**

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. Eyles/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

**MON.,1/1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother  
Of God**

8:00 Rose DiPiero/A Friend

12:00 JoAnne Lennon/Her Family

5:30 Braden Bonder, Living/Grandparents

**TUES.,1/2 Saints Basis the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of  
The Church**

6:25 Raul Ethavarria/RBC Cafeteria Staff

8:00 Don & Daniel Callahan/Their Family

**WEDS., 1/3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

6:25 Jennifer Tobias/Barbara & John Schimpf

8:00 James J. Maguire, Sr./The Cusanelli Family

**THURS.,1/4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

6:25 Rosemary B. & James J. Edelen, Jr./Children

8:00 Hugh Gallagher/Jim & Dymphna Murrier  
& Family

**FRI.,1/5 St. John Neumann, Bishop  
First Friday**

6:25 Helen C. McNamara/Her Family

8:00 Jeffrey F. Bogart/Gary Sammon

**SAT.,1/6 St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

8:00 William & Anna Beisel/Their Family

5:30 Philip Sernio/Justine Annunziata

**SUN.,1/7 The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 John W. Bolger, Jr./The Murphy Family

8:15 Robert Hotaling/His Family

9:30 Rose DiPiero/Ann Parkes

10:45 Special Remembrances of the Week

12:00 Peace & Understanding/A Friend

5:30 The People of the Parish

**Mass Readings**

Sun.,12/31 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Ps 128:1-5  
Lk 2:22-40

Mon.,1/1 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

Tues., 1/2 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Wed .,1/3 Jn 2:29 - 3:6 Ps 98:1-3, 6 Jn 1:29-34

Thurs., 1/4 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42

Fri., 1/5 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51

Sat., 1/6 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

Sun.,1/7 Is 6:1-6 Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

**MASS REMEMBRANCES.** This Sunday at the 10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of the week: A Special Intention; A Friend; Rita Healy/Lisa Laszlo; Isabelle & John Babstock/Family; Christopher J. Lewis/Francis R. Lewis; Lott Maroney/Lucy & Peter Rounds; Phyllis Groele/Lucy & Peter Rounds; Lois West/Lucy & Peter Rounds; Mary Comarato/Colleen & Chris Swansson;



**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; 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: Elizabeth Cirner.

**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;

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**FOCUS:** Families are the domestic church, cultivating a family life centered on Christ. Most people first experience faith within their family, where it is planted and nurtured. It is through our trust in God and our love for one another that we bring Christ to life in our families and communities.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Sirach echoes God's mandate to honor our father and mother, for in doing so we honor God. In the second reading, Saint Paul instructs the Colossians to live in the spirit of Christ, loving one another and seeking peace. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the Temple for the ritual Jewish purification, There they encounter the prophet Simeon and prophetess, Anna, who offer thanks to God for this long-awaited Savior and foretell of his coming reign of power.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

BSA (Broad Street Auditorium) HS(High School)

**SUNDAY,12/31**

**3PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church**

**MONDAY,1/1 Rectory Office Closed**

**TUESDAY,1/2**

7:30 PM, Folk Choir, Church

**WEDNESDAY,1/3**

6 PM, Rosary Prayer Cenacle, the Convent

7 PM, St. James Choir, Church

**THURSDAY,1/4**

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

**FRIDAY,1/5**

**SATURDAY,1/6**

**SUNDAY,1/7**

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

**3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH****First Friday Adoration:**

Start the new year with a visit with Jesus at January Nocturnal Adoration on Friday the 5th, 2018, and Saturday the 6th, 2018. St. James special hour is at 4 AM. Nocturnal Adoration starts at 9 PM and runs through the night closing at 6 AM. For more information, email [frankrlr@verizon.net](mailto:frankrlr@verizon.net) and use Adore in subject.

And remember that afternoon Adoration and Benediction will be from 4 PM to 5 PM. Watch and pray with Christ, one hour, one day, each month. All are invited.

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

**Jesse Tree:** We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all our parishioners who took tags from the Jesse Tree and returned the most amazing gifts. We received nearly 450 gifts for 11 agencies. This project helps to make sure all of our neighbors in need had something nice for Christmas for themselves and their children. You continue to show your love of Christ through your acts of giving to those less fortunate.

May God Bless You All

Merry Christmas

The Social Concerns Group

**OUR DAILY BREAD** Please help those in temporary financial need with your donations to the poor boxes located on either side of the front doors to the Church. Thank You!

**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 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**

**The Upper Room Spiritual Center, 3455 W Bangs Ave # 2, Neptune. (732) 922-0550.**

*A Men's Spirituality Discussion Group.* Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual. Everyone in the group will be encouraged to share in a non-judgmental environment. The format of the meeting will begin with a brief prayer, a passage from scripture, spiritual book, article, or song lyric that will initiate the discussion. Presenter: Jack Hudak, Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Fee: \$10.

*Centering Prayer.* Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ. Facilitator: Sun Spriggs, Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 10am - 2pm. Fee: \$35-\$50 (continental breakfast & light lunch included)

**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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, January 30 for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mysaintjames.com) for more information.

**BE COOL FOR SCHOOL- The Polar Plunge**

Saint James School will be participating in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual AOH Polar Plunge for Catholic Education. The event will take place on January 28, 2018 at 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](mailto:KNelsen@mysaintjames.com) or [Travis.s0620@gmail.com](mailto:Travis.s0620@gmail.com). Pledge forms / sponsor cards can be obtained from [www.mysaintjames.com](http://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** The Seniors of St. James invite you to join us. We are looking for nice people with interesting ideas to create new experiences. We are young at heart with keen minds ready and willing to extend the "joys of aging" beyond just existing. Join us, we'll stay young together. Call to continue "a life worth living"!

Sr. Ethel & the Seniors, 732/741-0724

**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.

**Birthright** is in need of gently used maternity clothes – all sizes. Please bring your donations to the Birthright office, 294 Broad St., Red Bank during regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10AM-2PM and Tuesday 3:30-6. Thank you, Karen Fitzgerald, Director

Saintly Quotations

The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot; the money that you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit.

- St. Basil the Great (329-379), Priest, Defender of the Faith, Feast Day January 2

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

**Pope’s Universal Intention for Evangelization:**  
*Religious Minorities in Asia.* That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



**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

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| 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 Guardia |