

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**April 25 – May 3<sup>rd</sup>**SAT., 4/25 Saturday St Mark, Evangelist**

8:00 AM Vincent Kazmierski/His Family

5:30 PM Michael Fallon/Edgerly Family

**SUN., 4/26 Third Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM Nicholas Viscardi/Daughter

8:15 AM Rev. Msgr. Philip A Lowery/Cheryl Stavola

9:30 AM Dr. Leonard Katz/the Murphy Family

10:45 AM Special Remembrances of the week

12:00 George Mayer/Wife &amp; family

5:30 PM The People of the Parish

**MON., 4/27 Monday Easter Weekday**

6:25 For relief for those suffering because of the Pandemic

8:00 For an end to the CoronaVirus Pandemic

**TUES., 4/28 Tuesday Easter Weekday St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St Louis De Montfort, Priest**

6:25 For All Working with Corona Virus

8:00 Billy Snyder/Fred &amp; Ree Link

**WEDS., 4/29 Wed Easter Weekday, St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr of the Church**

6:25 For relief for those suffering because of the Pandemic

8:00 For an end to the Pandemic

**THURS., 4/30 Thurs Easter Weekday St Pius, V, Pope**

6:25 AM An end to the Corona Virus Pandemic

8:00 AM For the sick and the suffering

**FRI., 5/1 Friday Easter Weekday St Friday-St Joseph the Worker**

6:25 AM An end to the Corona Virus Pandemic

8:00 AM Eileen &amp; Michael Meehan, Living/Family

**SAT., 5/2 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday St Athanasius Bishop & Dr of the Church**

8:00 AM Stephen Verdicchio/RBC Life Club

5:30 PM Herman &amp; Madden Families/M &amp; M R Herman

**SUN., 5/3 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM Kenneth Wiczczak/Diane &amp; Tom Wiczczak

8:15 AM Ann Mennona/Ed Mennona

9:30 AM Mike Spinelli Jr./Jill &amp; Rob Spinelli

10:45 AM Special Remembrances of the week

12:00 Angie &amp; Joseph Lopresti/Daughter

5:30 PM The people of the parish

**Mass Readings**

Sat., 4/25 555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

Sun., 4/26 46: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1Pt

1:17-21 Lk 24 1:13-35

Mon., 4/27 273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-

30 Jn 6:22-29

Tues., 4/28 274: Acts 7:51-8:1a, Ps 31:3cd-

4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wed., 4/29 275: Acts 8:1b-8, Ps 66:1-3A, 4-7a, Jn

6:35-40

Thurs., 4/30 276: Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn

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Fri., 05/01 559: Gn 1:26-2:3, Ps 90: 2-4, 12-14, 16 Mt

13-54-58:

Sat., 05/02 278: Acts 9:31-42, Ps 116:12-17, Jn 6:60 -

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Sun., 5/03 49: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-6, 1 Pt 2:20b-

25, Jn 10:1 -10

**Memorials****Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam**

**MASS REMEMBRANCES.** This Sunday at the 10:45 Mass, we remember our special intentions of the week: Hailey Raiser(living)/Grandpa; Nicolas Barragan/The Barragan Family; Florence M. Mulcahy/Francis R Lewis

**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:

“for all those who suffer the consequences of this pandemic” we ask you Lord to “look with compassion on the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick; give strength to those who care for them; welcome into your peace those who have died; and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.” Good Friday Intercession from Vatican.

**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;

**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; Col. 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; LCPL Nicholas Yowan; James Reilly Shinnick, USA; E2PFC Connor Clark; Pvt. Sean Bradley, USA; Sgt. Brendan Reiss, USA, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div.

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FOCUS:** Let us rejoice in the good news of salvation: Jesus is God's promise fulfilled.

The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. He is truly present to us in the celebration of the Mass. He is the promise fulfilled, and we are nourished with his Word, and his body and blood. Just like those on the road to Emmaus we know him in the breaking of the bread

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the Jews and all in Jerusalem that Jesus, *commended to (them) by God*, was also killed by them. But that God raised him up. Peter writes that all have been ransomed by the *precious blood of Christ*. In the Gospel, two disciples traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discussing all that had happened. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize him until they sat for a meal and *he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them*.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Although public gatherings have been cancelled, the priests of St James still offer Masses every single day praying for your intentions. Our remaining livestream schedule is at [www:stjames-redbank.com](http://www.stjames-redbank.com)

**Sundays From April 19<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM**

Please visit our website for up to date information.

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Easter Flower donations - needless to say, your flower donations have not been put to use for Easter Sunday. However, when the crisis is over, hopefully soon, we will celebrate and thank God in a liturgical celebration where we will make use of the flower donations. In the meantime, your intentions remain on the altar.

**Pope Francis I Divine Mercy Sunday Homily**

Last Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection; today we witness the resurrection of his disciple. It has already been a week, a week since the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, but in spite of this, they remained fearful, cringing behind "closed doors" (Jn 20:26), unable even to convince Thomas, the only one absent, of the resurrection. What does Jesus do in the face of this timorous lack of belief? He returns and, standing in the same place, "in the midst" of the disciples, he repeats his greeting: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19, 26). He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here, from this faithful and patient mercy, from the discovery that God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet.

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You may object: "But I keep falling!". The Lord knows this and he is always ready to raise you up. He does not want us to keep thinking about our failings; rather, he wants us to look to him. For when we fall, he sees children needing to be put back on their feet; in our failings he sees children in need of his merciful love. Today, in this church that has become a shrine of mercy in Rome, and on this Sunday that Saint John Paul II dedicated to Divine Mercy twenty years ago, we confidently welcome this message. Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy" (Diary, 14 September 1937). At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus' answer stunned her: "You have not offered me the thing is truly yours". What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: "My daughter, give me your failings" (10 October 1937). We too can ask ourselves: "Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?" Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person. The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy.

Let us go back to the disciples. They had abandoned the Lord at his Passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him. In those wounds, he touches with his hands God's tender closeness. Thomas arrived late, but once he received mercy, he overtook the other disciples: he believed not only in the resurrection, but in the boundless love of God. And he makes the most simple and beautiful profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28). Here is the resurrection of the disciple: it is accomplished when his frail and wounded humanity enters into that of Jesus. There, every doubt is resolved; there, God becomes my God; there, we begin to accept ourselves and to love life as it is.

Dear brothers and sisters, in the time of trial that we are presently undergoing, we too, like Thomas, with our fears and our doubts, have experienced our frailty. We need the Lord, who sees beyond that frailty an irrepressible beauty. With him we rediscover how precious we are even in our vulnerability. We discover that we are like beautiful crystals, fragile and at the same time precious. And if, like crystal, we are transparent before him, his light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and through us in the world. As the Letter of Peter said, this is a reason for being "filled with joy, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials" (1 Pt 1:6).

On this feast of Divine Mercy, the most beautiful message comes from Thomas, the disciple who arrived late; he was the only one missing. But the Lord waited for Thomas. Mercy does not abandon those who stay behind. Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that we may then be struck by an even worse virus, that of selfish indifference. A virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me, and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me. It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, discarding the poor, and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress. The present pandemic, however, reminds us that there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice that is undermining the health of the entire human family! Let us learn from the early Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles. It received mercy and lived with mercy: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:44-45). This is not some ideology: it is Christianity.

In that community, after the resurrection of Jesus, only one was left behind and the others waited for him. Today the opposite seems to be the case: a small part of the human family has moved ahead,

while the majority has remained behind. Each of us could say: "These are complex problems, it is not my job to take care of the needy, others have to be concerned with it!". Saint Faustina, after meeting Jesus, wrote: "In a soul that is suffering we should see Jesus on the cross, not a parasite and a burden... [Lord] you give us the chance to practice deeds of mercy, and we practice making judgements" (Diary, 6 September 1937). Yet she herself complained one day to Jesus that, in being merciful, one is thought to be naive. She said, "Lord, they often abuse my goodness". And Jesus replied: "Never mind, don't let it bother you, just be merciful to everyone always" (24 December 1937). To everyone: let us not think only of our interests, our vested interests. Let us welcome this time of trial as an opportunity to prepare for our collective future. Because without an all-embracing vision, there will be no future for anyone.

Today the simple and disarming love of Jesus revives the heart of his disciple. Like the apostle Thomas, let us accept mercy, the salvation of the world. And let us show mercy to those who are most vulnerable; for only in this way will we build a new world.

**Archbishop Jose H Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic bishops invites us to pray the following:**

**Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.**

**We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.**

**Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.**

**For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing  
and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable**

**and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.**

**In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.**

**We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our  
compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.**

**Shelter us under the mantle of your  
protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your  
Son, Jesus. Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH**

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** With your help we can help those in need of temporary assistance. Your donation to the poor boxes is greatly appreciated. *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,... it is right to give Him thanks and praise.* **Peace of Christ Prayer Group**



#### **ROSARY PRAYER CENACLE**

### **THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON**

Visit the Diocese of Trenton website at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org) for information from the diocese. There is a link to the diocese from our parish website at [www.stjames-redbank.com](http://www.stjames-redbank.com)

#### **FROM OUR SCHOOLS**

##### **Red Bank Catholic High School:**

The Red Bank Catholic Booster Club will host the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Caseys Golf & Tennis Classic on May 14, 2020 at Rumson Country Club. Check [www.redbankcatholic.org](http://www.redbankcatholic.org) for registration, sponsorship, and general information!

The Red Bank Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame will be held June 20, 2020 in the Vincent J. Eck Student Center. Information and tickets available at [www.redbankcatholic.org](http://www.redbankcatholic.org).

**Saint James School:**

Visit our website at [www.mysaintjames.com](http://www.mysaintjames.com) for more information.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Knights of Columbus – St. James & St. Anthony Council Number 525** is pleased to announce its 2020 Scholarship program to assist graduates of St. James Grammar School and St. James CCD program who plan to attend a Catholic high school starting September, 2020. The one-time scholarship awards will help with the costs of Catholic High School. Recipients will be selected by the Council Scholarship Committee.

An application form with instructions can be found at [www.KofC525.org](http://www.KofC525.org). The application can be downloaded, printed, filled out and submitted with the required supporting information. All completed applications and supporting documentation are to be postmarked by April 15, 2020. Applications postmarked after this date may not be considered.

**OUR PARISH MINISTRIES** – to get involved email your contact info to [saintjamesredbank@stjames-redbank.com](mailto:saintjamesredbank@stjames-redbank.com)

**The St. James Senior Citizens Club**

Call Sr. Ethel for more information, 732/741-0724.

**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.

**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 APRIL**

**Pope's Intention: Freedom from Addiction.**  
**That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.**

Faith in Our Future Greg Arnold

Liturgical Art Committee Fr. Ariel Robles

Adult Choir	Ashley Kate Gimotea
Folk Choir	Joe Clark
Knights of Columbus	Bob Shearer
Social Concerns	Jim Schmitt
That Man is You	Jack Paul
Lazarus Ministry	Pat Ahlemeyer
RCIA	Deacon Bryan Davis
Ushers	Pat Flood
River Jordan Ministry	Mary Ellen Connelly

Our Daily Bread	
Hospitality	Stephanie Snow
Senior Citizens	Sr. Ethel Friedman
Youth Group	Lynda Fiorenza
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Peace of Christ Prayer Group	Sue Kuhar
Young Adults	Colleen Owens
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