

# Welcome

## A Message from Msgr. Joe

As I settle into my new home and assume the responsibilities to serve you as your parish priest, I am very grateful to all who have welcomed me so kindly and with warm hospitality. In a particular way, I appreciate all the assistance that Fr. Daison and Fr. Vic have offered in making me feel at home. I have truly enjoyed getting to know them better, sharing together at table and look forward with great hope to ministering with them as brothers. I also appreciate the great help that your parish staff and school administrations have provided me. Finally, I wish to thank Fr. Ariel for all his help. This has made my transition much easier. Of course, the disappointment so far is that I have not had the opportunity to meet many of you, the faithful, dedicated and generous members of the St. James Parish Family due to the limitations that the coronavirus has placed upon all of us and our ability to gather in larger groups, particularly as a Christian family in praise of our God. I do look forward to that day.

While some of you may remember that my first priestly assignment was here at St. James from 1990 to 1995, I wish to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I was born in Trenton, New Jersey and have one brother, Tom. My home parish was Sacred Heart in Trenton. I attended the parish grammar school and then attended Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville. It was during high school having experienced the dedication of my pastor, Msgr. Leonard Toomey, the priests of both my parish and high school, together with the encouragement of my family, the Sisters of Charity and the Sisters of Mercy that I began to explore a vocation to priesthood. Following high school, I attended Seton Hall University where I was enrolled in the College Seminary Program. I continued my seminary formation at the North American College in Rome, attending the Pontifical Georgian University and pursued graduate studies in Moral Theology at the Alfonsianum, an academy that is part of the Lateran University. I was ordained in my home parish on June 16, 1990. I have been assigned to St. James Parish, St. Rose of Lima Parish in Freehold and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Long Branch (now a part of Christ the King Parish). In 2002, Bishop John M. Smith asked me to join his staff serving first as his Priest Secretary and Master of Ceremonies and then as Chancellor of the Diocese of Trenton. During this time, I also served as a weekend assistant at St. Ann Parish in Lawrenceville and was a member of the first cohort of the Center for

Church Management at Villanova University business school graduating with an MS in Church Management. In 2011, I was appointed to my second pastorate at St. Paul Parish, Princeton.

My mom, Mary Ann resides with my brother and my niece, Julianna in Hamilton. I know that they look forward to visiting my new home soon when circumstances permit. I am excited about returning to my first assignment. I recognize many faces and names, but at the same time appreciate that there has been much change. I know that change does not always come easily and I ask your understanding, patience and prayers as I come to know and appreciate your gifts and talents in service to the Lord as you at the same time, learn of my gifts and talents. What will always bind us together is our love of the Lord and our commitment to help one another grow in love and knowledge of the Lord and His Church experiencing more fully the love of God in our lives. Please be assured of my prayers for you and once again I ask for your prayers as well. St. James, pray for us.

Today, we hear parables about what the kingdom of heaven is like. Of all God's attributes, Wisdom praises God's lenience. Wisdom considers one indispensable: Those who are just must be kind. But doesn't God sometimes seem too lenient, content to ignore the weeds, when a glance at the world or even the Church suggests a little gardening is long overdue? Well, God is in luck. We, God's willing servants, can see the weeds so clearly. We'd be delighted to clean things up thoroughly and quickly. Don't our private reflections sometimes sound like that? Paul acknowledges, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Rather than praying that we become more like God, we sometimes demand that God become more like us. What looks like weeds to us may be wheat in God's eyes. Thus, God patiently defers judgment, postpones punishment. Moreover, aren't we missing one of the parable's important points by casting ourselves solely as willing harvesters? Aren't we still growing ourselves? Wheat, weeds, or both at different times? Would we want anyone as zealous and judgmental as we can be deciding definitively whether we're wheat or weeds before we've had time to grow to full maturity? Rather than bemoan a world or even a church with weeds growing among the wheat, let us praise God's gracious patience toward that slowly maturing, mixed-bag field that, includes us. God Bless and have a great week!

# We Pray for One Another

## Mass Intentions

*Due to the limitation of the celebration of public Masses during the pandemic, intentions have been combined to accommodate our schedule.*

**Saturday, July 18**

**Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

8:00 am Hugh McCague/ His Brother, Charlie

**Sunday, July 19**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Margaret Alexander & Mark Triplett/ Their Families

Oscar Theiss/ His Family

Eugene Cronin/ Donna McConville

11:00 am Claire & Bill Faist/ Susan & Don Faist/ Special Remembrance of the Week

Karin Pierson/ Jo Lang

The People of the Parish

**Monday, July 20**

**Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 am Francini Leiva (Living) for Her Birthday/ Joseph Sestito, Jr.

Virgo Marjamaa (Living)/ M. Connolly

**Tuesday, July 21**

**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am Bernice Harris Emmons/ Emma Ducey & Family

Anne Mennona/ Ed Mennona

**Wednesday, July 22**

**Saint Mary Magdalene**

8:00 am Francis R. Lewis/ Francis R. Lewis

Teresa O'Neill Keating Smithwick/ Linda & Kevin Keating

**Thursday, July 23**

**Saint Bridget, Religious**

8:00 am Coryn Jane King/ Her Husband

Jacob ("Jay") Schnoor/ The Daly Family

**Friday, July 24**

**Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

8:00 am Nancy Trainor/ Emily DeBernardo

John Lutz/ His Family

**Saturday, July 25**

**Saint James, Apostle**

8:00 am Christine Vignola/ William Raiser

**Sunday, July 26**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Vivian Viscardi/ Her Daughter

Edith DuBois/ The Arnavas Family

Nancy Manto/ The Felice Family

11:00 am Cecelia Coyle/ Patricia Seuffert

Special Remembrances of the Week

Frances Grunthner/ Kathleen Doty

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## Memorials

St. Joseph's Candle is Offered for the Intention of Francini Leiva for Her Birthday, by Joseph Sestito, Jr.

This Sunday we remember our special intentions of the week: A Friend; Donald J. Burgener/His Family; Jack Fitzpatrick/His Wife; Theodore Wheeler/His Wife, Madeline;

## Wedding Banns

*We remember in prayer the engaged couples of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, answering God's call to live in His love.*

David Keyser and Mary Ellen Ramsay (II)

## Baptism

*We remember in prayer those we have welcomed into our community through the waters of Baptism.*

Andrew Kenneth Wiczerczak, Child of Thomas & Diana

## The Deceased of our Parish

Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends of St James Parish: Francis Reilly; James Garcia;

## The Sick of our Parish

*Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer*  
Barbara Clark; Sister Beverly Bligh; Donna; Dolores; Elaine Benvenuto; Kevin Tuohy; Phil Edwards; Debbie Fitzpatrick; Geraldine Zelenick; Paul Kimmins; John; Ceilie Reynolds; Joe; Norm & Norman Marks; Edie Rose O'Neill; Laura King; Walter Peterson; Lisa Byrne; Rocco DiMaggio; Mary Beth Meehan;

*Names on the Prayers for the Sick list will be removed at the end of the month. Please contact the parish office if you wish someone to remain on the sick list the new month.*

## Those Serving our Nation

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, 82nd Airborne Div.

## Sacraments and Worship

### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is for children of registered parishioners and takes place every Sunday at 1:00 PM, except the fourth Sunday of the month when it is part of the 12 Noon Mass. Instruction class is required for parents. The class is held every month at 8:00 pm in the High School Meeting Room. Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least one month in advance.

### Marriage

Ideally, couples planning to marry at St. James should contact the Parish Office one year in advance so that they may complete the necessary marriage preparation process. Please set date with Church before making other plans. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

### Care of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. Arrangements can be made to bring communion to those unable to attend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process of prayer, study and spiritual formation which prepares adults for their entrance into the Church. Any adult who is interested in learning about the Catholic Church is invited to call the Parish Office.

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FOCUS:** God is patient and kind.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Wisdom speaks of the might and clemency of God, saying, *you would permit repentance for their sins*. Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit intercedes when we know not how to pray. In the Gospel, Jesus shares three parables about the kingdom of heaven, explaining the meaning of the parable of the weeds to his disciples.

### Sacred Scripture for the Week

#### Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

#### Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

#### Wednesday

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday

Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

#### Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## Parish Announcements

### Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Please note that during the pandemic those visiting the parish office will need to complete a brief questionnaire.

### Mass and Reconciliation

With the resumption of the public celebration of Mass on limited basis, our parish will celebrate Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. These Masses will be live-streamed. Please click the link on our parish website:

[www.stjames-redbank.com](http://www.stjames-redbank.com). Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am Monday through Saturday. Please note that face mask must be worn during the entire liturgy and social distancing maintained by sitting in the designated areas. Reconciliation is celebrated following the daily Mass.

### Our Daily Bread:

With your help we can assist those in need of temporary assistance. Your donation to the poor boxes is greatly appreciated.

# Faith Formation

## St. James Parish – Sacramental Program

We are happy to announce that the 2020 Communion has been rescheduled:

### FIRST EUCHARIST: Saturday August 22, 2020

Session I: 9:30 am

Session II: 11:30 am

### First Practice: Monday August 17, 2020

Session I 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Session II 11:15 AM until 12:15 AM

### Second Practice : Thursday August 20, 2020

Session I 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Session II 11:15AM until 12:15 AM

### FIRST EUCHARIST: Saturday August 29, 2020

Session III: 10:00 AM

### First Practice: Wednesday August 26, 2020

Session III 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

### Second Practice : Thursday August 27, 2020

Session III 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

# From Our Parish Schools

## St. James Elementary School Accepting Application for 2020/21

### Office Hours

St. James Elementary School Office is open. Please note that mask must be worn, and appropriate social distancing protocols maintained.

## Saint James School Invites You to Start the Journey

Come and see what sets us apart!

A superior PreK-3 through Eighth Grade Education, a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.

Personalized tours are provided. Plan a time to visit our school and see all that we have to offer. Enjoy learning

more about our school from our website

[www.mysaintjames.com](http://www.mysaintjames.com). Call Marian Cavanaugh 732 741-3363 ext# 1 to make an appointment and see why we are so proud of our school.

There is no better way to understand the Saint James School difference than to experience it yourself.

It's not too late to register for the 2020-2021 school year!

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**Saint James School Business Office summer hours:**

**Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM**

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## Red Bank Catholic High School Accepting Application for 2020/21

Red Bank Catholic High School Office is open . Please note that mask must be worn, and appropriate social distancing protocols maintained.

# Community News

## 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.

# Parish Ministry Directory

*For more information about our parish ministries or to volunteer to serve, please send your contact info to [saintjamesredbank@stjames-redbank.com](mailto:saintjamesredbank@stjames-redbank.com) and the ministry you are interested in*

<b>Adult Choir</b> Ashley Kate Gimotea	<b>Altar Servers</b> Christian Buckman	<b>Altar Society</b> Rita Kline
<b>Faith in Our Future</b> Greg Arnold	<b>Folk Choir</b> Joe Clark	<b>Hospitality</b> Stephanie Snow
<b>Lazarus Ministry</b> Pat Ahlemeyer	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Bob Shearer	<b>Peace of Christ Prayer Group</b> Sue Kuhar
<b>RCIA</b> Deacon Bryan Davis	<b>Religious Ed Program</b> Fillie Duchaine	<b>River Jordan Ministry</b> Mary Ellen Connelly
<b>Senior Citizens</b> Sr. Ethel Friedman	<b>Social Concerns</b> Jim Schmitt	<b>That Man is You</b> Jack Paul
<b>Ushers</b> Pat Flood	<b>Young Adults</b> Colleen Owens	<b>Youth Group</b> Lynda Fiorenza