

Welcome

Visiting our Parish

Our Parish and School Offices have reopened. Our parish is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. St. James Elementary School and Red Bank Catholic High School Offices are open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Please note that during the pandemic the number of visitors present in the office at one time will be limited; a mask covering nose and mouth must be worn at all times; visitors will need to complete a brief questionnaire. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these challenging times.

Temporary Liturgical Schedule

Sunday Mass

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Sunday Masses will be live streamed on our website

Weekday Mass

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am

Reconciliation

After the 8:00 Mass, Monday through Friday, on clear days at the Mary Grotto and during inclement weather in the church Narthex

Please note that face mask must be worn during the entire liturgy and social distancing maintained by sitting in the designated areas.

This Week at St. James Parish

Sunday, Aug. 23	9:00 am 11:00 am	Mass (church/streamed) Mass (church/streamed)	Thursday, Aug. 27	8:00 am	Mass
Monday, Aug. 24	8:00 am	Mass	Friday, Aug. 28	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday, Aug. 25	8:00 am	Mass	Saturday, Aug. 29	8:00 am	Mass
Wednesday, Aug. 26	8:00 am	Mass	Sunday, Aug. 30	9:00 am 11:00am	Mass (church/streamed) Mass (church/streamed)

A Message from Msgr. Joe

It's such a seemingly simple question by Jesus: "But who do you say that I am?" The disciples still had so much to learn! So, do we! At first, in their response to Jesus' questions about who he is, the disciples mention only prophets. This ought to be no surprise. This is how their contemporaries would interpret this itinerant Rabbi. Throughout their history prophets had guided the Jewish people in the ways of God. Prophets had called them back to covenantal fidelity. Prophets had warned the Jewish people about impending punishment when they strayed from God through being stiff-necked, self-reliant, and unfaithful. How much more did the disciples have to learn about who Jesus is! They could not be prepared for the wholly new that Jesus is—the new Adam, the new Moses. They could not be prepared for the wholly new covenant Jesus was offering through who he was. They could not be prepared for the new church, the new beloved people they themselves would become. Indeed, Jesus is a prophet, but so much more: he is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Nothing short of a revelation by the "heavenly Father" could make this known to Peter. Nothing short of a revelation by the community of believers who acknowledge Jesus as "the Christ" and remain ever faithful to his saving

mission could continue to make this known even to our day. The church is a fluidity of persons cemented together by the common bond of faithfully living the mystery of who Christ is. And who we are in him. This gospel challenges us to keep before our eyes an understanding of church as the community of believers who constantly make present the risen Christ. Jesus makes a vital connection between his self-identity and the reality of the church. The church rests in Jesus, derives from who he is and his ministry, and is built up only by our own participation in the identity of Jesus. The church is the Body of Christ made visible in the community of believers who carry forward Jesus' saving mission. The church will prevail because Jesus' saving mission will prevail to the end of time when all will be gathered back to the Father. Jesus is doing a wonderful thing in this gospel—he is telling us that by being church we participate in his identity (as children of God) and his saving mission. Nothing will prevail against this church so long as we keep ourselves turned toward Jesus and remember that our own identity as members of the Body of Christ is bound up in who Jesus is: "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Church is not something we go to once a week, but it is an identity we share as members of the Body of Christ into which we were initiated at baptism. The disciples were “ordered” by Jesus to “tell no one that he was the Christ.” No, we are not to talk about the Christ, we are to be the Presence of Christ living as he did. We build up this Body, the church, any time we reach out to another in need and respond as Christ would. We build up this Body, the church, every time we gather as a liturgical assembly to give God praise and thanks. We build up his Body, the church, any time we forgive, offer an encouraging word, show mercy and compassion. In all these and many other ways we are not only building up the church, we are also witnessing to our identity as church—as the Presence of the risen Christ made visible in and through us. It is true that actions can speak louder than words! Such an identity we share!

As we celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children this weekend and next, we offer our congratulations to our children and families. A special word of thanks to those who have journeyed with these families as catechists and teachers and those who lead, support and share their faith through our faith formation programs: Mrs. Fillie Duchaine, Mrs. Jo Ann Giordano, Mrs. Catherine Golden, Mrs. Marie Files and Mr. Ron Duchaine.

This week our parish will welcome back our school faculties as they prepare for the new school year. Our school administrations have been very busy and dedicated in formulating protocols to assure the safety of students, faculty and support staff. Please know that we understand that there are changes being made every day in various school districts, public and private. It is our intention to open our parish schools as planned and previously communicated to our school

families. If any changes occur, we will notify you! Please do not take what you might see on others' social media pages as a declaration of what our policies are. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school. Again, thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Good communication and working together will assure a successful opening even in the midst of the pandemic.

Just a couple of quick reminders, due to the virus we will not be opening our mass book for 2021 for intentions until the end of September. We are developing a procedure so that we may do so in a manner that does not require a large gathering of people. I assure you, I will keep you informed. I am glad to announce that beginning on Saturday, September 5, we will resume our Saturday Evening Mass at 5:30 pm. Protocols for attending in person Mass are found on our parish website. We will continue to live stream all of Masses (Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am as well as daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am) on our parish website and YouTube channel. Finally, please register your children for our Religious Education Program by Sunday, August 30. Our program will be online this year, however we are planning for our Confirmation Class to be in-person. Please see this week's bulletin or contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

As summer quickly winds down, I hope your summer has been a time of renewal and rest for all of us, particularly our children and young people with all the anxiety and stress of these past months. Enjoy this week. May the Lord continue to keep all of us safe. God Bless.

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 present Mass schedule.

Sunday, August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am Benjamin Gerbino/Ann Marie Suta
Kathleen Haggerty/Walter & Patricia Johnson
Frank Doyle/His Family
- 11:00 am Florence Durkin /Rita & Len Kline
Special Remembrances of the Week
Kathleen Haggerty/The Scales Family
The People of the Parish

Monday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 am Marian Denny/Christina Denny
Tuesday, August 25

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00 am Steven & Heather Raiser/William Raiser
Patricia J. Radzik/The Radzik Family

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 am Luz I. Pinlac/Victor Pinlac & Family
Richard J. Byrne/His Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

Thursday, August 27

Saint Monica

8:00 am Kevin Keating/His Family
Mary G. Dietzel/Stephanie & Kevin Reynolds

Friday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Gerard McDavitt/Victor Roccki

Domenica Spalliero/The Spalliero Family

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 am Joseph Ahlemeyer/His Wife, Pat

Sunday, August 30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am John Ducey/Emma Ducey & Family

Rita Knauf/Rosemary Love

Thomas B. Schweers, Sr./His Wife

11:00 am Anna & Joseph Firca/ Joanne & John Firca

Special Remembrances of the Week

John Babstock/Kathleen Green

The People of the Parish

Memorials

This Sunday we remember our special intentions of the week: A Friend; Rocco F. Ciambuschini/Frances R. Lewis; Hailey Raiser (Living)/ Grandpa; Don Chamberlain, Sr./Sara & Jeff Herring; Alberta; Chewey/Bill & Jim Lonnie;

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.

Christopher Spahr and Brianna O'Toole (I)

John Perrone and Dominique LePore (I)

Brendan Cerniglia and Gianna Gatta (III)

The Deceased of our Parish

Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends of St. James Parish: Carol Welch; Raymond Woods; Florence Ivan; Yolanda DeMaria;

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; Edie Rose O'Neill; Laura King; Walter Peterson; Lisa Byrne; Rocco DiMaggio; Oddo Gunther; Kevin Keating; 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. Please contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism for your child.

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.

Sacred Scripture for the Week

Sunday

Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 22:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21

634: Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

Parish Announcements

Saturday Evening Mass

On Saturday, September 5th, we will resume Saturday Evening Mass at 5:30pm. Please consult our website for protocols on attending in-person Mass.

Parish Ministries

Due to the requirements limiting social gatherings, all of our ministries and activities have been cancelled. You are invited to contact the ministry facilitators regarding the possibility of continuing to meet through social media. For a list of ministry facilitators please see page last page of the bulletin. For the most recent announcement and updates please visit our parish website.

Using FORMED.org

FORMED.org is an excellent source of materials for faith formation in the home. Not signed up for Formed.org? This resource is available and free to everyone involved with St. James Parish. Go to signup.formed.org, enter the parish zip code (07701), select our parish, enter your name and email and begin watching.

Mass Intentions for 2021

Due to the restrictions regarding gatherings during the pandemic, the intentions for the Mass Book for 2021 will not be open until the Fall. A new paper protocol will be developed so that people will not have to gather. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Our Daily Bread

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

Thank You for Your Generosity

Like many families, your parish family is facing financial setbacks in these days. Your weekly contributions and are essential for the good of our parish. Our faith community is dependent on the financial support of our parishioners. Without it, our parish cannot pay bills or cover payroll. Please mail your weekly offering envelope to the parish office or use online giving. To sign up for online giving please visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjamesredbank>. Thank you for your support during these challenging days.

Faith Formation

Mrs. Fillie Duchaine,
Coordinator of Religious Education

religioueducation@stjames-redbank.com
732-741-0724

Religious Education Program

Religious Education will be conducted as an online study program for Grades K – 7. All assignments will be submitted electronically on a weekly basis.

8th Grade Confirmation classes will be held in-person, on a weekly basis, between 9:00 – 10:30am on Sunday.

All REP students must register **before August 30th**.

Registration forms can be found at the Rectory or you may contact the Religious Education office at religioused@stjames-redbank.com

All registered students must pick up their textbooks on **Sunday, August 30th outside the RBC chapel between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00pm.**

Classes will begin on September 13th.

Registered students will receive a notice of their class placement and their assigned Catechist approximately one week prior.

If you have any questions please contact Fillie Duchaine, CRE at 732-446-7050

First Holy Communion

Our parish's celebration of First Holy Communion has been rescheduled to the following days: Session 1 on Saturday, August 22 at 9:30 AM; Session 2 on Saturday, August 22 at 11:30 AM; and Session 3 on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 AM. More detailed information will be provided to directly to the families of our First Communicants.

Confirmation

Our parish's celebration of Confirmation has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24 at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM each afternoon. More detailed information will be provided directly to families of the Confirmation candidates.

Faith at Home

The Diocese of Trenton is now offering a weekly resource to families to help keep the fire of faith burning while we are apart from our church communities. Please visit the <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home>.

From Our Parish Schools

St James Elementary School

Mrs. JoAnn Giordano, Principal
732-741-3363

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

www.mystjames.com/sjrb

SJS 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. Call Marian Cavanaugh 732-741-3363 x1 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!

Visitors

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

Red Bank Catholic High School

Mr. Robert Abatemarco, Principal
732-747-1774

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

www.redbankcatholic.org

Accepting Applications for 2020/21

Choosing a high school is an important decision. Students and their parents need to explore all their options, with an understanding of the students' particular interests, strengths and weaknesses, focusing on the type of academic, athletic, extracurricular and social environment will help them thrive and reach their fullest potential. Every school is different and has something unique to offer. Red Bank Catholic is exceptional. We believe that as you become familiar with RBC, you will agree. As always, we thank you for your interest in Red Bank Catholic High School. Should

you have any questions regarding the Admissions procedure, please do not hesitate to contact Angelica Rocco, Director of Admissions at 732-747-5113. We look forward to hearing from you!

Visitors

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

Community News

St. Mary, Mother of God Church

19 Cherry Tree Farm Road, Middletown, NJ 07748

Three Day Parking Lot Revival: God – Country – Family

September 11th, 12th & 13th, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Friday, September 11th Holy Mass

celebrated by The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, CM, Bishop of Trenton

More information call 732-671-0071, ext. 221

www.stmarychurchnj.org

Parish Staff/Ministry Directory

Clergy		
Rev. Msgr. Joseph N. Rosie, Pastor msgroosie@stjames-redbank.com	Rev. Vincent Magdaraog Parochial Vicar	Rev. Daison Areepparampil Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. Eugene Rebeck Weekend Assistant		Deacon Bryan Davis
Parish Staff		
Robert Abatemarco, Principal RBC 732-747-1774	Veronica Alexander, Finance Office valexander@stjames-redbank.com	Edward Cardoza, Mt Olivet Cemetery 732-741-5516
Fillie Duchaine, Coordinator, Rel. Ed. religious@stjames-redbank.com	Lori Edgerly, Human Resources ledgerly@stjames-redbank.com	JoAnn Giordano, Principal SJS 732-741-3363
Helene Kenney, Parish Secretary hkenney@stjames-redbank.com	Pam Taylor, Finance Office ptaylor@stjames-redbank.com	Fred Valentino, Director of Facilities
Ministry Facilitators		
<i>For more information about our parish ministries or to volunteer to serve, please send your contact info to saintjamesredbank@stjames-redbank.com and the ministry you are interested in</i>		
Adult Choir Ashley Kate Gimotea	Altar Servers Christian Buckman	Altar Society Rita Kline
Faith in Our Future	Folk Choir Joe Clark	Hospitality Stephanie Snow
Lazarus Ministry	Knights of Columbus Bob Shearer	Peace of Christ Prayer Group Sue Kuhar
RCIA Deacon Bryan Davis	Religious Ed Program Fillie Duchaine	River Jordan Ministry Mary Ellen Connelly
Senior Citizens Sr. Ethel Friedman	Social Concerns Jim Schmitt	That Man is You Jack Paul
Ushers Pat Flood	Young Adults Colleen Owens	Youth Group Lynda Fiorenza