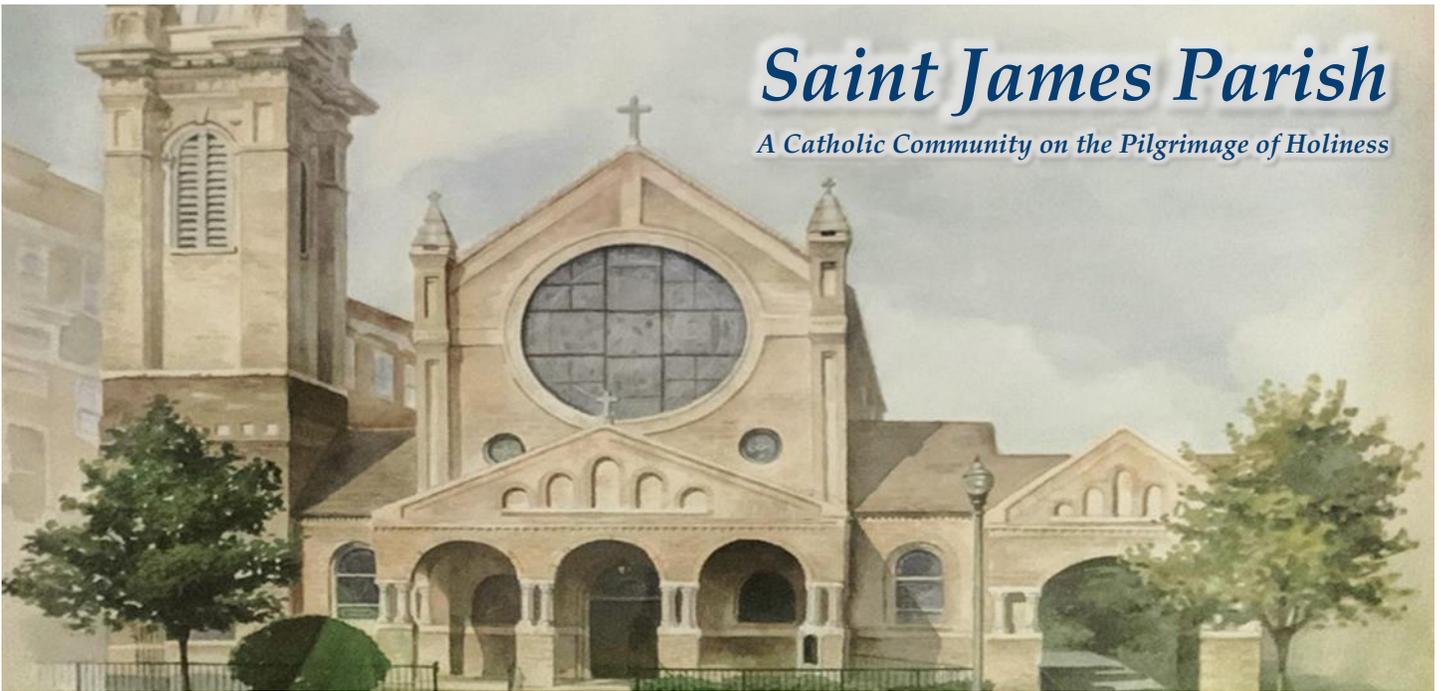


Saint James Parish

A Catholic Community on the Pilgrimage of Holiness



Stewardship Report 2021-2022

A Message from Msgr. Joe

Thanks to your commitment to stewardship—the generous sharing of your time, talent and treasure—St. James Parish has continued our illustrious tradition of providing the Catholic Community of the Red Bank area, the opportunity of worshipping the God of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge of our faith throughout the lifespan and to be of service to the gospel of life. I hope that the information provided over these pages confirms the faithful living out of the mission of our parish community and honestly confronts the challenges that we face in supporting this mission.

Our parish outreach to the local community with our Food Drives, Our Daily Bread Ministry and Jesse Tree project continues to be a powerful witness to our commitment to the gospel of charity.

With our return to a greater sense of pre-pandemic normalcy, a greater effort of encouraging participation in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly Sunday Mass, has been a focus. Emphasis was placed on increasing volunteers as lectors, altar servers, music ministry and eucharistic ministers. Our music ministry has also established a children's choir to encourage family participation. We have also begun adoration each Friday morning. We will continue to encourage this participation as the Church in the United States embarks upon a Eucharistic Revival.

Once again, thank you for all you do in the way of supporting your parish. Our stewardship of the resources and gifts that God entrusted to us is still our mission, as many in our parish family took seriously throughout the year. I ask you as you read this report to prayerfully consider what you can do to increase your support of our community. Each individual gift of time, talent and treasure is evident every day in our liturgies, many ministries and vibrancy of our community. It is my hope that as a family you may reflect on your commitment for the next year. With over 3,000 registered families even a modest increase in contributions and volunteering from each family will have a significant impact. It takes many hands and hearts to carry on Christ's mission. Your sacrifices are greatly appreciated. God Bless!

Our Parish Mission

We are here to walk with you in your relationship with God wherever you are on life's journey.

We invite you to join with us in the celebration of the sacraments, prayer, learning and serving so that each person can grow in discipleship and together we can witness the Kingdom of God.

Parish Snapshot July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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| ◆ Registered Households: 3,405 | ◆ Confirmations: 78 |
| ◆ Identifiable Donors: 951 | ◆ Marriages: 14 |
| ◆ Infant Baptisms: 78 | ◆ Anointing of the Sick: 240 |
| ◆ First Communions: 74 | ◆ Funeral Services: 124 (30 Parish) |

Our Finances

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The Parish ended the fiscal year '21-'22 with an operating deficit of \$257,077, which was a 55% reduction from the operating loss of fiscal year '20-'21, and approximately \$88K better than budget. This was due in large part to a 31% increase in offertory collections, and a 23% increase in operating revenue overall – thanks to our parishioners' extreme generosity. Expenses for the most part were kept in check, and the school subsidies of years past discontinued in fiscal '21-'22.

For fiscal '22-'23, we are budgeting to cut the operating loss in half again, with only a modest increase in revenues, but a 7% reduction in overall expenses – most notably in salaries & benefits and buildings and grounds. And with the added benefit of investment income, we hope to record a net surplus for the Church this year. Finally, we are almost finished with our new lighting and electrical rewiring project which has provided new-

Statement of Operating Income and Expense			
	Budget FY 22-23	Actual FY 21-22	Actual FY 20-21
Income			
Offertory	\$846,639	\$823,691	\$629,506
Non diocesan collections	\$15,593	\$14,135	\$12,753
Religious Education revenue	\$36,192	\$35,000	\$41,100
Other revenue	\$235,302	\$235,355	\$234,510
Donations	\$110,877	\$109,394	\$73,757
Total Parish Operating Revenue	\$1,244,603	\$1,217,575	\$991,626
Parish Operating Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	\$652,319	\$671,720	\$649,346
Bldgs & Grounds/Vehicles	\$124,274	\$188,550	\$210,901
Professional fees	\$27,510	\$30,486	\$15,310
Utilities	\$75,122	\$76,099	\$74,067
Church supplies	\$218,843	\$211,044	\$170,283
Diocese assessment	\$130,972	\$103,226	\$121,351
St. James Elem / RBC H.S. subsidies	\$0	\$0	\$207,720
Property and liability insurance	\$103,350	\$96,389	\$81,777
All other	\$43,310	\$97,138	\$28,396
Total Parish Operating Expenses	\$1,375,699	\$1,474,652	\$1,559,151
Operating surplus (deficit)	(\$131,097)	(\$257,077)	(\$567,526)
Non-operating revenue			
Investment income	\$137,033	\$137,051	\$158,923
PPP loan forgiveness	\$0	\$0	\$117,163
Bequests	\$5,200	\$5,000	\$789,834
Total non-operating revenue	\$142,233	\$142,051	\$1,065,920
Net surplus (deficit)	\$11,136	(\$115,026)	\$498,394

found beauty to our already magnificent and historic Church. We are also planning to replace all entrance doors to the Church this fiscal year for added security, energy efficiency and aes-

thetic beauty. And, for the 1Q of this new fiscal year, we are tracking close to our budgeted revenues and expenses, with our net surplus/deficit only \$500 off budget.

Our Religious Education Program

The St. James Religious Education Program is a weekly in person program serving the children of St. James Parish in grades Kindergarten thru 8. Classes are held each Sunday from 9:00 am to 10:15 am. This schedule encourages families the to attend the 10:30 Mass directly after religious instruction and helps strengthen their faith formation. Our Sacramental preparation includes the 2nd grade and 8th grade students of the St. James Elementary School.

Our current enrollment is 217 students ministered to by 20 dedicated catechists. We are also blessed to have 5 teen classroom aids and 1 adult monitoring our entrance. We also offer a RCIC program as needed. The celebration of the Sacraments are warm and faithful experiences celebrated in our beautiful St. James Church. As we journey forward in this new year we look forward to celebrating Sacramental moments of prep-

aration for both our First Communicants and our Confirmandi. Our First

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Spotlight: Lazarus Ministry

Communicants will participate in a delightful gathering on February 5th filled with prayer and activities focused on the last Supper. The children will reflect on the Passover and the institution of the Eucharist. We will continue to offer a special parent prayer meditation with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the final weeks before First Communion Our Confirmandi will celebrate a Welcoming Rite and a Rite of Enrollment marking the progress of their faith journey. And finally, they will culminate their journey in the participation of a memorable retreat. We continue to incorporate Lectionary based catechesis as part of the weekly curriculum with a focus on the individual student's personal gospel reflection and faith sharing. We continue to celebrate a weekly Children's Liturgy with great success

The mission of our Lazarus Ministry is to walk with families as they commend their beloved deceased to the Lord. This ministry seeks to offer its support by assisting families at the time of the passing of a loved one with the details of planning a funeral liturgy and planning a yearly remembrance celebrated on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. It is a goal of this ministry to organize a bereavement support groups for those who have experience the passing of a love one. As the Rite of Christian Burial explains: The faith of the Christian community in the resurrection of the dead brings support and strength to those who suffer the loss of those whom they love. Members of the community should console the mourners with words of faith and support and with acts of kindness.

thanks to Mrs. Maureen MacMullen. We look forward to bringing our students together for a tutorial on the Mass conducted by clergy. We hope to give our students a greater understanding and appreciation of the celebration of the Lords Supper through this personal experience. Our program is dedicated to helping our children grow strong in faith and knowledge of

our loving of God. We are committed to guiding our families in the development of a deeply personal and lasting relationship with the Lord. As we prepare the children for the completion of their Christian Initiation we strive to create a loving and united family of faith. The familial bonds we form remain and continue to strengthen the St. James community.

Red Bank Catholic High School

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Red Bank Catholic, established in the late 1800's, still exists today to provide families the opportunity to earn a challenging academic diploma in a Catholic setting filled with opportunities in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular endeavors. This school has stood the test of time through World Wars and two pandemics. Thanks to an exceptional staff with amazing educators our students receive the RBC education they have come to expect.

Red Bank Catholic offers Dual enrollment classes (24 at this time) where students have the opportunity to earn college credit at Seton Hall University, Stockton University, University of Delaware, and/or Brookdale CC. We also have 20 AP class offerings and a pleth-

ora of courses on the Honors, Accelerated College Prep (ACP), and College Prep (CP) levels. The school contains CADD, Language and Engineering Labs, with separate buildings for the Arts and Fitness/Health curriculums. Our guidance staff, consisting of counselors, TAs (teacher assistants), a Student Assistance Counselor, part time Learning Consultant, and a Social Worker/Counselor provides support and encouragement for students as they learn to adjust to new situations and face both academic and personal challenges.

Our Internship and Capstone programs have become an integral part of the fabric for a number of Caseys wishing to pursue one of our Pathways; Medical Science & Health, Engineering & Design, Criminal Justice & Law, Entrepreneurship & Business, Entertainment, Arts, & Media, or Humanities & Social Sciences. Our Speaker series this year will host people from varies backgrounds including medical, legal (lawyer/FBI/Police) business, and fashion industry. Last year's graduating class was accepted

at over 200 schools in 33 states and seventy percent of the class was offered \$ 33,450,999.00 in scholarships for academic, athletic and the arts.

Red Bank Catholic's staff will always look to fulfill the mission of the school: to fully engage the minds, hearts, and souls of students in our Roman Catholic community so that they can succeed in every aspect of their lives.

2022 saw the establishment of the RB Catholic High School Foundation. A board of trustees, including benefactors, parents and graduates began the work of this independent 501 C3 corporation to support the high school by building a long term endowment . The Mission of the foundation is to insure RBC's future as indicated in their initial formation, to" insure RBC is here for the next 100 years". The By-Laws reflect the mission and goals of RBC as a Mercy School and one which should always be at the cutting edge of learning . In essence , the model for the Catholic school of the future always mindful that our faith is the corner-

Red Bank Catholic High School

stone of the Foundation. Currently, there are 686 students enrolled and 381 applications for next years freshman class. RBC is Accredited by Cognia. Students have the opportunity to par-

ticipate in over 50 programs, clubs, and activities. This year alone the RBC students have contributed to The Team Jack Foundation, socks for the homeless, and other community outreach projects. We are currently run-

ning a food drive, that will help to stock a number of local pantry shelves and a toy drive running to collect for children during the Christmas season. Students are also able to participate in 28 Varsity Sports.

St. James Elementary School

Achieving Excellence Together!

Dedicated to Faith, Family & Community

Saint James is more than just a school. It's a place where students and families come together to build lasting friendships, make memories, and feel connected. Following in the tradition that has made Saint James Elementary School a standout for decades, our faculty's commitment to our students remains strong and is based on creating a nurturing environment grounded in our Catholic faith. Our strong academic and extracurricular programs, lay the foundation for academic success, stewardship and future leadership roles. Students are given the opportunity to embrace the concept of giving back to their community and to inspire others with their generosity and thoughtfulness.

nazing things continue to happen at SJS. We joyfully opened our doors to 474 awesome students! Of the 474 students, we welcomed 120 preschool children and 65 new students. We are excited to watch all of our students grow into the next generation of leaders!

Principal's
Message

Academic Excellence

Saint James Elementary School's National Junior Honor Society

On May 9, 2022, Saint James inducted seventeen seventh and eighth grade middle school students into our first National Junior Honor Society class. Monsignor Rosie and Mrs. Giordano presided over the traditional candle ceremony that was held in our church.

We are proud of the leadership and hard work these students have exhibited to earn this prestigious honor.

Congratulations Class of 2022!

Last year's 8th grade class was once again an outstanding group of young men and women. Saint James is proud to announce that 75% of our graduates are attending secondary Catholic high schools!

Six students were accepted and are attending the prestigious Monmouth County Vocational Career Academies or the Academies at Red Bank Regional.



Lights, Camera, Action!

The Saint James Drama club provides students with enriched learning experiences in performing arts. Last year, under the creative direction of Mr. Cuadrado, Saint James students performed Cinderella to sell out crowds. Our students are anxiously awaiting their chance to participate in Annie!



Don't miss a fun night out!
March 31, 2023



Your Invited!

The Saint James PTA, Royals Club and the Athletic Association have planned many opportunities for SJS families and the parish community to come together. Keep an eye out in the church bulletin for upcoming events.

Going on now: Jingle Bell Jackpot
November 27 - Christmas Tree lighting
April 2 - 5K Run; May 22 - Golf Outing