



# *St. James Parish*

*A Catholic Community on the Pilgrimage of Holiness*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 28, 2024*

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# WELCOME

## PARISH CLERGY

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## A Message from Msgr. Joe

As we gather today in Christ's name, we can reflect on the fact that ours is but one of many, many communities throughout the world that are gathering today in the same way. Indeed, Christ is the true vine and there are many branches. As we continue today, perhaps our prayer can be that each of the branches grow stronger on the vine, and that all might grow closer together as we share Christ's mission on this earth to proclaim the Good News and witness of the resurrection. "The Nightingale and the Rose" by Oscar Wilde is based on the need for a student to get a red rose in the middle of winter for his beloved. It narrates how the only way for the nightingale to get the red rose is to nourish the rosebush with her own blood. The gospel this weekend presents the image of the vine in a quite similar artistic style. As a logical statement, the vine should yield grapes. However, speaking of Israel as a vine, the prophet Isaiah sung, "I sing for my friend, my confrere's song for his vineyard. My friend he had a vineyard high up on a fertile slope. He dug it, cleared it of stones and planted it with merlot; he built a tower inside it, hewed out a wine vat within. He waited for grapes to come, they came sour." Through this poetic parable, the accusation was clear: God has constantly loved his people, and the people have not produced fruit. There was a "season of winter" during the Second Temple Judaism period. There was an expectancy of spring, and a hope for a change. And in the midst of these sterile times, our Lord comes proclaiming: "I am the true vine; my Father is the vine grower... [And] you

are the branches." This was a climate alteration. The level of nurturing the vine has gone beyond the effort of gardener. The caring has gone deeper: the vine was now nurtured by blood. How can we deprive our planter of delicious wine? He is like that little nightingale who fed the plant with her own blood. The realization of having been spiritually grafted in Jesus Christ gives a new perspective of our own existence. It reminds us of our dependency on the Lord, it encourages us to give abundant fruit, and it makes us willing to be pruned by God. "Be happy, cried the Nightingale, be happy; you shall have your red rose. I will build it out of music by moonlight, and stain it with my own heart's blood. All that I ask of you in return is that you will be a true lover, for Love is wiser than Philosophy." (Oscar Wilde, The Nightingale and the Rose).

I invite you this week to remember in a particular way the children of our parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this coming Saturday. While it is a very important day in their lives and that of their parents and families, it is also an important day for our whole community. Not only to we welcome them to the table of the Lord, giving thanks for their parents and catechists who have partnered with their parents in teaching and sharing of our belief in the sacramental presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, but it serves to remind all of us of this great gift of the very presence of the Lord, nourishing our baptismal grace and our life in Christ. As they approach the Lord with reverence and awe, may their example inspire reverence and awe in each of us who have been blessed to approach this same Lord so often through the years.

As we continue the journey through Easter may we strive to keep the joy of this great festival alive particularly as we welcome the children of our parish family to fuller participation in the Eucharist. It is in Eucharist, when we are at our best as Church and being Church. God Bless and have a good week.

## PARISH STAFF AND MINISTRY FACILITATORS

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<b>Peace of Christ Prayer Grp</b> Sue Kuhar	<b>River Jordan Ministry</b> MaryEllen 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	

# OUR 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.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Apr 28 SUN</b>	7:30 am	Mass	Church
	9:00 am	Religious Education Program	SJS
	9:00 am	Mass	Church
	10:30 am	Mass/Children's Lit of the Word	Church
	12:00 pm	Mass	Church
	1:15 pm	Baptism	Church
	2:30 pm	Spring Concert	Church
	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy	RBC Chapel
<b>Apr 29 MON</b>	5:30 pm	Mass	Church
	6:30 am	Mass	Church
	8:00 am	Mass	Church
<b>Apr 30 TUES</b>	7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Gathering	HS Meeting Room
	6:30 am	Mass	Church
	8:00 am	Mass	Church
	9:30 am	Pastoral Team Meeting	PH Meeting Room
	7:00 pm	RCIA Gathering	PH Meeting Room
<b>May 1 WED</b>	7:00 pm	SJS PTA Meeting	Cafeteria
	6:30 am	Mass	Church
	8:00 am	Mass	Church
<b>May 2 THURS</b>	5:15 pm	Choirs Practice	Choir Loft
	6:30 am	Mass	Church
	8:00 am	Mass	Church
	3:45 pm	1st Communion Practice Ses. I	Church
	5:15 pm	1st Communion Practice Ses. II	Church
	7:00 pm	RBC Senior Showcase	BSA
<b>May 3 FRI</b>	7:30 pm	Peace of Christ Prayer Group	HS Meeting Room
	6:30 am	Mass	Church
	8:00 am	Mass	Church
	8:30 am	Adoration	Church
<b>May 4 SAT</b>	7:00 pm	RBC Senior Showcase	BSA
	8:00 am	Mass	Church
	8:30 am	Rosary and Breakfast	HS Meeting Room
	9:30 am	1st Communion Session I	Church
	11:30 am	1st Communion Session II	Church
<b>May 5 SUN</b>	5:30 pm	Mass	Church
	7:30 am	Mass	Church
	9:00 am	Religious Education Program	SJS
	9:00 am	Mass	Church
	10:30 am	Mass/Children's Lit of the Word	Church
	12:00 pm	Mass	Church
	1:15 pm	Baptism	Church
	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy	Church
	4:00 pm	Youth Group Gathering	PH Meeting Room
	5:30 pm	Mass	Church

# WORSHIP

## EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30 pm  
 Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm  
 Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 6:30 am and 8:00 am; Saturday Morning: 8:00 am  
 Holydays and Holidays as announced

## RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday following the 8:00 am Mass and Saturday at 4:00 pm

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is on Sundays at 1:15 pm. 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

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.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

You are most welcome to join as a member of St. James Parish. You may register by contacting the Parish Office during business hours. If moving, please inform the parish office so that we can update your record.

# WE PRAY

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Apr 27 Sat</b>	5:30 pm	Dennis Bliss / Catherine Herman James Mather / Nancy Martinez & Joseph LaCosta
<b>Apr 28 Sun</b>	7:30 am	Gabe C. Darretta / Stephen Murphy Manuela Citarella / Jeannine Callahan
	9:00 am	Richard Rebeck / John & Lisa Goga Dolly Rose / Patricia & Sister Marge
	10:30 am	Jillian McGaffigan & Ambrose O'Connor / MaryEllen O'Connor
	12:00 pm	Gerard Casazza / Rose Trasente Frank Badali / His Loving Family
	5:30 pm	Beth Kingsley / Clark Family People of the Parish
<b>Apr 29 Mon</b>	6:30 am	Catherine Stolbof (In Gratitude) / Stolbof Family
	8:00 am	Michael J. Barham, Jr / Regina & Jeffrey Ingrassia Katia Barragan / Hospitality Committee
<b>Apr 30 Tues</b>	6:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:00 am	The Dominican Friars of St. Joseph/living & decreased (In Gratitude) / Stolbof Family Mary Meade & Family (Living) / M/M Brian Clossey
<b>May 1 Wed</b>	6:30 am	Priests of St. James (In Gratitude) / Stolbof Family Sabina C. Murphy / Family
	8:00 am	Flora Iacono / Ann-Marie & Dave DeStefano Charlotte Adelfio (Birthday) / Deirdre & Michael Butler
<b>May 2 Thurs</b>	6:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:00 am	Mary E. Helfer / Scott & Angela Bouton Richard Hill / Brian & Christine Hill
<b>May 3 Fri</b>	6:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:00 am	Philip A. Genovese / Corinne Schaefer Stephen Verdicchio / Sister Regina
<b>May 4 Sat</b>	8:00 am	Martha Melinda / Oriolo Family John Pugliese / Brian & Christine Hill
	5:30 pm	Marie A. Contey / Edelen Family Ernestine Campanelli / Dale Vaccarella
<b>May 5 Sun</b>	7:30 am	Ralph Ferraiuolo / Jill Spinelli Loreta L. Galang / Christy Lagman
	9:00 am	Dolores Shea MacConnachie / Daughters Margaret & Anthony Parkes / Tom & Ann Parkes
	10:30 am	Michael Raccioppi / Colleen Raccioppi John Maresco / Rose Trasente
	12:00 pm	John Maresco / Rose Trasente Marianne Fowler Zampini / Rose Trasente
	5:30 pm	People of the Parish

## THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

*Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends of St. James*

## 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*  
Patricia Sharp, Betsy Mauro, James Savarese, Christy Homewood, Udell & Janet, Ruth Antenucci, Cash McHugh, Marlene Iapalucci, Kate, Gregory, Anthony Perez, Rich, Joe, Jill Spinelli, Maryann Soberg  
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.

## THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*We remember in prayer those we have welcomed into our community through the waters of Baptism.*  
Charles Michael Morgan, Ellie Moran O'Mealia

## 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.*  
Sara Petro and Glenn Scalia (III)  
Elizabeth Madsen and Michael Bergin (II)  
Victoria Paige Pantaleo and Kevin Patrick Kelly (I)

## 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., Marine Raider, Col. Robert Duchaine, Maj. Carlo Brancato, USMC, Capt. Robert Beery, Capt. Thomas Beery, Capt. Sean Screen (Iraq), Sgt. James Conklin (Afghanistan), Spec E4 Thomas F. Welch, V, Navy, AOAA Brian J. Truex, Sgt. Kevin Andia, USMC, Lt. Jeffrey Trezza, Lt. 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., 2LT Elias R. Gavilan, USMC, 2LT Ezar O. Gayilian, USA



# REFLECTING THE GOSPEL

A well-kept and appealing landscape takes many hours of work. Left without care, the shrubs become unkempt, the grass looks like hay, the flowers become leggy. Cutting back, cutting down, cutting away is what brings out the beauty of a landscape. This kind of work is more than a matter of simple tidiness. It shows that the people who live on the property care. In the gospel, Jesus metaphorically speaks of his Father's pruning us branches who are attached to the vine who is Jesus. God's care for us underlies the oft-repeated gospel words remain, fruit, vine, branch. Just as God planted and tended the true vine Jesus, so does God tend us-prune us-so that we, too, might "bear much fruit." God prunes from us whatever does not give life, and nourishes within us whatever does. Our remaining in Jesus, our bearing fruit as disciples, our believing in the Son and keeping the commandments (see second reading) are all the work of the Father who tends with great care the risen Life we share with Jesus.

The pruning of which Jesus speaks in this gospel is simply a means to an end. The end is the bearing of much fruit. To this end, Jesus' word has a twofold purpose. On the one hand, his word is prophetic and prunes whatever drains life out of his disciples. On the other, his word is the very sap of life that enables disciples to remain in him and bear fruit. True discipleship is to "remain" in Jesus. Only then does his risen Life bloom in us for all to see.

The good fruit we bear when we remain in Jesus is witnessing to Gospel living, drawing others to the Life Jesus offers in the Holy Spirit, and glorifying the Father by the choices we make to live as Jesus taught us. True discipleship is about bearing this fruit. True discipleship, on the one hand, is very personal and at hand: we must remain in Jesus, grow in our relationship with him, and listen to his words and take them into our heart as a habit of living. On the other hand, true discipleship is very other-centered and

broad: we must reach out to the whole world. The fruit we bear by remaining in Jesus is continuing his ministry of bringing salvation to all people. Oh, how sweet is this fruit! In the first reading the disciples were afraid to relate to Saul because of his past reputation for persecuting Christians. Barnabas, a member of the community, took Paul under his wings and witnessed to the community on his behalf. In this way was Paul accepted so he could preach the word. Barnabas witnessed to how Paul was "pruned" by his encounter with the risen Jesus, an encounter so intense that he was "pruned" from his old zealous hatred of this new Jewish sect and became a disciple himself, one

who "remained" in Jesus. Part of our living the paschal mystery-its dying and rising-requires that we be willing to be pruned. We must allow God to tend us, so that we might rid ourselves of whatever gets in the way of our being a faithful disciple who not only proclaims the Gospel, but also lives it in "deed and truth." First of all, this means that we must witness to an intimate relationship with God. We do this through prayer and worship-both private and public acts of glorifying God. We also witness in "deed and truth" through how we relate to others. Taking someone troubled under our wing to help them is but one example of how we remain in Jesus through our caring for others.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

<b>First Reading:</b> <b>Acts 4: 8-12</b>	Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.
<b>Second Reading:</b> <b>1 John 3: 1-2</b>	John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.
<b>Gospel:</b> <b>John 10: 11-18</b>	Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i> Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



# WORSHIP

## GATHERING

Sing, O Sing

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## GREETING

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

## SPRINKLING

### Waters of Life

#### REFRAIN

<p><i>Cantor</i></p> <p>1. Wa - ters of life, 2. Wa - ters of life,</p> <p><i>Cantor</i></p> <p>1. Cre - at - ing life, 2. Spir - it of God,</p> <p><i>Cantor</i></p> <p>1. Bap - tized in faith, 2. Called as your own,</p> <p><i>Cantor</i></p> <p>1. Sealed with your love, 2. Light for our lives,</p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p>Wa - ters of life, Wa - ters of life,</p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p>Cre - at - ing life, Spir - it of God,</p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p>Bap - tized in faith, Called as your own,</p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p>Sealed with your love. Light for our lives.</p>
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## GLORIA

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

ACTS 4:8-12

*There is no salva@on through anyone else.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22

The stone re - ject - ed by the build - ers has be - come the cor - ner - stone.

### SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-2

*We shall see God as he really is.*

### GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18

*The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

**Deacon:** The Lord be with you. **All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Deacon:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to ....

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRESENTATION

### We Are Many Parts

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts. **All:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right and just.**

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -  
rec - tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

## DOXOLOGY

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## COMMUNION RITE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

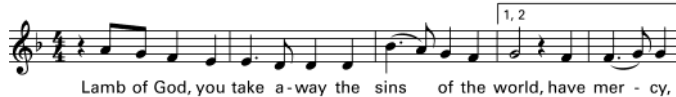
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:* Deliver us...our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with Lord.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**



*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God...the supper of the Lamb.

*All:* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION

**By Our Love**

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## SENDING FORTH

**Sing With All the Saints in Glory**

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# PARISH LIFE

## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

If you wish to honor or remember a loved one in observance of Mother's Day, cards and forms are now available in the vestibule of the Church.

Please submit by Sunday, May 5. Names will be placed on the Altar for Mothers' Day, May 12.

## Mark Dagenhart's Diaconate Ordination

On Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10:00 am in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton, Bishop O'Connell will ordain our Deacon Candidate Mark Dagenhart to the Permanent Diaconate for service in our parish. Our parish will be providing bus transportation from St. James to the Cathedral in

Trenton on that day leaving at approximately 8:30 am and returning following the ordination. If interested in attending please contact Dee Schneider at 908-675-0824.

## Sign-up Weekly Email

Want to know what is happening at St. James Parish via delivery to your email? Register your email address at [saintjames@sjredbank.org](mailto:saintjames@sjredbank.org), to receive our weekly update.

## Our Daily Bread

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

## Prayer Group

The Peace of Christ Prayer Group meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# SPRING CONCERT

SUNDAY- APRIL 28, 2024-2:30 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 - CASH AT THE DOOR  
ALL PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT  
OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE

ST.JAMES CHURCH-94 BROAD STREET-  
RED BANK NJ- 07701

MUSICAL SELECTIONS SUNG BY THE ADULT AND  
CHILDRENS CHOIR OF ST.JAMES WITH  
SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE  
RBC CHOIR!

## Parish May Crowning

Sunday, May 12  
10:30 am Mass

A special invitation is extended to those who have made their First Holy Communion to participate. Please come dress in your Communion outfits.  
For more information contact Mrs. Lynda Fiorenza at:  
[lfiozena@sjredbank.org](mailto:lfiozena@sjredbank.org)



# FAITH FORMATION

## Looking Ahead

The last class for our Parish Religious Education Program for Grades K through 7 and Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word is Sunday, May 5th.

## REP Information

Our Sunday Religious Education Program Classes meet 9:00 am to 10:15 am in St. James School. For more information please contact the Religious Education Office at [lfiořenza@sjredbank.org](mailto:lfiořenza@sjredbank.org). Children are expected to continue religious education studies after reception of the sacraments First Reconciliation and Eucharist in order to be fully prepared for

the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in eighth grade.

## Children Preparing for the Sacraments?

It is expected that children begin preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion in first grade, and that young people begin preparing for Confirmation in seventh grade. This policy allows for a child to receive an adequate amount of catechesis in order to understand the

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sacraments they will be celebrating.



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WITH DR. TIM GRAY  
AND DR. ELIZABETH KLEIN

### Who is St. Catherine of Siena

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate his holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



## First Holy Communion

**Saturday, May 4**

Session I at 9:30 am  
Practice: Thursday, May 2 at 3:45 pm

Session II at 11:30 am  
Practice: Thursday, May 2 at 5:15 pm

If you have any questions, please contact  
Mrs. Lynda Fiorenza at:  
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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Sundays during the 10:30 am Mass**

During Mass the children ages 3 to 7 will be dismissed to Rectory Meeting Room to share an age-appropriate reflection on the Sunday readings returning for the preparation of the gifts.

# YOUTH GROUP

*Come join Father Rick and your friends for an afternoon of fun while working towards Christian service! Kids from grades 7-12 are welcome!*

**For more information or to be put on our email list please email [youthgroup@sjredbank.org](mailto:youthgroup@sjredbank.org)**

## Upcoming Events

**May 5:** Last meeting at St. James, games

and service project assembly of Birthday Boxes and Book Drive Donations

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**New Jersey CATHOLIC Youth RALLY at Six Flags**

**MAY 19 2024**  
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For more information on the day:  
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr>.  
To sign up for the trip email:  
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**May 19:** Diocese Great Adventure Youth Gathering-All Day-Mass at GA

## Help Needed!!

Help with our Service Project—donate or participate—in collecting during the masses starting March 17th and all Masses in April. We are

collecting Gently Used Books, Supplies & Toys for "We are Loved" Birthday Boxes (for kids in foster care) & "Bridge of Books Foundation" Book Drive. Birthday Box Items needed: \$10-\$25 gift cards, Small package/box of cake or cupcake mix (10.5 oz), Small can of frosting (10 oz), Birthday themed dessert plates (7 inches), Birthday themed dessert napkins (6.5 x 6.5 inches), Birthday candles, Small crafts or toys (coloring books, sticker books, Uno, etc.), Birthday themed books



## Volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please remember to volunteer to help at the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The link below will get you to the online sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FADAF2AA7>

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## When and Where

We meet twice a month on Sunday afternoons in the SJC Rectory Conference Room from 4:00-5:20 pm (unless an activity is planned) to socialize, snack and have fun while helping oth-

ers in need. (The SJC Rectory Conference Room across from side entrance to church) We encourage the kids to go to Mass immediately after with their friends. Our youth ministry program at Saint James is open to young people in grades 7 through 12.

# OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

## ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Looking Ahead

May 1: STAR testing begins  
May 4: First Holy Communion

### PTA Annual Spring Conference

For almost a century of service, the Trenton Diocesan Parent Teacher Association has gathered together with local school PTAs for the annual Spring Conference. This year the conference was held April 20 and hosted by Saint James School. We celebrated all of our wonderful PTA's from all schools in the diocese. Our PTA's provides a venue for parent participation in their child's education. With an emphasis on modeling the tenets of the

Catholic faith through worship, message, community and service, educational programs as well as development and fund-raising activities provide support to Catholic schools. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

### Come and See

Come and see what sets SJS apart! A Blue Ribbon Catholic Preschool 3 through Grade 8. Learn more about our school by visiting our website [www.mysaintjames.com](http://www.mysaintjames.com). Call Marian Cavanaugh 732-741-3363 ext 1 to set up an appointment for a private tour.

### SJS Golf Outing

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## RED BANK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### Looking Ahead

April 30: Booster Club Meeting  
May 1: Senior Out to Lunch  
May 2 & 3: Senior Showcase

### Senior Retreat

The Class of 2024 participated in their religious retreat last week at St. Mary's Church in Middletown. The vast grounds at St. Mary's offers up the perfect backdrop for students to exercise their relationship with their Catholic faith. Students began the day in Memorial Hall in the St. Mary's School building where they gathered with Sister Marge to go over the day's schedule. Eucharistic Adoration followed with RBC School Chaplain, Father Rick Osborn. The class was then treated to alumni guest speakers Mr.

Stephen Louie ('10) and Mrs. Marie (Flego) Louie ('10) who spoke to students about relationships. Mr. and Mrs. Louie met at Red Bank Catholic and their high school romance evolved into a wonderful family. The couple welcomed their first child last year. Lunch included pizza and games on the sprawling campus as students fanned out in groups celebrating one of the last times they would gather exclusively as a class before next month's graduation. The day ended with a Mass celebrated by Father Rick. The message "Go Out and Tell the World the Good News" (Mark 16:15) resounded throughout the day. Red Bank Catholic would like to thank St. Mary's School Principal Mr. Craig Palmer and everyone at St. Mary's for

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### Congratulations

Congratulations to Lorenzo Portella and Makenna Graham student athletes at RBC who were Shore Conference Sportsmanship Award Recipients for their play on their fields.

# STEWARDSHIP

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal is well underway. On behalf of Bishop O'Connell, thank you those who have already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Early indications are very encouraging and we hope this positive momentum continues. Our generous parishioners have \$ 66,053 (94%)

towards our parish goal of \$70,000 from 204 donors. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Diocese of Trenton. If you have not yet made a gift, to donate online go to: [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic\\_appeal](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic_appeal) or contact the parish office.



Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

April 20-21, 2024

Budget	\$	14,215
Collection/Mail	\$	10,315
Online Giving	\$	2,449
Total	\$	12,764 ( 90%)

Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment: \$ 1,364

Due to the early publishing of this week's bulletin, collection information for last weekend will be published in next week's bulletin. Online Giving enables you to have your Sunday Offering automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. You choose how much to give, how often to give and what method of payment is to be used. We have partnered with Parish-SOFT Giving. It's Simple and secure: log on to the parish website [www.sjredbank.org](http://www.sjredbank.org) and click Giving Tab and follow the easy registration instructions.

## PARISH LIFE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

to 9 pm in the RBC Meeting Room. Please join us as we share songs of praise to our God, share Scripture and

answered prayers, and pray for each others needs. Come and share your prayer intentions with new friends. All are Welcome.

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Our parish prays the Miraculous Medal Novena immediately following the 8:00 Saturday morning Mass. All are welcome.

### Join Us for Daily Rosary

Our parish prays the Rosary following the 8:00 am daily Mass.

### Masses Lived-Streamed

St. James Parish live streams the Saturday Evening mass at 5:30 pm, the Sunday Morning mass at 9:00 am and 8:00 am daily mass on our Parish website.

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