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WELCOME

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A Message from Msgr. Joe

Today and the next four Sundays we interrupt the Gospels from Mark to hear five passages from the Gospel according to Saint John. These passages have to do with Jesus feeding a large crowd and the Bread of Life Discourse that follows. So let us prepare ourselves for a midsummer course on the meaning of the Eucharist as we begin this journey into the gospel of John with feeding of the 5,000.

In today's parallel scripture passages, Elisha's twenty loaves feed one hundred; Jesus' five loaves feed five thousand; Elisha has "some" leftovers; Jesus' disciples, twelve baskets full. In the wilderness, the Tempter had challenged, if you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread. The bread Jesus refused to provide for himself then, Jesus now provides for others abundantly.

As we hear proclaimed the miracle of the feeding of five thousand, Jesus asks his disciples to join in his work. Where can we buy enough food for them? But money cannot buy the gift Jesus is planning, the gift of his own self. So one of the crowd's little and lowly ones, a boy, generously gives of himself, sharing his own bread, putting his meager resources in Jesus' hands. And in Jesus' hands, as always, our little bit goes a very long way.

This bread Jesus gives the multitude is a "sign"—note, not a "miracle"—in John's Gospel, but a "sign." In John's Gospel a sign is something pointing beyond itself that will require Jesus' explanation over the next Sundays, leading Jesus' disciples, and us, to a "Sunday of Decision." Jesus withdraws to pray, and we move on, from Liturgy of the Word to Liturgy of the Eucharist. But before

we partake of today's Bread of Life, we hear Ephesians describe what kind of people we should be: humble, gentle, patient, mutually forbearing, bound in peaceful unity by the Spirit, called by one God and Father to share one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Jesus reminds us from the very beginning that beside partaking of Eucharist, Eucharist is lived. As we begin this reflection on the Eucharist, perhaps we can ask ourselves: What are my "loaves and fish"? What are the humble gifts I could place in Jesus' hands this week to satisfy the hunger of my own family and friends, of others who until I share are strangers to me?

As we gather in prayer today, we also celebrate at the invitation of our Holy Father, Francis a World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. In establishing this special day on the Sunday each year closest to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, Francis reminds us that it makes no difference how old one is, whether still working or not, whether alone or having a family, whether one became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether one is still independent or needing assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren, to the young, and to care for the little ones. As we celebrate this day of prayer, let us pray for the grandparents and elderly of our parish family in a particular way today recognizing and praising God for the gift of wisdom that they share with us through

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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.

HIS WEEK Church 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass Church 10:30 am Mass Church Jul 28 12:00 pm Mass Church SUN 1:15 pm Baptism Church 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Church 5:30 pm Mass Church 6:30 am Mass Church 8:00 am Mass Church Jul 29 MON 6:30 am Mass Church 8:00 am Mass Church Jul 30 1:00 pm Organ Practice Choir Loft TUES Church 6:30 am Mass 8:00 am Mass Church **Jul 31 WED** 6:30 am Mass Church 8:00 am Mass Church Aug 1 THURS Parish and School Offices Closed 6:30 am Mass Church Aug 2 8:00 am Mass Church FRI 8:30 am Adoration Church Church 8:00 am Mass Church 4:00 pm Confession Church Aug 3 5:30 pm Mass Church SAT 7:30 am Mass Church 9:00 am Mass Church 10:30 am Mass Church Aug 4 12:00 pm Mass Church SUN 1:15 pm Baptism Church 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Church 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.



MASS INTENTIONS					
Jul 27 Sat	5:30 pm	Barbara Arnone / Arnone Family Muriel Murphy / Judy Culos			
Jul 28 Sun	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	John Fedak (Birthday) Loreta L. Galang / Christy Lagman James A Devlin & Matthew McGrath / Tom & Mary McGrath Hilda Hebert / Donald & Joan Hebert Dennis Collins / His Wife Martha Derois /10:30 am Ushers Dylan Wan (Birthday) / M. Connolly Frances Pisani / Oliveri Family Ethan Crasto / Odette & Brian Fitzsimons			
Jul 29 Mon		Donna Giordano / Vincent Giordano Anthony & Michelina Buccafusco / Josephine DeVito Paula Pizzo / Patty Champon			
Jul 30 Tues		People of the Parish Luz Maria Gambacorto / Gambacorto Family Sandra Grosso / Justine & John Annunziata			
Jul 31 Wed		Aurora Roman & Elaine Roman / Victor Pinlac & Family Dane Jackson Martindell / Cusanelli Family			
Aug 1 Thurs		Daniel Christian (Living) Robert Rorke / Bill & Jean Fiorelli			
Aug 2 Fri		People of the Parish Frank d. DeVito / Josephine DeVito & Children			
Aug 3 Sat		Deceased Members of the Woods & Murphy Families / Family Briana & Sean Duffy (In Gratitude) / Teresa Duffy Robert Calebrese / Pat Stronczer Dr. Michael Arnone / Gene & Cindy Arnone			
Aug 4 Sun	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Muriel Murphy / Kenny Family Roberta Keenan / Rita & Jay Forrar Elizabeth Firth / Greg & Linda Layton Rita Kline / Nancy Giles & Roy Walls Kenneth Orzel / His Sister Linda Corinne Russo / Her Husband & Daughter Ethan Wan (Birthday) / M. Connolly Muriel Murphy / Fallon Family Kathleen Rockefeller / Nicole & Kyle Jorgensen			

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends of St. James Joyce Robertson

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, Rich, Joe, Maryann Soberg, Cecilia Donovan 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. Sienna Christie Frost, Blaise Alexander Mejia

THE NEWLY MARRIED

We pray for those who celebrated their wedding Shannon J. Belforti and Andrew C. Rath Caitlin D. Celendano and Christopher M. Laino

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. Lindsay R. Asaro and Robert A. Renzo (II) Lindsay M. James and Michael W. Pagano (II) Audrey A. Meehan and Alexander N. LaRocca (II) Jessica J. Sipili and James T. Sanford (I) Kristen M. Gadomski and Nicolas D. Tomaio (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,

LCPL Nicholas Yowan, James Reilly Shinnick, USA, E2PFC Connor Clark, SSGT Sean Bradley, USA, Sgt. Brendan Reiss, USA, 82nd Airborne Div., 2LT Elias R. Gavilan, USMC, 2LT Ezar O. Gayilian, USA

Reflecting the Gospel

Let's let a miracle be a miracle! Jesus tested Philip, who failed the test because he fixated on calculating the amount of food needed to feed the hungry crowd and its cost. He couldn't even imagine another way. Jesus, however, "knew what he was going to do"-he gave the crowd "as much . . . as they wanted." Amazingly, the miracle of giving them "as much . . . as they wanted" was still less than the other miracle Jesus gave them: "the sign" of the fullness of messianic Life. So much Life-even "twelve wicker baskets" more than they wanted. Calculate that!

The abundance in this multiplication account points to an eschatological sign of risen Life. The multiplication of the loaves points to a time of fulfillment when God's plan for redemption is finally realized. Even the context of this gospel passage points to a time of fulfillment: it is Passover-Israel's annual celebration of God's mighty deeds on their behalf. The wondrous and impressive sign that Jesus works on this occasion-feeding five thousand with five loaves-points beyond taking care of the hunger of the "large crowd." Rather, Jesus' sign points to a time when God's mighty deeds come to fulfillment-a time when all people are abundantly filled, and every need is met.

The question about having food to feed the crowd is put to two particular apostles (Philip and Andrew) who traditionally are considered to be ministers to the Gentiles ("Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee" = to Gentile territory); in the messianic reign even the Gentiles will share in the abundance and be saved. The bread is specified as barley, the grain used by the poor; in the messianic reign the poor will also share in God's abundance. Twelve baskets of bread fragments were gathered up after all had their fill: the leftovers and the number twelve point to the new Israel in its eschatological perfection. Jesus' unprecedented miracle of abundance doesn't warrant his being made an earthly king, in spite of the crowd's understandable enthusiasm; rather, "he withdrew ... alone" so that

the miracle of abundance points to the establishment of a new kingdom, a new Israel. Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowd's expectations of God's reign: with little he feeds many and thus reveals that he is not an earthly king but, ironically, Jesus is a king. Jesus himself is an eschatological sign of abundance--of God's lavish Presence.

This gospel account is far more than an interesting story about a miracle and abundance; it primes us to ponder the great mystery of Jesus himself as the Bread of Life (which we will hear about on subsequent Sundays) and his self-giving that enables us to share in it. The challenge for us is far more than believing in Jesus' power to multiply loaves and fishes; the chal-

lenge is recognizing Jesus' self-giving as a sign of fulfillment and promise of eschatological glory that we share even now. We Christians are to see our lives through the lens of God's lavish abundance. Do we? It is too easy to think of God's lavish abundance primarily (maybe exclusively?) in terms of the Eucharist we share each Sunday. Indeed, this is a mighty act of God on our behalf, and Eucharist always is an eschatological sign of God's abundance and a time of future fulfillment. However, we ought not to let this lull us into missing other signs of God's abundance: the abundance of family and friends, steady job, support and care of others. God's abundance is all around us. Calculate that!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44	A man brought twenty loaves of bread to Elisha the prophet, who told his servant to distribute it to the people. The servant asked how he could offer twenty loaves to one hundred people. Elisha replied that God had said, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." After all the people had eaten, there was bread left over as God had said.
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6	Paul implores the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their calling by preserving unity among all of Christ's followers. He reminds them that there is one body, one Spirit, and one God who works through all people.
Gospel: John 6:1-15	Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread were collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make him king so he fled alone.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Jer 13:1-11(401)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44
Thursday	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

WORSHIP

GATHERING

Table of Plenty

Greeting

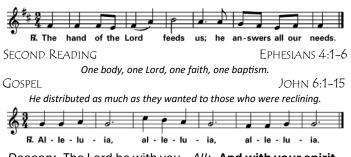
Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. People: And with your spirit.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people 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 II KINGS 4:42–44 They shall eat and there shall be some left over. RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM PSALM 145



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 one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of

the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presentation

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All Good Gifts

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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



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

The Supper of the Lord **Bread of the Angels**

#498 #372 (10:30)

Sending Forth

Blessed by Your Sacrifice

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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, to receive our weekly update.

Summer Office Hours

Summer Hours for the Parish Office will be: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:00pm. The office will be closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm

Summer Food Drive

Our parish's Social Concerns Committee's Summer Food Drive is the weekend of August 3-4. This drive supports 9 local charities including our own Daily Bread and St Anthony's. Items needed are non-perishable food

items, baby items, supermarket food gift cards, cash, hygiene items, cleaning, and paper products. Please bring your donations to the RBC atrium behind the church. For more information or to volunteer to sort the donations between the Masses, please contact Megan McCaffrey at 732-513-4567 or Jim Schmitt at 732-861-3220. Thank you for your support to feed the hungry.

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

prayers, and pray

needs. Come and

for each other's

are welcome.



Weekend of August 3-4

Deliver donations of Non-Perishable Food, Personal Hygiene, Cleaning Items or supermarket Food Cards to the RBC Atrium



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 525 is part of Saint James and Saint Anthony Parishes in Red Bank. Council 525 was originally formed in 1900 and is one of the oldest still operating Councils in the world. Currently the council is welcoming new members. Any Catholic man at least 18 years of age is welcome to join. The fraternal order of Knights seeks to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. For more information please contact parish office.

Join Us for Daily Rosary

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

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. You are reminded that you can always view these masses on Demand at anytime by visiting our website (siredbank.org)



FAITH FORMATION

PREP Registration 24-25

Our Sunday Religious Education Program is held from September to May from 9:00 am-10:25 am beginning on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024. The registration fees are: \$170 for one child, \$270 for two children and \$400 for three or more children. All registration fees received before July 1, 2024 will be discounted: one children (\$150), two children (\$270), three or more children (\$380) There is an additional for the sacramental Grades of 2 and 8. Any questions regarding fee should be directed to the Religious Education Office. Registration is done online through our parish website. Instructions will be emailed to all families presently enrolled. New families should be registered at St. James Parish and contact the Religious Education Office for Registration. New students who were not baptized in St. James Parish are required to submit a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate. Contact the Religious Education

Office at lfiorenza@sjredbank.org for information. Children are expected to continue religious education studies after reception of their sacraments of First Reconciliation and First 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 Rec-

onciliation/First Holy Communion in first grade, and that young people begin preparing for Confirmation in at least 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. Please contact the Office of Religious Education for information.

Saint James Religious Education Program needs your help!

- Do you want to share your faith by are not sure how?
- We have a need for catechists (grades 3-5), substitute catechists, hall and parking lot monitors, and someone to assist with the Children's Liturgy.
- If you can't commit to every Sunday, maybe you would like to be on a list for special events like the First Communion Retreat or the Confirmation Ice Breaker!
- If you are able to help out, please contact Lynda Fiorenza or follow the link on our website to put your name on a list of volunteers!



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Come & See: An invitation for Adults interested in the Catholic Faith Are you thinking of joining the Church? Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic Faith? Do you need to complete Christian Initiation? Then RCIA is for YOU! Learn about RCIA

Inquiry Sessions: Tuesday, July 9 & Tuesday, August 6 @ 7:00 pm For more information or to Register contact Mary Ellen: 732-741-0500



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Eternal Father, I offer You the Bod and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Every Sunday at 3:00 pm

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays following the 8:00 am Mass Until 10:00 am



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relayed to our parents and SJS community during the summer will be sent via a separate email by the Business Office or via eblast on an as-needed basis. Thank you and enjoy your summer!!

Summer Reading & Supply Lists

The Summer Reading and Supply lists for all grades are now available on the SJS web page. Please be sure to check

RED BANK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

New RBC Principal Named

During the summer, we will not send

out weekly eblasts as we normally do.

SJS Weekly Eblasts

Dr. Vanessa Pereira, a long-time educator and school administrator, has been selected as the new principal of Red Bank Catholic High School. Most recently the superintendent of the Lacey Township school district, Dr. Pereira brings with her over 30 years of experience, both in the classroom, as a former principal in Lacey, and a Board of Education member. "I am very excited to welcome our new principal, Dr. Vanessa Pereira, to Red Bank Catholic," said Robert Abatemarco, RBC's president. He continued, "The search committee including myself and Monsignor Rosie enthusiastically selected Dr. Pereira from dozens of applicants for the position. She brings with her a long and successful career in teaching and school leadership. During her educational

journey, she has also served as adjunct professor at multiple institutions of higher learning. Her passion for teaching has always been at the core of her journey in the classroom and as an innovative leader."

During her many years in Lacey Township, Dr. Pereira distinguished herself not only as an excellent teacher but as a driving force in creating new opportunities for her students. She implemented Lacey's now well-established College Academy, a program that has successfully graduated nearly 170 high school seniors with an Associate's Degree from Ocean County College, alongside their high school diploma. Under Dr. Pereira, this program began as an idea that flourished into a sought-after model as an innovative pathway to graduation and higher learning. Students enrolled in the pro-



Dr. Pereira and Mr. Abatemarco looking over the RBC Media.

gram have the option to take classes at their high school or at the Ocean **County College** campus, providing them with early college-life experiences.

Dr. Pereira was also instrumental in implementing Lacey Township's universal preschool program, serving nearly 250 three- and four-

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what Summer reading is required for your child's grade and any associated projects.

> Mr. Robert Abatemarco President

Dr. Vanessa Pereira Principal

Mr. Michael lentile Vice-Principal

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year-old students. The program has allowed all Lacey students to begin their educational journey with a level playing field and enter Kindergarten ready to learn.

When Karen Falco, after 44 years of dedicated service to the RBC Community, announced her retirement in May, Msgr. Joseph N. Rosie, pastor of St. James Parish/Red Bank Catholic together with Mr. Abatemarco, formed a search committee chaired by Nicole Piroso, RBC's Supervisor of Instruction, and made up of teachers, parents, alumni, and a representative from the Diocese. In addition to the wide-ranging expertise that the committee members applied to their task, Piroso said the opinion of the RBC faculty was also a very important component. All faculty members were asked to complete a survey that allowed them to include characteristics and qualities they felt were important for the next principal to have. "Their answers were a pinnacle in the process

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Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLETION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY							
July 20-21, 2024							
Budget	\$	14,825					
Collection/Mail	\$	11,229					
Online Giving	\$	2,482					
Total	\$	13,711	(92.5%)				
Second Collection, Mission Co-op: \$ 8,697							

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of developing the criteria necessary for the committee to seek in a potential candidate," Piroso said. She continued, "The applicant pool consisted of over 30 highly-qualified and diverse candidates. The goal of the committee was to find the candidate that possessed the specific principles relevant to the needs of the team and Red Bank Catholic. Whereas all the candidates interviewed were highly qualified. Dr. Pereira stood out as an accomplished administrator who was unanimously chosen due to her skill. expertise, and educational philosophy, which all aligned with the needs and goals of RBC. I am excited to welcome Dr. Pereira to the RBC community and am looking forward to working with her as she embarks on her new role as principal."

Monsignor Rosie also expressed his tremendous enthusiasm and support of Dr. Pereira. "I am certain that the tradition of our RBC community will be enriched in the coming years through Dr. Pereira's great experience and dedication to students and faculty, and her commitment to the Catholic faith. She brings a wealth of care and knowledge that will ensure students and faculty members can excel." For her part, Dr. Pereira said she has long felt a desire to return to her Catholic background. Having attended St. Paul the Apostle Elementary School and Roselle Catholic High School, her faith has long played an important role in her life. "While I can credit my career in public education for providing me with a comprehensive foundation in essential academic and professional skills, I have felt a natural pull to

return to my roots." She added, "Most importantly, I wanted to experience education from my original lens of faith-based values. That, coupled with the rich traditions of Red Bank Catholic's history and commitment to pursuing excellence in faith and academics, led me to enthusiastically accept this new position." Dr. Periera says she is looking forward to meeting the Red Bank Catholic community and to becoming a Casey herself. She says she is buzzing with excitement and completely energized about this new chapter.

Robert Abatemarco shared that Dr. Pereira will be engaging with key staff at RBC over the summer and will be meeting with the faculty and community in the next few weeks. She will officially begin at the start of the new school year in September.

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the experience of the passing of years. As we concluded our celebration of St. James last Thursday evening, I pray that this time of novena to our patron was meaning to each of you as together we are on a pilgrimage of holiness. Growing in manifesting the divine image in which we were created in love for love and conforming our will to the divine will. A special thank you to those who assisted to make the celebration of Mass so special and provided the opportunity to extend the Eu-

the experience of the passing of years. charistic table to the tables of a great dinner. Continue to pray through the St. James last Thursday evening, I pray that this time of novena to our patron was meaning to each of you as togeth-

Finally, as you will note in this week's bulletin, our parish High School, RBC has hired a new principal, Dr. Vanessa Pereira. I am sure that our parish's commitment to a Catholic secondary education ministry and partnering with parents in the faith formation and academic development of their children will continue to flourish under the leadership and direction of Dr. Pereira in the spirit of the dedicated priests, sisters and lay people who have dedicated themselves as Catholic educators at RBC. Have a good week and continue to

remember in your prayers our children and young people on their summer break. A special blessing to our grandparents and elderly. Happy Grandparents and Elderly Day! God Bless!



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