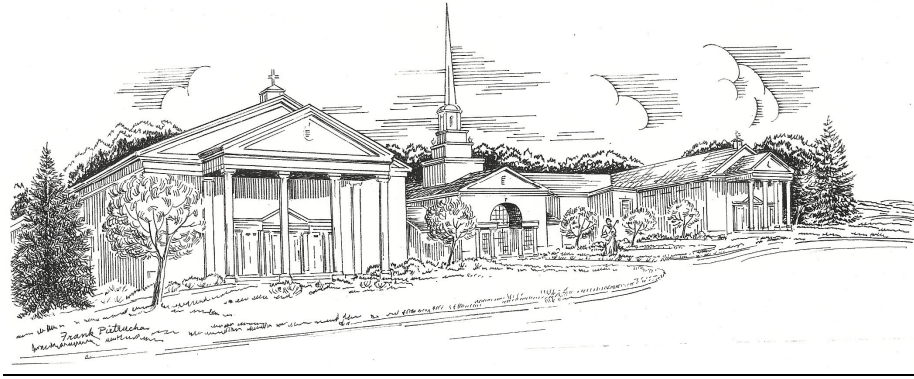


St. James Catholic Church
Basking ridge, New Jersey



Eulogies During the Rites of Christian Burial

Although the Order of Christian Funeral (OCF) permits a member or friend of the family to speak in remembrance of the deceased before the final commendation begins, this “eulogy” is permitted in the Diocese of Metuchen on the following conditions:

- 1. Only one person may speak.**
- 2. It should be brief, not to exceed three minutes.**
- 3. A written copy, or at least an outline, must be submitted to the presider beforehand, to guarantee that it is properly focused and consistent with our Catholic faith and the ideals of Christian burial.**
Please email to stjamesbr@optonline.net.
- 4. It is preferable that this “eulogy” take place outside the Mass, for example, at the funeral home vigil service, at the place of committal (between the Concluding Prayer and before the final Blessing), or at the repast.**