



The Church of Saint James

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*Our mission is to be a Faith Community
centered in the Eucharist,
proclaiming Christ's message
of love and service,
and living as true disciples of Christ.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM (Vigil) **Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM
and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass/Chapel Confessional

Saturdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1:15 PM Sundays by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Application for marriage by registered parishioners should be made at the parish office a year in advance of the desired wedding date.

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**First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019**

*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services: 2nd Lt. Aaron Reed, USA, 2nd Lt. Ryan Gutshall, USA, Pvt. Anthony Donatelli, USA, Cpt. David Guerin, USMC, CWO2 Adrian Stanko US Army, Maj. Stefan Stanko USMC, Specialist Dominic Giampietro, USA, Cpt. Thomas Comer, USA, Lt. Col. Katherine Comer Irish, AF, SSGT Andrew Ludwig, LT Mike Martinson, USN, Major Jeff Bogle, USMC, USN Cmdr. Timothy Knapp, RCT James Joseph Curley, USM 2nd Lt. Michael Jones, Corpsman Tony Ferrara, EMT USN

Our loved ones: Linda Wittman, Victoriano Alvarez, Barry O'Sullivan, Sally Asher, Margie Bohrmann, John T., Pat Pertusi, J. Albert Mastro, Elyse Staropoli, Samantha Worob, Michael Tallon, David Kraus, Martin Feinberg, Susan Carney, Jim Deady, Sr., Chris de Poortere, Richie de Poortere, Jr., Katie King, Faith Beaudry, Joel Rivera, Marlene Cababe, Laura Herr, Lynn Frazier, Chris Robinson and family, Courtney Tisdale, Rosa Perrella, Annette and Anthony Ferrara, Eileen Freda, Vera LiPuma, and Mario Decristan

Mothers of: Michelle Fabbio, CJ Floegel, and Joseph Franceus

Father of: Joseph Franceus

Sisters of: Mary Ellen Peters, and Lisa Pensevenc

Pray for the Dead

Josephine Parrillo

Aimee Snow

Norine Murphy, sister of Mary Alice Flanagan

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 10 *First Sunday of Lent*

7:30am Phil Johnsen
requested by: The Carlson Family
9:00am Special Intentions
of Sandra Carbone

requested by: Barbara Armenti
10:30am William Corbet
requested by: Bob and Sue Davies
12:00Noon The People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 11

7:00am Mary Panesko
requested by: Helen and Perry Johnson
NO 8:00am

TUESDAY, March 12

7:00am Ralph Duenas
requested by: Lisa and Rich Mazzio
8:00am Patricia Cino
requested by: Ed and Bunny Brue
2:15PM Sunrise John Madsen
requested by: Al and Joan Patterson

WEDNESDAY, March 13

7:00am Denise Frisoli
requested by: June and Bob Gray
8:00am Judy Samartzis
requested by: Msgr. Cronin, Fr. Krystian, & staff

THURSDAY, March 14

7:00am Gladys Scott
requested by: Kevin and Donna McVey
8:00am Kathleen V. Leonard
requested by: Maria Aznar

FRIDAY, March 15

7:00am Denise Frisoli
requested by: The Vindici Family
8:00am Raymond Fuscaldo
requested by: Msgr. Cronin

SATURDAY, March 16

8:00am John Valeri
requested by: Kevin and Joanna Byrne
5:30pm The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 17 *Second Sunday of Lent*

7:30am Carl and Helen Persak
requested by: The Persak Family
9:00am Cathy Sorge
requested by: The Sorge Family
10:30am Francesca Alfano
requested by: Bob and Sue Davies
12:00Noon Elaine Bernardi
requested by: The Dellamura Family

This Week

Sunday, March 10

Night Under the Stars raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses by the St. James Home School Association.

Challenge Club for Girls from 6:00-7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room for girls ages 10-14. Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship, and their Catholic faith. For information, contact Alison at alisondwessels@gmail.com.

Monday, March 11

Rosary for Peace at 7:30 AM in the chapel. All are welcome.

Women's Ministry gathering at 8:00 PM in rooms 1-2 in the pastoral center. To continue on this year's theme *Who Does He Say You Are?* Susie McGeough will share about "You Are a Dwelling Place of the Most High God". All women are welcome.

Tuesday, March 12

Mass at Sunrise Assisted Living at 2:15 PM

Evening Bible Study at 7:15 PM in the pastoral center

Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00 PM in the chapel hall. All adult Catholic men are welcome.

Wednesday, March 13

Divine Mercy Movie Night at 7:00 PM in the multipurpose room. Enjoy Polish snacks (pierogi, Pope cake and kielbasa) and watch *"The Face of Mercy"* movie sharing the message of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

Thursday, March 14

Eucharistic Exposition from 8:30am to 5:30pm in the Chapel. Come spend some time in Christ's presence. For any questions or to sign up, contact: Terry Coughlin: tcough@aol.com or Cecille Zalamea: cecillez@gmail.com.

Bible Study at 9:00 AM in the pastoral center

Friday, March 15

A day of abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the chapel

Saturday, March 16

BOLD Middle School Guts Service Night at 7:00 PM in the multipurpose room. See page eight for details.

Sunday, March 17

Bishop's Annual Appeal video and In-Pew Appeal

Share Your Bread, our monthly collection of non-perishable food items which we bring to the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank in New Brunswick.

Challenge Club for Girls from 6:00-7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room for girls ages 10-14. Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship, and their Catholic faith. For information, contact Alison at alisondwessels@gmail.com.

Coming Events

March 19: Mass at Fellowship Village at 2:00 PM

March 19: Top of the Hill Gang meeting at 8:30 AM in the parish library. All men 65 and over are welcome.

March 19: Evening Bible Study at 7:15 PM

March 19: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00 PM in the chapel hall. All adult Catholic men are welcome.

March 20: St. James Men of Charity meeting at 8pm in room 7 in the Parish Center. All Men of Charity 21 years of age and older are encouraged to attend to help *perform the Corporal Works of Mercy for our Parishioners in Need*.

March 21: Bible Study at 9:00 AM in the multipurpose room.

March 22: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the chapel

March 24: Fellowship Coffee hour after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. All are invited to enjoy coffee, juice, donuts, and fellowship in the chapel auditorium.

March 24: Challenge Club for Girls from 6:00-7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room for girls ages 10-14. Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship, and their Catholic faith. For information, contact Alison at alisondwessels@gmail.com.

March 26: Evening Bible Study at 7:15 PM

March 29: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the chapel

March 30: St. James School Night Under the Stars at 7:00 PM in the school gym. See page four for details.

March 31: Children's Mass at the 9:00 AM Mass in the church.

March 31: The second collection will be for Easter flower memorials.

March 31: Challenge Club for Girls from 6:00-7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room for girls ages 10-14. Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship, and their Catholic faith. For information, contact Alison at alisondwessels@gmail.com.

April 2: Knights of Columbus meeting in the chapel hall

April 3: Respect for Life Committee meeting at 12:00 Noon in the parish library. Please come and help us plan activities to support life issues in our community and nation. If you have any questions, please call Julie Lee at 908-204-0146.

April 5: First Friday Fellowship after the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel auditorium. All are welcome.

April 5: School Liturgy at 10:15 AM in the church. All are welcome.

A message from our Pastor...

Statistics for the Catholic Church January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Released from the Vatican March 6, 2019

My dear friends:

The Vatican just released from the central office of Church Statistics for the Catholic Church calendar year 2017.

1) During this period, Established four new Episcopal sees (dioceses), one diocese was elevated to a metropolitan see (Archdiocese), four apostolic exarchates to eparchies and one apostolic administration to a diocese.

2) Out of a world population of 7,408 million, 1,313 million or 17.7% are baptized Catholics, distributed by continent: 48.5% in America, 21.8% in Europe, 17.8% in Africa, 11.1% % in Asia and 0.8% in Oceania.

a) In the relationship between 2017 and 2016, positive indexes of the growth rate of Catholics characterize all the territorial divisions: compared to the world figure of 1.1%, the rates of variation of Africa and of Asia reach respectively +2.5 % and + 1.5%; Europe is the only continent to have an almost zero trend (+ 0.1%) while for America the growth rate (+ 0.96%) is below the world level.

b) The reading of the data by continent of the relative number of Catholics compared to the population shows in 2017, but those of the previous year are substantially similar, as the presence of Catholics is differentiated in the various geographical areas: from 63.8% Catholics in the American population, 39.7% in Europe, 19.2% in Africa, up to 3.3% in Asia.

c) It is of some importance to underline how the American area is in itself very differentiated: whereas in North America the percentage of Catholics is only 24.7%, in the continental central and Antilles (84.6%) and in the South (86.6%) the presence of Catholics appears much more conspicuous.

3) By the end of 2017, the total apostolate amounted to 4,666,073 units, an increase of 0.5% compared to 2016. The breakdown between the various components is quite different from continent to continent.

a) In the world average, the percentage ratio between the total number of clerics and the total of pastoral workers is 10.4% at the end of 2017, with lower values in Africa (6.4%) and America (8.4%)) while with higher values in Europe (19.3%) and in Oceania (18.2%). In Asia the percentage is close to the world average.

b) From the comparison with the numerical situation of 2016, the number of priests has decreased from 414,969 in 2016 to 414,582 in 2017; this change is conspicuous since it is the first time this occurred since 2010. Instead, bishops, permanent deacons, missionaries lay people and catechists have increased.

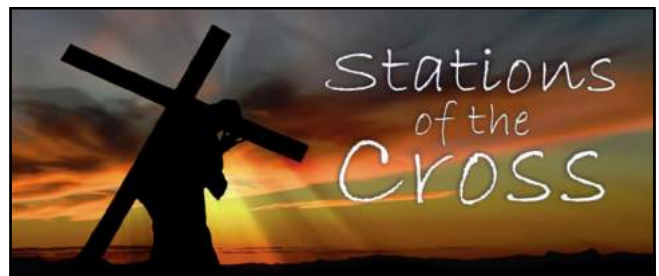
4) The number of candidates to the priesthood worldwide has decreased from 116,160 in 2016 to 115,328 in 2017, a drop of 0.7 percent.

a) The picture of continental flows appears satisfactory in the African and Asian Church, while in Europe and America the decrease appears very evident.


b) The distribution of major seminarians by continent has remained substantially stable over the last two years. With reference to the year 2017, it is observed that Europe contributes 14.9% to the world total, America 27.3%, Asia 29.8% and Africa 27.1%.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us,
Msgr. Cronin

Night Under the Stars
Saint James School invites all parishioners to the return of Night Under the Stars (or NUTS), the school's most important fundraiser. The event will be held the evening of March 30th in the school gymnasium. There will be Live and Silent Auctions, a Mystery Envelope and Live Entertainment. Dance the night away as you enjoy an abundance of passed hors d'oeuvres and unlimited beer and wine - all in support of our school.
In conjunction with our annual fundraiser we will be offering our second annual Grand Raffle! Don't miss your chance to win \$5,000!!! Tickets for the event as well as raffle tickets are available for sale after Mass or by email nuts2@sjsbr.org.



**Fridays during Lent
7:00 PM in the chapel
Please join us!**


From the Office of the Bishop
February 22, 2019
Dear Msgr. Cronin and the St. James Community,
Thank you all for the beautiful cards, well wishes, and for your kindness to me and my family following the death of my father, but especially thanks for your prayers. Despite the sadness of my father's passing, I have been greatly uplifted by the support and love which my mother, siblings, and I have received these past weeks. I ask for your continued prayers for my father and family, and know of my prayers for you.
With renewed best wishes, I remain
Yours in Christ,
Most Rev. James F. Checcio
Bishop of Metuchen

**Join us to pray
The Divine Mercy Chaplet**
First Fridays at 3:00 PM in the parish library

**Join Us for a Lenten Soup Supper
To Benefit a Charity in Newark**



Parishioners and their friends and families are invited to share a simple meal of soup and bread to identify with the less fortunate this Lenten season.

Where: St. James Chapel Auditorium

When: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Cost: Free, however, monetary donations are very much appreciated as they benefit a charity in Newark.

For more information and to volunteer to donate soup or bread, please email Christine Peredo at cperedo@optonline.net or call 908-803-6846.

Villa Walsh Academy presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" on Saturday, March 30 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 31 at 3 pm. Tickets will be \$12. This timeless tale of a young girl with a wish, a glorious ball, and a pair of magical glass slippers comes to life with the beautiful music of Rodgers & Hammerstein. Staged to delight all ages, the show will incorporate all the traditional magical moments of the Cinderella tale, plus a few new surprises. Contact Villa Walsh Academy at (973) 538-3680 or www.villawalsh.org.

**HELP BUILD A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE
2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here at St. James. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. **If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate, which we plan to use to upgrade the sound system in the chapel.** Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Our Parish Goal: \$342,000.00

Pledged to date: \$126,496.73 from 162 families

To donate online: <http://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Spring Cleaning with a Purpose

Women's Ministry Clothing Drive
April 5, 2019

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the multipurpose room
COME HELP St. James Women's Ministry with a fund raiser! All proceeds go to speakers and scholarships for retreats
We are collecting: wear-able and usable clothing--men, women, children--shoes, belts, ties, handbags, backpacks, hats, baby accessories, small bicycles, linens (bedding, curtains, towels, pillows, small rugs, quilts), stuffed animals, action figures, trucks, airplanes, dolls, NO board games please! Kindly put shoes in a separate bag. NO Appliances, Books, Pots, Pans, Electronics and Glass of any kind. Please put all items in plastic bags. For further info, please call Alexis at 908-647-3376 alexispaulcarola@yahoo.com. Receipts are available--no items are shredded. All items are sorted and distributed at minimal cost to the needy all over the world.

St. Joseph's Table

All are welcome to share in the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19th with Mass at 7:00 PM in the Shrine of St. Joseph Chapel followed by St. Joseph's Table in the Auditorium. The Shrine is located at 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling.



Card and Game Party

The St. James Rosary Altar Society is hosting its Annual Card and Game party on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM in the Chapel Auditorium. Bring your playing cards, favorite board games, and friends for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, raffles, and refreshments. All are welcome. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.00. For further information, please contact Annette Anello at 908.432.4647.

Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 16 8:00 AM—4:00 PM
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ
Email CatholicMen@rcan.org to register.

Parish Support: March 3, 2019

	2018	2019
Weekly	\$30,569.25	\$27,441.00

BOLD Youth Ministry



**Next TNL Monday,
March 18th!**



Who: High school teens
When: Monday, March 18th
 7:30 - 9pm
Where: St. James Youth Center
Why: To hang out with awesome people and learn more about our faith! Wear your pajamas for a prize!

Antioch Retreat 2019
 An overnight retreat open to all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.
Saturday - Sunday, March 30 - 31
 Download the form online: boldym.com/sjbr/forms




Guys Service Night



Who: All boys in grades 6, 7, & 8
When: Saturday, March 16th
 7:00-8:30pm
Where: St. James Parish Center
RSVP: boldym.com/sjbr/signup

Karen Theckston | StJames@boldym.com | 908-280-1865

Good News from St. James School



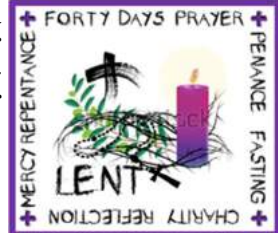
We just entered the Lenten Season of the Church year. This 40 day penitential season invites us to increase and deepen in our pray, fasting, and performing works of charity not just for ourselves but for the holiness and goodness of all people.

Lent is a great time to do something special as a family to connect to God and to re-focus our attention in growing our faith. As a family we can re-locate the Crucifix in our home to make it more prominently seen by each member. We can intentionally teach our children to make the sign of the cross before going to bed, rising in the morning, starting off on a car trip, before and after meals, and other significant times when it is appropriate. We can get involved in a family giving project, one that involves all members in some way as you help others in charity and love. We can read the Scripture together, recite the rosary, pray the Stations of the Cross, and attend weekly Mass together. All these practices can lead us more deeply to God both individually and as a family.

We may be able to have a family soup supper once a week or agree to sacrifice a dessert and give the money that would have been spent on the food, to a food pantry for those who are hungry.

One last suggestion to offer as a practice during Lent is to continue to emphasize with your children the value of speaking kindly and respectfully to each other and to stop criticizing one another. Have conversations about this as a family and model this behavior as parents. During Lent take the time to share your successes and failures. This is a challenging practice but one that would be life-giving on many levels.

May these 40 days of Lent be a time to grow in your love for God, become closer as a faith-filled family, and deepen in your personal faith response.



Sr. Joann Marie Aumand, SCC
 Director of St. James School

**The Saint James
 Friendly Visitors and Shoppers Ministry**
 will be meeting on
 Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM
 in the parish library.
 Current and new members welcome!
 Refreshments will be served.
 For more information or to RSVP contact
 Joan Holmes 908-221-0117 or holmesjoana@aol.com





Divine Mercy Movie Night
Wednesday, March 13
 at 7:00 PM in the multipurpose room.
 Join us for Polish snacks
 (pierogi, Pope cake and kielbasa) to sample.
 Followed by the movie: *"The Face of Mercy"*
 All are welcome.

Men's Retreat at Loyola Jesuit Center
 All men of St. James, and other Catholic men, are invited to attend the annual St. James men's retreat weekend at nearby Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ on the weekend of April 5-7, 2019. Two weekends prior to Easter, this would be a great opportunity to spend part of your Lent, in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection! Please contact Charles Maurice at (908) 672-1687 or via email to cs_maurice@msn.com or jack.mcartney@gmail.com.