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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:	**Sunday**
5:30 PM (Vigil)	9:00 AM live stream
	10:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

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

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Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass/Chapel Confessional
Saturdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Church

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1:15 PM Sundays by appointment only

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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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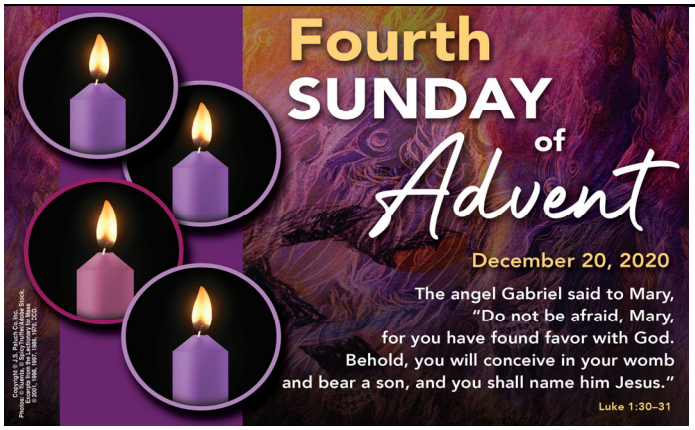

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 ; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Please Pray For...

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Mothers of: Margaret Hoffman, Susie McGeough and Joseph Franceus

Father of: Joseph Franceus; Sister of: Lisa Pensevene

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, December 20 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30am	Bill Parkinson
requested by:	*The Parkinson Family*
9:00am	Jennifer White
requested by:	*Ed and Bunny Brue*
10:30am	The People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Carbone, Armenti & Dolisi Families
requested by:	*Sandra Carbone*

MONDAY, December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

7:00 am	Matthew Maguire
requested by:	*The Maguire Family*

TUESDAY, December 22

7:00 am	Justina Bruno
requested by	*Dave and Julie Berry*
8:00 am	Janet Franceus
requested by:	*Joseph and Lucy Franceus*

WEDNESDAY, December23 *St. John of Kanty*

7:00 am	Patricia Pertusi
requested by:	*Michael and Marie Recchia*
8:00 am	Dorothy Frame
requested by:	*Violeta Lee*

THURSDAY, December 24

8:00 am	The Special Intentions of Nicholas D'Agostaro
requested by:	*Fred and Jackie Puorro*
4:00 pm Church	Luke and Ryan Haran
requested by:	*Linda Haran*
4:00 pm Chapel	Mary Ann Borowsky
requested by:	*Frank Borowsky*
4:00 pm Gym	Sandra Sullivan
requested by:	*Gloria Gajewski*
6:00 pm Church	Stanley and Alice Myslinski
requested by:	*The Heimers Family*
6:00 pm Chapel	Andy and Brian Jarosz
requested by:	*Barbara Jarosz*
9:00 pm Church	Eileen Logan
requested by:	*The Spero Family*
9:00 pm Chapel	Barbara Magliaccio
requested by:	*Gloria Gajewski*
12:00 midnight	Dec. Members of St. James Chior
requested by:	*The Hober Family*

FRIDAY, December 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 am	Vincent Mantone
requested by:	*The Cortese Family*
10:30am Church	Dorothy & Frank Pietrucha
requested by:	*The McManemin Family*
10:30 am Chapel	The Sullivan Family
requested by:	*The Sullivan Family*
12:00 pm Church	The People of the Parish
12:00 pm Chapel	Joan and Frank Rankin
requested by:	*Michael and Arleen Guerin*

SATURDAY, December 26 *St. Stephen*

8:00am	Antonio Parisi
requested by:	*The LaRocca Family*
5:30pm	Terrence Scott
requested by:	*The Scott Family*

A message from our Pastor…

Reassurance

My dear friends:

In the Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we step back nine months to March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation, an all-but-hidden event that changed the world. We have here a pivotal moment in history, when God's presence returns to the human family. And it all happens so quietly, in Nazareth. Quietly, but clearly and powerfully God's Victory is certain.

This truth and reassurance must be emblazoned on our hearts, for like Mary, we may have difficult days in our future. All the more reason that God's reassurance is essential for us. It got Mary through difficulties and God will get us through as well.

By God's revelations in Jesus Christ, we see that God made us so that He could love us, and that in giving our love to Him in return we experience more and more of His love. Love is at the core of our Faith; love is at the core of our being human; love is our destiny. We were made to love and be loved in return.

Christmas is but a starting point in which our hearts finally find rest in the Presence of God. Mary is our model who showed us by her trust and openness to God's plan that although life would be difficult at times, in her heart she knew the Savior she would carry "**will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end**." Knowing this, Mary would be at peace.

The yearnings that we experience will be fulfilled when we put aside all our busyness and live our lives with meaning and purpose beyond the immediate fulfillment of our needs, but for a noble cause – a life with Christ which in turn, as Mary experiences, will give us peace.

Each one of us here can sense the presence of the Living God knowing He abides within us. The living presence of God is not just for our own sakes, but so that we, like Mary, can give Him to the world around us. On this our Fourth Sunday of Advent, hours before our celebration of Christmas, **after preparing the way of the Lord, we hear the climax of our Advent Season and are reassured that God so loves us he will fulfill his promise and send the anointed one, the Messiah from a virgin of the house of King David to dwell among us and all we have to do is return that love to God so that we may be at peace.**

Merry Christmas,

Msgr. Cronin

Baptisms

God Bless

James Allen Feehan
son of Brian Feehan and Jamie Sasso Feehan

Greetings and a blessed Thanksgiving to you.

First, I want to thank Msgr. Cronin and the good parishioners of St. James for their continued generosity to the women at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility. The Living With Christ subscription continues to a source for worship and prayer for the women. They bring their issue to them to the weekly Catholic Services and can follow along. We were able to resume services two months ago. In the months where we were not able to meet for worship, due to Covid, they got their subscription via the prison mail system, rather than in person. They are most grateful for this outreach to them. In these days of pandemic separation it is particularly hard on the inmates. They have had no family visits since March and their movements here in the prison are pretty restricted. We had two women die here of the virus. Please keep us in your prayers.

Please pass along this sincere and heartfelt Thank You to Msgr. Cronin and the parishioners.

May the blessing of health and peace be upon all of you at St. James.

Be assured of my prayers and those of the women here at Edna Mahan as we "give thanks" for the goodness and generosity of Msgr. Cronin and the parishioners at St. James. And a special thanks to you for taking care of the details that makes all of this happen.

Sr. Kathleen Rooney, SSJ
Chaplain

The Divine Mercy Ministry
invites you to join them the third Friday of every month at 3:00pm in the Chapel to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community.

Jesus, we place our trust in you!

St. James School of Religion is still in need of CCD teachers and volunteers to help facilitate a virtual program for this school year, and/or teach for 2021-2022, contact Sister Marie at stjamesccd@yahoo.com or 908-766-4774, ext. 232.

Calenadar at a glance...

December 20: Virtual Walk to Bethlehem at 4:00 pm. Details to follow.

December 23: School Liturgy at 10:15 am in the church and chapel.

December 24: The parish office will be closed.

December 24: No Eucharistic Adoration.

December 24: No 7:00 am daily Mass. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am.

December 24: Christmas Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 pm in the church, chapel, and school gym; at 6:00 pm in the church and chapel; at 9:00 pm in the church and chapel; and at 12:0 midnight in the church for ADVANCE TICKET HOLDERS ONLY.

December 24: The 4:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed and can be watched at any time after its initial recording at your family's convenience.

December 24: No choral concert due to the pandemic regulations.

December 25: Christmas Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am in the church; at 10:30 am in the church and the chapel; and at 12:00 noon in the church and chapel.

December 25: The parish office will be closed.

December 31: Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm in the chapel

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the church.

January 1: The parish office will be closed.

TIDDBITS: CHRISTMAS CRACK-UPS

What do reindeer say before they tell you a joke?
"This one's gonna sleigh you!"

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bishops of the U.S.C.C.B.
FROM: Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne, South Bend, Chairman Committee on Doctrine; Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, Chairman Committee on Pro-Life Activities
SUBJECT: VACCINES FOR COVID-19
DATE: 23 November 2020

There appears to be some confusion in the media regarding the moral permissibility of using the vaccines for COVID-19 developed by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna. We would like to offer some clarifications.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.[1] They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote. Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

There are three documents from the Holy See that treat the question of tainted vaccines: 1) the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses"; 2) paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitatis Personae)* by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; 3) the 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, by the Pontifical Academy for Life.

These documents all point to the immorality of using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines. They also make distinctions in terms of the moral responsibility of the various actors involved, from those involved in designing and producing a vaccine to those receiving the vaccine. Most importantly, they all make it clear that, at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.

The Pontifical Academy for Life gives as an example the case of rubella (German measles): "We find, in such a case, a proportional reason, in order to accept the use of these vaccines in the presence of the danger of favoring the spread of the pathological agent, due to the lack of vaccination of children. This is particularly true in the case of vaccination against German measles."[2]

The Pontifical Academy does call for appropriate expressions of protest against the origins of these vaccines as well as for vigorous efforts to promote the creation of alternatives. "There remains a moral duty to continue to fight and to employ every lawful means in order to make life difficult for the pharmaceutical industries which act unscrupulously and unethically." The Pontifical Academy adds, however, that public health must not be sacrificed. "The burden of this important battle cannot and must not fall on innocent children and on the health situation of the population."

[1] See the chart provided by the Charlotte Lozier Institute: COVID-19-Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-DerivedCell-Lines.pdf (pcdn.co).
[2] Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines," (9 June 2005) in National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly 6:3 (2006): 541-49, especially n. 16.

New Jersey Reproductive Freedom Act:

On October 8, 2020, The Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030 was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. If passed, the RFA would codify into New Jersey law the findings of Roe v. Wade, meaning that abortion would remain legal in New Jersey even if the case were overturned by the Supreme Court. The RFA would also strip safeguards and regulations on the abortion procedure, making New Jersey a more dangerous place for women and their unborn babies. The Assembly companion bill is A4848.

The Diocesan Office of Human Life & Dignity has been working closely with the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) on this issue to develop resources and monitor the bill. Here is the link to NJ Catholic Conference's updated Reproductive Freedom Act resource page: https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act. Please check this website frequently for updates. You can also sign up on the above website to receive action alerts

A webinar has been recorded which focuses on providing an overview of the legislation, an update on the bill's legislative status, and suggestions on action steps people can take at this time. This is something you can use to help educate family, friends and fellow parishioners. You are encouraged to watch it so you can understand the radical nature of this measure. The link is here:
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Friday, December 25, 2020
9:00 am in the church
10:30 am in the church and chapel
12:00 noon in the church and chapel

150 people will be permitted to attend each Mass
Masks must be worn for the entire Mass.

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The 4:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed and can be viewed again at any time after that at your family's convenience.

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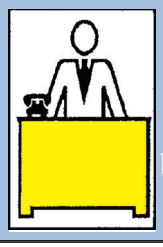

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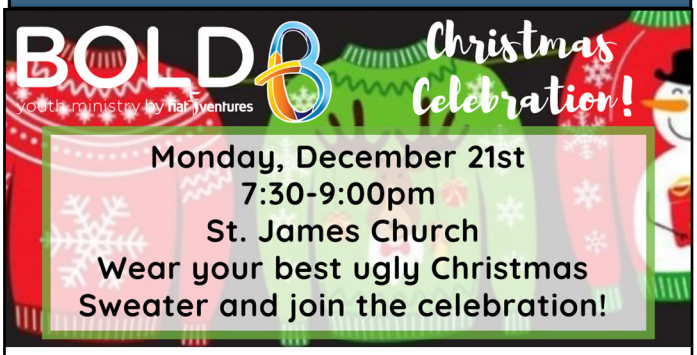

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SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

Third Grade

Mrs. Danielle Harcourt's and Ms. Jennifer Schedlbauer's in-person and virtual third grade students have been busy learning since school opened the week before Labor Day. Early in the school year, they gathered in the main church with Monsignor Cronin to learn about the sacrament of baptism. Ever since, the students have been practicing the art of cursive handwriting by writing letters to the newly baptized parishioners of our parish welcoming them to the Saint James family and telling them about our school.

In math, we are diligent about fact families while learning the properties of multiplication and division and working hard to memorize the multiplication tables. In social studies and science, we are exploring the world around us, while incorporating STREAM challenges into our weekly lessons. So far, the students have engaged in creating wind chimes with paper plates. paper clips, pennies, and string, creating suspension bridges out of common household items, and inventing parachutes out of coffee filters and pipe cleaners, string for small plastic action figures.

Chapter books have been read and discussed in book chats. The students are reading *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverley Cleary and *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume. Writing has included personal narratives and learning the mechanics of the writing process.

Every day is a new experience in Saint James' third grade classrooms, stay tuned for more learning adventures!

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year begins at the end of January. Contact our Admissions Director, Mr. John Falcone at jfalcone@sjsbr.org or 908-766-4774 for application information.