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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:

5:30 PM (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 AM

9:00 AM live stream

10:30 AM

12:00 Noon

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass in the chapel

Saturdays 4:00—5:00 pm in the church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1:15 PM Sundays by appointment only

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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. 908-766-0888, ext. 3

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11;

Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services: Fireman, Charles Boyle, USN, Capt. Timothy Knapp, USN, 2nd Lt. Mike Singer, USN, 2nd Lt. Emma Altonji, USA, Capt. David Guerin, USMC, Cpt. Aaron Reed, USA, SSGT Andrew Ludwig USAF, Gen. Farrell Sullivan, USMC; Col. Brendan Sullivan, USMC, CPT Ryan Gutshall, SGT Anthony Donatelli

Our loved ones: Chris Waryn, Agata Quinn, John Quiterio, George Michenard, Katie King, Ruven Hoffman, Lori Vaeth, Amy Nault, and Ruth Rovtar

the mother of: Brenda Young Hilferty



Adult
Confirmation

If you are an adult who was baptized and had First Communion but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please join us for six weeks of preparation beginning on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:00 am in room 3 of the pastoral center.

Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 during the 9:00 am Mass. Contact Deacon Frank to register at deaconfrank2017@optimum.net.

Prayers for the Deceased

The daughter of Esther Scerbo

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 27 *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am The People of the Parish
9:00 am Jill Galante and Peter DeSalvo, III
requested by: The DeSalvo Family
10:30 am Luke and Ryan Haran
requested by: Lynda Haran
12:00 pm Margaret and William Trabalik
requested by: Patty Siedler

MONDAY, March 28

7:00 am Mary Jane Neumann
requested by: Leola Durso

TUESDAY, March 29

7:00 am Samuel Kovacsy
requested by: Mariann Kosakowski
8:00 am Edward Donovan
requested by: Al and Joan Patterson

WEDNESDAY, March 30

7:00 am Sandy Salvo
requested by: Roseann Troullos
8:00 am Terry Mulcahy
requested by: Deacon Frank and Terri Sinatra

THURSDAY, March 31

7:00 am Mary Ellen Schon
requested by: Priscilla and Jim McCarthy
8:00 am Edward Brue
requested by: The Saccento Family

FRIDAY, April 1

7:00 am Gina Mack-Forlist
requested by: The Mack-Forlist Family
8:00 am Diane McEnerney
requested by: Rosemary DeConciliis
10:15 am St. James School students

SATURDAY, April 2 *St. Francis of Paola*

8:00 am John G. Valeri, MD
requested by: John Valeri, Jr.
5:30 pm Angelina and Anastacio Liaguno
requested by: Gloria Gajewski

SUNDAY, April 3 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am Vincent Campanali
requested by: Kathleen Devine
9:00 am Diane McEnerney
requested by: The LaRocca Family
10:30 am George Jonovich
requested by: The Jonovich Family
12:00 pm The People of the Parish

Bishop James Checchio
will be celebrating the 5:30 pm Mass on
Saturday, April 2, 2022.
Please join us.

A message from our Pastor...

My dear friends:

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your response to our in-pew appeal and message from Bishop Checchio last week-end was wonderful. Our parish has already pledged \$176,896.00 of our \$344,000.00 goal.

Thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Metuchen (which includes Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties) are directly or indirectly served through Diocesan agencies and programs funded through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Some of these include: forming our seminarians to serve as our future priests; providing the catechists, youth ministers and lay leadership in our parish with the proper training; formation opportunities for our music ministers, readers and others with key roles in our parish liturgies; providing counseling services and basic material needs for the less fortunate; prison and hospital ministry, and much more. Together, we can do more than any one parish can do alone.

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear the familiar story of the Prodigal Son who was lost and then was found. At times we all become "lost" or separated from God by things we might say or do or by a choice based on worldly temptations. On Wednesday, April 6th we will offer our Lenten Penance service at 7:00 pm here in the church. Twelve priests will be available to hear confessions. Please join us to experience the joy of reconciliation.

Happy Lent,

Msgr. Cronin

Rosary for Peace
Mondays at 3:00 pm in the chapel
All are welcome.



Parish Support, March 20, 2022

	2021	2022
Weekly	\$24,121.27	\$22,607.00

Stations of the Cross for Life



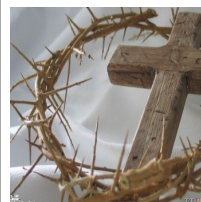
Please join us to pray for the dignity of life from conception to natural death

Wednesday, March 30th

7pm, St. James Chapel

All are welcome

During Lent, the Divine Office will be prayed about 15 minutes before the 7:00 am and 8:00 am weekday Masses in the chapel. All are invited and encouraged to participate.



Lenten Morning of Reflection for Women **Saturday, April 9, 2022**

St. James Women's Ministry invites all women of the parish and their friends to a morning of prayer, sharing and friendship on Saturday, April 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The schedule includes:

- Mass - 8:00 a.m. in the St. James Chapel (optional)
- Continental Breakfast 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel Auditorium
- Program – following breakfast

We are pleased to announce that the speaker will be Mary Wolff, a facilitator and speaker on Spiritual Exercise retreats, chaperone for Holy Week Youth Missions in NYC, and volunteer at the Magdala Center in the Holy Land. Mary's talk will be based on Matthew 19:26, "With God all things are possible." There is no charge for this in-person event.

Registration is requested to assist with planning. Use the SignUp Genius link provided in the parish E-announcement or contact Kathy Wasilewski at Wasilewski.kathy@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed: Interested in helping with set-up, decorating, greeting participants, serving food, or clean-up? Contact Beth Altonji at beth.altonji@gmail.com. Thank you!

Calendar at a Glance

March 26/27: Caring Basket Gala 50/50 tickets will be sold after all Masses in support of the Sisters of Christian Charity formation programs.

March 27: The second collection will be for Easter Flower Memorials.

March 27: Challenge Club for Girls at 6:00 pm in the multipurpose room.

March 28: Rosary for Peace at 3:00 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

March 30: Stations of the Cross for Life at 7:00 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

March 31: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the chapel.

April 1: School Mass at 10:15 am in the church. All are welcome.

April 1: A Friday in Lent—a day of Abstinence. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm in the chapel.

April 1: First Friday Fellowship after the 8:00 am Mass in the chapel auditorium. All are welcome.

April 3: Monthly blood drive in the chapel auditorium.

April 4: Rosary for Peace at 3:00 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

April 6: Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 pm in the church. Ten priests will be on hand to hear confessions.

April 7: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the chapel.

April 8: A Friday in Lent—a day of Abstinence. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Men's mini retreat at 7:00 pm in the chapel and Knights of Columbus fish bake dinner pick up 4-5 pm.

Re-Usable Grocery Bags Needed! In order to prepare for the plastic bag ban (effective May 4, 2022), the Friendly Visitors and Shoppers Ministry is seeking donations of reusable grocery bags. The volunteers of this ministry do the weekly grocery shopping for many homebound senior citizens in Basking Ridge. There will be a drop off box for donated bags outside the parish office through Friday, April 1, 2022. Thank you for assisting us in providing this valuable service for our homebound seniors!

Spring Cleaning with a Purpose

Women's Ministry and Cherubs and Angels
CLOTHING DRIVE

Friday, May 13th 9:00AM–6:00PM

Drop Off at the Church Multipurpose Room



Some donations go directly to local families
All proceeds go towards funding Women's Ministry expenses including retreat scholarships.

The following items are accepted. **PLEASE PLACE ALL ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS**—Thank you!!

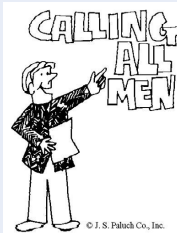
- Clothing for men, women, and children OVER age 14
- children's clothing infant to size 14—PLEASE sort by size, sex and label SEPARATELY
- belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves
- towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters, curtains, small rugs
- stuffed animals, scooters, small toys less than 2 ft.
- strollers, car seats with the base (only those with a base)
- bicycles—adult and/or children
- shoes in a separate plastic bag or in shoe boxes (since they are priced separately)

NOTE: We CANNOT accept sports equipment, board games, books, puzzles, pots and pans, electrical devices, high-chairs, baby cribs, VCR tapes, furniture, outdoor play sets or anything containing glass.

Items are sorted and distributed at minimal cost to poor areas. Children's clothing up to age 14 are given to local, needy children. **No Clothes are Shredded!** Receipts are available for tax purposes.

Volunteers are needed to assist in bringing Friday's clothing drop-offs into the multi-purpose room and volunteers are also needed Saturday morning, May 14th, from 7:30-9:00AM to help load the truck. Men, young adults and teenagers are particularly needed on Saturday morning.

Contact Christine Roberts at
christinerobertsmusic@gmail.com
OR Mary Chabak at marychabak@optonline.net
908-432-2447



Men's Lenten Mini-Retreat and Dinner

Happy Lent from the Men of St James! We invite all men of the parish to attend the Men of St. James Lenten Mini-Retreat and Dinner Buffet on **Friday, April 8th** from 7:00-10:00pm in the chapel auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Wells, former sports reporter, accomplished author, Catholic evangelist, and President of the Monsignor Thomas Wells Society for Vocations.

Most of us struggle to keep God at the center of our busy lives, so come and be encouraged by your fellow men in this common goal! Please bring your male sons, fathers, friends and neighbors for 3 hours of awesome fellowship, encouraging messages, and the best start to your Holy Week. To sign up, or for more information, email Terry Conley at terryconley@me.com (or call 973-464-5536).



The parish is in need of a few volunteers interested in learning how to run the livestream video equipment. If you can help out, please email Michael DePrima at michaeldeprima@gmail.com. Thank you!

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest". Matthew 11:28

The Consolation Ministry is sponsoring an seven-week bereavement session, "Journey Through Grief", for those who have suffered the recent loss of a loved one. Sessions will begin on Thursday, April 7th at 7PM in the Pastoral Center Library, located in the lower level of the Church, and will continue through May 26th.

Registration is required. Please contact either:
Maureen Hally 908-647-2647 molu44@gmail.com
Barbara Burger 908-580-1522 barbibur@gmail.com
Robin Moriates 908-625-3464 rmoriates@gmail.com



Please join us to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
on the third Friday of each month
3:00 pm in the chapel
NO CHAPLET in April due to Good Friday

Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities Youth Enrichment Services

We ask for help in donating the following items, assembly of the baskets and loading the truck:

- Colored grass, Large chocolate crosses/bunnies, Easter Candy
- For Toddlers: age 2-5—Stuffed animals, age appropriate "Fisher Price (type)" toys.

Our goal this year is to collect all items that both boys and girls would enjoy, such as: Books, puzzles, games, bubbles, play-doh, yoyos, coloring books and crayons, silly putty, craft items, playing cards, jump ropes, medium size "nerf" (type) balls, hand held games. (We've found great items and bargains at Target, Wal-Mart, Christmas Tree Shop, and Michaels)

We will buy the baskets and the large plastic gift bags to wrap them in so that each child will receive the same size basket. We would also gladly accept any monetary donation to cover the expense of the baskets, gift bags, items to fill them and the rental truck. You can send a check to the St. James Church office with a note for Easter baskets. Please donate new items only! You may drop off items at the lower level of the church outside the parish office.

Baskets assembly will be held on Friday evening April 8th at 6:30 PM in the pastoral center, and we will pack the truck for delivery at 9:00 Saturday morning April 9th. Service hours will be awarded. Please Contact Allison at 908-635-4999. Thank you, Allison Samman.



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Monday, March 28th 4:00-8:00pm

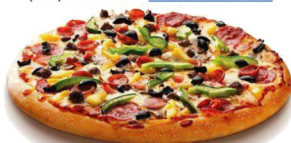
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Caring Basket Gala—Get 50/50 tickets this weekend!

Assumption College for Sisters is proud to announce the 2022 Caring Basket Gala honorees. Receiving the Family Life Award are Jeannine and BJ Agugliaro, the Servant Leader Award is presented to Joseph and Rita Gonnella, and Father Paul Manning will receive the Education Award. **Tune in to the Gala on March 31, 6:45pm**, to meet the honorees and glimpse into life at the college. Teach a Sister...touch the world! For more information: www.acs350.org

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The Challenge Club of St. James will be collecting gently worn shoes of all types: men's, women's, & children's. We can accept high-heels, boots, flip-flops, sneakers, soccer & football cleats, dress shoes, etc. Donations will help individuals in developing nations start and sustain small businesses to provide crucial necessities for their families. The sale of just one pair of shoes can provide five meals for a family in need and 30 pairs can generate enough income to send a child to school for a year! Please place your shoe donations in room five in the pastoral center through April 22nd.

Spirituality of Knitting and Needle-crafting Retreat—April 29-May 1

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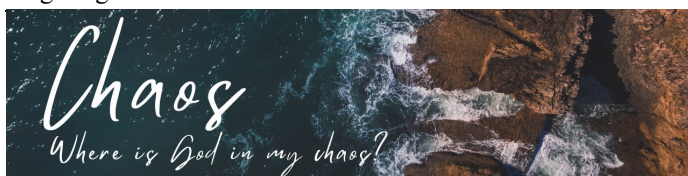
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**All High School teens are invited to join us on the
St. James Spring Retreat 2022!**

Saturday, April 2nd - Sunday, April 3rd | St. James Parish Center

Join us for: Talks and witnesses given by your peers
Small Group discussions | Time for Eucharistic Adoration and
other prayer moments | Opportunity for Confession
Awesome group games and activities!

To register, visit: boldym.com/sjbr/events

BOLD Girls Night

Monday, April 4th | 7:30-9:00pm | St. James Parish Center

Ladies, join us for a special night planned just for you!
Leave your burdens at the door and come into a place where
you belong; where you will hear truth and strengthen the bonds
of sisterhood; a place for your soul to come alive!
Will serve Fancy Waffles & Sparkling Cider!

Please RSVP at boldym.com/sjbr/events

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means,
"Little girl, I say to you, **ARISE!**" Mark 5:41

Questions about BOLD? Contact us!
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PreKindergarten - 3

The students in the 3-year-old class have been enjoying the new friendships they have formed. Since the New Year began, it has been a lot of fun as the children continue to grow and learn.



In language arts, Mrs. Karen Losada's and Mrs. Gina D'Amato's students continue to focus on a different letter and its sound each week. Every day is a different activity relating to the letter of the week, such as "show and share", writing practice, free play, and various crafts. The class is more than halfway through the alphabet already! The children have been working hard on spelling and writing their names and, this past month, began having fun with rhyming words.



In math, the students have been practicing their numbers through 12, making patterns, and cutting different shapes. They do all this while working on their fine motor skills. The children are also exploring one to one correspondence and rote counting.

In January and February, the students focused on various social studies and science facts. They celebrated Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and the 100th day of school. In January they discussed the four seasons and learned all about Winter, and animals in the Arctic and Antarctic. The children explored their 5 senses with experiments and fun hands on activities and spent most of the month of February discussing health, fitness, and exercise learning about the five food groups and how important it is to eat healthy. After discussing "Community Leaders" the students enjoyed a visit from two local EMT's who shared their special jobs and gave a tour of the ambulance!

Religion is a big part of the week at Saint James Preschool. The Lenten season has begun, and the students have been discussing how Lent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. They discussed the "3 pillars" of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Mrs. Losada and Mrs. D'Amato have helped the students explore ideas on how to practice these pillars, not just during Lent, but all the time.

The students and their teachers look forward to all that the Spring has to offer and growing in their faith each day. Saint James Pre-Kindergarten is a place where all children learn, play, and make new friends all year round. It is so much fun!



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Saint James School is looking for substitute teachers. For college students, only 60 college credit hours are required to apply. Please contact Carolanne Patetta at (908) 766-4774 x223 or cpatetta@sjbr.org for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

CHARITY 2022 LENTEN FRIDAY FAMILY FISH DINNER "TO-GO"

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

PICK-UP TIME: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

DINNER Pick-up LOCATION: @St. James Parish Center
184 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Classic Lenten Friday "Fish Bake" Dinner
Must order by Tuesday, April 5th

COMPLETE DINNER MENU ON BACK OF FLYER



Pre-ORDER & Pre-PAY at
<https://saintjamesbr.org/knights-of-columbus>

more event information at: *The Knights at* info@kofc2393.org
CONTACT: Marty Jawor DGK (973) 287-2499 or Tim Bradshaw (862) 812-2534
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CHARITIES benefitting from this event:

- Ridge Oak Senior Housing complimentary dinners for up to 20 vetted-needy senior citizen residents. (Goal: 20 dinners \$700.00);
- St James & OLPH Clergy - Complimentary Dinners (Goal 12 dinners \$420.00);
- K of C Council #2393 Centennial Celebration special charity project for Metuchen Diocese (\$6,000.00);
- K of C Council #2393-Special project to benefit St. James and/or OLPH Parish directed Ukraine fundraising. (Any amount welcome)

