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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)	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
908-766-0888, ext. 3

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 THIS WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services: MM3 Charles Boyle, USN, Capt. Timothy Knapp, USN, 2nd Lt. Mike Singer, USM, 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: Catherine Wessel, Barbara Holbrook, Nancy Vale, Robert Cimis, Jr., Bernadette Koch, Joetta Stula, Amy Lorio, Austin Carr, Chris Waryn, Agata Quinn, John Quiterio, Katie King, Ruven Hoffman, Lori Vaeth, Amy Nault, and Ruth Rovtar
 the mother of: Brenda Young Hilferty



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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am John DeBaie
requested by: The Persak Family
 9:00 am MaryAnn O'Rourke
requested by: Patricia and Richard Muisener
 10:30 am Terry Mulcahy
requested by: Jane and George Kendall
 12:00 pm The People of the Parish

MONDAY, May 16

7:00 am Scott Schachter
requested by: The Schachter Family

TUESDAY, May 17

7:00 am Mary DeFino
requested by: Carolyn Panetta
 8:00 am Doris Statakis
requested by: Al and Joan Patterson
 2:00 pm Fellowship Michele Ann Falcone
requested by: Robert Mulcahy

WEDNESDAY, May 18 St. John I

7:00 am Claire Harty
requested by: The King Family
 8:00 am Special Intentions of Regina Gallagher
requested by: The Breakfast Club

THURSDAY, May 19

7:00 am Edwin Schmall
requested by: Pat Lorenz
 8:00 am Deceased members of the Pasmore and Murtha Families
requested by: The Pasmore Family

FRIDAY, May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

7:00 am Mickey Schmitt
requested by: The Wilkins Family
 8:00 am Ed Brue
requested by: The Sinatra Family

SATURDAY, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Ortega and Dougherty Families
requested by: Ada and Dan Dougherty
 5:30 pm The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am John G. Valeri, MD
requested by: John Valeri, Jr.
 9:00 am Len Goulet
requested by: Judy Craig
 10:30 am Carol Trabalik and Joseph Oxx
requested by: Patty Siedler
 12:00 pm Orlando and Elaine Papaleo
requested by: Gina Kosakowski

A message from our Pastor...

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

My dear friends:

In the second reading today from the Book of Revelation, God promises to make all things new: The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." "I am making the whole of creation new." What a promise. How are we expected to live in a new order that God brought about by the raising of Jesus from the dead?

We find this answer in the gospel today. "Love one another." It is here that Jesus, in His farewell discourse at the Last Supper, lays down the principles that will guide us to live the new world order. The word "another" does not refer only to the Disciples of Christ, but it is an all encompassing irrespective of religious inclination, race, or background.

The love that Christ talks about is an identification mark. He says: "...by this love everyone will know that you are my disciples." The early Christian community lived this very well and attracted many converts. In the third century Tertullian noted in his work, *Apology* [39.7] "see how they love one another." Love is what defines a true disciple of Christ. The love of Christians for one another should be the distinguishing mark of the newness of life that Christ brings to his people by which the world recognizes us as followers of Jesus.

What is new about this commandment of Jesus to love one another? In the past other prophets spoke about love, but it was always in the context of family or the community of the person. Jesus extends it to all people. As Catholics, our knowledge of the Catechism must be centered within a relationship with Jesus and one another.

Jesus' teaching is consistent. It completes everything he has taught that loving each other is much more demanding. It is the test by which you and I will be judged by the world around us. Such a love makes us more credible, more effective instruments of God's transforming action that brings about a new heaven and a new earth that John speaks about in the Book of Revelation, wiping away all tears and removing pain from our midst. If we are credible witnesses, others will want to follow Jesus. If we truly love one another, then we will be able to encourage others to join us on our journey in this life to heaven.

Peace,

Msgr. Cronin

Parish Support: May 1 & 8, 2022

	2021	2022
Week 1	\$22,815.05	\$23,774.60
Week 2	\$22,419.05	\$25,582.60

100 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

To prepare for the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 19th, we will be having 100 hours of Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 1pm Tuesday, June 14th and continue through Saturday, June 18th, concluding with Benediction at 5pm before the Saturday evening 5:30 pm Mass. There will also be a Eucharistic procession at the end of 12pm Mass on Sunday June 19th. Please sign-up after Mass starting this weekend or through the link on the parish website.

Jesus is what gives life meaning and purpose, and He remains always present to us in the Eucharist. Let us celebrate Corpus Christi in a spirit of gratitude for Christ's continual presence in the Eucharist.

Deacon Ronal Vega-Pastrana
will be Ordained into the Holy Priesthood
on Saturday, June 11, 2022
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
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Tickets and bus sign ups available on the
parish website at 2:00 pm today.



Quo Vadis Days July 19-22, 2022

Young men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years—Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$344,000.00
Pledged to date: \$325,796.31 from 466 families
95% of Goal met!!!!

Calendar at a Glance

May 15: Sign ups for volunteering for HOME—as we house two homeless families in June.

May 15: Knights of Columbus Membership drive

May 16: St. James School golf outing at Fiddlers Elbow Country Club

May 16: Rosary for Peace at 3:00 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

May 17: Top of the Hill Gang meeting at 8:30 am in the parish library. All men 65 and over are welcome to attend.

May 17: Mass at Fellowship Village at 2:00 pm.

May 17: Knights of Columbus social meeting at 7:00 pm in the chapel hall. All Catholic men interested in membership are welcome to attend.

May 18: St. James Men of Charity meeting at 7:00 pm in rooms 1-2 in the pastoral center. All men interested in helping those in need are welcome to attend.

May 19: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the CHURCH.

May 22: The second collection will be for the Development of the People. The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

May 23: Rosary for Peace at 3:00 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

May 25: Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy day of Obligation, at 7:00 pm.

May 26: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation—Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

May 26: NO Eucharistic Adoration.

May 30: NO 7:00 am Mass. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am in the chapel.

May 30: The parish office will be closed.

May 30: NO Rosary for Peace

June 2: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the chapel.



HOME of Somerset County, Inc.

(formerly IHN – Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Need Volunteers the Week of June 19th – June 26th

The mission of HOME of Somerset County is to assist at-risk families to achieve and maintain independence through providing cohesive case management services. HOME partners with a network of religious congregations, which includes St James Church. **St James will host the HOME clients during the week June 19th through June 26th.** We expect to host two families in the program in June 2022. We will need St. James volunteers to provide the following services:

- Breakfast
- Dinner
- Fellowship
- Overnight

Sign up in the Narthex this weekend!

LOURDES EXPERIENCE

Gather for fellowship and an experiential presentation on Lourdes where you will learn about St. Bernadette, the messages given by Blessed Mother during the apparitions of 1858 and hear a firsthand witness of what it is like serving in the baths of Lourdes. Presentation given by Joanne Carey, member of the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes, France and permanent volunteer for the Marian Sanctuary in the baths of Lourdes. Opportunity for prayer and intercession is given.

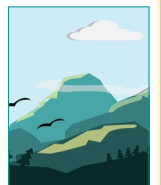
Tuesday, May 31st from 7-9pm

\$20-\$30 as you are able

website: www.msmhope.org. You may also call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org.

Please join the St. James Top of The Hill

Gang on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am in the parish library. The group is open to men 65 and over and is a wonderful opportunity to share wisdom, fellowship and a little humor with other men of faith.



Our Lady of Peace (OLP) Country Fair 2022

Our Lady of Peace Country Fair (111 South Street, New Providence) is May 18th, 6-10pm, May 19th, 6-10pm, May 20th, 11pm and May 21st, 1-11pm. DELICIOUS FOOD, GREAT RIDES, CRAFTERS, RAFFLES with awesome prizes, GAMES, 50/50 RAFFLE with only one winner and MUCH MORE. Tickets for the Giant 50/50 and deep discounted ride tickets (while supplies last) are on sale at the OLP Rectory until the week of the fair. Fun for the entire family!

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Life Choices is a center that provides counseling, baby supplies and ultrasound services to needy expectant mothers. Please fill the bottles with cash or checks made out to Life Choices and return them to St James on Father's Day weekend June 18-19. The St. James Respect Life Ministry thanks you for your generosity to families in need.

NEW JERSEY SAFE HAVEN LAW - Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24/7. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline - 1-877-839-2339 - and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.



Loss of a Child Prayer Service
Sunday, May 22nd at 2 PM

A time of prayer and remembrance for anyone who has ever grieved the loss of a child for any reason: failed adoption, giving up a child for adoption, abortion, estrangement, miscarriage, still birth, natural death at anytime before or after birth.

Church of the Little Flower
310 Plainfield Ave. Berkeley Heights, NJ

We are very blessed to have **Eucharistic Adoration** in our parish every Thursday from 8:30am to 3pm. Drop in when you can or sign up for a Thursday time slot, by contacting Steve Wetzal at skwpaw66@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

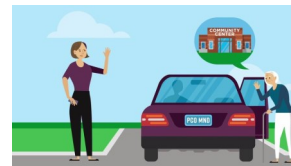


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**** Save the Date ****

Saturday, September 24, 2022

To conclude our 40th Anniversary Year, the Diocese of Metuchen will make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Our parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Basilica so that our parish members may join in this momentous occasion for our Diocese. More details will be forthcoming. Please consider joining us as we continue through this milestone year, a time of renewal and a time to recommit ourselves to the Lord in the Eucharist.



Transportation Ministry Re-awakening!

The Transportation Group at Saint James aspires to provide non-emergency rides for neighbors to and from Doctors, Hospitals, Dentists, Physical Therapists and Adult Day Care Centers within Bernards Township and immediate surrounding communities. We do this for neighbors who have no alternative means of transportation to necessary appointments.

- The need is great, we know from our past involvement that this can amount to over 1000 trips in a calendar year.
- The volunteer drivers provide friendly conversation and social engagement in addition to fulfilling basic needs by visiting the sick and comforting the afflicted as they drive our neighbors to their medical appointments. (Two of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy).
- We will focus our reawakening efforts towards Ridge Oak residents and members attending of the Atlantic Health Adult Day Center.
- We urgently seek volunteer drivers for weekday-daytime rides. The commitment is flexible, can be as little as once a month, and as often as you like. We match driver, vehicle type, and the need of the neighbor.

Please contact jack.mcartney@gmail.com to learn more, volunteer, or arrange a ride (Ridge Oak residents: contact Corey Hovanec at the Ridge Oak main office to coordinate your ride. Adult Day Center rides will be coordinated through their administrative office.

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GUYS NIGHT TNL

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BOLD ALUMNI NIGHT

(Parents, pass this along to your college and young adult kids!)

BOLD Alumni and Young Adults, are invited to kick off the summer with us and *Run to Jesus!*

Saturday, May 21st 5:30-10pm | St. James Church

Come out to meet up with old BOLD friends and meet some new ones from other parishes. We'll attend the 5:30pm Parish Mass, have dinner and spend time in prayer and fellowship.

To RSVP, please text Karen at 908-280-1865

BOLD SUMMER KICK-OFF

All High School teens, wear your favorite Hawaiian t-shirt and join us for tailgate snacks, lawn games, 9 Square and more as we kick off the summer with our annual Luau!

Monday, May 23rd | 7-8:30pm

St. James School Parking Lot

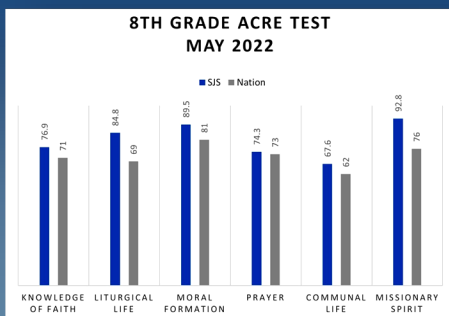
To RSVP and sign up to bring a snack to share, please visit boldym.com/sjbr/events

Questions about BOLD? Contact us!
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Saint James School participated in the ACRE assessment program. We are so proud to be part of the Catholic School system and of our eighth grade students, and we will continue to make the religious and theological preparation of our students a priority.

What is the ACRE? Since the late 1970's NCEA has offered assessment instruments designed to strengthen catechetical/religious education programs. The ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) helps schools, parishes and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools. As an integrated assessment tool, ACRE provides faith knowledge questions (cognitive domain) and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions (affective domain). This tool provides national scores for comparison and processes for tracking religious education program data over time.



2nd Grade

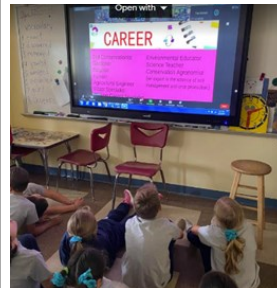
The spring is always a special time for Mrs. Elaine Comer's and Ms. Jean Feely's second graders! Most recently, and on a beautifully sunny morning, the

children celebrated their First Holy Communion. A few days later, they led the school in crowning the Blessed Mother and praying a decade of the Rosary. The students were so very proud to lead this prayer service!



Recent academic highlights include a focus on geometry and measurement in math class. In fact, the students measured their path to Mrs. Florendo's office!

In social studies, the second graders have spent the year working through but very much beyond their textbooks, studying topics such as Native Americans, world landmarks, US presidents, and other countries' cultures.



In science, the children focused on weather, including cloud types and the water cycle. Most recently, the students have been studying plants. During a recent lab, students collected examples of fibrous and tap roots found around the school campus. They observed and sketched the roots before examining a cross

section of one under a microscope. The students also participated in a project-based learning seminar, via Zoom, where they joined students from across the country to learn about rain gardens! After, students planted a variety of seeds, using recycled materials as planters.



The year is not over, yet, and the teachers have so much more planned for our curious, hardworking 2nd graders, whom they have grown to love so much! Please stay tuned as the learning and fun is boundless in Saint James School's 2nd Grade!

