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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:	Sunday
5:30 PM (Vigil)	7:30 AM
	9:00 AM
	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 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services:

MM3 Charles Boyle, USN, Capt. Timothy Knapp, USN, 2nd Lt. Mike Singer, USM, 1st Lt. Emma Altonji, USA, Cpt. Aaron Reed, USA, SSGT Andrew Ludwig USAF, Gen. Farrell Sullivan, USMC; Col. Brendan Sullivan, USMC, CPT Ryan Gutshall, SGT Anthony Donatelli, 2nd Lt. Ryan P. Waters, USMC

Our loved ones: Wyatt Pieper, Rob Davies, Melissa Curtis Wadley, Dana Ludwig, Lynn Frazier, Jean Gorzkowski, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Meisha Hunter, Jim Indiveri, Catherine Wessel, Joetta Stula, Austin Carr, Chris Waryn, Agata Quinn, John Quiterio, Katie King, Ruven Hoffman, Lori Vaeth, and Ruth Rovtar, Patrick Mellin, nephew of Kathy and Charles Wasilewski, Lynn Burdick, Rich DePoortere, Connie Siceloff, Cynthia Marzulli, Bob Cottingham, Rosa Perrella, & Betty Franceus, mother of Joseph Franceus

Prayers for the Deceased

Anna Yurkovich

Joseph M. Spadaro

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, May 14 Our Lady of Fatima

7:30am	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Paula Pope
requested by	<i>The LaRocca family</i>
10:30am	Special Intention for Kathryn Zellweger
requested by	<i>John & Maureen Zellweger</i>
12:00pm	Carol Trabalik & Joe Oxx
requested by:	<i>Jack & Patty Siedler</i>

MONDAY, May 15 St. Isidore

7:00am	Joan Young
requested by:	<i>Mary Chabak</i>

TUESDAY, May 16

7:00am	Louis & Anna Marie Ferdinand
requested by:	<i>Jack and Dolores Durso</i>
8:00am	Special Intentions of Maureen Zellweger
requested by:	<i>Eric and Kelly Zellweger</i>
2:00 pm Fellowship	Lily Lang
requested by:	<i>Paul, Carol, Widette and families</i>

WEDNESDAY, May 17

7:00am	Rosemarie Quinn
requested by:	<i>Alicia and Kimberly Quinn</i>
8:00am	James Rooney
requested by:	<i>Angela and Rich Hammer</i>

THURSDAY, May 18 St. John, I

7:00am	George Neumann
requested by:	<i>Tom and Peg Carton</i>
8:00am	Maria Etta Bartoli
requested by:	<i>Maisie DePalma</i>

FRIDAY, May 19

7:00am	Fran Durso
requested by:	<i>Mary Jane McNally</i>
8:00am	Ed Hartnett
requested by:	<i>Nancy Hannaford</i>

SATURDAY, May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

8:00am	Lauren Mulcahy
requested by:	<i>Friend of the Family</i>
5:30pm	Ed Brue
requested by:	<i>Gloria Gajewski</i>

SUNDAY, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am	Fran Durso
requested by:	<i>Patty Hayek</i>
9:00am	The People of the Parish
10:30am	George Michinard
requested by:	<i>Al and Joan Patterson</i>
12:00pm	Anna Milowska
requested by:	<i>The Milowska Family</i>

A message from our Pastor...

Our coach strengthens us.

My dear parishioners:

The word Paraclete may best be described as a coach. The Paraclete is by our side, to instruct and correct us when we make mistakes, to encourage and motivate us when we feel down, to challenge and inspire us to be the best we can be, to defend us and fight for our rights. Why do we need a Paraclete? Left on our own, we are prone to mistakes and errors. Human beings always need help.

The Paraclete is present to remind us of the teachings of Jesus, to guide the Church, and to remain forever with the community of Jesus' disciples. The Advocate is the abiding presence of the risen Lord Jesus with the believer forever.

These are the four variations of the same truth.

1. Mark's gospel assures his readers that Jesus continued to work through his disciples.
2. Matthew's gospel ends with the words, "I am with you always."
3. Luke concludes with "I am sending the promise of the Father upon you."
4. John declares that the Father will give another Advocate to be with us always.

In this week's Gospel, which takes place at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals that he is leaving them. The disciples' interpretation was that he was abandoning them. They were assured that he was not abandoning them, but rather he was going to remain and send the Paraclete, the coach, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit then joins us to Jesus Christ and claims us as God's own children.

God saves us through the Sacrament of Baptism, not by our actions. Our liturgy says Baptism is Christ's gift. It is the sign by which the Spirit of God joins people to Jesus Christ and incorporates them into his body, the Church. By water and the Spirit we are claimed as God's own and we are set free from the power of sin and death. Thus, claimed by God, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Once baptized, we enter into a life in which we grow in union with the Spirit of God.

The risen Jesus' continued presence in the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all. We are therefore not abandoned. He remains with us always.

Jesus explained that the Advocate would also serve as a witness, testifying to him and to the truth (15:26-27) and as a judge or prosecutor convicting the world of sin (16:8.) The presence of the Holy Spirit is a permanent, real experience of God that we receive in Baptism and Confirmation. The presence of God's Holy Spirit strengthens and enlightens us to fulfill our mission on earth.

The Holy Spirit helps us to discern the value of all things in relation to God's wisdom. The Spirit strengthens us to acknowledge God as Lord and Creator. We receive strength in spite of obstacles and persecution.

Jesus, who has given so much, indeed his all, now gives another gift: the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete that keeps the giving going. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote about this never-ending giving in his Summa Theologica (1a.38.2): "A gift is freely given, and expects no return, its reason is love. What is first given is love; that is the first gift. The Holy Spirit comes forth as the substance of love."

We are therefore not abandoned as the disciples feared. We are strengthened through the never-ending gift, the Holy Spirit, the coach that stands beside us so we may become the face, hands, heart and body of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

God bless you,
Msgr. Cronin

St. James Parish Administrative Assistant Open Position:

Supports the day-to-day operations of the parish, interacts with the parish community at -large, including clergy, religious sisters, parish ministries, diocesan staff, school personnel, and act as a confidential secretary to the Pastor. Manages scheduling, performs general office duties, maintains electronic communications. Please contact:

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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 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 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Our parish goal: \$344,000.00
Pledged to date: \$288,427.50
Percentage of goal: 84%
from 486 families



Mother's Day Gift

With Mother's Day fast approaching, why not give your wife and yourself the special gift of a Marriage Enrichment Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held July 14 - 16. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Calendar at a Glance

May 14: Share Your Bread , our monthly collection of non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank of New Brunswick. Thank you for your continued support.

May 14: Monthly Blood Drive in the chapel auditorium from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

May 14: Journey From Grief to Healing from 1:00-2:30 PM in the parish library

May 15: Rosary for Peace 3:00 PM in the chapel

May 16: Top of the Hill Gang meeting at 8:30 AM in the parish library. All men 65 and over are welcome to attend.

May 16: Mass at Fellowship Village at 2:00 pm

May 16: The Knights of Columbus meeting will be held offsite at Stumpy's Ax Throwing on Rt. 22 in Greenbrook. See page 5 for details.

May 18: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM in the chapel

May 19: Blankets of Blessings in the parish library from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM—Join us as we knit or crochet blankets for babies and the homebound.

May 20: The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

May 22: Rosary for Peace 3:00 PM in the chapel

May 22: BOLD Youth Ministry closing BBQ from 7:00—9:00 pm.

May 26: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM in the chapel

May 29: No 7:00 am Mass. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

Rosary for Peace



Mondays at 3:00 pm in the chapel

All are welcome

Pray for peace in our world, country, and our families



St. James School of Religion Programs

St. James School of Religion Registration is open **May 14th – June 4th**. Please visit the parish website. (saintjamesbr.org; Spiritual Resources; Saint James School of Religion) to obtain the forms.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Missionary Disciples or Family Center Catechesis Programs, please contact Sister Annelyth at reled@saintjamesbr.org or Beth Palluzzi at familycatechesis@saintjamesbr.org.

Share Your Bread



Non-perishable food items collected for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry in New Brunswick every third Sunday of the month, thank you for your continued support!



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St. James RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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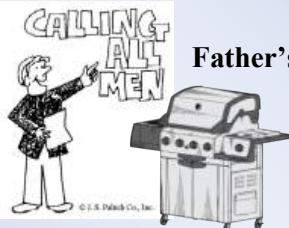
Our mission is to be a Faith Community centered in the Eucharist, proclaiming Christ's message of love and service, and living as true disciples of Christ.

Divine Mercy

You are invited to join in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the third Friday of each month at 3:00 pm in the Chapel.



Jesus, we place our trust in You!



**Men of St. James
Father's Day Mini Retreat and BBQ**

All Men of the parish are invited to attend the Men of St. James Father's Day Mini-Retreat and (hosted by the Men of Charity) on Friday, June 9th at 7:00 pm under the tent in front of the rectory. Our guest speaker will be Justin Anderson, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology at Seton Hall University.

We all want to be better fathers and better men of character, so come and join us for 3 hours of Hope, Encouragement, and Power! Please bring your male family members, friends, and neighbors. All father and son attendees are encouraged to attend. To sign up, or for more information, email Terry Conley at terryconley@me.com (or call 973-464-5536)



Knights of Columbus Council #2393 Social Event

**Tuesday, May 16th Time: 7PM - 9PM
Stumpy's Hatchet House, Green Brook NJ**

\$40 per person and includes food and beverages paid for by Council #2393



Join us for a night of axe throwing and fellowship with your fellow brother St. James parishioners.

All skill levels are welcome!

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to build community and have fun.

RSVP now and we'll see you there!

Calling All 7th Grade Girls! What is Villa Walsh Academy really like? Come see for yourself! You're invited to be a Villa Girl for a Day on Friday, May 19th from 12 noon - 2:45 pm. Your experience begins with a delicious lunch in our cafe, followed by an afternoon of fun – attend unique classes, meet our amazing educators, and get to know our current students. Come see what all the excitement is about and learn first hand what it's really like to be a Villa Girl! We can't wait to meet you! Please go to www.villawalsh.org and register today!



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.

**Mount Saint Mary's House of Prayer
FROM HEART TO PEN TO GOD:
THE CHRISTIAN PRACTICE OF JOURNALING**

Wednesday, June 14 AND 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Come explore the Christian practice of prayerful journaling! This prayer practice helps us express what lies deep in our hearts—leading to deeper union with Christ and knowledge of self. Journaling is a great accompaniment to your current prayer style, as well as a great way to move us along when we experience any staleness or lull in our prayer lives. (\$40-\$50 as you are able)

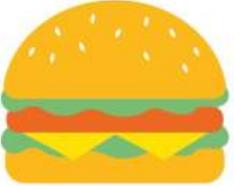
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BOLD Youth Ministry

High School TNL on Mary
BLUE PARTY
Monday, May 15th | 7:30-9pm
St. James Parish Center



High School **End of the Year Event**
Closing BBQ
Monday, May 22nd
7-9pm



Join the leadership team for BOLD,
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Questions about BOLD? Contact us!
Brian Flanagan at StJames@boldym.com

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St. James School News



Mrs. Karen Losada's and Mrs. Nancy Negri's first graders are having a wonderful school year!

This month in **language arts** we have been focusing on phonics and the different vowel blends. In grammar we have been working on the four different types of sentences and how to make a complete sentence. In first grade we love to brainstorm on how to add detail and excitement to our writing by using adjectives, adverbs, and prepositional phrases!

In **math**, we are extending our counting to 120. As we practice counting by 5s and 10s, we notice patterns on our number charts. Geometry is so fun in first grade! We love our shapes and have been discussing the attributes of both 2D and 3D shapes.

In **science**, we are learning all about Earth's resources and how scientists classify them into groups. We have been brainstorming on how we can keep the Earth beautiful with the 3 R's-, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! In honor of Earth Day, our students went outside to clean up our school grounds as part of our SJS community service!

In **social studies**, we just concluded our latest project-based learning (PBL) activity on Economics. The first grade worked hard all month and then we opened a "Candy Store" to fellow SJS students. Wow! It was so fun and we learned a lot. Our PBL activity comprised of not only social studies, but math, art, and of course, religion as we donated all our proceeds and left over candy to those in need as our Lenten Service Project.

In **religion**, we focused on the season of Lent. We have been discussing the importance of prayer, kindness, and making sacrifices and promises. We learned about the sacrifices Jesus made for us as we prayed at the Stations of the Cross each Friday during the Lenten Season. We look forward to celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Tiddbits

"My three year old son kept asking why the Blessed Mother loved swimming. How did she learn how to swim and why do we talk about it all the time? We could not figure out what he was talking about until he threw up his hands and said, 'Blessed art thou among swimmin'!"



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