



# Saint James Church

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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

<b>Saturday Evening:</b> 5:30 PM (Vigil)	<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM live stream 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon
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### Weekdays:

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass  
 in the Chapel Confessional

## 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.

## St. James School

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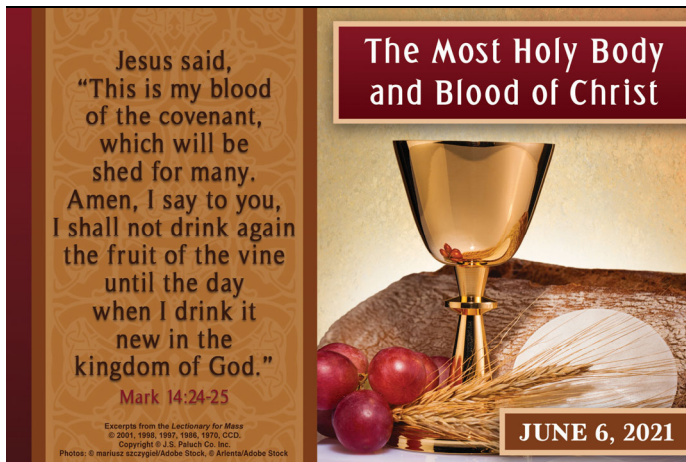
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**Parish Website: [www.saintjamesbr.org](http://www.saintjamesbr.org)**



## Prayers for the Deceased

David Bartz

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SUNDAY, June 6 *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

7:30 am The People of the Parish  
 9:00 am Louis and Helen Martinez  
*requested by: Mary Jane McNally*  
 10:30 am Dolores Graham  
*requested by: Tony Graham and children*  
 12:00 pm Michael J. and Sandra D. Carbone  
*requested by: The Carbone Family*

### MONDAY, June 7

7:00 am Dr. Bienvenido Duarte  
*requested by: The Duarte Family*

### TUESDAY, June 8

7:00 am Philomena DeAngelo  
*requested by: Carolyn Panetta*  
 8:00 am Robert Closkey, Jr.  
*requested by: Luke and Maureen Hally*  
 10:30 am Sunrise Elizabeth Anne Adams Stites  
*requested by: Art Attonito*

### WEDNESDAY, June 9 *St. Ephram*

7:00 am Christine Sybel  
*requested by: Al and Joan Patterson*  
 8:00 am Mary Hally Shortall  
*requested by: Kathy and Terry Gunning*

### THURSDAY, June 10

7:00 am Stephen and Holly Ann Hornyak  
*requested by: Alberta Hornyak*  
 8:00 am James L. Frame  
*requested by: The Davies Family*

### FRIDAY, June 11 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

7:00 am Special Intentions of  
 Deacon Tom Klaas  
*requested by: Linda Riordan*  
 8:00 am John Rooney  
*requested by: The Rooney Family*

### SATURDAY, June 12 *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

8:00 am Ryan McAdam  
*requested by: The McAdam Family*  
 5:30 pm Emil Belleza  
*requested by: The Aiello Family*

### SUNDAY, June 13

7:30 am Scott Schachter  
*requested by: The Schachter Family*  
 9:00 am In Celebration of the Wedding  
 Anniversary of Meghan &  
 Jonathan Dougherty Currie  
*requested by: The Dougherty Family*  
 10:30 am The People of the Parish  
 12:00 pm Fausto Alarcon  
*requested by: The Alarcon Family*

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135;  
 Mt 5:13-16  
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
 Mt 5:20-26  
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6;  
 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37  
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51  
 Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;  
 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

## Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services: 2nd Lt. Emma Altonji, USA, 1st 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, Lt. Col. Jeff Bogle, USMC, USN Cmdr. Timothy Knapp, RCT James Joseph Curley, Corpsman Tony Ferrara, EMT USN

Our loved ones: Richard Kuchera, Regina Gallagher, Pat Nelson, Nancy Singer, Jack O'Brien, Ed Hartnett, Katie King, Deacon Tom Klaas, Luis Etcharren, Lori Vaeth, Deacon Luke Hally, Sofia Rose Barile, Amy Nault, Ruven Hoffman, Jason Haviland, Joseph Franceus, Blandine Nembo, Rose Marie Miciak, baby Freya Wilkinson, Robert J. Cimi, Jr., Patricia Kennedy, Caroline Marie Hugman, Gerry Beaudry, Joetta Stula, Marcella Strutt, Bob Puglise, Linda Wittman, Victoriano Alvarez, Sally Asher, Margie Bohrmann, Samantha Worob, Michael Tallon, David Kraus, Martin Feinberg, Chris de Poortere, Richie de Poortere, Jr., Faith Beaudry, Marlene Cababe, Lynn Frazier, Courtney Tisdale, Rosa Perrella, Annette & Anthony Ferrara, and Vera LiPuma

Mothers of: Donna Nafie, Debbie Cortese, Margaret Hoffman, Susie McGeough and Joseph Franceus  
 Father of: Joseph Franceus  
 Sisters of: Lisa Pensevene  
 Daughter of: Esther Scerbo

## A message from our Pastor...

My dear parishioners:

A call to the young men of our parish (14-17 year old):

I received the letter below from Bishop Checchio and wanted to pass it along to you. May I ask you to truly consider making the Quo Vadis (Where are you Going) retreat from June 22- 24, 2021, at St. Bernard Church, Bridgewater, NJ? If it ever passed your mind to consider being a priest, this retreat may help The Call to grow, or it may help you to discern other vocations. Please consider this correspondence as my personal invitation to you to make the retreat.

God bless you,

Msgr. Cronin



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May 19, 2021

Dear Monsignor/Father:

I hope that your Easter season was a blessed one. It is indeed a time of grace and opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. When we experience God's Mercy, and the power of Jesus' Resurrection, we are moved to become joyful heralds of His Gospel and truly take on the heart of Christ in loving others, especially the poor and all those entrusted to our pastoral care.

As we can certainly see around us, more than ever before, the world needs to hear and to embrace the victory that is given to us in Jesus. And in order to do this, the Church needs more men to respond to the call of the priesthood to proclaim the joy of the Gospel.

The priesthood, though challenging in these days, is also an awesome life. Those who may be discerning the priesthood need to find moments of prayer and reflection to foster Christ's call within them. There must be an effort made by those who may be interested in the priesthood to place themselves before the Eucharist, to pray with other young men who also feel that they too are hearing the call, and the time to form fraternity and fellowship in order to support the discernment journey of one another.

As you already heard from Fr. Mauricio, this summer the Office of Vocations is planning a discernment retreat for young men (ages 14-17) entitled, "Quo Vadis?" It will be held from June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Bridgewater. This program is very important because it provides the vocations office with a continually refreshed list of individuals to focus some of our efforts. Our Quo Vadis retreats in 2018 and 2019 were a success! Last year because of the pandemic we had to cancel it. This year, even though it is still a challenge because of the same pandemic, we are able to plan it in a way which will be safe and convenient for all involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you thanks; it would not be possible without your help. Please keep in mind that if you send any young men to this retreat or any other vocational group, it does not mean you are sending them to seminary. These initiatives are just opportunities to teach them how to pray, listen, discern, and how to respond to God.

I ask you to please promote this year's retreat by personally inviting men from your parish to attend. We share the responsibility for encouraging and promoting priestly vocations. Your role in your parish is the best tool we have to inspire young men to consider the diocesan priesthood.

Thank you again for all your work in ministering the people of God during these difficult times. Let us ask God to bless our diocese with many and holy vocations to serve as our collaborators in the holy priesthood. Know of my love, gratitude and prayers for you.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

## Welcome New Parishioners...

*It is with great joy that we welcome  
the following families  
who joined our parish in May:*

Kathleen Beale  
Kristen Brady  
Marc and Yasmine Digiovani  
Loubart and Mariya Fok  
Evan and Megan Gates  
Heike Grajales  
Steven and Kristin Klonfas  
Rolando and Gabriela Morales Perez  
Chester Patterson  
Krista Underhill  
Nick Witczak



**2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
**Transformed by Christ's Body and Blood -**  
*Sent on Mission to Light a Fire  
in the Heart of the Church*

**Our Parish Goal: \$344,000.00**

**Pledged: \$268,819.65**

**Donors: 404 families**

**% to goal: 78%**

**(Our parish will receive 50% of monies donated over our goal to be used to installing video equipment in the church for Evangelization and livestreaming.)**

**Find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

We are very blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration in our parish every Thursday from 8:30am to 3pm. In order for this precious time to continue, we need more volunteers to sign up for an hour to keep Our Lord company. The graces that flow to us personally and as a community are immeasurable.



To sign up, please contact:  
 Terry Coughlin [tbcough@aol.com](mailto:tbcough@aol.com)  
 Steve Wetzel [skwpaw66@gmail.com](mailto:skwpaw66@gmail.com)  
 Cecille Zalamea [cecillez@gmail.com](mailto:cecillez@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



**CATECHISTS NEEDED  
 FOR  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
*"Go make disciples and  
 teach everything that I have  
 commanded you."  
 (Matthew 28:19-20)*

A message from our Catechist, Aimee DiMeo-Fine:  
**"God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called."**  
 As a first grade catechist for several years, I strongly agree with this message. I didn't know what CCD would look like this past year and was not entirely sure I wanted to be a part of it. Everything else going on in the world seemed like enough to deal with. But after taking that leap into the unknown, God certainly made sure I was qualified. Even though we have seen many changes to the traditional CCD program, there have been so many positives! The online system we are using is fantastic. Lessons include art, music and even games. Students have the freedom to complete each week's lesson at their own pace. We also had Zoom calls that brought so many smiles to my face! Next year will bring even more changes to the program, but I know that God will give us the qualification we need. Please prayerfully consider being a catechist or volunteer. Thank you.

**Contact: Religious Education Office**  
 908-766-4774 Ext. 230  
[stjamesccdsec@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesccdsec@gmail.com)

**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.

## Calendar at a Glance

June 6: The 7:30 am Mass will be celebrated in person once again.

June 6: The second collection will be for Father's Day Memorials.

June 6: Car Wash sponsored by BOLD Youth Ministry from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the school parking lot. Drop your car off before Mass and it will be ready when you come out. Proceeds will benefit their summer mission trip.

June 8: Mass at Sunrise Assisted Living at 10:30 am

June 10: Eucharistic Adoration from **8:30 am** to 3:00 pm in the chapel.

June 11: Men's Mini Retreat and father's day BBQ at 6:30 pm. Details on page five

June 13: Festival on the Ridge sponsored by St. James School from 1:00—5:00 pm in the parking lot. Please park towards the chapel for the 10:30 and 12 noon Masses.

June 14: Women's Ministry gathering at 7:00 pm in rooms 1 & 2 in the pastoral center. Regina DePrima, Cecille Zalamea, Carol Spina, and Andrea Chiafullo will reflect on this year's theme, "Spiritual First Aid Kit".

June 15: Mass at Fellowship Village at 2:00 pm

June 15: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 5:30 pm in the church. Please pray for our 8th grade students as they receive their Confirmation.

June 17: Eucharistic Adoration from **8:30 am** to 3:00 pm in the chapel.


June 17: School Liturgy at 10:15 am in the church. All are welcome.

June 18: The parish office will be closed.

June 18: Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

### Parish Support: May 30, 2021

	2019	2020	2021
weekly	\$25,349.20	pandemic	\$23,322.32
Catholic Communications	\$5129.00	\$2597.00	\$3019.00



**ST. JAMES BOLD YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**CAR WASH Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, June 6th**  
**7:30am - 1:30pm | SJS Parking Lot**

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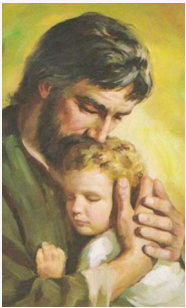
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**Summer Kick-off Luau!**

**WHO:** All in High School and their friends  
**WHAT:** Luau party | BBQ Food | Games  
 Friends | S'mores  
**WHERE:** St. James Youth Center Parking lot  
**WHEN:** Monday, June 7th | 7-9pm  
**WHY:** To celebrate an awesome year and  
 welcome the summer!

RSVP AT [BOLDYM.COM/SJBR/EVENTS](http://BOLDYM.COM/SJBR/EVENTS)  
 OR TEXT KAREN THECKSTON AT 908-280-1865  
 BRIAN FLANAGAN AT 973-946-8700

The driveway and apron from South Maple Avenue up to our parking lot is being repaired and repaved beginning Monday, June 14th, and will hopefully be completed on Friday June 18th. A parishioner, Michael Giordano, has been awarded the job. Michael has given his time, talent and treasure to our parish for years. Thank you, Michael, for making this happen for our parish family.



**Prayer to Saint Joseph**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted  
 his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil.  
 Amen.

--Pope Francis

**Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, & one Glory Be**

**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 barbeque (hosted by the Men of Charity) on Friday, June 11th from 6:30-9:30 pm on the lawn of the new rectory. Our guest speaker will be Joe Gelchion, a former senior executive at Starwood Hotels, a Notre Dame parent and former employee, Actor and Producer. He will discuss his gradual understanding of his vocation as a husband and father, and his radical trust in God's plan for his life.

We all want to be better fathers and better men of character, so come and join us for 3 hours of Hope and Encouragement! Fathers and their teenage sons are strongly encouraged to attend this event together

**To sign up, or for more information,  
 email Terry Conley at [terryconley@me.com](mailto:terryconley@me.com)  
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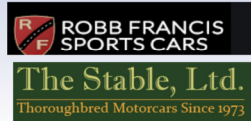
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This year in social studies the 4th graders learned all about New Jersey. Now they are studying the different regions of the United States. Students grew closer to God this year exploring each of the ten commandments in religion, the parts of mass, and prayers.

Miss Leyhan's students are finishing reading The Lemonade Wars. Miss Greenstone's students just finished reading Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible. The fourth graders have worked hard this year learning about figurative language and critical text analysis.

In math we have been focusing on Geometry, learning about angles and shape classification. This year the students studied fractions, long division, and problem solving.

This year in science the 4th graders learned about engineering, plants and animals, weather, space, energy, and electricity. Some of the favorite experiments in Miss Greenstone's class were engineering mouse mazes and creating "snow." In Miss Leyhan's class the students enjoyed creating electrical circuits and experimenting with insulators and conductors.

We cannot wait for the summer to start and are looking forward to next year at Saint James School!

### Advancement News

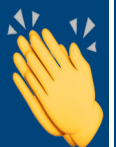
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