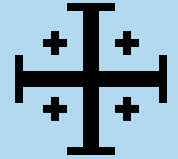
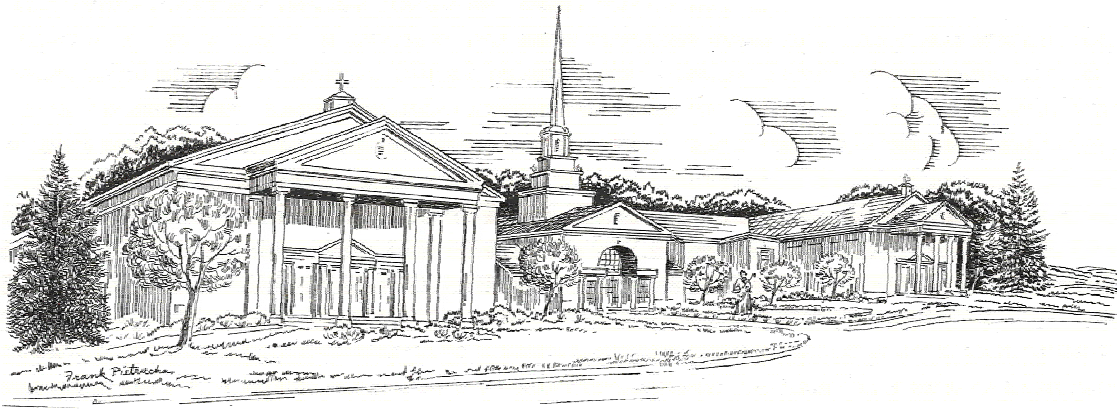


The Church of SAINT JAMES



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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:

5:30 PM (Vigil)

Sunday:

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:00am in the Sept. 11th Oratory;

Saturdays 4:00pm—5:00pm in the Church

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.

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012**

It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.
— *Isaiah 43:25*



Kyle Robert Chester
son of Jeffrey Chester and Megan Morrison Chester



Members of our Armed Services, (especially SSgt. Steven Morris, Capt.

Robert Emmons, SSgt. James Miervaldis, and Lt. Thomas Comer, all stationed in Afghanistan), Matthew Harms, Gerard Malanga, Hank Kelly, Mary Hally Shortall, Marie Johnson, Kelly Kearney Gibbons, Bill Parkinson, David Hilferty, Kaitlin Keefe, Owen Anderson, Chester Pogorzelski, Annemarie Cooney, Thomas Mahala, Edith Sorrell, Baby Liam Blair, the family of Ana and Carl Giordano, Tom Kvederas, Bill Waldron, Margo Kelker, Bobbi McGill, Edward Garthwaite, Anthony Piccolo and family, Henry Cyr, Richard dePoortere, Jr., Tillie McHugh, Cheryl Scarborough, Barbara White, Bob Closkey, Annabella Biondo, Anne Stack, June Starr, Judy and Ken Klasek, Elaine Smith, Madeline Solomon, Cynthia Alvine, Bob Bierman, Danielle Holmes, Lynn Kelker, Kate Kelker, Kimberly Tisdale, Ruthann Loya, Joseph Loya, Cornelius Flannery, Jacquie Washburn, Steve de Poortere, Katelynn Rose Fortenbacher, William Reid, and Kathy Kelleher

Mothers of: Mary Vaccarello, Joanne MacGillivray, Laura Mertz, Chris Jones, and Maureen Hally
Fathers of: Carolanne Patetta, Greg Mayer, Joseph Franceus and Paula Axt
Sisters of: Jody D'Agostini and Jill Potdevin, Owen Ryan, and Mary Duhaime

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



SUNDAY, February 19

7:30am Kevin Herron
requested by: The Furst Family
9:00am Ann Burkholder
requested by: The McCarthy Family
10:30am Marianne Roth
requested by: St. James Choir
12:00Noon Maria Nelly Alvarez
requested by: The Alvarez Family

MONDAY, February 20

7:00am Thomas Ekberg
requested by: The Gronske Family
No 8:00am Mass

TUESDAY, February 21 St. Peter Damian

7:00am Thomas Mellin
requested by: The Wasilewski Family
8:00am John O'Donnell
requested by: The Maffey Family

WEDNESDAY, February 22 Ash Wednesday

6:30am Gary Cronin
requested by: Sandra Sullivan
8:00am Louise Heinold
requested by: The Salaki Family
10:30am Frank Condon
requested by: Knapp, Mamary, Corbet and Peres families
7:00PM Anne Lampert
requested by: Pat and Joyce Keany

THURSDAY, February 23 St. Polycarp

7:00am Andrew Ondish
requested by: Elaine and Larry Cherney
8:00am Mary Bunsa
requested by: The Bunsu Family

FRIDAY, February 24

7:00am Jean Madigan
requested by: Jack and Dolores Durso
8:00am Charlotte Matticola
requested by: Anna Morris

SATURDAY, February 25

8:00am Ralph Biase
requested by: Grace Scocca
5:30pm Jeffrey Chapin
requested by: The Bartley/ Potdevin Family

SUNDAY, February 26

7:30am Jeffrey Chapin
requested by: The Siegert Family
9:00am Michael O'Neill
requested by: The Reigler Family
10:30am Josephine Marino
requested by: Fr. Glenn
12:00PM The People of the Parish





Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. While many of you will be away on vacation during the school "winter break," please remember that Lent begins this Wednesday. If you cannot get ashes, do not get bent out of shape because ashes are not required. In fact, Ash Wednesday is the debut of Lent, but it is not a holy day of obligation. Catholics are encouraged to receive Ashes as a sign of their desire to "repent and believe the Gospel," (the new formula used in the imposition of ashes); however, it is more important to observe the Season of Lent in some way than it is to receive Ashes and then do nothing. I would prefer people make an effort to change their lives for the better by incorporating something physical (such as adding exercise to their daily regime; fasting from something they enjoy eating or drinking) and something spiritual (such as reading the Scriptures, the lives of Saints, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross). The whole point of the Season of Lent is to prepare us to celebrate Easter worthily and also to prepare for Judgment, "for we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man shall return." It is a season set aside by the Church when the faithful are encouraged to do all they can to grow in holiness, frequent the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and change whatever it is about themselves which is keeping them from being in good standing with God and his Church. If you are away this week, have a nice vacation—if you can't get to Church on Ash Wednesday, don't sweat it: we'll be waiting for you!

In Corde Jesu,
Fr. Glenn

Parish Support - February 12, 2012
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	2011	2012
Weekly	\$26,237.00	\$30,151.00
Development of Peoples	\$7,059.00	\$6,917.00

Faith Direct Automated Giving
For secure online enrollment, go to www.faithdirect.net.
Our parish code is NJ331.

Or you may call the parish office to request a mail-in enrollment form. Questions or concerns can be directed to Faith Direct at 866-507-8757.

Sunday, February 19

Share Your Bread our monthly collection of non-perishable food items helps to stock the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank in new Brunswick.

Teen Mass for February has been cancelled.

Monday, February 20

The Parish office will be closed.

No Rosary for Peace

Tuesday, February 21

Top of the Hill Gang Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the parish library. All men 65 and over are welcome.

Knights of Columbus meet in Council Hall.

Wednesday, February 22



A day of fast and abstinence

6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses in the Church
12:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Services of the Word in the Church

Thursday, February 23

Eucharistic Exposition from 8:30am to 5:30pm in the Chapel. Come spend some time in Christ's presence.

Friday, February 24

A Day of Abstinence—see Lenten Instructions/ pg. 5 Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Single Hopeful Hearts gathering at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. See page six for details.

Saturday, February 25

Saturday Morning Men's Prayer at 7:15am in the Church. All men are welcome.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

This program is offered as a support for newly widowed persons and/or adults who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. The group will be meeting Wednesdays for 8 weeks in room 6 in the Pastoral Center, beginning on March 7, 2012 from 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Please contact: Barbara Burger at (908) 580-1522 or barblburg@gmail.com. There is no fee. Pre-registration is required.

Coming Events

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February 28: Mass at Fellowship Village at 2:00 p.m.

March 2-4: High School Antioch Retreat—Applications can be found in the Narthex and on the parish website.

March 2: Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

March 2: Caring for Kathy Beach Party fund raiser in the school gym. See page six for details.

March 3: Help the Rosary Altar Society clean the Church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a vacuum or a bucket and rags. Service hours given.

March 5: Ss. Joachim and Anne Society meeting with guest speaker at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel Auditorium.

March 5: Rosary Altar Society Mass and Night of Reflection at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Chapel Auditorium. All are welcome.

March 6: Knights of Columbus meet in Council Hall.

March 7: Bereavement Support group "A Journey through Grief" begins its 8 week sessions at 7:00 pm. in the parish library. See page three for details.

March 9: Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

March 9: Monthly Cursillo Meeting, (Ultreya), will be held in Rooms 1-2 at 7:30 PM in the pastoral center. Come and join us for Piety, Study, and Action. Everyone welcome. Remember to bring some cookies, water, etc. for fellowship afterward. De Colores !

March 11: Scout Mass at the 12:00 noon Mass followed by a light reception in the multipurpose room.

March 12: Women's Ministry Gathering at 8:00 p.m. in rooms 1-2 in the pastoral center. Our theme this year is "*The Way of Love*" 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. Dorothy Pietrucha will speak on "Love Endures All Things...Love Never Fails" All women are welcome!

March 13: Mass at Sunrise Assisted Living at 2:00 p.m.

March 13: Child's Health Clinic and immunizations at no cost for children ages birth to 18 who live in the Somerset Hills and do not have health insurance. Appointments can be scheduled between 8:30am and 11:45am by calling 766-0180. This free clinic is offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

March 15: School Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome.



On the Road to Emmaus
...where the people of
Saint James Church
meet Christ through each other.

Greetings from the
Saint James Stewardship Committee!

This Sunday, February 19, is *Dominica in Quinquagesima*, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of a period of fifty days before Easter. As you contemplate how to make the most of the upcoming Lenten season, keep in mind that Saint James Church offers many opportunities to enrich your spiritual life.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a manner of honoring the Holy Eucharist, exposed in a monstrance, with proper solemnity, to the view of the faithful for worship and devotion. Saint James Parish is blessed with the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday in the chapel from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Whether you recite your favorite prayers; read the Bible; contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity or thanksgiving; pray a rosary or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; or just sit and say nothing, simply keeping Him company, just as you would a dear friend, Jesus loves to spend time with you. For more information, please contact Cecille Zalamea at 350-3550 or cecillez@gmail.com; or Terry Coughlin at 204-9111 or tbcough@aol.com.

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. This traditional devotion began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Roman Catholic Church in the medieval period. The objective of the Stations is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed outdoors at 2:30 p.m., before the Good Friday Liturgy, and again in the church at 7:00 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena prayers are offered after the 7:00 a.m. Mass every Monday. Booklets are available to encourage everyone to participate.

The Rosary is recited in the chapel every day, Monday through Saturday, before the 7:00 a.m. Mass and after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, as well as every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Rosary Altar Society. Communal recitations are also held in the church on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. and in the chapel. All are welcome to join together in prayer.

The Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) is the official set of daily prayers prescribed by the Catholic Church to be recited at the canonical hours by the clergy, religious orders, and laity. The Liturgy of the Hours consists primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns and readings. During Advent and Lent, the Lauds are prayed in the chapel before the 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses, Monday through Saturday. Prayer books are available for use in the chapel.

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of **good health**:

- The days of **fast and abstinence** are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
- All other **Fridays** of Lent are **days of abstinence**.
- From the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday** until the celebration of the **Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday**, the **Easter fast** should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the *Rites of Holy Week* and the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to **fast** applies only to Catholics **between the ages of 18 and 59**. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of **abstinence** affects all Catholics who have **reached the age of 14**. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them **without good cause**, would be considered a **grave matter**. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform **some other penitential act**, or to **abstain on another day**.

May all our Lenten prayers, fasting and works of mercy prepare us to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with renewed minds and hearts.

+Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen



Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Come join our Pastor, Fr. Glenn, and fellow parishioners on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes and other Marian Shrines of France!

Come for the healing waters of Lourdes —
Physical, Emotional and Spiritual!

June 22 - July 1st, 2012.

For further info, please contact Paul and Alexis Carola at 908-647-3376 or alexispaulcarola@yahoo.com.



T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

6th 7th & 8th Grade Students

Objective: Looking for the most creative design that represents the meaning of "Cool to Be Catholic!"

Use pictures/words/designs

Winning design will be printed on t-shirts for the Middle School Youth Ministry!

Existing Logo above will be on the front pocket of t-shirt.

Submit designs by March 1st at the Youth Center between 10am-2pm or in the Parish office between 8:30am-4pm

Questions: call or email Carol Spina at 908-766-1183 sjmiddleschoolyouthministry@gmail.com.

MSYM SKATING SOCIAL

All 6th 7th & 8th Graders

When: Sunday, March 4th

Time: 1:30-3:30

Where: Bridgewater Sports Arena

Price: \$7.00/person, includes rentals

If your child is interested in attending or you would like to chaperone, please contact Carol Spina at 908-766-1183 or sjmiddleschoolyouthministry@gmail.com. Permission slips and contact information will be required.

Join in the Fun at Diocesan Youth Day!

Lively music, dynamic speakers,
inspiring liturgy and lots of fun!

March 10, 2012 from 10:00AM - 6:00PM

St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Bridgewater.

All 8th-12th grade youth are welcome!

St. James Middle School and High School Youth Ministry will be attending as a group and would like your son or daughter join us. The cost is \$35 per person; registration deadline is February 27th. We are in need of carpool drivers/chaperone. If your child is interested in attending or if you are able to help, please contact Carol Spina, Director of Middle School Ministry at sjmiddleschoolyouthministry@gmail.com or Cristina Imparato, High School Youth Minister at marymagpray4me@aol.com or 908-766-1183.

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■ **19th Annual St. James Mothers' Retreat**
■ **"You are precious in My eyes, and glorious...**
■ **I love you" Isaiah 43:4**
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■ The Saint James Women's Ministry is planning their 19th
■ Annual Mothers' Retreat to be held March 23-24 at the
■ Quellen Center in Mendham. Please consider joining us
■ as we celebrate our faith and the vocation of Motherhood.
■ Contact Joan Rosenberg at (908)903-0233 or
■ jorose331@aol.com to register or for more information.
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ST. JAMES SINGLE HOPEFUL HEARTS

LOVE MUSIC & MERLOT
Friday, February 24, 2012
7:00 PM



Pastoral Center Multi-Purpose Room

Let's talk about aspects of love and our relationship to them. Join us for an interactive evening of fun through music and conversation as we explore self love along with Christ's never ending love for us. A special guest will lead us in discovering how to set energy into motion towards creating something positive in our lives. The cost for this special evening is \$10 and we invite everyone to bring an appetizer type food and/or favorite beverage to share. Grab a friend and plan to attend as we embark on our Lenten journey together.

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 22:

HopefulHeartsbr@gmail.com or 908-580-9536

WE PLUG IN!

Our smart phones our ipads our laptops
Connect through facebook, twitter, linkedin etc.

STOP!!

*Unplug for a weekend and join us on our
Annual Silent Men's Retreat.*

Men, when was the last time you took a weekend and devoted it solely to being silent and listening to God? We are all searching to know God's will for our lives. Some of us have found that taking a weekend, shutting out the noise of the world and reflecting on our Lord through prayer, meditation and the sacraments actually gives us the ability to reawaken that sense of the reality of God and to grow in the precious gift of faith.

Step out in faith and join your brothers in Christ on this amazing weekend at Loyola House of Retreats, in Morristown, NJ. On the weekend of April 13-15 Fr. Bill Rakowicz, S.J. offers reflections on the theme "Prayer in the manner Jesus taught". The retreat begins at dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. For further information and registration, contact either Mike Gavagan at mgavagan@optonline.net or 908 612-2009 or John Zellweger at jowize77@gmail.com or 908 221-1920.

Wives, you know your husband will probably not do this without your "encouragement". We promise we will return him to you a better man than he was before the weekend.

March 24, 2012

7th Annual Divine Mercy Conference

Cardinal Spellman High School *Bronx, NY
sponsored by Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception
and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Cost: \$55.00

A bus from St. James will provide transportation for the day.

Cost is \$15 per person for a round trip ticket.

If interested please contact Lisa McManemin at
lisa@gotosam.com or 908-604-5992 to register your bus seat.



Join the Saint James Men of Charity and the family and friends of Kathy Kelleher at a fundraising event, including dinner, a Silent Auction, a Tricky Tray, music, dancing and a comedy show on Friday, March 2 at Saint James School Gym. (21 years old+ please) Proceeds will help

Kathy overcome the financial challenges relating to her medical care as she continues her battle with breast cancer. Tickets are \$50 and include food catered by The Country Picnic as well as beer, wine and soda with entertainment by comedian Andy Picarro and DJ Jim Hemp. Onsite babysitting is available for children ages 3 and above. Call Kerry Shannon at 908-309-7363 for details. To purchase tickets, contact Jill Potdevin at (908) 625-0860. Cash donations in Kathy's honor are gratefully accepted. Please mail checks payable to Saint James Men of Charity (note "Caring for Kathy" in the memo) to 89 Keats Road, Basking Ridge, 07920. Donations of baskets or gift certificates for the Tricky Tray and Silent Auction are also welcome. Please contact Susan Picarro at 908-306-1259. For general information, please call Jody D'Agostini at 908-295-0092.

2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal Telephone Campaign

In an effort to secure the funding which is critical to sustaining our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, the Diocese of Metuchen is embarking on a telephone campaign for the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made from February 23 through March 31 (excluding Sundays) to those who have not yet made a gift to the 2011 appeal. Please note that callers will not ask for your credit card information. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Rev. Msgr. Sylvester J. Cronin, Executive Director, Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2431 or by e-mail scronin@diometuchen.org.



Night Under the Stars

Saint James School will host its 21st annual fundraiser, Night Under the Stars "Rockin' 80s" on Saturday, March 24, 2012. As the school's main fund raiser, this event is vital to Saint James School's mission of providing an affordable quality Catholic education for grades pre-k through eight. The night will include, Chinese, silent and live auctions, along with great food, music and dancing. The evening will conclude with a drawing of the lucky winner of the "Wish Upon a Star" raffle, which is a grand prize of a \$10,000 American Express Gift Card. This is such a fun-filled exciting night!

Tickets will be on sale before and after masses beginning March 3rd. Tickets prices are \$125.00 per couple. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Henry at 908-542-1335. The children of Saint James School thank you for your continued support.