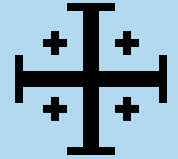
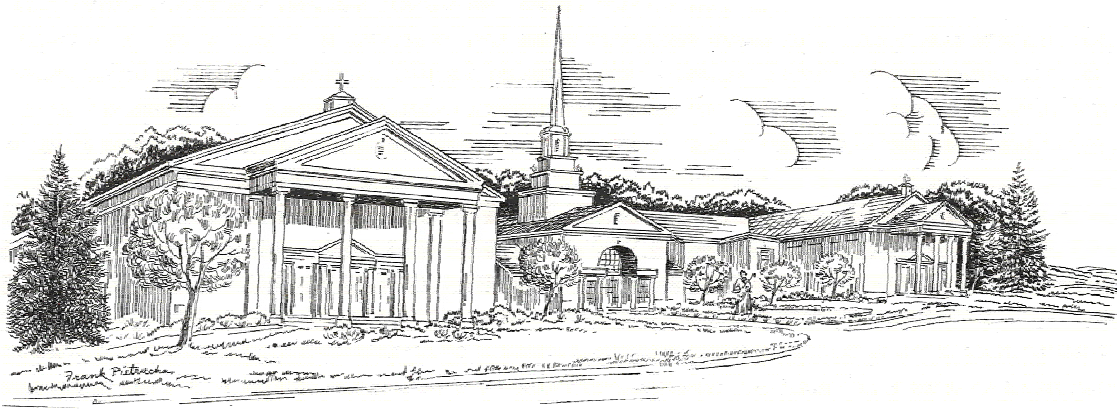


The Church of SAINT JAMES



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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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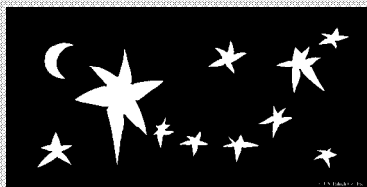
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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012**

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.
— *Psalm 147:4*

Baptisms

Landon William Drake
son of Brian Drake and Kristen Cuneo Drake



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Pray for the Dead

Madelyn Comerford
Fili Belleza, the mother of Hazel Aiello

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

SUNDAY, February 5 *Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*

7:30am Petra Dauz
requested by: The Alano Family
 9:00am The People of the Parish
 10:30am Marianne Roth
requested by: The Killian Family
 12:00Noon Agnes Quinn
requested by: Lillian Shaw

MONDAY, February 6 *St. Paul Miki and Companions*

7:00am Sp. Intention for Dominick Zurlo (L)
requested by: The Corbet Family
 No 8:00am Mass

TUESDAY, February 7

7:00am Ralph Castro
requested by: The Grabowy Family
 8:00am Amelia Falato
requested by: Dan and Ada Dougherty

WEDNESDAY, February 8 *St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita*

7:00am Desmond P. McDonald
requested by: Bruce and Rosemary Byrne
 8:00am Brian Kilty
requested by: Tom and Noreen Kelly

THURSDAY, February 9

7:00am Leopoldo and Rosario Leonardo
requested by: The Leonardo Family
 8:00am Anne Lampert
requested by: Jerry and Lorraine Kienlen

FRIDAY, February 10 *St. Scholastica*

7:00am James Daly
requested by: Stan and Bernadette Grabowy
 8:00am Thomas Mellin
requested by: Bob and Terry Mulcahy

SATURDAY, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00am James Frame
requested by: The Grabowy Family
 5:30pm Chris Daras
requested by: The Daras Family

SUNDAY, February 12

7:30am The People of the Parish
 9:00am Michael O'Neill
requested by: The Korn Family
 10:30am Gloria Pelosi
requested by: St. James Choir
 12:00PM Marjetta Kohl
requested by: The Daras Family



Sunday, February 5

Dear Friends:

Two weeks ago I delivered this homily at the 5:30 Mass; unfortunately, those attending the four other Masses did not get to hear this important information which affects many parishioners, namely, “when is it ethical to withhold or withdraw hydration and nutrition?”

The problem actually becomes less complicated if we make a distinction between **medical treatment** and **palliative treatment**. Medical treatment would include artificial substitutes for irreversibly broken-down body functions, such as kidney dialysis, a respirator, the installation of a mechanical heart, or a feeding tube when used as a substitute for a mal-functioning alimentary system. Such “treatments” can be renounced when death is imminent and cannot be prevented because they can only yield a precarious and painful prolongation of life.

Palliative Nursing Care would include pain relief, hygiene, medication, as well as hydration and nutrition. These cannot be renounced except to the extent that administering these is deemed useless, or brings excessive pain or burden to the patient. In other words, they have become ethically “extraordinary means.” This, then, is an application of the principle “Above all, cause no harm,” which has special application to a patient who is in the end stages of a terminal condition or in an irreversible condition and suffering from systemic failure of their organs.

It is noteworthy that the *Declaration of Euthanasia*, written more than thirty years ago, uses the word “healing,” but is underscoring what we now call “palliative care” when speaking of the “medical interventions” which a patient may renounce in good conscience, such as a D.N.R. (a “do not resuscitate” order) for a patient in hospice. The same document uses the word “solicitude,” when speaking of the “ordinary care” due to the sick in such cases where medical treatment may not be interrupted, for example, the use of oxygen in the case of the person with moderate C.O.P.D.

Tube feeding can be regarded as *palliative care* when administering nutrition through a gastrostomy or by nasogastric tube, especially if it has become impossible or has become ineffective for a patient. This is often what eventually occurs to patients in hospice. Their body organs begin to shut down, one by one. Systemic failure, specifically the digestive system, is no longer able to tolerate the ingestion of food, regardless of how it is administered. In this case, recourse to intravenous feeding could be rejected by a competent patient who is in a terminal condition, or by the one who has been designated health care proxy for a patient who is incompetent or is in a permanent irreversible condition.

Whenever it is ethical to withhold or withdraw nutrition and hydration, we must always remember to treat all patients with dignity, for all life is sacred and all people are children of God.

In Corde Jesus,
Fr. Glenn

Souper Bowl collection after all Masses. Please drop a dollar in the soup pots located in the narthex. Proceeds will benefit the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown.

Monthly Blood Drive in the Chapel Auditorium.

Monday, February 6

Ss. Joachim and Anne Society meeting and Bingo at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel auditorium. Men and women 52 and over are welcome to join. Caregivers and guests welcome. Call Janet Paglia for membership 502-5108.

Rosary Altar Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Tuesday, February 7

Evening Bible Study at 7:15 p.m. in the pastoral center.

Knights of Columbus meet in Council Hall.

Wednesday, February 8

Respect for Life committee meeting at 12:00 noon in the parish library. All are welcome.

St. James Men of Charity monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. in room 1 of the Pastoral Center. Gather for an opening prayer and open discussion on ways to assist parishioners and members of the local community. All men welcome!

Thursday, February 9

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

Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in the pastoral center.

Friday, February 10

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.

Saturday, February 11

Saturday Morning Men’s Prayer at 7:15am in the Church.

Fr. Glenn’s Adult Enrichment course, *The Mystery of God*, from 9:00—10:00 a.m. in rooms 1-2 in the pastoral center.

World Marriage Day event, “Couples Night Out” at 7:00 p.m. See page five for more details.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 10:30 a.m. in the Church.

Sunday, February 12

Moms and Tots Bake Sale after all Masses. Proceeds will benefit our parish.

Coming Events

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February 13: 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. Barbara Maddox will speak on "Love is Not Arrogant...Does not Insist on it's Own Way". All women are welcome!

February 13: St. James Catholic Book Club will meet at 9:15am in the parish library to discuss the book *Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life* by James Martin, SJ. All are welcome. For questions, please call Julie Lee 908-204-0146.

February 14: Communion Service at Sunrise Assisted Living at 2:00 p.m.

February 14: 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.

February 19: Teen Mass has been cancelled for this month.

February 20: The parish office will be closed.

February 21: Top of the Hill Gang Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the parish library. All men 65 and over are welcome.

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012



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. Service of the Word in the Church

February 24: Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

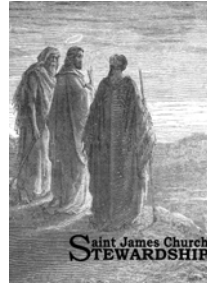
February 28: Mass at Fellowship Village at 2:00 p.m.

March 2-4: Antioch Retreat

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 a.m. in the Chapel. 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!

We hope everyone enjoyed reading the winning entries in the Stewardship Essay Contest that were published in this column on the past two weekends. Even though there could be only one first place winner in each category of the Stewardship Essay Contest, there was more than one worthwhile submission. Accordingly, over the next several weekends, we shall be pleased to share the essays of some of our runners-up. (Disclaimer: The Stewardship Committee does not endorse the accuracy of the information presented in the essays.)

The subject of the Grades 3 -5 category was *My Favorite Saint*. Two budding authors chose Saint Anne. Here's why:

It is hard to just choose one saint. How about all the saints? They are all special in their own way. If I have to choose just one, my favorite saint would be Saint Anne. Saint Anne's name means grace. God gave her many graces.

She is my favorite saint because she was the mother of Mary. Saint Anne is Jesus' grandmother. She could have taught Mary and Jesus how to walk, swim, jump and crawl. I feel happy thinking about Saint Anne because I love my Grandmother and mother so much! I could just imagine her holding baby Jesus in her arms smiling. It must have given her pleasure to watch Jesus grow up. Saint Anne must have read Mary stories. She loved Mary very much. As her mother, Anne must have taught Mary to be kind and generous. When Mary became older she used kind words and did generous deeds like Anne showed her.

Saint Anne is the mother of all mothers and of children. She felt like she was too old to have a baby. People used to think that when you were too old and did not have a baby you were being punished by God. Her faith in God told her she was going to have a baby! This teaches us to never give up on your faith, even when people make fun of you or hurt you. Saint Anne's feast day is July 26. –Gweneth Vaccaro, Grade 3B, Saint James School

My favorite saint is Saint Anne because she is the mother of Mary and the grandmother of Jesus. I also like her because she is the wife of Saint Joachim and my father's name is Joachim and my mom's and my middle name is Anne. The name Anne comes from the Hebrew word Hanna meaning "grace".

The life of Saint Anne and her holy relationship with Mary has always been very interesting and popular to Christians. In the year 550a.d. a church was built in honor of Saint Anne in Jerusalem. Scientists think it is built where Saint Anne, Saint Joachim and Mary lived. I would love to visit this church someday. –Elle Anne Akerman, Grade 4A, Saint James School

Parish Support - January 29, 2012
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

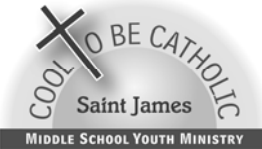
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Weekly	\$25,084.00	\$26,285.00
Social Concerns	\$6,546.00	\$7,518.00

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 eighth. 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. Ticket 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.



Middle School Youth Ministry Gathering
Friday, February 10th
7:00—8:30 p.m.
in the Youth Center.

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend our next MSYM gathering. We will be assembling care packages for homeless Veterans; Having a ministry t-shirt design contest; Creating video skits on "Cool to be Catholic and viewing them on our new 60" flat screen TV and lots more! Come join the fun! Please contact Carol Spina, director of Middle School Youth Ministry at sjmiddleschoolyouthministry@gmail.com if your child will be attending. We are asking the youth, if possible, to kindly donate an item/ items from this wish list:

- travel size toiletries including
- shampoo, conditioner,
- soap, shower gel, hand sanitizer,
- combs,
- lotion,
- deodorant,
- chapstick, sun screen,
- shaving cream, razors,
- tissues.

CompassionKnit Caps

Calling all knitters! Whether you are experienced, new, or somewhere in between, come to the CompassionKnit Caps Workshop! This workshop, part of Patricia O'Connor's Girl Scout Gold Award Project, will go over the basics of casting on, knitting and binding off, and patterns for chemotherapy hats will be provided. It will be held in the Parish Library on Saturday, February 11, from 10-12. Please bring needles and yarn! Call (908)766-4890 to RSVP or for questions.



World Marriage Day Event
"Couples Night Out"
Saturday, February 11, 2012
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. James Pastoral Center
\$20 per couple
includes wine and cheese

Guest speaker: Patrick Fagan, PhD. will speak on the "Five Keys to a United Marriage". To reserve a seat, call Paul Carola at 908-647-3376. *sponsored by St. James Marriage Ministries

Catholic Spirit Campaign: The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, Catholic Press Month. The Catholic Spirit is now beginning its 17th successful year of publishing and has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your collection packet, or one that appears in the newspaper itself. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.



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.

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.

February 1, 2012

A note from our Bishop....

I am writing to you today because a recent decision by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, with the approval of President Obama, threatens to destroy our American and religious tradition of freedom of conscience. This decision chillingly takes the First Amendment's guarantees of religious freedom, intended to prevent government compulsion in matters of conscience, and ironically turns them into weapons threatening to destroy that very freedom. Secretary Sebelius and the Obama Administration have promulgated new rules which will require either that all religious institutions pay for insurance coverage for employee abortions, sterilizations, and contraception, or serve only those of their own religious denominations. The Obama Administration's plan would drive all institutions maintained by people of conscience out of the health care, social service, and educational arenas. Can this possibly be in the best interest of our nation? Is this really the way that you want your social services provided? Such a plan would require Catholic hospitals, schools, and the like either to violate their consciences or to hire only Catholics, admit only Catholic patients, educate only Catholic children, and so on. This unbridled assault on the freedom of conscience must be stopped.

For information on how to contact your elected representatives, go to www.usccb.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Post Abortion Healing

Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m.
through Sunday, March 11th at 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Respect Life Office

Archdiocese of Newark
(732)388-8211

Cost: \$100 (includes retreat, room, meals and registration)
Financial assistance is available
Retreat and registration is strictly confidential.

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.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2393
ANNUAL BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

Sun. Feb. 5th, 2012

St. Elizabeth School Gym, Seney Drive, Bernardsville, NJ

Registration starts at 1:00pm

Cost is FREE

Boys and Girls ages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Will compete by age and gender. Best score wins.

All participants get recognition.

Winners move on to the District & State Finals to be held in February. For Registration Information Call Glenn Marzoli at 908-512-1119 or Steve Tobin at 908-883-1287.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING MASS - February 19, 2012 at Transfiguration Parish (on the site of Guardian Angels Church) 37 Plainfield Ave., Edison, NJ from 3:00 - 5:30pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said at 3:00pm. For more information please contact Jackie Puorro @ 908-347-0709 or JacP@aol.com.



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

for more information and registration, call 1-800-462-7426
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.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!