



St. James Church

Pennington, NJ

January 22, 2012

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 9:45am, and 11:30am

Daily Masses: Monday through Saturday - 9:00am
Daily Masses are in the Chapel.

Holy Day Masses: 9:00am, 12:15pm, and 7:30pm
There are no Vigil Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon in the Church
or by private appointment

Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Bacovin, Pastor	737-0122
Rev. James J. McConnell, Pastor Emeritus	912-0015
Very Rev. Douglas A. Freer, S.T.M., In Residence	737-0122
Deacon James W. Palsir, Baptism Preparation	737-0122
Deacon Sam Sciarrotta, Annulment Advocate	883-1518
Deacon Richard Currie, Parish Life	844-1252
Deacon Moore Hank, Pastoral Associate	737-0122
Deacon Pat Brannigan, Adult Education	737-9210
Diane McGowan, Parish Secretary	737-0122
Mary Lombardo, Youth Minister	737-0064
Barbara Russell, Nursery School Director/Teacher	737-3905
Nancy Lucash, Religious Education/RCIA	737-2717
Betty Malkiewicz and Jean Joyce, Religious Education Secretaries	737-2717
Madelyn Tusay, CLEM/Parish Accountant	737-0122
Thomas J. Monahan, Facilities & Trustee	737-0122
Patricia S. O'Hara, Trustee	737-0122
Joann Held, Liturgy Coordinator	737-0867

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New Parishioners — Families or individuals that wish to register in our parish are asked to call the rectory

Wednesday Morning Prayer Service — 6:30am; Rectory

Baptism Class — The Baptism class is required for all couples who are expecting a child in the near future. You are expected to attend this class before the child is born - even if you have previously attended such classes. The class is approximately two hours. Please call - at 737-0122 to register. Next Class: March 11, 2012 at 11am in the Blue Room.

Prayer Network — This network is comprised of a large number of parishioners who have promised to pray for the intentions of our people. Everyone who needs the support of prayers or wishes to be a member of the Prayer Network is asked to contact Peggy Stahlin -882-2948; peggysta@msn.com

Rosary — Following 9:00am Daily Mass — *Rosary for Life* recited first Monday of each month

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held from 9:30am to 10pm each First Friday and from 9:30am to 1pm all other Fridays. For more information, call Joanie Halajko at 896-9416

From the Pastor

Coming Soon to St. James is **Cornerstone!** Cornerstone is a proven and effective program for believers to come together for 26 hours to listen, pray, share (and more) their faith and to hear the faith story of others. It builds community and it brings us together in ways other than are sacramental (e.g. Weekend Masses). Our first Cornerstone will be held in March, 2012 and it will be for the men of all ages of the parish. A women's core group is being formed now for their Cornerstone in 2013.

Be attentive to bulletin and pulpit announcements.

“Pro-Life” and “Pro-Choice”. The battle has been in play for almost half a century since the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision.

Rather than lay out a well-defined argument in favor of life let me relate a simple story. It appeared in Columbia magazine – the January 2012 issue.

Catherine Adair is a former medical assistant at an abortion facility in Boston. She acknowledges that she left the church after her Confirmation.

While in college she became pregnant and went to her mother for help. “I was afraid to tell my mom,” Adair recalled. “When I did, she said, ‘Don’t worry about it. We can set up an appointment and terminate.’”

In 1996 (after college) she applied for a job at Planned Parenthood. “I saw it as a progressive, pro-woman organization. I thought it would fit who I was,” she said.

She started as an office worker and came to the position of a medical assistant. Part of her work was to clean up the examination and procedure rooms between abortion appointments.

“One day in particular still haunts her. Adair was sent to clean a room following a second-trimester abortion. In addition to the usual blood spatter on the floor, there was a table with a jar containing tiny body parts.

“I stood there in shock not knowing if I was seeing what I was seeing,” she said. “I remember I backed out of the room and was sick to my stomach.”

She did not immediately walk off the job

but did become increasingly unhappy. She left Planned Parenthood to go after a Master's degree and became a teacher. She married and started a family – but something or someone was missing in her life.

She and her husband started to look for a church, visiting a few different services before walking into a Catholic parish in Fitchburg, Mass., in 2006. She went to Mass for 3 years and never received the Eucharist.

“I finally worked up the nerve to go to confession. When I went, I couldn't stop crying,” she recalled. The priest, she added, was very kind and nonjudgmental. “As penance he asked me to pray the rosary.” She developed a devotion to Mary and it drew her closer to Christ than she thought possible. “As she prayed for healing, God revealed to her the truth about the “right to choose” – a right that she had championed for so many years.”

She would work with the Susan B. Anthony List, a Washington-based political action committee that works to elect pro-life candidates. But most importantly, Adair wants women to know the truth about abortion and give them a glimpse into an industry that claims to help them.”

Correction: Last week I wrote about being asked to be a sponsor for confirmation or baptism and I stated, “You must be 15 years of age and have received the sacrament of Confirmation.” Actually, you must be 16.

Please pray for our sick: Craig Shofed; Bob Pluta; Donna Green; Oliver Giller; Nancy Centra; Chris Jorgensen; Frank Giancola, Jr.; Lea Inverso; Charlie Mott; Peter Holden; Charles Hofmann; Sevy Di Cocco; Paul Kurisko; Lynn Hansford; Bill Joyce, brother of Jim, Pat Scudellari, mother of Deirdre Schlosser; Elizabeth Corbo; Lauren Myers; Norm Leaver; Pam Caruso; Rita Crognale, mother of Jean Joyce, Justin McCormack, Michael Gaborit, grandfather of Marc Antoine Bougot; Sharon Litecky

And for our deceased: Katie Jagelavicius; Pat Capasso (husband of Irene Graham); Don Velt; Ann Magee, mother of Mary Beth Currie; Benjamin N. Cittadino III

Parish News...

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

What did Saint James mean when he wrote "Faith without works is lifeless?"

Come to Find Out **Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Blue Room.

Marlene Lao Collins, Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Trenton will speak on the social ministries of the Catholic Church and the ministries of Catholic Charities in our diocese.

Light refreshments will be served.

HELP WRITE THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Do you like to write? Are you looking for a way to participate in our Liturgy preparation without attending meetings? If you answered yes to these questions, we have the perfect opportunity for you.

St. James has a team of people who take turns writing the General Intercessions for our weekend Masses. These prayers (which come right after the homily) are an expression of the hopes of the Assembly for our Church, the World and our Community. A new schedule will be going out in a few weeks. So, if you are interested in being a part of this team, leave your name at the Rectory or call Joann Held at 737-0867, and we'll put you into the rotation.

You can volunteer to write the Intercessions on your own or with a partner. Training and examples will be provided; schedules can be adjusted to fit your needs.

KIDS' CORNER

Weekly Moms' Playgroup – open to moms and their children from newborn through 5 years old, this group meets Friday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 AM in one of the St. James Pre-School classrooms. Playgroup is held weekly from now until May 11. No need to register.

Fellowship Coffees – held the first Sunday of the month, families with children from newborn through 5 years old (siblings welcome) are encouraged to stop by the Resource room immediately following 9:45 AM mass for donuts, coffee and conversation. Fellowship coffees will be held December through May.

Katherine Birkenstock

Katherine.birkenstock@gmail.com

Around the Diocese...

ISJ SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE — Incarnation-St. James School is now accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 8 for the 2012-2013 academic year. Open House dates are Sunday, January 29th from 12:00-2:00 PM and Tuesday, January 31st from 9:00-11:00 AM. Tours and registration information will be available. ISJ offers a quality Catholic education in a safe & caring environment. Full day Pre-K and Kindergarten programs, after school clubs and activities, state of the art science and technology labs, CYO sports and more! Stop by to visit the school during an open house, call 609-882-3228 for more information, or check out our website at www.isjschool.org. Come and see what makes Incarnation-St. James School a great place to get your start!

Villa Victoria Academy, a private, Catholic college preparatory school for girls in grades Pre-K to 12, located in Ewing, NJ on the Delaware River at the I-95 Scudder Falls Bridge, will host a Lower School Information Session for students and parents interested in applying for grades Pre-K through 6 for the 2012-2013 school year on Thursday, February 2 beginning at 9 a.m. Information Session attendees will have the opportunity to tour the facilities and explore the academic, athletic, spiritual and extracurricular programs Villa Victoria has to offer. More details can be found on the school's website www.villavictoria.org or by calling the Advancement Office at 609.882.1700, ext. 19.

Our collection last week totaled \$10,500. I thank you for your generosity and sacrificial giving. In your estate planning and in creating your will I ask you to please remember your parish church.

From the Religious Ed Office...

Religious Education Classes 2011-12

Sunday: Level 1*, 9:45 – 11am
Level 2 Family Program,
once a month, 10 – 11:30am

Tuesday: Levels 2 – 5, 4:30 – 5:45pm
Levels 5 - 8, 7 – 8:15pm.

Wednesday: Levels 1*, & 3, 4 & 6,
4:30 – 5:45pm
Levels 6 & 7, 7 – 8:15pm.

February Level 1 classes will meet as follows:
Sunday classes – February 5th* and 19th
Wednesday classes – February 1st and 15th

* Mrs. Hamtil's Level 1 Class will meet on January 29th instead of February 5th

Please note: There will be NO religious ed. classes on Wednesday, February 29th – Hopewell Valley "Night Off".

Home Study is offered for grades 3, 4, and 5 only.

Summer Session – will be offered August 13th through August 20th, Monday through Friday from 9am till noon. All currently registered students: regular, summer, and home study will be receiving an email with details and registration information by the end of February. Levels 4 through 8 will be offered. Please keep in mind that limited space is available and will be given to students who have an excellent attendance record and have consistently attended classes and/or completed home study assessments throughout the years.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) – Preschool through 5th grade.

11:30 Mass – each 1st & 3rd Sunday

Consider joining our ministry team of sharing faith with our youngest members by volunteering a few Sundays per year.

Please email Michele Immordino at mish33@com-cast.net if you are interested in finding out more about this growing ministry.

7th and 8th graders are also needed to aid the teachers on Sundays. This is a wonderful Faith in Action opportunity!

Our final student Mass will be on March 11th at 11:30am for our Wednesday afternoon classes and our Family Program. Mass Prep activities will take place on Wednesday, March 7th at 4:30. Again, all Home Study and Summer Session students are invited to participate in both the preparation and Mass.

Religious Education Mt. Carmel Guild food collection will take place this week.

Level 6 students will be visiting **Adath Israel**, a Jewish congregation in Lawrenceville, on **Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm**. All Level Six students, including Summer Session students are asked to attend. Family members are welcome. Because of this special trip, there will be no Level Six classes on Tuesday, 2/7 or Wednesday, 2/8.

Beach Clean Up service opportunity for our Confirmation students! We still have a few spots left. This activity will take place on Sunday, April 29th from 12:30 – 6:30pm. All interested current seventh graders who have not yet signed up should contact our office asap.

Catechist Certification classes for catechists have been canceled due to a low number of participants. This course will be offered again in May (when it's warmer and sunnier!)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The RCIA is a ministry that meets with persons looking to inquire into the Catholic faith. We are a team of lay ministers who will meet you wherever you are on your faith journey. The RCIA process takes you through inquiry into formation and journeys with you as you learn more about our faith. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, contact Nancy Lucash at 530-9507, 737-2717 or email us at stjamesedu@gmail.com

Around the Dioceses...

Please join us for an Open House at Princeton

Academy of the Sacred Heart, on Wednesday, January 18th or 25th, at 9:00am. Come for coffee and a tour of classrooms while school is in session.

Princeton Academy is a Catholic, independent Junior Kindergarten – 8th grade school for boys in the Sacred Heart tradition.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Admission at 609-924-8143 or visit our website at www.princetonacademy.org.

Because boys learn differently. Because values matter.

Parish Ministries...

ST. JAMES SENIORS

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 2nd, at noon. We will have a brief business meeting at noon in the cafeteria. Feel free to bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages will be provided. We will then play Bingo. Nancy will distribute names of our prayer partners. The Prayer Partner program will start on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and end on Easter Sunday, April 8th. You are asked to remember your prayer partner in prayer each day during Lent then send the person an Easter card advising him/her that they were prayed for each day. Also, 2012 membership dues of \$10.00 will be collected at this meeting or you can mail your check for \$10.00, payable to St. James Seniors, to Mr. Thomas Brown, Treasurer, 118 Corrine Drive, Pennington, NJ 08534. If you are new to the parish and interested in joining the Club, or if you have any questions, please call Nancy Brown at 303-0510..

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED:

With the New Year here and New Year resolutions being made and changes going on in your life you may be wondering what to do, make a resolution to take care of yourself.

Reach out to a group of people that understand your situation and are on the same journey as you.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday from 7 – 9 pm at St. James Church in the Resource Room. The next meeting is January 23. Newcomers are always welcome. If you are interested or know someone who would like more information, please contact Richard or Elise Hobson 333-9868; Kathy Hoarn 883-0945; Dennis Keck 267-568-2896; Lisa Capotosta 737-3958; Maggie Gray 882-8633 or contact us by email st.jamessupportgroup@gmail.com

MEN'S GROUP : The men's group will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 8am in the Resource Room. Information: please call Chet Snook at 215- 428-0207

Would you like to Reconnect with the Church?

You have a place here at St. James Church. We invite you to talk with lay members of our community and share experiences and insights with one another. You can visit here for however short or long a time you wish.

Please pick up a leaflet in the rack at the church entrance for information about us. We call ourselves Reconnecting with the Church.

HELP US RENEW HOPE

"...lay aside the old self...be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ..."(Ephesians 4:22-23)

For more than a dozen years, the Hope Ministry at St. James has been offering educational resources for families of teens and pre-teens, as well as spiritual support and practical programs for the recovery of individuals and families, regarding addictive and compulsive behaviors.

While training and ongoing education enhance our ability to understand the pains of addictive behaviors and the possibilities for recovery, we very much appreciate your prayers, support, and encouragement that help renew our spirits to continue this work. We encourage all to visit our display in the Gathering Area, view our resources, ask questions, and offer your feedback and encouragement, before and after all Masses during our Awareness Weekend on January 28 and 29th. You can also visit our Web site at www.stjames-nj.org/hope.html or contact any Hope core team member in confidence.

Maggie Clune: 540-2280

Pete Antoniewicz: 466-7719

Moore or Theresa Hank: 883-8721

stjhope@hotmail.com

ADDICTION – A DISEASE, NOT A DISGRACE

"The Chosen" – At our January gathering we focused on the healing of our inner selves. Our prayer was a guided meditation for the healing of memories. The prayer focused on our past, present, and future. This is a good way to begin the New Year-to reflect upon the past and begin to make some needed changes to face the future with a positive, joyous attitude.

The Chosen meets on the first Monday of the month for an hour of prayer and sharing. The group is made up of those living with any type of illness and is open to caregivers. The next gathering is Monday, February 6 at 1 p.m. in the Resource Room.

Contacts for further information: Margo Sciarrotta, 883-1518, msciarrotta@verizon.net or Lucy Sikorski, 530-1035. lucysikorski@comcast.net

Miryam Ministry — a faith sharing group of women that meets on Thursday Mornings from 10 am - 11:30 am. All are welcome, anytime. For more information call Sue Ziegler 883-0874



CRASH CORNER



The CRASH Youth are still recovering from Lock-In this past weekend! We had a great time welcoming new and current members to the CRASH Family! The event was centered around "iGod".

We stayed up all night listening to music and making apps for our giant iPod Shuffles! We talked about technology and how we can use it to positively affect our lives. We turned the gym into life size apps including "Angry Birds" and "Four Square", but we couldn't forget those CRASH favorites like Ice Cream Sundae Relays and Volley Ball. The youth created a large piece of art which the parish will soon enjoy! We made lots of "connections" with ourselves, one-another, and our faith, but we need to remember, just like our ipods, we must remain plugged-in in order to maintain these connections! Join us for CRASH next Monday from 7-9!

Upcoming CRASH Events:

February 4-5: Super Bowl Hoagie and Sale!
March 23-25: Winter Weekend!

For more information contact Mary Lombardo at 79MaryLombardo@gmail.com
Check out our Facebook page: C.R.A.S.H.St.James 2010-2011

Around the Diocese...



Francis House of Prayer
Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net
www.FHOP.org

MID-LIFE DIRECTIONS RETREAT: SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL GROWTH IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

January 27 – 29 7:00 PM Friday – 1:00 PM Sunday
Mid-life is a season of upheaval, parting with former ways, yet having nothing with which to replace them. This retreat / workshop provides an opportunity to reflect on life lived thus far and clothe it with compassion and love. It will provide fresh hope and effective tools to meet the challenges ahead as we are thrust into the future with a new, yet uncertain, sense of God and ourselves. Donation: \$125 commuters, \$150 residents; includes workbook

Join Bishop O'Connell on France pilgrimage

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. and the Diocese of Trenton will lead a pilgrimage to the shrines of France April 19 to 29, 2012.

The tour will include stops in Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux and Paris, featuring Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle; Mass at the Basilica in Lourdes and the site where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette; visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Chapelle; Sacre Coeur; the home of St. Therese of Lisieux; Chartres and the Louvre. Cost is \$4,295 per person and will include roundtrip airfare from Newark International Airport (airport taxes and fuel surcharges of \$585 included, but are subject to change at time of ticketing); basic travel insurance; English-speaking tour guide; daily buffet breakfast and dinner; first class hotel accommodations; farewell dinner at the Eiffel Tower, all admission and sightseeing charges; tips and gratuities. (Prices based on minimum of 40 persons per bus.) Father Ian Trammell, pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton Square, is pilgrimage coordinator, and SELECT International Tours is the travel agency. Reservation deadline is Feb. 10; final payment must be submitted by March 2.

For further information, contact Father Trammell or Kathy Head at 609-587-4877, ext. 270 or Marianne Murphy at Select International Tours at 800-842-4842 or e-mail: mmurphy@select-intl.com, or visit TrentonMonitor.com.



March 3rd