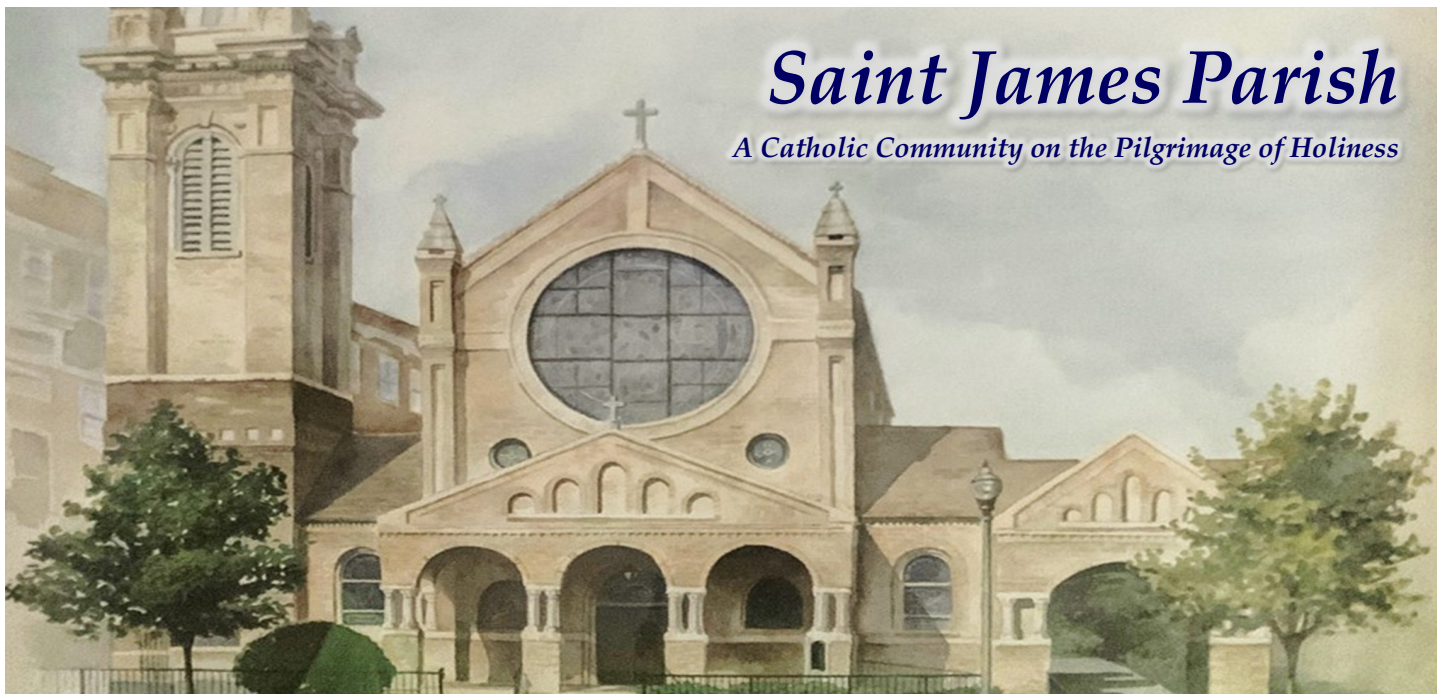




Saint James Parish

A Catholic Community on the Pilgrimage of Holiness

Stewardship Report 2024-2025

A Message from Msgr. Joe

Thanks to your commitment to stewardship—the generous sharing of your time, talent and treasure—St. James Parish has continued our illustrious tradition of providing the Catholic Community of the Red Bank area, the opportunity of worshipping the God of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge of our faith throughout the lifespan and to be of service to the gospel of life.

I hope that the information provided over these pages confirms the faithful living out of the mission of our parish community and honestly confronts the opportunities and challenges that we face in supporting this mission.

We continue to put effort into building community and encouraging a greater participation in the sacramental life of

the Church, particularly Sunday Mass. We also continue to need volunteers for our ministries. Of particular importance is our liturgical ministries, lectors, altar servers, music ministry and eucharistic ministers. A particular need is to provide communion to the homebound and those living in assistant living situations. We continue to encourage Eucharistic adoration each Friday morning. Our monthly Coffee and Donut Sundays have been more widely attended.

Our parish outreach to the local community with our Food Drives, Our Daily Bread Ministry and Jesse Tree project continues to be a powerful witness to our commitment to the gospel of charity. Our parish's Knights of Columbus

Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. Joseph N. Rosie
Pastor

Rev. Al Gamalo
Rev. Wynne Kerridge
Parochial Vicars

Rev. Msgr. Eugene Rebeck
Weekend Assistant

Mr. Thomas Wieczerszak
Mr. Mark Degenhart
Deacons

Council is growing and continues to offer an opportunity for Catholic gentlemen to grow in their faith and offer them opportunity for charity works.

In addition to our Peace of Christ prayer group and That Man Is You group, our parish has added two Bible Studies for adults. We continue to offer periodically Adult Faith Formation Sessions.

We have also seen a great response to our parish's OCIA process. This group prepares adults for initiation into the Church if they have not been baptized, enables adults who have been bap-

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Our Parish Mission

*We are here to walk with you
in your relationship with God wherever
you are on life's journey.*

*We invite you to join with us
in the celebration of the sacraments,
prayer, learning and serving so that each
person can grow in discipleship and together
we can witness the Kingdom of God.*



Our Finances

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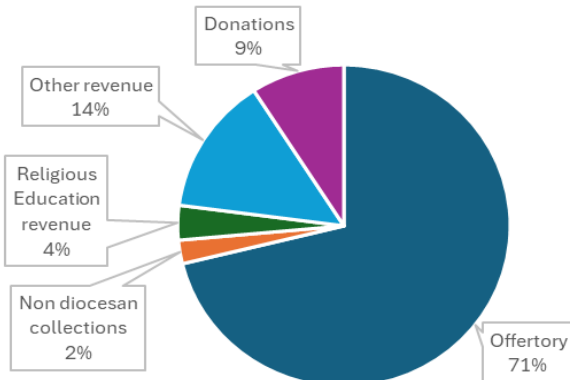
Finance Council
Walter Brasch
Michael Collins
Marianna Lamson
Kurt Meinert
Kevin Murphy
Charles Petry
Cheryl Stavola

St. James Church ended fiscal year June 30, 2025, with an operating loss of \$124,981. However, with the benefit of non-operating revenue, namely, investment income, the Church was able to generate a net surplus of \$80,192 - a slight increase of \$5,737 from prior year. Revenues improved from prior year in all broad categories, except for "other revenue", which was due to the loss of convent rental income following the Sisters of Mercy vacating the premises in August of 2024. The Church is currently considering several options to repurpose this building as far as creating extra classroom space to generate future revenue, conference/meeting rooms for various parish activities, and relocating certain rectory and school administrative offices there. As far as "offertory collections" go, the Church was truly blessed this past year by the generosity of its parishioners in increasing in its two major collections – Christmas and Easter, as well as its

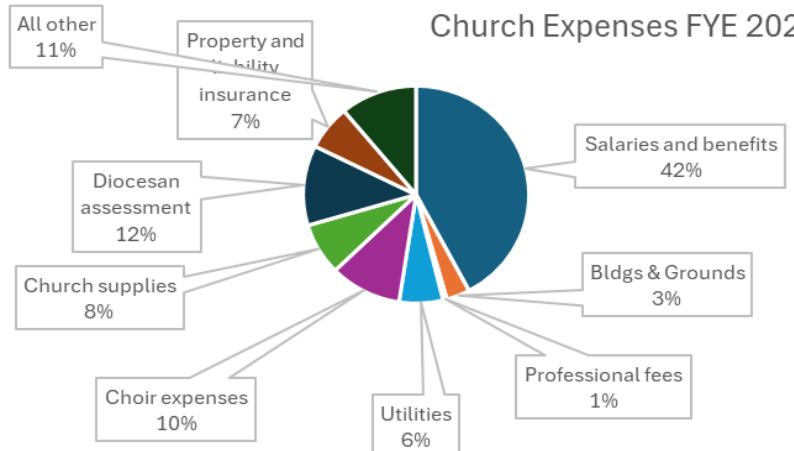
Statement of Church Operating Income and Expense

	Budget FY 25-26	Actual FY 24-25	Actual FY 23-24
Income			
Offertory	\$947,880	\$923,536	\$896,916
Non diocesan collections	\$24,444	\$30,651	\$23,026
Religious Education revenue	\$46,440	\$45,087	\$34,135
Other revenue	\$184,985	\$179,437	\$273,572
Donations	\$165,522	\$118,154	\$111,419
			\$1,339,068
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,369,271	\$1,296,865	
Parish Operating Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	\$642,112	\$600,439	\$606,830
Bldgs & Grounds/Vehicles	\$35,891	\$47,958	\$81,321
Professional fees	\$8,057	\$7,822	\$12,396
Utilities	\$91,853	\$89,177	\$81,094
Choir Expenses	\$154,481	\$146,620	\$129,632
Church supplies	\$117,835	\$109,289	\$139,509
Diocese assessment	\$172,750	\$169,529	\$153,513
Property and liability insurance	\$102,557	\$94,383	\$138,588
All other	\$168,263	\$156,629	\$92,627
			\$1,435,509
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,493,799	\$1,421,846	
Operating surplus (deficit)	(\$124,528)	(\$124,981)	(\$96,441)
Non-operating revenue			
Investment income	\$214,563	\$205,173	\$170,896
Bequests	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total non-operating revenue	\$214,563	\$205,173	\$170,896
Net surplus (deficit)	\$90,035	\$80,192	\$74,455

Church Revenue FYE 2025



Church Expenses FYE 2025



Church Balance Sheet

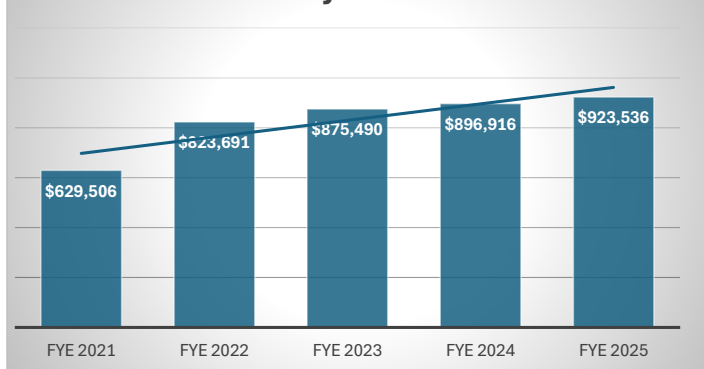
	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$621,943	\$1,334,345
Investments	\$5,607,215	\$5,390,988
Receivables	\$4,768	\$0
Total Current Assets	\$6,233,926	\$6,725,333
Other Assets		
Property Plant & Equipment	\$557,021	\$537,529
Prepaid expenses	\$0	\$79,567
Total Other Assets	\$557,021	\$617,096
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,790,947	\$7,342,429
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payables & Accrued Expenses	\$21,424	\$21,958
Intercompany payables	\$0	\$631,141
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$21,424	\$653,099
CAPITAL		
Church net assets	\$6,689,331	\$6,614,875
Annual profit	\$80,192	\$74,455
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$6,769,523	\$6,689,330
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$6,790,947	\$7,342,429

regular weekly collections. However, the gap between the Diocesan Collection and the Diocesan Assessment (a predetermined fixed amount which the parish is required to remit to the Diocese, regardless of the related offsetting monthly collections) has grown from \$136K in fiscal 23-24 to \$147K in fiscal 24-25 – both of which are clearly the single biggest reason for the last two years’ annual operating deficits. On the expense side, the biggest increase (depreciation expense) of \$32K occurred within the broad category of “all other”, as heretofore, the Church had always valued its fixed assets at gross value, rather than net of accumulated depreciation. We therefore made a one-time cumulative adjustment in fiscal 24-25 upon all Church fixed assets which now reflects a more realistic measure of its total net asset/capital account. There were some offsetting expense reductions this past fiscal year, among which were \$44K in “property and liability insurance”, \$33K in “buildings and grounds”, and \$30K in “church supplies.” For fiscal 25-26, we are anticipating a slightly higher net surplus of approximately \$90K. Finally, average mass attendance continued its five-year rise, falling just short of 1,000 for the mass count taken in October 2025.

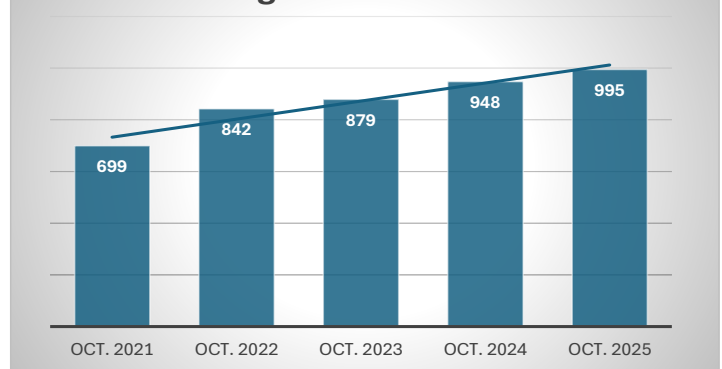
Parish Snapshot July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

- Registered Households: 4,226
- Identifiable Donors: 1,063
- Baptisms (infant/children): 146
- Baptisms (adults): 7
- Receptions Full Communion: 2
- First Communion Children: 92
- First Communion Adults: 14
- Confirmations Children: 65
- Confirmations Adults: 35
- Marriages: 52
- Funeral Services: 141

Offertory Collections



Average Mass Attendance



Our Religious Education Program

The Saint James Religious Education Program is a weekly in person program serving the children of Saint James Parish in grades Kindergarten through 8. Classes are held each Sunday from 9:00am to 10:15am. This schedule encourages families to attend the 10:30am Mass directly after religious instruction. Our Sacramental Preparation Program includes the Grade 2 and Grade 8 students in both Saint James Elementary School and the Religious Education Program. Our current enrollment for 2025-2026 is 282 students, which reflects a small increase over last year's enrollment. The Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to attract families with younger children under the inspired leadership of Mrs. McMullan and Mrs. Trezza.

This year, we continue to use the "Gospel Weeklies" formation program for grades kindergarten through eight. Presented in a "magazine" format with a supplemental booklet, lessons are easy to follow and are developed to coordinate with the gospel each week. In addition to being an informative and engaging formation tool, the structure of "Gospel Weeklies" provides us with expanded flexibility in our program. This year we are specifically offering a

"hybrid" enrollment for children who may be absent for long periods of time due to illness, injury, or scheduling issues. This hybrid structure allows families to "home school" for part of the year, and have their children rejoin the class at a later time so long as they are up to date on their lessons. A special email has been created specifically to manage home schooling and hybrid students.

One of our goals is not just to teach our Catholic faith, but also to provide the children and families opportunities to live their faith. Last year we implemented morning drop-off procedures which brought children and parents together in the Saint James Cafeteria for prayer prior to class. Most Sundays the children are led in prayer by Msgr. Joe, Fr. Al, or Fr. Wynne or one of our Deacons (Deacon Tom or Deacon Mark). This gives the children an opportunity to chat with our clergy and get to know them outside of the Mass setting. Additionally, we have increased the number of Religious Education Class Masses. This year a Religious Education class is scheduled to attend 9:00am Mass most Sundays. Pews are reserved for students to sit with their classmates. Pews are also reserved for parents

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who are encouraged to join their children. As part of Confirmation Preparation, we are encouraging candidates to demonstrate Mass attendance by completing a Mass attendance card. Students who attend all Masses on the card, attend all Confirmation activities, and complete all assignments on time, will receive a special pin to wear at Confirmation.

Last January, we piloted a TEEN Mass on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We are continuing this year and encourage young people in grades 7 through 12 to join us. Our music director, Mrs. Russo, plans music specifically geared to appeal to teenagers, and the children also participate as readers, and gift bearers, as well as distributing worship aids. If participation grows consistently, the plan is to

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Spotlight: Hospitality Ministry

We believe that the church Jesus founded is a happy church, a community of love, brotherhood and friendship. Let the people of St James not be strangers to one another. Let there be fellowship as we worship together.

How? The members of the hospitality ministry reach out and greet parishioners as they enter the church introducing themselves and asking others their name, welcoming them to St. James Church. Ideally, the church doors should have a greeter at each door, especially the handicapped door. They also seek to assist parishioners at the conclusion of Mass. The members are identifiable by wearing their St James Hospitality Badge.

Other responsibilities of the St James Hospitality Committee: is to host First Saturdays Breakfast and Rosary. Another responsibility is to be available for Coffee/Donut/Bagel Sundays. Our responsibility is to prepare the tables (tablecloths and centerpieces), plate the donuts and ba-

gels, check on the coffee supply and have fellowship with those who attend, and clean up. Finally they may be called upon for other parish needs. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Snow who coordinates our Hospitality Committee at 732-741-0500.



Members of the Hospitality Committee at celebration for Deacon Tom's ordination.

Red Bank Catholic High School

Red Bank Catholic: Where Dreams Soar and Futures are Forged

In the heart of our community stands a venerable institution that has weathered the storms of history and emerged stronger and more vibrant than ever: Red Bank Catholic (RBC). For well over a century, RBC has been a bastion of academic excellence, unwavering faith, and community engagement. Today, as we stand on the precipice of a new era, it is worth celebrating the enduring legacy and the promising future of this esteemed institution. A Legacy of Excellence: Founded in the late 1800s, Red Bank Catholic has stood as a beacon of learning and faith through some of humanity's most challenging times, including World Wars and pandemics. Its resilience and dedication to providing a high-quality education have become hallmarks of the institution, inspiring generations of students to reach for the stars.

Academic Prowess and Holistic Development: What sets RBC apart is not just its academic rigor but its commitment to the holistic development of its students. With a wide array of programs including Dual enrollment classes, Advanced Placement courses,

specialized pathways, internships, and Capstone opportunities, RBC ensures that every student is equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate an ever-changing world.

Community Engagement and Social Responsibility: Beyond the classroom, RBC students are instilled with a strong sense of social responsibility. Through a variety of outreach programs, charitable initiatives, and community service projects, they continuously strive to make the world a better place. Whether supporting local food pantries, raising funds for charitable foundations, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, or organizing toy drives, RBC students learn the value of giving back and develop deep compassion for others.

Setting New Records: Red Bank Catholic continues to redefine what's possible. This year, our students earned acceptances to hundreds of colleges and universities, proving that dedication and ambition lead to extraordinary outcomes. Even more inspiring, 66% of our students received significant scholarship offers, a powerful recognition of their achievements and their promise to shape the future.

Looking to the Future: In 2022, the establishment of the RB Catholic High School Foundation marked a new chapter in RBC's journey. With a vision to ensure the school's future for the next hundred years, the foundation is a testament to RBC's commitment to evolving with the times while preserving its core values. This year the foundation kicked off a major capital campaign and is off to a very successful start.

Joining Hands for a Bright Tomorrow: As we

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witness 710 students thriving within its halls, RBC welcomed the largest enrollment of students since 2019. It's evident that RBC continues to be a school of choice for families seeking not just education, but a nurturing environment where young minds, hearts, and soul's flourish.

Now in her second year of service, Dr. Vanessa Pereira continues to lead Red Bank Catholic with a clear vision for growth and excellence. This year, the school proudly welcomed Dr. Rob Daniello as the new Dean of Students & Conduct, further strengthening our commitment to a supportive and student-centered environment. Together, our leadership team has expanded academic offerings, introduced innovative learning opportunities, and deepened our focus on the whole student—mind, heart, and spirit.

Our Advancement Office also propelled RBC forward with a remarkable year of community support, energized by the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends who share our belief in the mission and future of our school.

Red Bank Catholic remains steadfast in its commitment to responsible stewardship. We work every day to



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St. James Elementary School

Mr. Michael Tentile
Principal

Mrs. Catherine Golden
Vice-Principal

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"Guided by Faith, Built on Tradition, Growing with Purpose"

New Beginnings at Saint James Elementary School



We are pleased to welcome Mr. Michael Tentile as the new principal of Saint James Elementary School. He joins us from Red Bank Catholic, where he taught Mathematics and served in several leadership roles, including Dean of Discipline, Supervisor of Instruction, and Vice-Principal. He is committed to creating a positive, engaging learning environment and believes in preparing students with the skills they need for both today and the future. As Saint James principal, Mr. Tentile looks forward to partnering with families and the community to strengthen our programs and continue the school's strong faith-based tradition.



Our Parents Are the Best!

The PTA supports students from preschool through eighth grade and strengthens the Saint James community, funding curriculum, technology, facility upgrades, school supplies, and support staff. This year's First Annual Gala was a huge success.

Thank you as always to our sponsors, parents and teachers!

Ways To Get Involved:

SJS PTA	SJS Wellness Group
Royals Cub	Hearts United in Prayer
Performing Arts	SJS Athletic Coaches



Together, we make Saint James shine brighter every day!

Giving Thanks



Community service is central to Saint James and reflects our belief that serving others is a calling from God. Through acts of service, students strengthen their moral character, grow in empathy, and live out their faith in meaningful ways. Last year, students raised over \$3,750 and collected toys, food, and other essential items for organizations including:

Tunnel to Towers • Holiday Express • Lunch Break •
Raine Foundation • Our Missions • Mary's Place •
Unterberg Children's Hospital • Saint Crispin's Pantry

Save The Date

Join Us For Our Open House!

January 11, 2026

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



We welcome you to learn more about us and explore our programs
Preschool (3's & 4's),
Transitional Kindergarten,
Kindergarten through 8th Grade.
Limited Spaces Available!

Ministry Spotlight: Lazarus Ministry

The mission of our Lazarus Ministry is to walk with families as they commend their beloved deceased to the Lord. This ministry seeks to offer its support by assisting families at the time of the passing of a loved one with the details of planning a funeral liturgy and planning a yearly remembrance celebrated on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. It is a goal of this ministry to organize a bereavement support groups for those who have experienced the passing of a loved one. As the Rite of Christian Burial explains: The faith of the Christian community in the resurrection of the dead brings support and strength to those who suffer the loss of those whom they love. Members of the community should console the mourners with

words of faith and support and with acts of kindness.



Our Religious Education Program

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have pizza or other snack for the kids after Mass. Based on a number of comments these additions seem to be welcomed by parents and parishioners.

Saint James is a community of believers which includes families in both our Religious Education program as well as families whose children are enrolled in Saint James Elementary School. Part of the goal of faith formation is to encourage and strengthen our faith community. As in prior years, we continue to provide our Confirmation Candidates with several opportunities to get to know each other before they celebrate the sacrament. Candidates have already gotten together for the Confirmation Ice Breaker, in January we are tentatively planning an "Adoration Experience" designed to draw our teens into the beauty and peace of Eucharistic Adoration, in February we will again get together for Confirmation Movie Night, and preparation culminates with the Confirmation Retreat, an engaging thoughtful day of prayer.

Our First Reconciliation and First Communion programs are designed to encourage families to joyfully participate as they bring their children to these most beautiful sacraments. Events include parent formation presentations to help parents truly understand the mercy and truth of reconciliation and the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The children will make First Communion Banners, work on "Acts of Random Kindness" and participate in the First Communion Children's Retreat in February.

Last year we added a Parish Family Reconciliation Service in March. It was a great success with whole families celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation, some for the first time in years! It is on the calendar again this March and we invite all families, especially those with children in second grade and eighth grade, to join us.

Looking to the summer, our Religious Education Program will pilot a limited summer program. As with the hybrid program, the summer program is designed to help families who are juggling many activities. We are offering

this option to parish children in grades 3 through 6. The program will run from Monday June 29th through Friday, July 11th (no class on Friday July 4th). Classes each day will begin at 8:15am Mass, progress through instructional time, art, music and time in prayer ending at 12:30pm. Class sizes will be limited, and complete attendance and attendance at a minimum of 8 family catechetical events is required. Registration for the Summer Program will be open in January. More information regarding the list of family catechesis events will be forthcoming.

If we are faithful to the Gospel, we realize that Jesus never told us that living as a Christian would be easy, but it is the only source of true and profound joy! Each of us is called to spread the good news of our faith and walk with one another as we journey toward Christ. At St. James we are blessed to have 20 catechists who spend their Sunday mornings doing just that. Additionally, we have 8 teenagers who regularly join us as assistant catechists. Through their dedication, and your prayers we continue to strive to bring the light of Christ to our parish families.

Red Bank Catholic High School

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ensure that families have access to an exceptional Catholic education while honoring the financial realities they

face. Guided by faith, mission, and a dedication to excellence, RBC continues to move confidently into the future.

RBC is committed to financial responsibility seeking to provide an excellent Catholic secondary education mindful of family financial obligations. The annual budget for FY 24-25 was \$14.5.

Msgr. Joe

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tized Catholic to complete their sacraments of initiation and instructs those baptized in other Christian traditions to be received into the Catholic Church.

Responding to requests that I have received from a significant number of parishioners, beginning in the new year, when there is a second collection, we will be physically taking up the second collection. Your fellow parishioners have told me that they would like to contribute to these second collections and, since many do not receive physical envelopes or follow the schedule of these collections, this physical second collection will provide them with an opportunity

to participate. I am most grateful for this generous spirit. I also wish to respond to a question that I receive often about our monthly second collection for the diocesan assessment. In addition to the Annual Catholic Appeal of which we receive rebates when reaching certain milestones towards our goal, the diocese assesses us a fixed amount based on our ordinary revenue which we are required to remit. This particular collection is meant to help defray this expense. I know you share my love for our St. James Parish family.

Once again, thank you for all you do in the way of supporting your parish. We are called to stewardship of the resources and gifts that God entrusted to us for our mission. I ask you as you

read this report to prayerfully consider what you can do in support of our community. Each individual gift of time, talent and treasure is evident every day in our liturgies, many ministries and vibrancy of our community. It is my hope that as a family you may reflect on your commitment for the next year. With over 4,000 registered families even a modest increase in contributions and volunteering from each family will have a significant impact. It takes many hands and hearts to carry on Christ's mission. Your sacrifices are greatly appreciated.

Please help keep this vibrancy alive and growing. Thanks for your prayerful consideration. God bless !

On-line Giving Program

Have you considered using online giving? By creating a login and contributing online you'll always have a report of your giving history available. You can access your report easily and securely via the web, and your information will always be up-to-date with your latest contribu-

tions. Online Giving enables you to have your Sunday Offering automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. You choose how much to give, how often to give and what method of payment is to be used. We have partnered with ParishSOFT Giving. It's simple and

secure: log on to the parish website www.sjredbank.org and click Giving Tab and follow the easy registration instructions. For more information or assistance please contact the parish office.

The Christmas Season Schedule 2025

Wednesday, December 17

Advent Penance Service with
Individual Confession 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 21

Music Ministry Christmas Concert
3:00 pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24

Family Mass at 4:00 pm
in the Eck Center
Mass at 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm in the
Church

Thursday, December 25

Mass at 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30
am in the Church

Solemnity of Mary,

the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31

Mass at 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 1

Mass at 9:30 am and 11:30 am

