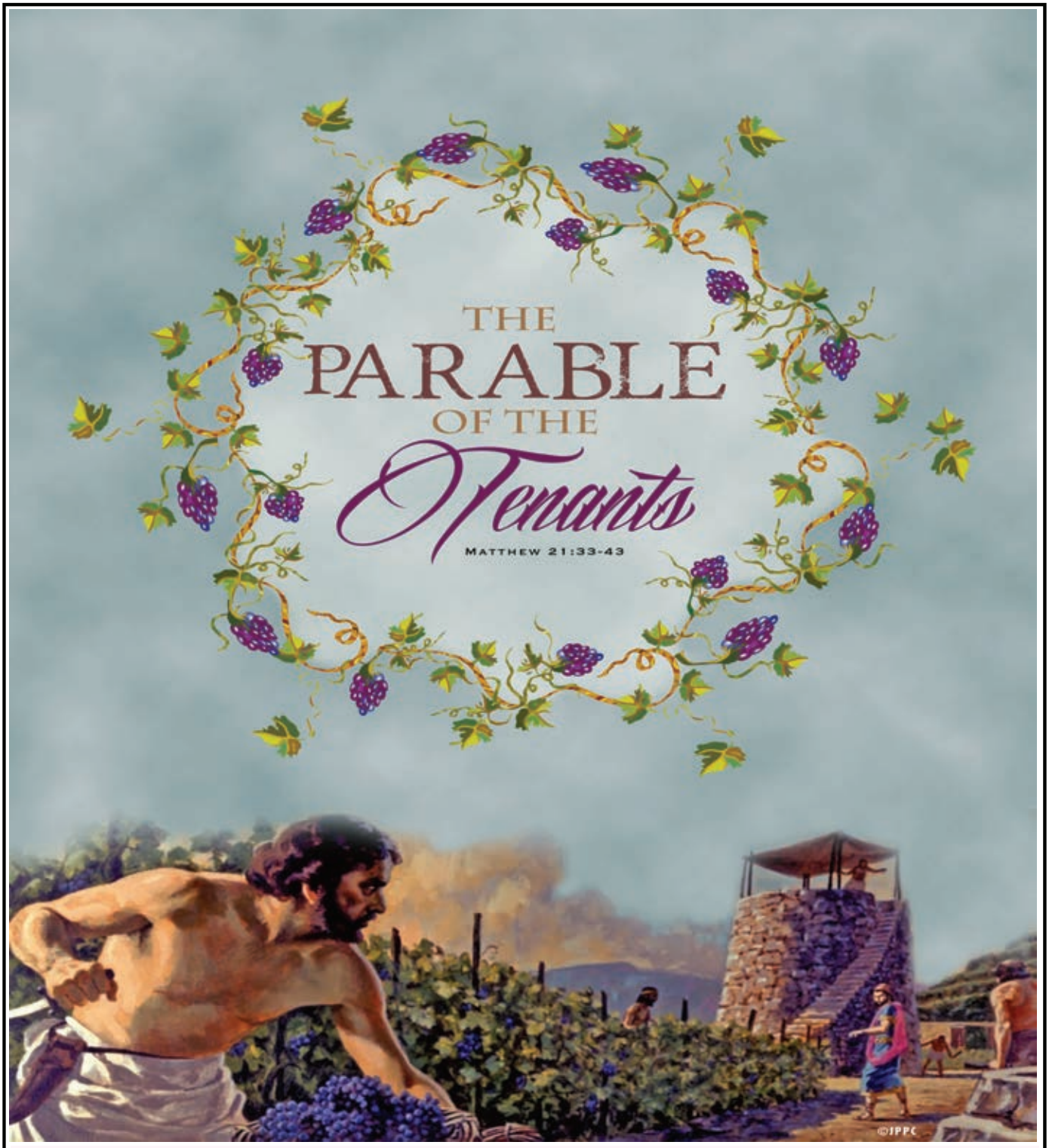


St. James Roman Catholic Church
Main Street & Amboy Avenue
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
October 4, 2020

www.stjamesonline.org ~ email: stjameschurch@stjamesonline.org

Making Christ's Love Visible for 160 years

Serving our Parish Community

PARISH OFFICE
148 Grenville Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
(732) 634-0500

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday ~ 8:00am to 4:00pm
Friday ~ 8:00am to 3:00pm
{Closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm}

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. James has been spiritually rooted in Woodbridge since the 1860s. We are a culturally diverse group of people united in Jesus Christ through baptism and faithful to the word of God. We are a parish that encourages all members of our community to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are committed to do the will of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We believe in and practice Christ's compassionate concern for all. We strive to become a vibrant church that focuses on developing, maintaining and propagating the essential elements of parish life through evangelization, worship, service, and stewardship.

BISHOP
The Most Reverend
James F. Checchio JCD, MBA

PASTOR
Rev. Thomas Naduviledathu, SDV
(ext. 203)

TRANSITIONAL DEACON
Ignacio Cogollodo Jr., SDV
(ext. 201)

DEACONS
Deacon Carl E. Psota
Deacon Bill Lange (ext. 109)
Deacon John DiJoseph (ext. 108)
Deacon Roel Mercado **732-738-4106**

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY
732-636-6343
Peggy Foley

SACRED MUSIC & LITURGY
Christopher McGrath, Director
732-431-1709

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Mary Pat Burke-Grospin (ext. 111)

OFFICE MANAGER
Maria Russo (ext. 104)

BUSINESS OFFICE
Sherri Kalita, Receptionist (ext. 100)
Nikki Zsamba, Adm. Asst. (ext. 101)
Rose Plunkett, Secretary (ext. 102)
Cemetery Office (ext. 104)
John Stone, Tech. & Support
(ext. 106)

FOOD PANTRY
174 Grove Street ~ **732-636-4310**
Tues., Weds., Thurs.
9:00am - 11:00am
Thurs. Evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm

ST. JAMES SCHOOL
732-634-0500
Frances C. Comiskey, Principal
(ext. 302)
Brenda Stone, Secretary (ext. 301)

CHILD CARE CENTER
732-634-2077
Carol Ann Feher, Administrator
(ext. 112)

SCHOOL OF RELIGION
732-634-3026
Dorothy Zmigrodski, Director (ext. 350)
Linda Donnelly, Secretary (ext. 351)
Michelle Perez, Secretary (ext. 352)

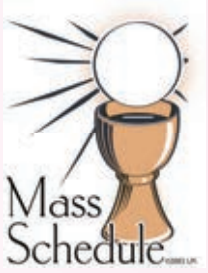
SPECIAL EVENTS
STREET FAIR/ SPRING AUCTION
732-634-0500 (ext. 105)

CONFESSIONS

Please note a Priest will be available for **Confession** 11:00 am to 12:30pm on Saturdays in the **Sacristy.**
Please wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance from those in line.

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday ~ 12:10pm
First Saturday of the Month ~ 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday ~ 5:30 pm
Sunday ~ 7:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Noon



Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays ~ 12:45pm
Benediction ~ 3:00pm

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 3
9:00am Mass of Remembrance
9:45am Blessing of Animals ~ Grove Street Side

Vigil ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm Thomas J. Olivacz

Sunday, October 4
7:30am St. James Parishioners
10:00pm Virginia Deverin
12:00pm Thomas O'Connor
Joyce Gould
5:30pm No Mass due to Covid

Monday, October 5 ~ Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
12:10pm Emily Strish

Tuesday, October 6 ~ Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher; Virgin
12:10pm Robert Yuhas

Wednesday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary
12:10pm

Thursday, October 8
12:10pm Salome Estavillo

Friday, October 9 ~ Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest
12:10pm Henry Chomicki

Saturday, October 10

Vigil ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm Noel O'Connell

Sunday, October 11
7:30am St. James Parishioners
10:00pm Marie & James Delbaugh
12:00pm Krista Cheslak
Carmen & Adeline Lauricella
5:30pm No Mass due to Covid

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory and Honor of Almighty God for the

† Terri Williams †

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Stewardship

	2020	2019
September 26 & 27	$ 4,510.00	$ 10,685.00
Online Giving	$ 3,871.50	$ 1,699.50
	$ 8,381.50	**$ 12,384.50**
R&M	**$ 2,311.00**	**$ 3,317.00**

The Second Collection on October 10 & 11th is for All Souls.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."

Proverbs 19:17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 ; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

A TIME TO WEEP. . . .

† Virginia Semon †

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Registration ~ Are you new to the area or new to the Catholic Community of St. James? If yes, registration is simple. You may register on our website www.stjamesonline.org or call our Parish Office ext.100. Also, we receive many requests for testimonial letters, sponsorship forms for the Sacraments, letters of recommendation or character references. ***In order to accommodate you, you must be a registered and active parishioner for 6 months.*** Please contact the Parish Office at 732-634-0500 ext. 100. **For those who have reached the age of 22 and work full time, please register as an individual.**

Baptisms ~ Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:15pm. Parents are required to attend a pre-baptism session first. Please call the parish office at 732-634-0500 ext. 100 for more information. ***If you would like to request a Baptism Class or Baptism in Spanish, please call Maria Valverde at 732-762-9654. Si desea solicitor una clase de bautismo o de bautismo en español por favor póngase en contacto Maria Valverde at 732-762-9654.*** After the baptism class, and when Godparents' sponsor certificates are provided, you may schedule a baptism, please call 732-634-0500 ext.100.

Qualifications for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors ~ Must be at least 14 years of age, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Must be an active Catholic: someone who is registered in a Catholic parish, attends Mass, contributes to the support of the church, in a valid Catholic marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

These requirements are the ***universal law*** of the Church, and are not determined by the individual parish.

Marriages ~ Ideally, registered parishioners of St. James are welcome to make arrangements ***at least one year in advance.*** Please contact Maria at the Parish Office ext. 104, immediately after your engagement to schedule an appointment to speak with a priest or deacon in order to secure a date. The date with the church must be confirmed before making other social plans.

To Become a Roman Catholic….

R.C.I.A. ~ The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults is the process by which we prepare non-Catholics who are interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church, and Catholics who wish to complete their initiation sacraments. For information please call Deacon Bill Lange at the Parish Office, ext. 109.

Ministry To The Sick And Dying ~ We minister to those who are ill, in local hospitals or homebound, especially to those in hospice care. Please call 732-634-0500 and press 1. ***Anointing of the infirmed is an opportunity to pray for healing. If you are going for surgery or a test ask the priest after Mass or call the Parish Office.***

Baptism Class
October 14, 2020

Pre-Baptism class is required for all parents. This session will provide an opportunity to grow in your understanding of the sacrament. Space is limited and no children please. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office 732-634-0500 ext. 100. **Registration is required in order to attend class. *Please complete the following registration form and return to the Parish Office, together with a $10.00 materials fee.*** The fee is non-refundable, but is transferable with 48 hour prior notice of cancellation and rescheduling.

Class date requested: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Due Date or Date of Birth: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email address _____

House Blessings ~ Fr. Tom is available and would like to visit and bless all the homes of our St. James Parishioners. This would be a wonderful opportunity to receive a house blessing as well as a time to meet with the parishioners of St. James. Fr. Tom is available to come to your home at your convenience, please call the Parish Office 732-634-0500 ext. 104 to schedule a House Blessing.

Dorothy Loniak
Millie Crowley
Neil Wilke
Tiffany Dritschel
Tony Fedele
Maureen Caster
Robert Isabella
Gordon Popan
Janet Lubas
Rita Bertagna
Mike Almasy
Colleen Barcellona
William DeFoe
Edward Kuchie
Eleanor Butler
Joanne Sharkey
Ben Campbell
Elizabeth Malangone
Rosemary Malangone
Pete & Robert Miarmi
Donna Rech
Don Larson
Patricia Nixon
Patrice Haborak
Margaret & Erwin Dugasz
John Petro
Randy Sadler
Michele DeFoe
William Pluta
Dottie Owens
Elizabeth Jaramillo
Claire & Jack Webb
Ruben Martinez
Jake Russell
Patrick Swinarski
Nicola Eucaliptus
Anthony Vasquez
Ezio DiGiuseppe
Ryan Terebetsky
Ernest Andrascik
Frank J. Capraro
Vincent J. Capraro
Leo Wasiewlewski
Quintin Devorak
Gary Davila
Mark McCracken
Richard & Erik Gould
Geraldine Bader
John Toto
Mary Sowienski
Dominic Russo
Joe & Bonnie Brinamen
Olivia Quimbay
Myron Mihalov
James Sullivan
Nick Caparaso
Marie Demoreski
Joey Gianino
Catherine Gerity
Nicholai Ruck Lubas
Steven Murawski
Bernadette O'Halloran
Danny Pinkasavage
William Pinkasavage
Deacon Carl Psota
John Paul
Joseph Russo

Let us also pray for all who are homebound or hospitalized.
Names will be published for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Please PRAY for PEACE and for ALL OUR MILITARY, especially:

MC2 Kyle Palasti, US Navy, Sgt. Trevor Dulemba, US Army, CPO Thomas Purcell, US Navy, FCA3 Tyler Jon Sabo, US Navy, Lt. David Cordes, US Navy, Lance Corp. Anthony K. Dino, USMC Sgt. Brandon V. Galgay, US Marines, Private Nicholas Eucaliptus, Army National Guard

The flag presently being flown was donated by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly #667 in honor of all their deceased brothers.

Please remember in prayer the intentions of The Sons of St. Joseph and Women of Faith Prayer Groups as well as the intentions of all those who serve our community.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion
to recite together in the Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone…." Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

"*Stewardship Scripture Quotes*"

Pastor's Page

Dear family and friends in Jesus Christ…,

The common theme of today's readings is the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life. The readings warn us of our spiritual sterility, ingratitude, and wickedness. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice and mercy. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude through the parable, Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory.

Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent. Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people. This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom - a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him.

He entrusts his gifts and grace to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labor for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end. We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Jesus has given the Church everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing; the Bible to know the will of God, the priesthood to lead the people in God's ways, the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of sins, the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food, the Sacrament of Confirmation for a dynamic life of Faith, the Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in families, the fundamental unit of the Church, role models in thousands of saints. We are expected to make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God. By the mutual sharing of blessings, by sacrificing time and talents for the members of the family, by humbly and lovingly serving others in the family, by recognizing and encouraging each other and by honoring and gracefully obeying God's commandments we, become producers of "good fruit" for the Vine, Christ, in our families, and so give Glory to God.

There are a few questions for our examination of conscience. Have we come close to fulfilling God's dream about us? What kind of grapes do we as a parish community produce? Are they sweet or sour? What is our attitude toward everything God has given to us? Are we grateful stewards for everything God has given to us, or are we like the ungrateful tenants who acted as if they owned everything God had given them? Do we practice justice every day of our lives? Do we recognize the righteousness of God that keeps us from self-righteousness? Do we remember to show mercy? Is our parish a real sign of Jesus' presence and love? What kind of impact do we have? Do we measure the quality of our parish by what happens during Mass, or on what happens when we leave Church? Obviously, both are important but there cannot be one without the other.

Let us pray, "Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us - for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake".

Fr. Tom
Pastor, St. James' Roman Catholic Church
"Do everything for the greater glory of God!"

St. James Food Pantry
Report & Needs

The food pantry currently needs canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, Chef boy ar dee, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned and instant potatoes, snacks, shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, canned meat, cereal, rice, soup, jelly, peanut butter, tuna fish.

Prayer, Remembrance and Devotion
available at St. James Parish

Mass Intention - $10.00
Sanctuary Candle - $25.00
Altar Bread - $25.00
Altar Wine - $25.00
Purgatorial Mass - $25.00*****
*****(Mass Remembrance 1st Saturday of the month for 1 year)

Please visit the Parish Office to schedule.

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at www.stjamesonline.org.

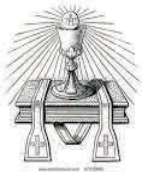
Register as a parishioner on our website www.stjamesonline.org.

St. James Parish
Bereavement Support Group
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Fall Session 2020

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on October 5th at 7:30pm in St. James Church. Registration is required as space is limited. To register, please call the Parish Office at 732-634-0500 ext.100. Please enter the church through the side door on Grove Street. Masks are mandatory. Social distancing is required. Doors will be locked at 7:30pm. The meeting will conclude at 9:00pm. The fall meeting dates are: October 12, October 20 (please note this is a Tuesday) October 26, and November 2.

"Blessed are they who mourn……
for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4

The **2021 Mass Book** is open. To reserve Mass Intentions please come to the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm and Friday from 8:00am to 3:00pm closed for lunch from 1:00 - 2:00-pm daily.



St James Eucharistic Adoration

We are offering Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays at 12:45pm with Benediction at 3:00pm. This will be continued every Wednesday until further notice. Please wear masks and seat distanced. Any questions, please call Mitizi at 732-634-8317.

Knights of Columbus Council #857
130 Main Street
Woodbridge, New Jersey
732-634-7983 / GrandKnightKofC857@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus 857 will be holding another **Blood Drive** at their council **on Sunday, October 11th from 8:00am until 2:00pm.** Please call 1-800-933-2566 to set up an appointment. Walk-ins welcome with social distancing. Masks a must!!! See flyers in the vestibule for more details. NJBS collected 81 units of blood at our last drive. GOD BLESS ALL DONORS!!!.

8th Grade Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Monday, October 19th from 6:00 -9:00 PM – with a parent or sponsor, wearing masks and socially distanced.

7th Grade/1st Year Confirmation students – The Rite of Enrollment and Commissioning of Sponsors Mass for the St. James School of Religion students is on Saturday, October 3rd at the 5:30PM Mass. Sign in is in the church vestibule at 5PM. The Rite of Enrollment and Commissioning of Sponsors Mass for the St. James School Students is on Sunday, October 4th at the 10AM Mass. Sign in is in the church vestibule at 9:30AM.

Our School of Religion is in need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time to this important ministry. The following volunteers are needed: Monday 4th Grade Catechist and Assistant. Please contact Dorothy Zmigrodski (Mrs. Z) at dzmigrodski@stjamesonline.org or 732-634-3026 X350 to sign up or request information.

Spread the Word

We are happy to announce that we are now live-streaming our daily 12:10pm, Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 10:00am Masses. We know there are many parishioners who may not feel comfortable coming to Church and many who may be homebound and are unable to attend Mass. Please help us to spread the word. This service is available on our St. James website www.stjamesonline.org and on Facebook and youtube.

Congratulations to Neil and Diane Hoyer celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 3rd! They were married in Christ the King Church in Hillside, New Jersey on October 3, 1970.

"The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His face
toward you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Vocationist Fathers
90 Brooklake Road
Florham Park, NJ 07932
www.vocationistfathers.org
Drawing: November 20, 2020

Dear St. James Parishioners:

The Friends of the Vocationist Fathers are turning to you for assistance; as you may know, the Vocationist Fathers work all over the world to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Vocationist Fathers have over 280 seminarians studying for the priesthood in the United States, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Nigeria, Philippines, India, Colombia, Madagascar, Ecuador, Indonesia, United Kingdom and Chile. In these countries, the means of self-support is lacking. We are asking you for your support because these are the future priests for the Church and the Vocationist Fathers.

Each year we hold one raffle on their behalf. Without this fundraiser, the funds needed to support our seminarians are significantly impacted. Tickets may be purchased by a book of six (6) which is only $20; individual tickets can be taken for a donation of $5.00. If you take a book of six, you get two tickets free!

Every book purchased goes toward assisting the Vocationist Fathers' work with the underprivileged and the candidates studying for the priesthood and religious life. Last year's raffle brought in a total of $74,800.00. The first-place winner received $26,180; the second-place winner received $7,480; the third-place winner received $3,740. The Vocationist Fathers received $37,400 to support our work.

Please look for raffle tickets in the pews at church on the weekend of October 10th & 11th. If you are unable to buy the whole book, could you possibly ask relatives, friends, or co-workers to participate? By state law, ALL books sold or unsold must be returned by Friday, November 13, 2020. All ticket returns may be brought to the Parish Office or you may drop them in an envelope in the collection basket marked Vocationist Fathers. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your intentions will always be included in the prayers of the Vocationist Fathers.

May the Love and Peace of our Lord be with you always,

Fr. Thomas Naduviledathu, S.D.V.
Pastor

St. James Church
10 Day October Devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary

As we enter the month of October which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, please join us for the 10 Day Devotion to our Lady of the Rosary.

Day 1 ~ On Wednesday, October 7th the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary we will have the Living Rosary in Church at 7:00pm. The St. James Altar Rosary Society will lead prayers. Litany to the Blessed Mother to follow. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.

Days 2 & 3 ~ 6:30pm ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**.**

Day 4 ~ 6:30pm ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary and Benediction.

Day 5 ~ October 11th Rosary Rally for our Nation
Please join us at 4:00pm outside of Church on Grove Street side for Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.
St. James will be registered with all churches across our nation and join in simultaneous Rosaries.

Days 6, 7, 8 and 9 ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~ Rosary at 6:30pm and Benediction at 7:00pm.

Day 10 ~ Friday, October 16 ~ Closing of our 10 day devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 8:00am—8:00pm (Adorers will pray the Rosary every hour)

7:00pm ~ International Rosary ~ Last Decade of the Rosary, **each Hail Mary prayed in 10 different languages**

8:00pm ~ Litany to the Blessed Mother

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
"Friends Helping Friends"

Boscov's is once again holding their "Friends Helping Friends" event, but just like everything else this year, it's going to be a little different. Actually, it will be even better. Here's how it works: Shop at Boscov's on October 14 and 15 (2 days this year). Mention our organization… Catholic Daughters Court Mercedes when checking out online or in store (no passes to buy). You will receive 20% off the lowest sale price on almost everything! (10% on some items, and some exclusions apply). We will receive 5% of your total purchases. It's a win-win! As always, we really appreciate your support. For more info or any questions, please call Debbie 908-930-3409 or Judy 732-266-8607.

Around the Diocese …..

• **Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala Thursday, October 22 ~ 7:00pm ~** The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people seeking assistance and no one is ever turned away. The ministry of Catholic Charities has remained uninterrupted throughout these unprecedented times providing basic necessities of food, clothing and housing for those hit hardest by the economic downturn. In addition, curbside visits and tele-health services are now available for those in need of counseling or struggling with addictions. Programs for youth, affordable child care, maternity and immigration services continue to serve thousands of men, women, and children each day. By entering out Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. The prize for our last year's raffle was $26,800 each for two lucky winners. With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are $100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment. Thank you and good luck!

• **2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal ~** To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $62,190.48 and payments totaling $60,040.48 from 307 parishioners. This represents 98.7% of our $63,000.00 goal. Thank you for your generosity.

School News

Dear St. James Families,

Thank you for all your help and donations to the 2020 Super 50/50 Raffle! All your love and support made this year's event a huge success! The amount of families that went above and beyond to help raise money during these uncertain times is a true testament of the love and support we have for our beloved school!

Congratulations to our winner who won the Super 50/50 grand prize! Our winner is a parent at St. James School.

The grand total was $24,421.60!!!! Your thoughtfulness and contributions helped raise $12,210.80 for our school.

We look forward to next year where we can hopefully all come together and bring an even greater total!!

St. James Super 50/50 Committee

Used Clothing Drive
Proceeds benefitting St. James School
St. James School Gym

Friday, October 16, 2:30 ~ 5:30pm
Saturday, October 17, 9:00am ~ 12:00pm and 5:00pm ~ 7:00pm
Sunday, October 18, 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

Useable and wearable clothing (men, women and children); shoes, sneakers, belts, handbags, stuffed animals, small toys, bikes, scooters, linens, bedding, curtains, towels. We are working with AE Clothing to help recycle the items donated. None of the clothes get shredded or destroyed! All items must be in garbage bags and tied closed. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca at ROirish98@aol.com.

St. James
<u>School ~ Pre-K</u>

Our St. James School Pre-K class needs your help, we are in need of outdoor climbing play equipment, items such as Little Tykes, Playskool etc., slides, castles, playhouses anything our little ones would enjoy! We appreciate your generosity of good condition items.

St. James Child Care Center

Our St. James Child Care Center is in need of a sturdy high chair that is in good condition. If you have one and would like to donate we could sure use it. Please call 732-634-2077 ext.110 or 112.

St. James School
Tuition Angel Fund

Thank you for your generous donations to our Parish Tuition Assistance fund. We have utilized all the monies raised to date for the 2020-2021 school year and we continue to raise funds in anticipation of the needs of our families. Your continued support is appreciated.

All checks are to be made payable to St. James School, and note "Tuition Assistance" in the memo section. *Your gift is tax deductible*. With a grateful heart ~ Father Thomas

My Dear Parishioners,
I am settling into life here and I am so happy to be your pastor. You have all been so welcoming and I am very grateful for the kindness you have shown to me. As I look around the church I notice we are in need of sanctuary items. We are looking for some altar candles, new altar linens, and statues. Consider a family memorial gift in memory of a loved one. These items can be costly so I am humbly asking for your help.

If anyone would like to donate any of these items in memory of a loved one, please give us a call at the Parish Office.

Altar Linens

Set of 6 Altar Candles

Altar Cloths

St. Joseph

Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. James Parish will celebrate the Christmas season by illuminating the buildings of our parish by erecting beautiful 6 foot real Christmas trees, decorated with white lights.

Saturday, December 5th
after 5:30pm Mass

We will gather outside our church for the blessing and lighting of the trees. They will remain lit each evening from
6:00pm until midnight throughout the entire Christmas season until the Feast of the Epiphany.

The cost to memorialize one of these beautiful trees will be $200. The trees will be affixed with a large plaque containing the name or names to be memorialized.

The number of trees are limited, so please look for the Christmas Tree Reservation Form on the reverse side of this form

Christmas Tree Reservation Form

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