

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
11-22-2020



St. James Roman Catholic Church
Main Street & Amboy Avenue
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
Phone ~ 732-634-0500

www.stjamesonline.org ~ email: stjameschurch@stjamesonline.org
Making Christ's Love Visible for 161 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

Fr. Thomas Naduviledathu, SDV
(ext. 203)

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Fr. 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

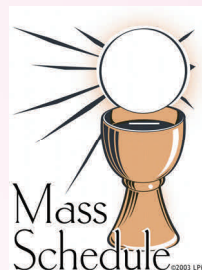
Please note a Priest will be available for **Confession** 11:00 am to 12:30pm on Saturdays in the **Sacristy**.
Please wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance from those in line.

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



Saturday, November 21~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
5:30pm Margaret Biolsi

Sunday, November 22
7:30am St. James Parishioners
10:00pm Marilou Mercado
12:00pm Joseph Skolarczyk
5:30pm No Mass due to Covid

Monday, November 23 ~ Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agusti Pro, Priest, Martyr
12:10pm Helen & George Smisko

Tuesday, November 24 ~ Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, Martyr and Companions, Martyrs
12:10pm Frank Kreisel

Wednesday, November 25 ~ Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
12:10pm Margaret & William Schaefer

Thursday, November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day
9:00am Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #769

Friday, November 27
12:10pm Joseph & Margaret Sisko

Saturday, November 28
Vigil ~ First Sunday of Advent

5:30pm Biolsi Family

Sunday, November 29
7:30am St. James Parishioners
10:00pm Bruce McDonald
12:00pm Jerry Murphy
5:30pm Alessandro DiMeo
5:30pm No Mass due to Covid



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory and Honor of Almighty God for
 † Sisko & Schaefer Families †

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING



	2020	2019
Nov. 14 & 15	\$ 6,117.00	\$ 11,964.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,386.50	\$ 3,334.50
	\$ 10,503.50	\$ 15,298.50

2nd Collection
 Social Concerns **\$ 2,316.00** **\$ 4,509.00**
 Thanksgiving

The Second Collection on December 5 & 6 is for Christmas Mass Remembrance.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

A TIME TO WEEP. . . .

† All Deceased Members of
 St. James Parish †
 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 solicitar 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 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 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 December 9, 2020

Pre-Baptism class is required for all parents and Godparents. 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. All non-registered families please include a \$10.00 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 Blessing.



Ann Fitzsimmons
Robert Grzeszczak
Steven Blaha
Maria Julia Perez
Joanne Golden
Dorothy Loniak
Millie Crowley
Neil Wilke
Tiffany Dritschel
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
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Vincent J. Capraro
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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.*



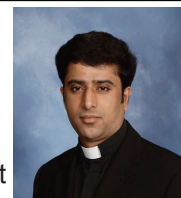
**Prayer, Remembrance and Devotion
 available at St. James Parish**

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.

Pastor's Page



Dear family and friends in Jesus Christ...

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed.

Why did Jesus come on earth? There can be many answers, to save us, to bring us eternal life, to lead us to heaven etc., but the truth is to establish His kingdom, the kingdom of God. This week's gospel "The Judgment Scene" is not a parable, it is a prophecy of the truth that's going to come and that is the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. Here, Jesus is being revealed as *Son of Man in Glory*, as the King who *judges* justly, and the *criterion* of His judgment is given. The Gospel passage teaches us that the main criterion of the Last Judgment will be the works of Christian charity, kindness and mercy that we have done for others, in whom we have actually served Christ, knowingly or unknowingly. The account tells us that Christ, the Judge, is going to ask us six questions, and all of them are based on how we have cooperated with God's grace to do acts of charity, kindness and mercy for others, because Jesus actually dwells in them.

The first set of questions: "I was hungry, thirsty, homeless. Did you give me food, drink, accommodation?" The second set of questions: "I was naked, sick, imprisoned. Did you clothe me? Did you help me by visiting me in my illness or in prison?" If the answers are yes, we will be eternally rewarded because we have cooperated with God's grace by practicing charity. But if the answers are negative, we will be eternally punished. Are we ready to follow Christ the King and His kingdom? He is a unique King with a unique Kingdom. Jesus Christ still lives as King in thousands of human hearts all over the world. The cross is His throne and the Sermon on the Mount is His rule of law. His citizens need obey only one law: "*Love others as I have loved you*". His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. That is why the Preface in today's Mass describes Jesus' Kingdom as "*a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.*" He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: to free mankind from all types of bondage, so that we may live peacefully and happily on earth and inherit Eternal Life in Heaven. His rule consists in seeking the lost, offering salvation to those who call out to Him, and making friends of enemies. Let us acclaim Long Live Christ the King.

Do you know the story of Saint Miguel Pro? In the 1920's, a totalitarian regime gained control of Mexico and tried to suppress the Church. To resist the regime, many Christians took up the cry, "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" "Long live Christ the King!" They called themselves "Cristeros." The most famous Cristero was a young Jesuit priest named Padre Miguel Pro. Using various disguises, Padre Pro ministered to the people of Mexico City. Finally, the government arrested him and sentenced him to public execution on November 23, 1927. The president of Mexico (Plutarco Calles) thought that Padre Pro would beg for mercy, so he invited the press to the execution. Padre Pro did not plead for his life, but instead knelt holding a crucifix. When he finished his prayer, he kissed the crucifix and stood up. Holding the crucifix in his right hand, he extended his arms and shouted, "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" At that moment the soldiers fired. The journalists took pictures; if you look up "Padre Pro" or "Saint Miguel Pro" on the Internet, you can see that picture. We too need to prove with our lives that we are true citizens of Christ the King. We need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to Christ's rule. Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to surrender our lives to Him.

We need to learn to be servers: Since Christ was a Servant - King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. We need to use our authority to support the rule of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the public or the private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him in the way we live.

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

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! Stay safe as you gather together as a family and give thanks to the Lord our God. I will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am, all are welcome.

"SAVE THE DATE"

"Be the Light"

Location: St. James Church

Date: Wednesday, December 2nd

An Advent Multi-parish live-stream conference with live speakers, Questions and Answers and worship. Let us return to what matters most this season!

More information to follow.



Spread the Word



We are happy to announce that we are live-streaming our daily 12:10pm, Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 10:00am and our Mass of Remembrance celebrated on the first Saturday of each month. Please visit our website www.stjamesonline.org. You may also view the Masses on Facebook (St. James Roman Catholic Church Woodbridge) and Youtube (St James Church-Woodbridge)



Next Sunday we begin our the season of Advent. Advent is the four week liturgical season that precedes Christmas. The term "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming."

The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of Gods plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord.

I am asking each family to either make or purchase an Advent wreath and light it at dinner time, and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Please bring your Advent wreath to Church next week and I will bless them.

Fr. Thomas

IMPORTANT

We are still in the process of updating our phone records for our parishioners, if you have changed phone numbers or cell numbers please call Nikki at the Parish Office at 732-634-0500 ext. 101.

Immigration Services Program Citizenship Day

Are you interested in applying for your US citizenship and meet one of the following requirements?

Have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 5 years?

or

Have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 3 years and obtained residency through a US citizen spouse?

Call **732-324-8200**
to schedule an
initial consultation.
Space is limited.

Initial consultations will
establish eligibility and
provide a document
checklist.

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE IN PERTH AMBOY
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



*"...whatever you did for one of the least
of my brothers, you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

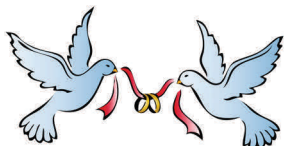
**St. James Food Pantry
Report & Needs**



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.

Praying the Rosary

Before all weekend masses the Altar Rosary Society will be leading us in reciting the rosary. In the Catholic Church, the rosary is one of the most cherished prayers. For us, it is a powerful prayer of intercession to the Blessed Mother. Praying the rosary is promoted as a means of strengthening one's faith, resisting evil, growing spiritually, and generally benefiting society. Please join us 25 minutes before each mass.



***Congratulations to Alfred and Carol Smith
celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on
November 22, 2020!! They were married in
1970 at Blessed Sacrament Church in
Elizabeth, New Jersey.***

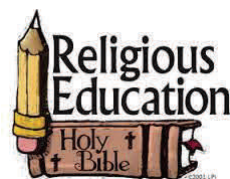
*"The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His face
toward you, and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26*



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


The Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 21 and Monday, January 18 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.

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



Religious Education (CCD) classes are virtual at this time. All students must attend Mass weekly either in person or virtually. For more information please contact Dorothy Zmigrodski (Mrs. Z) at dzmigrodski@stjamesonline.org or 732-634-3026 X350.





St. James Roman Catholic Church Christmas Mass Schedule 2020

Due to the COVID 19 virus and the practicing of social distancing, our Bishop James Checchio is allowing an earlier Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 24th. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

<i>Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24th</i>	<i>Christmas Day Friday, December 25th</i>
2:00 pm	7:30 am
4:00 pm	10:00 am
6:00 pm	12:00 pm Noon
8:00pm	

** Please note that due to the early printing of our Mass Schedule through our envelope company, this revised Mass schedule is not noted on our Christmas schedule sent with your envelopes.*



Knights of Columbus Council #857
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Woodbridge, New Jersey
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Give thanks by donating blood at the Knights of Columbus #857 hall across the street next Saturday, November 28th from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Call 1-800-933-2566 for an appointment. MASKS-A-MUST! Happy Thanksgiving!



A Prayer for Thanksgiving

*Loving God, we turn our hearts
to you on this day for
giving thanks, mindful
of your many gifts.*

*For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to
The abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer
a reminder to be generous with
others, as you are with us.*

*We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen*



School News



**Saturday
December 12
9:00am-3:00pm**

Winter Holiday Village

**Art, Craft & Holiday
Gift Shoppes**
.....
Food Vendors
.....
**Cider & Hot Chocolate
Station**
.....
SANTA!
.....
Pet Photos with Santa

**Craft/Artist Booths \$30
Please contact Carrie Sullivan
ca.sullivan@yahoo.com
for more details!**

**St. James Church Parking Lot
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St. James Child Care Center

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Toddler, Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4**

Come and see us, we'd love to meet you!
732-634-2077 x 110 and 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



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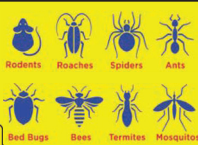


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