

# St. James Roman Catholic Church

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Making Christ's Love Visible for 162 years

**Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time • November 7, 2021**



**“She, from her poverty,  
has contributed all she had,  
her whole livelihood.”**

MARK 12:44

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday ~ 7:30, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Monday - Friday ~ 12:10pm

Saturdays ~ 9:00am

First Saturday of the Month

9:00am ~ Purgatorial Mass

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays ~ 12:45pm

Benediction ~ 3:00pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

11:00am - 12:30pm ~ Saturdays

The first Saturday of each month  
Confession will be offered in  
Spanish ~ 11:00am - 12:30pm



### 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.*

**Parish Office Hours ~ Monday - Thursday ~ 8:00am to 4:00pm ~ Friday ~ 8:00am to 3:00pm  
{closed for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm}**

#### **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 **732-887-8665**  
Deacon John DiJoseph ext. 108  
Deacon Roel Mercado **732-738-4106**

#### **SACRED MUSIC & LITURGY**

Christopher McGrath, Director  
**732-431-1709**

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

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

#### **PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**732-636-6343**

Peggy Foley

#### **OFFICE MANAGER**

Maria Russo ext. 104  
Cemetery Office ext. 104

#### **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

Nikki Zsamba ext. 101

#### **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Rose Plunkett ext. 100

#### **ST. JAMES SCHOOL**

**732-634-0500**

Frances C. Comiskey, Principal  
ext. 302

Brenda Stone, Secretary ext. 301  
Maribel Ramos ext. 300

John Stone, Tech. & Support  
ext. 106

#### **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

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**STREET FAIR/ SPRING AUCTION**

**732-634-0500 ext. 105**

## Stewardship

### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2018</u>
October 30 & 31	\$ 6,699.00	\$12,472.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,529.00	\$ 3,059.93
	<b>\$10,228.00</b>	<b>\$15,531.93</b>
 Social Concerns	 \$ 3,113.00	 \$ 4,485.00

*The 2nd collection on the weekend  
of November 13th & 14th is for  
Repair & Maintenance*

*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and He will repay him for his deed."  
Proverbs 19:17*

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, November 6 ~ Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9:00am Mass of Remembrance

**Vigil ~ Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
5:30pm John and Anna Hozeny

**Sunday, November 7**  
**(Daylight Saving Time Ends)**  
7:30am St. James Parishioners  
10:00am Ruben Martinez  
12:00pm James Curtin  
Patricia Gunther

**Monday, November 8**  
12:10pm Maria Diaz (*Healing Mass*)

**Tuesday, November 9 ~ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
12:10pm Vincent Gruskiewicz

**Wednesday, November 10 ~ Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**  
12:10pm Irene Collura

**Thursday, November 11 ~ Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
**Veterans Day**  
12:10pm Vicky Pesce

**Friday, November 12 ~ Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**  
12:10pm Josephine D'Silva

**Saturday, November 13 ~ Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**  
9:00am Barbara Young

**Vigil ~ Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
5:30pm Biolsi & Dirsher Families

**Sunday, November 14**  
7:30am St. James Parishioners  
10:00am Joe Sullivan  
12:00pm Marisol Paladino  
Family Mass



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
this week to the Glory and Honor  
of Almighty God for  
† Josephine D'Silva †*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10;  
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,  
135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;  
Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



### A TIME TO WEEP. . .

† St. James Parishioners †

*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*



### The Altar Flowers

*Altar Wine and Altar Bread*

*this week are in loving memory of*

† Danilo Mena †



**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](http://www.stjamesonline.org) or call our Parish Office ext.104. 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. 104. **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. 104 for more information. ***If you would like to request a Baptism Class or Baptism in Spanish, please call the parish office 732-634-0500 ext. 104. Si desea solicitar una clase de bautismo o de bautismo en español por favor póngase en contacto 732-634-0500.*** After the baptism class, and when Godparents' sponsor certificates are provided, you may schedule a baptism, please call 732-634-0500 ext.104.

**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. **Wedding times – Friday 5:00pm – Saturday 11:30am, 1:30 & 3:30pm. Sunday 3:00pm.**

**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  
November 10, 2021**

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. 104. **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 Blessing.



*We remember our loved ones who are sick, homebound, or in nursing homes.*

Anna Asta  
Chris Bober  
Gilbert Nelson Jr.  
Maria Alfaro  
Nancy Drumm  
Satig Zekian Frawley  
Dee Munno  
Emily Caffrey Stein  
Jeanette L. Nagy  
Frank St. Marie  
Marilyn Holder  
Cecil St. Clair  
Diane Campolargo  
Juliet Perez  
John Sewing  
Ray Sewing  
Constance Sewing  
Raymond Sewing  
Frank Haley  
Gail Smith

John Winkler  
Henry Lipp  
Kathy & Dan Balinski  
Dennis Boyce  
Robert Grzeszczak  
Maria Julia Perez  
Dorothy Loniak  
Neil Wilke  
Tiffany Dritschel  
Robert Isabella  
Mike Almasy  
William DeFoe  
Edward Kuchie  
Eleanor Butler  
Joanne Sharkey  
Elizabeth Malangone  
Rosemary Malangone  
Robert Miarmi  
Donna Rech  
Don Larson  
Patricia Nixon  
Patrice Haborak

Randy Sadler  
Michele DeFoe  
William Pluta  
Elizabeth Jaramillo  
Claire & Jack Webb  
Jake Russell  
Patrick Swinarski  
Anthony Vasquez  
Ernest Andrascik  
Frank J. Capraro  
Quintin Devorak  
Gary Davila  
Mark McCracken  
Erik Gould  
Geraldine Bader  
John Toto  
Dominic Russo  
Joe & Bonnie Brinamen  
Olivia Quimbay  
Myron Mihalov  
James Sullivan  
Nick Caparaso

Marie Demoreski  
Catherine Gerity  
Nicholai Ruck Lubas  
Steven Murawski  
Bernadette O'Halloran  
Danny Pinkasavage  
William Pinkasavage  
Deacon Carl Psota  
John Paul  
Joseph Russo  
Kathryn Ensminger  
Jelica Krivokapic  
Madeline Mente  
Mary Samarya  
Patricia Graham  
Joseph Lombardi  
Sherri Kalita  
Edward J. Evaldi Jr.  
Urban Kirsch  
Matthew Smith  
Rosemarie Walter  
Nicholas Cappelli

*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, FCA2 Tyler Jon Sabo, US Navy,  
Lt. David Cordes, US Navy, Lance Corp. Staff Sgt. Brandon V. Galgay,  
US Marines, Private Nicholas Eucaliptus, US Army National  
Guard

*The flag presently being flown was donated by Abram G. Stults.*

*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.*

## Prayer, Remembrance and Devotion

Mass Intention - \$10.00  
Sanctuary Candle - \$25.00  
Tabernacle Flowers - \$25.00  
Altar Bread - \$25.00  
Altar Wine - \$25.00  
Altar Flowers - \$100.00  
Purgatorial Mass - \$25.00\*

\*(Mass Remembrance 1st Saturday  
of the month for 1 year)

Please visit the Parish Office to schedule.

We are now offering Tabernacle Flowers and  
Altar/Sanctuary Flowers that can be made in  
memory of a loved one. Please see above.



We live stream our daily 12:10pm,  
Saturday 9:00am and 5:30pm, Sunday  
10:00am and our Mass of Remembrance  
celebrated on the first Saturday of each  
month at 9:00am. Please visit our  
website [www.stjamesonline.org](http://www.stjamesonline.org). You  
may also view the Masses on Facebook  
(St. James Roman Catholic Church  
Woodbridge and Youtube (St James  
Church-Woodbridge).

Dear Family and Friends in Jesus Christ...

The readings this Sunday invites us for a total surrender of our life to God with a humble and generous heart. The first reading and the Gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God, foreshadowing the supreme sacrifice Jesus would offer by giving His life for others. In the first reading, taken from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God, offers all her food to him and receives her reward from God in the form of a continuing daily supply of food. In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honor in God's eyes. The poor widows in both the first reading and the Gospel give away all that they possess for the glory of God. The sacrificial self-giving of the widows in the first reading and the Gospel reflects God's love in giving His only Son for us, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross.



By praising the poor widow, Jesus is pointing out the difference between giving what we have left over and giving all that we have. According to the Mishnah (Shekalim VI. 6), there were, standing up against the wall of the Court of Women, 13 trumpet-shaped receptacles that functioned to gather the gifts of the faithful for the Temple treasury. As Jesus and his disciples sat and watched the comings and goings of those offering their gifts of support, they observed many wealthy worshipers placing significant sums into the temple treasury. But it was only observing the tiny offering of two leptons (equivalent to a couple of pennies), made by a poor widow, that moved Jesus to get the attention of the Apostles and comment on the proceedings. It was not the woman's poverty that made her gift significant for Jesus. For Jesus, it was the fact that this widow, alone among all the contributors lined up to give their offerings, gave her all. The very rich put in much, and the moderately well-off put in a decent amount. But all those who had gone before this widow had limited their giving by holding back a major portion of their money for their own use. This widow stood alone as the one who had turned over, as an offering to God for His use, everything she had — two leptons. Those two, almost worthless coins represented her last shred of security, her fragile earthly thread of hope for the future. With her deep desire to be an obedient servant of God, the widow gave all she had as an offering — even her future, future — for the sake of God. In other words, she gave herself totally into God's hands, with the sure conviction that He would give her the support she needed.

Widow's mite and Sts. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Jeanne Jugan's & St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)'s mites: It is now well known how God transformed the humble mite of the widow St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and religious sisters St. Jeanne Jugan and St. Teresa of Calcutta to revolutionize the field of teaching and caring for the sick, the poor, and the discarded people all around the world. God empowered Elizabeth Ann Seton the young and bankrupt, 30-year-old widow with five children to start the first Catholic parochial school, the first Catholic orphanage and the first indigenous religious order for women (Sisters of Charity in 1809) in the U.S. The growth of the parochial school system and orphanages is now history. Thirty years later in 1839 God blessed the humble mite of a French single working woman, Jeanne Jugan, to assemble a group of kind-hearted women as what became a religious congregation, the Little Sisters of the Poor so they could take care of the abandoned poor, sick, and dying homeless people. The Congregation spread to many many countries and still operates worldwide, and in 26 U.S. dioceses. Mother Teresa who left the Sisters of Loreto in Calcutta, India, to care for the poor, the sick the dying, and the marginalized in 1948, once she had been trained at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Calcutta and and complete a short course in nursing with the Medical Mission Sisters. She founded the Missionaries of Charity religious order in 1949. God blessed her mite, and before her death the Missionaries grew to 4500 Sisters and Brothers, 755 homes for the children, the sick, the destitute and the dying and 1,369 medical clinics that serve 120,000 worldwide. Today's first reading as well as the Gospel, by citing the examples of two widows, challenge us to surrender our lives to God, sacrificially serving others. Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, to their educational qualifications, or to their celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way – on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to God's holy will. The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses. Can we, like the poor widow, find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold? Can we stop dribbling out our stores of love and selflessness and sacrifice and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world?

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

**THE ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**MAIN STREET & AMBOY AVENUE**  
**WOODBIDGE, NEW JERSEY**



**Advent & Christmas Schedule 2021**

**November 20 & 21 ~ Thanks For Giving Weekend**  
 Special Blessing at all Masses for  
 All Volunteers of the Parish  
 Social after the 10am & Noon Mass

**November 25 ~ Thanksgiving Day ~ Mass at 10am**

**November 27 & 28 ~ Blessing of Wreaths at  
 all Masses**  
 Bring your Advent Wreath to Church for Blessing

**December 4 ~ Following the 5:30pm Mass**  
 Christmas Memorial Tree Lighting

**December 14 ~ St. James School Concert ~ 7pm**

**December 17 ~ Penance Service &  
 Parish Choir Sing ~ 7pm**  
 Eucharistic Adoration/Confession/Choir Performance

**December 24 ~ Vigil of the Nativity of The Lord**  
 Holy Masses ~ 4pm, 7pm, and Midnight

**December 25 ~ The Nativity of The Lord**  
 Holy Masses ~ 7:30am, 9am, and 11am

**December 26 ~ Feast of the Holy Family**  
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 Holy Masses ~ 7:30am, 10am, and Noon

**December 31 ~ New Year's Eve ~ 12:10pm**  
 Holy Mass

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



The Bereavement Support Group will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, December 20. Anyone who is recently bereaved and who is in need of support, please call the Parish Office at 732-634-0500 ext. 100. Meetings are 7:30pm in Emmaus House and conclude at 9:00pm.

There will be a Mass of Remembrance on Friday, **November 5th** at 7:00pm at St. James Church.

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



**Advent Wreath**

We begin 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 God's 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 the weekend of **November 27 & 28** and I will bless them.

*Fr. Thomas*

**Christmas Family Ornament**

We are all going to have a Christmas tree in our home, so I would like to have a St. James family Christmas tree in our church. It should be decorated with your family ornament. So, I ask each and every family to bring a Christmas ornament with your family name or all family member names on the ornament, which we will use for years to come. Bring the ornaments to church the weekend of **December 4 & 5**.

*Fr. Thomas*





## The Seventeenth in a Series

### "The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World"

The full sense of the dignity of the lay faithful is in their primary vocation which is, as it is for the clergy and Religious, to live their call to holiness. That vocation, that call to holiness, comes through Baptism itself which enables the gift of being in communion with Christ and the Church. This call is to everyone, including each and every lay person, is not a simple moral exhortation. It is a requirement "arising from the mystery of the Church" (#16:2) which is the sign and instrument of holiness. In our baptismal consecration is the obligation to imitate Christ. And to imitate Christ is the call to holiness that is the perfection of charity. Holiness is the "greatest testimony of the dignity conferred on the disciple of Christ" (#16:1).

#### References:

Miller, J. Michael., The Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortations of John Paul II, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 1998

St. James Parish is selling Christmas cards! Please support your church in this very easy fundraiser. They are available in the Parish Office and the cost is \$20 for 20 cards. The image on the card is from our stained glass Nativity image in our church. They hold a beautiful message for this Christmas season.



#### St. James Food Pantry



The food pantry needs jelly, pancake mix & syrup, bath soap, shampoo & baked beans. Thank you for your generosity.

## AFTERNOON TEA WITH MARY

The St. James Altar Rosary Society's Afternoon Tea with Mary (originally scheduled for March 2021 postponed due to Covid) will take place on Saturday **November 13, 2021**, from 12p-2pm in McCorristin Hall — St. James Church Woodbridge NJ.

If you have purchased a ticket and plan on attending a **RSVP is required**. Please RSVP to Email: [stjamesaltarrosary@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesaltarrosary@gmail.com). Subject line: *Afternoon Tea tickets*. Masks will be required at this event. *Thank you.*



## WORLD SYNOD

Communion | Participation | Mission

In communion with the Holy Father and Catholic dioceses around the world, Bishop James F. Checchio celebrated the Solemn Opening Mass for the Synod on Synodality on Oct. 16, officially launching the diocesan phase of the Synod in the Church of Metuchen.

In his homily, Bishop Checchio said the Synod is an opportunity for us to listen to the Holy Spirit, "to see what the Holy Spirit is asking from us as a Church."

"It's now our mission to carry on Jesus' mission, as incredibly, He chooses to need us, right here and now, to be His presence all throughout this beautiful Diocese of Metuchen or wherever we find ourselves. Just like Jesus, we are to look at the world around us to see who is poor, who is blind, who is oppressed, who is captive, and who needs God's love and mercy, and then we are to bring the love and mercy of God to them.

"This is what the Synod, which we start here today, is all about and why Pope Francis has called it. The synod is a walking together with Jesus, just like the Apostles were in today's Gospel. The Holy Father is calling us to greater friendship with Jesus through our journey together, our listening in the Holy Spirit to one another. The Pope is insisting that everyone should be involved in this journey and in this listening," said the bishop.

The Mass was preceded by an initial gathering of representatives from around the diocese, among which included members of clergy, religious sisters, members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Presbyteral Council, and parish ambassadors, who together learned about how they can assist in this important part of the Synodal process.

To learn more about the diocesan phase of the Synodal process, visit: [www.diometuchen.org/synod2023](http://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023).



St. Joseph's Senior Home operated by the Little Servant Sisters are looking for dedicated: Nurses LPN, Certified Nursing Aides (CNA's ) to work, All shifts available. In addition we are looking for workers in Dietary Department Please contact us for further information at (732) 750-0077. We are looking forward to meeting you.

# Sharing Our Blessings

As we know all too well, the past two years have been years like no other in our lifetime. Friends and neighbors in need in our township need your generosity like never before. Your goodness last year was amazing and so appreciated. We are continuing with our modified Thanksgiving and Christmas programs again in 2021. It worked out wonderfully last year as we were able to supply the families in need with gift cards, thanks to your generous donations. They were able to shop for their children and families and experience the joy of selecting gifts, wrapping presents and putting them under the tree for Christmas morning. In order to purchase these gift cards, we will need to raise money to support this effort. If you would like to “adopt” a family of four for Christmas, please consider a donation of \$100.00 to cover the cost of four gift cards. We will certainly be grateful for whatever donation you are able to offer. I realize some of you may have fallen on hard times during the pandemic, so what I ask of you is your prayers for the success of the program. That would be a “gift” in itself! We need to purchase approximately 300 gift cards for the 125 families that meet the criteria in the township this year. Please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked **SHARING OUR BLESSINGS** to insure it gets credited to the proper account. You can drop it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the parish office before Friday, **November 12th**. We will be using the monetary donations to purchase the gift cards through St. James School Scrip program. Not only will you be helping the less fortunate, you will be helping to benefit our school, as well. With grateful hearts we thank you for your help with this undertaking!



If you would like to donate a turkey for Thanksgiving, please bring it to the food pantry before Saturday, **November 20th**, which is the day of distribution of food to the poor of our community. Food pantry hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 am and Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We will also be available to accept turkeys at the food pantry on Monday 11/15th and Tuesday 11/16th in the evenings, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.



## Vocation Awareness Week November 7 through November 13

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.



## 50/50 RAFFLE

Sponsored by and for the Vocationist Fathers  
[www.vocationistfathers.org](http://www.vocationistfathers.org)

The date of the drawing is getting close so be sure to purchase your ticket. The raffle tickets can be purchased at the Parish office. Donation \$5.00 per ticket or one book for \$20.00 and receive 2 tickets free. Drawing to be held on **November 19, 2021**.



# School News



The St. James School of Religion (CCD) program holds in person classes on Monday and Thursday.

We still need the following:

**Monday, 4:15 - 5:30PM Session:** 3rd and 7th grade assistants.

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