

St. James Roman Catholic Church

149 Grove Street

Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

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Making Christ's Love Visible for 163 years

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time • October 23, 2022



**"O GOD, BE
MERCIFUL
TO ME, A
SINNER"**

LUKE 18:13

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:30 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 - Friday ~ 8:00am to 4:00pm
{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 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
Maria Russo

OFFICE MANAGER

Maria Russo ext. 104
Cemetery Office ext. 104

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Nikki Zsamba ext. 101

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Rose Plunkett ext. 102

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST/
SECRETARY**

Catherine Bergquist ext. 100

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

732-634-0500

Dr. John Maresca, 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>2022</u>	<u>2019</u>
October 15 & 16	\$ 6,902.00	\$11,816.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 3,876.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,886.50</u>
	\$10,778.00	\$13,702.50
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 3,502.00

The 2nd collection on the weekend of October 29th & 30th is for Social Concerns Ministry.

*"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, October 22 ~ Saint John Paul II, Pope;
Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00am Yan Kirejczyk

Vigil ~ The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm Theresa Kociolek

Sunday, October 23
7:30am St. James Parishioners
10:00am Robert Sowienski
12:00pm Lillian Agoglia

**Monday, October 24 ~ Saint Anthony Mary
Claret, Bishop**
12:10am Rose Jorgensen

Tuesday, October 25
12:10pm Donald Miller Jr.

Wednesday, October 26
12:10pm Leo Caffrey

Thursday, October 27
12:10pm Justin and Jayvian Gago
(Living Intentions)

**Friday, October 28 ~ Saints Simon and Jude,
Apostles**
12:10pm Dorothy Kajewski

Saturday, October 29 ~ Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am Roger Schmitz

Vigil ~ The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm Helen and John Danku

Sunday, October 30
7:30am St. James Parishioners
10:00am Melanie Cunningham
12:00pm Robert J. Haborak Sr.



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

† Donald Miller Jr. †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1,
7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13,
14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

A TIME TO WEEP. . . .

† Jean O'Rouke †

† Diane Olsen †



*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

this week are in loving memory of

† Donald Miller Jr. †

*The Altar Bread and Wine
this week are in loving memory of*

† Robert Sowienski †



Dear family and friends in Jesus Christ....

The main theme of today's Gospel is that true humility and repentance for our sins must be the hallmark of our prayers. However, the central focus of today's parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on the evil of pride, the need for true humility, and the role of God's grace in our salvation.



The first reading, taken from Sirach, is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer declares, "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God." Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. The best prayer is humble and selfless service. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), our response to the warning in the Refrain is spelled out: "Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For He is our God and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides." In the second reading, Paul celebrates the fact that he is near the finish line of his life, like a runner running a race, and that he has kept the Faith right up to this point. He humbly awaits "the crown of righteousness" that only God can give him. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith!"

Luke's Gospel shows special concern for the poor and the outsider. Luke may have included the parable we hear today, which concerns the acceptability of the prayers of the humble publican as opposed to those of the proud Pharisee, at least in part, to encourage the Gentile converts who did not practice the Jewish Law as the Pharisees did. In this parable, we see that God values the prayer of any humble and contrite heart. Luke puts greater emphasis on prayer than do the other Gospel writers, and he often mentions Jesus' prayers (Lk 3:21; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28, 29; 11:1). The parables about prayer unique to Luke's Gospel are: 1) The Friend at Midnight (11:5-8), 2) The Widow and the Unjust Judge (18:1-8), and 3) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (18:9-14). These parables teach us to pray persistently, and humbly. The central focus of today's parable is not on prayer, but rather on the danger of pride, the necessity for humility, and the role of grace in our salvation.

The parable has a two-fold meaning, giving us i) a warning against pride and contempt for others, and ii) an admonition to approach God with a humble and repentant heart. The parable was mainly intended to convict the Pharisees who, on the one hand, proudly claimed they obeyed all the rules and regulations of the Jewish Law, while on the other hand, they ignored the Mosaic precepts of mercy and compassion. The Pharisees were looked upon as devout, law-abiding citizens and models of righteousness. But they were proud and self-righteous. The tax collectors, on the other hand, were the most-hated group in Israel because they collected taxes for a foreign empire and became rich by cheating people, often threatening them with false accusations. In other words, they collaborated with the Romans and stole from the Jews. Hence, they were considered by their fellow Jews to be traitors, unclean, and sinful. The parable, however, shows that both men were sinners: the difference was that the publican realized, acknowledged, and repented of his sins, but the Pharisee did none of these.

In short, the proud, self-righteous Pharisee did not really go to pray to God, but only to tell God how good He was in the guise of thanking Him. He said this prayer "to himself"! His prayer was also ineffective because, in his pride, he despised all others, including the tax collector, labeling them sinners. He was really a good man, but he lacked compassion for others. If the first big mistake of the Pharisee was to think that God would be impressed by his boasting, the second was in his thinking that he was better than others. The Pharisee got what he asked for, which was nothing, while the sinner got what he asked for, which was everything. Two things especially make our prayers void and of no effect: a proud sense of our own righteousness and a contempt for others. But a humble heart, contrary to both of these, can also become a trap if one stops looking at God and starts looking at his own humility, expressed in extreme terms to attract attention! "Too humble is half-proud" (Yiddish proverb). "Too much humility is pride"

The second person in the parable was the tax collector. He stood at the back of the Temple and would not even lift his eyes to God. He confessed his sins and humbly asked for God's mercy: "Kyrie, Eleison"- "O God, be merciful to me—a sinner." His prayer was short but to the purpose. His heartbroken, humble prayer opened his heart entirely to God, which enabled him to receive the merciful acceptance God desires to give all of us. The publican's only virtue was his active humility, which led him to repentance and prompted him to ask for mercy. He was a sinner, personally and corporately, a state which prompted him to pray: "God be merciful to me — a sinner." The Pharisee prayed as one who needed no forgiveness, and he got none; the tax collector prayed as one who needed forgiveness, and he received it. "Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." (Soren Kierkegaard). "If no change occurs as a result of prayer, then one has not really prayed." (Fr. Raymond Brown).

Let us evict the Pharisees and revive the publican in each of us. We become the proud Pharisees when we brag about our achievements giving no credit to God, when we seek to praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector), by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness; by asking for His strengthening through daily anointing of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can. Let us include all the necessary ingredients in our prayers. Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, the unconditional surrender of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, the acknowledgment of our weakness and total dependence on Him, and finally, the presentation of our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray every day: "Be merciful to me, a sinner."

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

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. **Upon registration, we will need a copy of all your sacramental records.** 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 and also supply a baptismal certificate.** 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 the parish office 732-634-0500 ext. 100. 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.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 Cathy at the Parish Office ext. 100, 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 3:00 & 5:00pm - Saturday 1:30pm. Sunday 2:00pm.**

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 Roel Mercado at 732-738-4106.

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 9, 2022
Church ~ McCorristin Hall ~ 7:30pm**

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, 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: _____
Child'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. 100 to schedule a Blessing.



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

Alberta Molnar
 Anna Asta
 Chris Bober
 Emily Caffrey Stein
 Frank St. Marie
 Marilyn Holder
 Cecil St. Clair
 Diane Campolargo
 Juliet Perez
 Gail Smith
 John Winkler
 Henry Lipp
 Kathy Balinski
 Dennis Boyce
 Robert Grzeszczak
 Maria Julia Perez
 Tiffany Dritschel
 Robert Isabella
 Mike Almasy
 William DeFoe
 Eleanor Butler
 Joanne Sharkey
 Elizabeth Malangone

Rosemary Malangone
 Donna Rech
 Don Larson
 Patrice Haborak
 Randy Sadler
 Michele DeFoe
 William Pluta
 Elizabeth Jaramillo
 Claire & Jack Webb
 Jake Russell
 Patrick Swinarski
 Anthony Vasquez
 Ernest Andrascik
 Quintin Devorak
 Gary Davila
 Erik Gould
 John Toto
 Dominic Russo
 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
 John Paul
 Joseph Russo
 Kathryn Ensminger
 Jelica Krivokapic
 Madeline Mente
 Mary Samarya
 Edward J. Evaldi Jr.
 Matthew Smith
 Bill Schaefer
 Deanna Class
 Brian Deegan
 David Cruz
 Jenna Cappelli
 Lou Lombardo
 Jessica Barretta
 Abigail Walsh
 John Ferrari
 Julia Kuzma
 Sherri Keller-Chiofolo
 Dan Mechkowski

Pete Rebovich
 Patricia Rebovich
 Leonard Serafino
 Patricia Neyra
 Robert Honkisz
 Beverly Sass
 Liz Lutomski
 Molnar Family
 Sadie Soulias
 Dennis Pelech
 Annette Foster
 John Michael Mendoza
 Kim and Robert Beaulieu
 Floss Vornoli
 Nikki Honkisz
 Lucille McCann
 Ben Campbell
 Elizabeth Dodd
 Albert and Nanette Molina
 Neil Wilke
 Kathy Dowling
 Roe Sharkey
 Monica Vitello
 Louis Saca

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

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 - \$50.00
- 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 4:30pm, 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. You may also view the Masses on Facebook (St. James Roman Catholic Church Woodbridge) and YouTube (St James Church-Woodbridge).



The Sixty-fifth in a Series

“The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World”

The event of the rich man and Lazarus are given but a few lines in that parable, but the episode in the afterlife, in which the rich man pleads for mercy, is much longer – and on one level it will never end. In that life, Lazarus is consoled and the rich man is tormented.

The turning point of the parable is the recognition that the rich man is forced to give Lazarus. It is not wealth or poverty that guarantees or excludes a positive or negative outcome in the Last Judgment but the **ability or inability to see and feel compassion for the other**. The rich man should have known the sacred Scripture. But if it is looked at as only something to read, or even if was studied, it was not received into his heart. It is **only** the Word of God that **is able to convert the human heart to compassion**. **Mercy flows from the human heart** and **only** the Word of God is capable of supplying and preventing that heart from drying up. When the Word of God penetrates the human heart, it is capable of rekindling and healing it of every blindness and deafness. **It makes people capable of seeing what they could not see before**. It is not the Scripture that is read and studied but the **Scripture that is heard* as the Word of God** that is capable of converting the human heart and opening it to faith. For the Word of God to dwell in the heart space in need that is not devoted to riches. In “transcending the literal sense” of Scripture in the Word of God, the action of the Spirit of the Risen One is necessary (Pope Benedict in *Verbum Domini* [38]).

It is Scripture that guides us to the dignity of the human person and to pursue the common good. Jesus does give a warning when he says, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle...” (Mt 19:24). In other words, significant temptations accompany the acquisition of material wealth (to be continued).

References:

***Heard** has the meaning of **reverence** for God’s Word and **His plan** for learning and applying it.

The Parables of Mercy, Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, (Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, IN, 2015)

Important Information



If anyone needs assistance with preparation for the sacraments in Spanish, please contact Gary Vazquez at: 848-235-3132. Gary will be assisting Fr. Tom with the Spanish Community at St. James Parish.

St. James Parish Bereavement Support Group Woodbridge, NJ 07095



The Bereavement Support Group remaining fall dates are October 24 and 31. 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 4th at 7:00pm at St. James Church

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

St. James Food Pantry Needs



The food pantry is in need of pancake mix & syrup, oatmeal, shampoo, soap & toothpaste. Thank you for your continued support.

Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala Thursday, October 27 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 27nd at 7:00pm and be sure to join us for the **2022 Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala**. This pre-recorded event promises to be a joyful celebration of the lives that have been transformed by the work of Catholic Charities. Your generosity and sacrifice will help to ensure that no one is left homeless, hungry, or without emotional support in these extremely difficult times. Please help us spread the word about Catholic Charities and the **Works of Mercy** that serve thousands of men, women, and children every day.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by making a gift of any amount in support of the services and programs for the most vulnerable. Links for the Virtual Gala and donations can be found at www.diometuchen.org/champions.

Live Christ Share Christ

“For our parish’s Live Christ Share Christ assembly on October 29th, a teaching about “Virtues & Vices” will be given by Fr. Thomas at 10am in McCorristin Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend. Thank you.



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October 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 23, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church.

Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided some \$7 million in help to the new and growing Churches in the United States. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago. As Pope Francis reminds us, "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'" Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday, especially in this bicentennial anniversary year. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

For more about World Mission Sunday, please visit mission.org/resources for additional materials.



JOIN ST. JAMES CHURCH FOR VOCATIONIST FATHERS DINNER DANCE

Saturday, November 12, 2022 ~ 6:30pm ~ 11:00pm
The Birchwood Manor ~ Whippany, NJ



Includes Open Bar • Cocktail Hour • 5 Course Dinner • Dessert • Coffee • Dancing
Cost: \$85.00

*There will be a complimentary bus leaving and returning to St. James parking lot for those who choose not to drive.

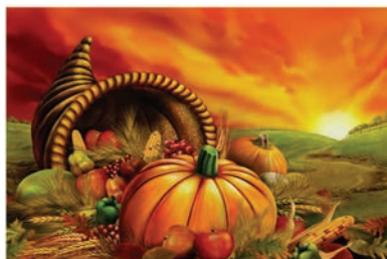
*For tickets and information call Mitzi at 732-609-2907 or Parish Office
Please make your check payable to: Vocationist Fathers*

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 2022. 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 140 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 4th**. 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, but you will also 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 19th**, 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 11:00am** and **Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30pm**. We will also be available to accept turkeys at the food pantry on **Monday 11/14th** and **Tuesday 11/15th** in the evenings, from **6:00 to 8:00pm**.





Christmas Tree Reservation Form



St. James Roman Catholic Church

149 Grove Street

Woodbridge, NJ 07095



- Memorialized for Deceased
- Dedicated to Loved Ones Living
- Personal Family Christmas Greeting

Please have the plaque read as follows.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number. _____ Email _____

Cash / Check for \$200 payable to St. James Parish enclosed.

Trees must be ordered well in advance.

Reservations must be made by October 30th.





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Sponsored by and for the Vocationist Fathers
www.vocationistfathers.org



First Prize: 35%

Second Price: 10%

Third Price: 5%

One Book for \$20.00 (2 Tickets Free)

DONATION – \$5.00 per Ticket

*TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE PARISH OFFICE AND AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PEWS
PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: VOCATIONIST FATHERS*

Drawing to be held on November 12, 2022 at the Annual Dinner Dance

Winner need not be present. No substitution of the offered prize be made.

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Words matter in every area of our lives, including our spiritual lives.

Words have power yet, when working on a homily or parish presentation, we may not be sure our efforts are making an impact. This could be that in Catholic culture little value is placed on the homily and this must change. The pulpit is the rudder of the ship that is our parish which should be shaping all parish communication. In the Church of the Nativity, they too often were speaking only from their own authority. They weren't relying on God's authority. So, in the process they were limiting their effectiveness and Church growth. In looking at the most successful churches in the country they discovered their approach was different from theirs and they began to challenge and change some their assumptions. The principles they rely on are:

- Preach to yourself – If you apply what you preach to your own life your preaching will be more authentic. Preaching must come out of your lived experience of trying to walk with God.
- Preach to your community – Preaching to the community means you must connect with the community. Engaging in the congregation's life will take work because you are entering other people's worlds and working from the perspective of their experience. Arguably the most important and powerful element in making an emotional connection is through humor, not jokes, not comedy but making people laugh.
- Preach on message – we work hard to offer the same message at every Mass.
- Preach messages in series – A message series is about exploring a single theme over the course of multiple weekends. The idea makes sense because we have the liturgical seasons and cycles.
- Preach the purpose of the message – St. Augustine said teach and engage in order to change people, to help them move intellectually and emotionally from where they are to where God wants them to be.
- Preach the outcome of the message – What specifically do you want them to change, what do you want them to do with the message.
- Preach the announcements – We must include church wide goals in our message asking the question - How will the church be different after than before?
- Preach other people's messages – Plagiarism is a serious ethical violation; however, it is not plagiarism to avail yourself of the tremendous resources that other preachers out there are so happy to share.
- Preach prepared – People notice when you put time and energy into your message, and they will appreciate it.
- Preach God's word – make sure it is all about the Word of God and nothing else. When we are faithful to the Word of God, relevancy follows naturally.

To Be Continued.....

The Pastoral Council of St. James Roman Catholic Church



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Hispanic Committee Meeting Dates:
Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7pm in McCorristin Hall. Friday, **November 25, 2022**, at 7pm in the Church.

For more information you may contact:
Parish Office **732-634-0500** ext. **100** or Gary Vazquez: **848-235-3132**.

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Fechas de las reuniones del Comité Hispano:
Jueves 3 de noviembre de 2022 a las 7pm in McCorristin Hall. **Viernes 25 de noviembre de 2022 a las 19 h en la Iglesia.**

Para más información puede comunicarse con:
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St. James Roman Catholic Parish will begin having Spanish Mass at 5pm beginning on **Sunday, November 27, 2022**.

For more information, you can contact the Parish Office, **732-634-0500** ext. **100** or the Parish's Hispanic Catholic Committee, Gary Vazquez at **848-235-3132**.

Iglesia Católica Romana de St. James
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La parroquia Católica Romana de St. James Comenzará a tener Misa en Español a las 5pm. A partir del **domingo 27 de noviembre de 2022**.

Para obtener más información, puede comunicarse con la oficina parroquial y/o el Comité Católico Hispano de la parroquia, Gary Vazquez al 848-235-3132.

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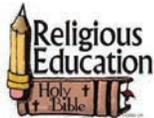


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School News



All 8th Grade students wishing to make confirmation in the spring **MUST** attend the mandatory retreat in McCorristin Hall on **Monday, October 24th** from 6-9:00PM. All students must attend with an adult sponsor or parent.

2022-2023 Children of Promise Pre-School Aged Sunday School

We are excited to offer the Children of Promise Program for all 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. Registration is \$20.00 for the year to cover the costs of the crafts. All REGISTERED 3, 4, and 5-year-old children will go downstairs, while the parents/guardians are attending the Sunday 10AM Mass, and return to the church after the homily. Your child **MUST** be registered to attend. Please drop off the registration at the Religious Education, Parish, or SJ School office.

The Children of Promise Program begins on **October 16, 2022**, and ends on **May 7, 2023**.

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

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***Students attending Children of Promise will have their responsible adult in St. James Church during the time the child is attending Children of Promise. Children are not to be dropped off without a parent/guardian attending Mass during the same time.**

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Saint James School Advisory Council Scholarship in Memory of Nancy Drumm

The first scholarship in memory of Nancy Drumm was awarded in June to a Saint James School seventh grader.

Nancy graduated from St. James School in 1973 and was a lifelong communicant of St. James Catholic Church. She also served on the School's Advisory Council. A lifelong Woodbridge resident Nancy became a councilwoman for the township in 2013. Well known as "community minded," she was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the American Irish Association.

She cared deeply for others and was involved in many service projects.

The established scholarship hopes to honor her memory and dedication to her community and inspire a new generation of community minded young adults.

The School Advisory Council would like to continue to offer this scholarship yearly to a deserving 7th grader, but we need your help.

Please send your donation to St James Church 149 Grove St, Woodbridge NJ 07095. Please mark the check Drumm Scholarship.



The St. James School will have a bake sale on Saturday, **October 22** after the 4:30pm Mass and Sunday, **October 23** after the 10:00am Mass. The sale will be held in the Church vestibule. Please help support our school.

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