

# *St. James Roman Catholic Church*

149 Grove Street

Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

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## **The Nativity Of The Lord • December 25, 2022**



### 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**

#### **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  
Joseph T. Lucia 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>
December 10 & 11	\$ 7,557.00	\$14,075.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,669.00	\$ 3,554.94
	<b>\$12,226.00</b>	<b>\$17,629.94</b>
Retired Religious	\$ 2,977.00	\$ 3,860.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 2,712.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 641.00	

*The 2nd collection on the weekend of  
December 31st & January 1st is for  
Solemnity of Mary and Initial Offering.*

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



**Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
 4:30pm Spiritual Bouquets  
 7:30pm Spiritual Bouquets  
 Midnight Spiritual Bouquets

**Vigil ~ The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Note: We will not have a 9:00am Mass or Confessions on Saturday, December 24**

**Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
 7:30am Spiritual Bouquets  
 10:00am Spiritual Bouquets  
 12:00pm Spiritual Bouquets  
 Sammarco Family

**Monday, December 26 ~ Saint Stephen, the first Martyr**  
 12:10pm Pope Emeritus Benedict  
 (Living Intention - Continued Health)

**Tuesday, December 27 ~ Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist**  
 12:10pm Jocelyn Mercado

**Wednesday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
 12:10pm Mary "the Queen" of Czestochowa

**Thursday, December 29 ~ Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr**  
 12:10pm Jan Czerwonka

**Friday, December 30 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 12:10pm Patrick Boccuzzi

**Saturday, December 31**  
 9:00am Charles Orosz

**Vigil ~ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
 4:30pm Stanley Sidlowski

**Sunday, January 1**  
 7:30am St. James Parishioners  
 10:00am Simeon Syjongtian  
 12:00pm Sally Pimentel



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

**† Oscar Aliwalas †**



**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**A TIME TO WEEP. . .**

**† Nancy Joyce †**



**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 and Tabernacle Flowers  
 this week are in loving memory of**

**† Anthony G. Zsamba †**



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

**† Carmen & Adeline Lauricella †**



## CHRISTMAS DAY

Dear friend in Jesus Christ, Merry Christmas to you all!!!

As I have been reminding you throughout advent. Jesus is the biggest gift that the world ever received, and He is the gift that we ever can have in our personal life. And our hearts are the best gift. On this great celebration of Christmas, we recall Jesus being constricted for love of us: Jesus, Son of God and Eternal Word of God, Whom the universe cannot contain, is constricted in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, through whom all things came into being, accepts the constraints and limitations of a human body. After birth, Jesus was "wrapped in swaddling clothes". These clothes encircled His body, constricting Him. The Baby Jesus was hunted down by the government. His family fled to Egypt. He was constricted through life as a Refugee in a land far from His home. Jesus was constricted on the cross, the Almighty God pressed to its wood by a few nails. Jesus was constricted again by swaddling clothes. His burial cloths were wrapped around His immobile body. After dying, the body of Jesus was constricted in a tomb. Why did Jesus submit to these constrictions for our sake? Because He is love, "God is Love", and love endures all things.



Have you heard the news today - the "good news" of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and son of Mary who was born for us in Bethlehem. He is born on earth to tell us how much He loves us. Family and friends, the birth of Christ, is it still good news to us? Jesus, as our Savior, brought the "Good News" that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful, rewarding God and not a judgmental, cruel, punishing God. He demonstrated by His life and teaching how God our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, provides for us, and rewards us. All His miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus' final demonstration of God's love for us was His death on the cross to atone for our sins and to make us children of God. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian privilege and duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives. Let us humbly admit the truth with the German mystic Angelus Silesius "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me."

Hence, let us allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives, not only during Christmas, but every day, so that He may radiate the Light of His presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and, overflowing generosity.

So, let us allow Him to be reborn in our lives during Christmas 2022 and every day of the New Year 2023. How should we prepare for Christ's rebirth in our daily lives? As a first step, John the Baptist urges us to repent daily of our sins and to renew our lives by leveling the hills of pride and selfishness, filling up the valleys of impurity, and by straightening the crooked paths of hatred. Our second step in preparing for Christ's rebirth in our daily lives is to cultivate the spirit of sacrifice and humility. It was by sacrifice that the shepherds of Bethlehem and the Magi were able to find the Savior. They were humble enough to see God in the Child in the manger. We, too, can experience Jesus by sharing Him with others, just as God shared His Son with us. Let us remember that the angels wished peace on earth only to those able to receive that peace, those who possessed the goodwill and largeness of heart to share Jesus our Savior with others in love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and humble service. MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all!!!



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

*Merry Christmas  
May the Joy and Peace of Christ be  
in your Heart and in your Home  
Fr. Tom and Fr. Ignacio*

**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.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 - Weekday afternoon — Saturday 1:30pm. Sunday 2:30pm.**

#### **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  
January 11, 2023  
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. 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  
Nikki Honkisz  
Lucille McCann  
Ben Campbell  
Elizabeth Dodd  
Albert and Nanette Molina  
Neil Wilke  
Kathy Dowling  
Roe Sharkey  
Monica Vitello  
Louis Saca  
Anita Pintozzi  
Melissa Roca

*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,  
Captain Michael Hoffman, 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)

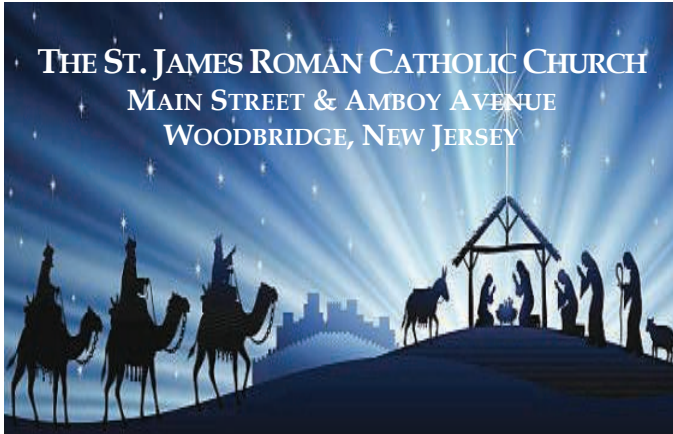
Please visit the Parish Office to schedule.

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](http://www.stjamesonline.org). You  
may also view the Masses on Facebook  
(St. James Roman Catholic Church  
Woodbridge and YouTube (St James  
Church-Woodbridge).

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



**Advent & Christmas Schedule 2022**

**December 24 ~ Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
Caroling 4PM, 7PM, and 11:30PM  
Holy Mass 4:30PM, 7:30PM, and Midnight  
4PM Nativity Pageant by students of Religious Ed  
7PM – Nativity Pageant by students of St. James School

**December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord**  
Holy Masses ~ 7:30AM, 10AM, and Noon

**December 31 ~ Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ Holy Mass ~ 4:30PM**

**January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
Holy Masses ~ 7:30AM, 10AM, and Noon

**St. James Altar Rosary Society**  
**Rosary Sunday**  
**January 8th ~ 10AM Mass**

Rosary prayed at 9:30 AM: All welcomed to pray with us.

Business meeting following Mass (Weather permitting)

School Cafeteria

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray For Us!



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



The Bereavement Support Group will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023. Anyone who is recently bereaved and who is in need of support, please call the Parish Office at 732-634-0500 ext. 102. Meetings are 7:30pm in Emmaus House and conclude at 9:00pm.

*"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 spaghetti sauce, cereal, toothpaste, soap, body wash, shampoo, pancake mix, and pancake syrup. Thank you for your continued support.



**NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Over the years, many parishioners have asked if there was a way for their loved ones to be remembered in our Church. We are considering new Stations of the Cross plaques placed around our church in memory of a loved one. Each station would hold a memorial marker in memory of a loved one, this set would be larger and more visible and depict the full-figure scene of each station. This will be on a first come first served basis as we have only 14 stations and donations for two stations have already been received.

The cost of each station will be \$1,000 and if you are interested in this beautiful memorial tribute, please call Joe Lucia at the parish office at 732-634-0500 ext. 101.





## The Seventy-fourth in a Series

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

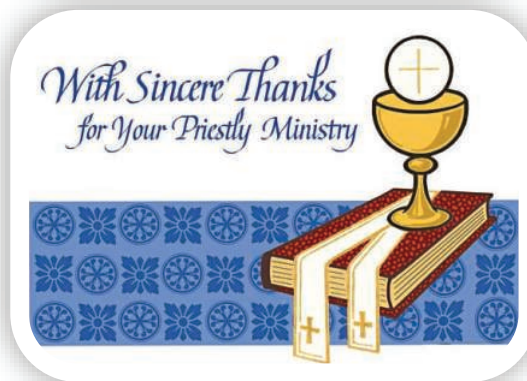
The last article concluded by summarizing the three offices of Christ that the whole People of God participate in (**Priest, Prophet, and King**) through Baptism and that they bear responsibilities **for the mission and service** that flow from them. (An example of the kingly mission of the lay faithful was given to a family at mealtime.) Because the lay faithful belong to Christ, Lord, and King of the Universe, they share in his **kingly mission** and are called by him to spread that Kingdom in history. Above all it is exercised in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome the kingdom of sin – "Therefore, sin must not 'reign' in your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires." (cf. Rom 6:12); ... What, indeed, is as 'royal' for a soul as to govern the body in obedience to God..." (St. Leo the Great, *Sermo* 4). It is a combat found in Christ who exercises his kingship through his death and resurrection that draws all to himself. And they are to make a **gift of themselves** so as to serve in justice and charity, Jesus, who is present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least (cf. Mt 25:40). For Christ, King, and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). For the Christian "to 'reign' is to serve him," particularly when serving the poor and suffering, **in whom the Church recognizes her poor and suffering founder**. In them, the Church strives to serve Christ. "The **People of God** fulfills **its royal duty by** a life in keeping with its **vocation to serve with Christ**" (CCC 786).\*

In the mercy we show to others we remind each other that no matter what we look like, no matter what our station in life is, and no matter what we have done, **we are sacred and precious in God's sight**.

On the evening of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (October 11, 1962) when Pope John XXIII was asked to address the faithful outside, he was at a loss for words, then he said, "When you go back home, you will find your children, give them a hug and say, "This is a hug from the pope." It was a departure from formal papal words of the past but it **became a graphic image of the Church of Tenderness**. Going inside he said, "I didn't know what to say, I turned to my Teresina [my "little Therese"] – St. Theresa of Lisieux!

#### References:

CCC: Paragraph 786 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church



### Fr. Ignacio, Humble Servant of God Thank you for 2 joyous, caring, and dedicated years here in St. James

Please join us Sunday New Year's Day, January 1st, at 12:00 Noon Mass

Let's show our appreciation and gratitude!

Reception to follow in McCorristin Hall.



## STEWARDSHIP *A way of living*

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14*

God made us to be in a relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.



Parishioners if you are not currently receiving our weekly bulletin via email and would like to, please call the Parish office 732-634-0500 ext. 102 with your email address.





## Catholic Girl Scouts, come join us!

### GIRL SCOUTING IN FAITH

A GATHERING Day is normally held each year for Catholic Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts who would like to work on a religious medal program. During that day, scouts accomplish several requirements towards their respective medals.

This year's Girl Scout GATHERING Day will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 9:30AM until 3:30PM at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with scouting activities and fellowship. The cost for the program is \$15.00

Religious Girl Scout Medals are offered at each scout level with activities and requirements, just like with regular girl scout badge work. Daisy and Brownie programs are completed within the family. Junior, Cadette and Senior medal programs are completed largely in a group environment with adult advisors.

Daisy.....	God is Love
Brownie.....	God and Family
Juniors.....	I Live My Faith
Cadettes.....	Marian Medal
Seniors and ambassadors.....	Spirit Alive

Contact [domgirlscouts@gmail.com](mailto:domgirlscouts@gmail.com) for further information on any of the Catholic Girl Scout programs or to request a registration form.



**Knights of Columbus Council #857**  
130 Main Street  
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Rent the Knights of Columbus Hall for your next event!  
Call 640-999-0471 and ask for Ken Egan or leave a message for a return phone call.

## Renew Your Good Resolutions

*"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean upon your great strength, trustfully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet others, peacefully, and joyously; to face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."*

*St. Francis of Assisi*



As a way of celebrating marital fidelity, we publish wedding anniversaries each month. If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary of 5, 10, 15, etc. you are invited to send your name, anniversary year, name of church, and date of marriage by email to [rplunkett@stjamesonline.org](mailto:rplunkett@stjamesonline.org) or submit it in writing to the Parish Office attention Rose. The last weekend of the month after each Mass, the Priest will invite all those who are celebrating their milestone in that month to the Altar for a Blessing.

## 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.



# *Ministries of St. James Roman Catholic Church*



## **PARISH COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Parish Council for Financial Affairs (CFA) is an advisory or consultative body to the Pastor, pertaining to the ordinary and extraordinary matters in financial administration. The CFA is a body of parishioners, known for their spiritual maturity and love of Christ, endowed with either special competence in financial matters or prudent judgment, who offer their time and talents. A Christian service to assist the Pastor in the development and management of the parish's financial resources so that the parish may effectively pursue its mission of spreading Christ's Gospel of Love.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Saint James Pastoral Council is a group of faithful men and women who are called together and guided by the teachings of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Through active participation in spiritual and social activities and leadership, they will minister for the overall well-being of the Parish Community.

## **EVANGELIZATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION**

The Commission touches the soul of Catholics by bringing the light of Christ to the parish and the surrounding community. Ministries that serve under the Evangelization and Spiritual Life Commission are:

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## **LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

This Commission is entrusted with preparing the assembly to enter fully into the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. It promotes and enables full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful according to their roles. Ministries that serve under the Liturgy and Worship Commission are:

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**SACRISTANS**

**USHERS**

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

**BEREAVEMENT** — Support is offered to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, through two eight consecutive week programs, plus a fall and spring monthly program.

**LAZARUS MINISTRY** — Assists those mourning the loss of a loved one by providing a personal and caring presence during this painful time. As "companions of grief on the journey," ministers serve as witnesses of God's love and concern for the entire faith community.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION**

Social Concerns Ministry reaches out with sensitivity to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need spiritually, physically or emotionally. Our parish provides a food pantry, Thanksgiving and Christmas Projects, and where possible, financial and professional assistance.

**FOOD PANTRY** — Acts as a food storage and distribution depot for Woodbridge Township and surrounding areas with food obtained through donations. Volunteers help distribute food Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Volunteers are welcomed.

**SHAWL MINISTRY** — While praying, crochets and/or knits shawls to provide unconditional love and comfort to the recipients who receive them. Recently the Ministry donated blankets to Senator Vitale's backpack program for children in need.

## **PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION**

This Commission is entrusted with planning and coordinating events that provide opportunities for all parishioners to come together by offering time and talent to build events that support the communal social and recreational needs of the diverse parish. The Commission will plan and host a number of activities during the year that are open to all members of the parish and other interested parties. Ministries that serve under the Parish Community Life Commission are:

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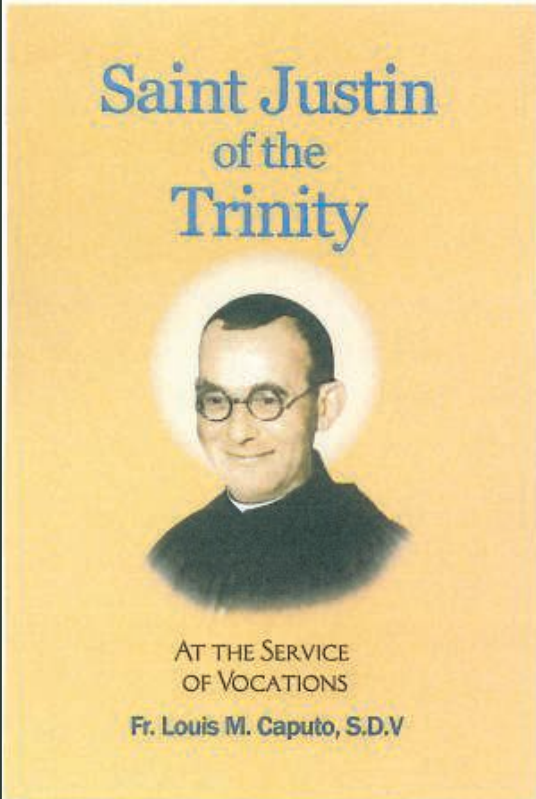
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### Lecture Series: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church"

January 17, 2023 at 7pm

**Presenter: Very Reverend Timothy Christy**  
**Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen**  
**32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ**

Fr. Christy, Rector of the Cathedral, will be exploring the USCCB's document on the Eucharist. As Christians, we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you (John 6:53). The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter Him in the Eucharist. Please join Fr. Christy for this important event.



# School News



## 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.

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