

St. James Roman Catholic Church

149 Grove Street ~ Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Phone ~ 732-634-0500

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

Making Christ's Love Visible for 162 years

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary time ☐ August 13, 2023



Lord, if it is you,
command me to come
to you on the water.

MATTHEW 14:28

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:30 pm

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

Sunday ~ 5:30pm ~ Spanish Mass

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 - 12:00pm ~ Saturdays

The first Saturday of each month

Confession will be offered in

Spanish ~ 11:00am - 12:00pm



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Parish Office Summer Hours ~ Monday - Thursday ~ 8:00am to 4:00pm ~ Friday ~ Closed
732-634-0500 (see appropriate extensions below)
{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. Karolus Bale, SDV
 ext. 201

DEACONS

Deacon Bill Lange **732-887-8665**
 Deacon Roel Mercado **732-738-4106**

SACRED MUSIC & LITURGY

Robert Lapore
 rlapore@stjamesonline.org
 ext. 108

FOOD PANTRY

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

732-636-6343
 Maria Russo

**BUSINESS OFFICE
 ADMINISTRATOR**

Kathy Beglan ext. 101

CEMETERY MANAGER

Maria Russo ext. 104
 Cemetery Office ext. 104

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 ext. 112

Carol Ann Feher, Administrator

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

732-634-3026

Dorothy Zmigrodski, Director ext. 350
 Linda Donnelly, Secretary ext. 351

ST. JAMES HISPANIC MINISTRY

732-634-0500

Gary Vazquez ext. 122

Email: HispanicMinistry@stjamesonline.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

STREET FAIR/ SPRING AUCTION

732-634-0500 ext. 105

Stewardship

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2019</u>
August 5 & 6	\$ 7,617.00	\$13,102.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,590.00	\$ 3,728.12
	\$13,207.00	\$16,830.12

The 2nd collection on the weekend of August 26th & August 27th is to help defray the cost of the Parish Air Conditioning.

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at www.stjamesonline.org.

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

Proverbs 19:17



Saturday, August 12 ~ Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 9:00am Robert A. Pero, Jr.

Vigil ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30pm Alex and Stephana Pristas

Sunday, August 13
 7:30am St. James Parishioners
 10:00am Simeon Syjongtian
 12:00pm Joseph Romano
Spanish Mass
 5:30pm St. James Hispanic Ministry

Monday, August 14 ~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
 12:10pm Gilbert Nelson
 7:00pm Gloria Russo

Tuesday, August 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation
 7:00am James V. Folmer
 12:10pm Pearl and Cecilia DeCarlo
 7:00pm Phyllis Siena

Wednesday, August 16 ~ Saint Stephen of Hungary
 12:10pm Pearl DeCarlo

Thursday, August 17
 12:10pm Edward and Marie Moore

Friday, August 18
 12:10pm Robert Walker

Saturday, August 19 ~ Saint John Eudes, Priest
 9:00am Joseph Ziliollo

Vigil ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30pm Evan and Bladimir Jashuk

Sunday, August 20
 7:30am St. James Parishioners
 10:00am Gerard and Lionel Silva
 12:00pm Gilbert Nelson, Jr.
Spanish Mass
 5:30pm St. James Hispanic Ministry



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

□ *Nicholas and Marianina DelSordo* □



Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

A TIME TO WEEP. . . .

- Catherine Gerity □
- Phyllis Siena □



*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



Bringing up the Gifts

If the weekend Mass you are attending is being offered for an intention you requested, it would be appropriate for you and other family members to bring up the gifts during the Presentation of the Gifts at that Mass. If you would like to bring up the gifts, please come to Mass early and speak to one of the ushers and let them know. The usher will give you instructions on where to sit and when to bring the gifts forward.

Dear friends in Jesus Christ ☐ ,

The readings for this week speak of God's saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God who always keeps us company, and our need for prayer in the storms of life. The first reading tells us of how Elijah the prophet who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of just such a trusting Faith in the power of Yahweh (then had to flee for his life), encountered the Lord God on Horeb. After Solomon's death (922 BC), the northern tribes broke away from Judah, from its priests, and from the Temple in Jerusalem. They formed an independent country they called Israel, centered in the city of Samaria. As years rolled by, many of these Jews lost their Faith in Yahweh. Their seventh king Ahab (869-850 BC) married Jezebel, the daughter of the pagan King of Tyre. He allowed her to build a temple for her god Baal, then encouraged, and himself took part in, idol-worship and immorality. The prophet Elijah was sent by Yahweh to Israel to bring His people back to true worship. Elijah's trusting Faith in the power and presence of Yahweh enabled him to defeat and execute the 450 pagan priests of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kgs. 18:16-40). Consequently, Queen Jezebel sent murderous henchmen after the prophet. Elijah, sustained by food provided by God through an angel, fled for forty days and nights. He finally reached Horeb, the mountain where God had earlier established His covenant with Israel under Moses. Elijah might have expected a spectacular miracle from God to protect and vindicate him, or an appearance of God with great power in thunder and lightning to bolster his Faith, like the one Moses had been granted on that very spot (Exodus 19:16-19). However, the presence of God was not in the spectacles of thunder, earthquake, or fire but in a tiny whispering sound. ☐Elijah acknowledged God's presence by covering his face and coming out of the cave where he had taken shelter. He was content with God's quiet sign of His presence and was consoled, trusting that his God was helping and protecting him. Like Elijah, we can miss God's presence by limiting our experience of Him to certain places and persons and forgetting that He is everywhere. The first reading reminds us that we have to experience God's presence in our lives and listen carefully to everything going on around us because we encounter God in insignificant as well as spectacular events. Failure, as well as success, offers us the opportunity for growth in trusting Faith in a loving and providing God. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85), the Psalmist assures us, *☐Near indeed is His Salvation to those who fear Him, glory dwelling in our land.* ☐



The Gospel explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help. The Gospel episode occurred during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, *☐It is I.* ☐The Gospel episode also explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help. Jesus walking on the water follows the miraculous feeding in Matthew, Mark, and John. However, the account of Peter's walking on the water is found only in Matthew. Thus, Matthew's retelling of this event also says something about Peter and his Faith. While we might emphasize Peter's fear, his sinking, and his little Faith, we need to look also at his leap of Faith. Peter represents all who dare to believe that Jesus is Savior, take their first steps in confidence that Jesus is able to sustain them, and then forget to keep their gaze fixed on Him when they face storms of temptations. From the depth of the crisis, however, they remember to call on the Savior, and they experience the total sufficiency of His grace to meet their needs. It is this type of little Faith of Peter that Jesus later identifies as the rock on which he will build his Church. The only Faith Jesus expects of His followers is a Faith that concentrates solely on Him. In other words, when we simply heed Our Lord, we can do great things. So, with His grace, we have to raise our awareness of God's presence in our lives. As we become more aware, we will step out and proclaim that presence, even in surprising places.

We need to call Jesus in the storms facing the Church and our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in His ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our lives. Church history shows us how Jesus saved His Church from the storms of persecution in the first three centuries, from the storms of heresies in the 5th and 6th centuries, from the storms of moral degradation, and the Protestant Reformation movement in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and from the storms of sex abuse scandals of the clergy in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future we are suffering now in the ongoing effects of Corona Virus Pandemic (Covid-19), storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension, and uncertainty, storms of anxiety and worries, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations. Storms reveal to us our inability to save ourselves and point us to the Infinite ability and eagerness of God to save us. When Jesus shows up in our life's storms, we find that we gain the strength to do the seemingly impossible. For example, when Jesus shows up, He makes marriages out of mistakes, He invigorates, restores, and empowers us to reach the unreachable, to cross the un-crossable. Storms let us know that without Him we can do nothing, without Him we are doomed to fail. Yet, when Jesus shows up, we gain the strength to join Paul, saying, *☐In Christ, I can do all things.* ☐But this demands a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative study of Scripture, and an active Sacramental life. Experiencing Jesus' presence in our lives, let us confess our Faith in Him and call out for His help and protection always.

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. 122. 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
September 13, 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 _____

Classes in Spanish please check here . We will call to follow up.

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
 Chris Bober
 Frank St. Marie
 Marilyn Holder
 Cecil St. Clair
 Diane Campolargo
 Juliet Perez
 Gail Smith
 John Winkler
 Henry Lipp
 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
 Randy Sadler
 Michele DeFoe
 William Pluta
 Elizabeth Jaramillo
 Jake Russell
 Patrick Swinarski
 Anthony Vasquez
 Quintin Devorak
 Gary Davila
 Erik Gould
 John Toto
 Bonnie Brinamen
 Olivia Quimbay
 James Sullivan
 Marie Demoreski
 Nicholai Ruck Lubas
 Steven Murawski
 Bernadette O'Halloran
 John Paul
 Joseph Russo
 Kathryn Ensminger
 Jelica Krivokapic
 Madeline Mentel

Mary Samarya
 Matthew Smith
 Bill Schaefer
 Deanna Class
 David Cruz
 Jenna Cappelli
 Lou Lombardo
 Abigail Walsh
 John Ferrari
 Julia Kuzma
 Sherri Keller-Chiofolo
 Dan Mechkowski
 Patricia Rebovich
 Leonard Serafino
 Patricia Neyra
 Robert Honkisz
 Beverly Sass
 Molnar Family
 Sadie Soulias
 Dennis Pelech
 Annette Foster
 Kim and Robert Beaulieu
 Nikki Honkisz
 Lucille McCann

Elizabeth Dodd
 Albert and Nanette Molina
 Kathy Dowling
 Roe Sharkey
 Monica Vitello
 Louis Saca
 Anita Pintozzi
 Melissa Roca
 Arlene Yavorsky
 Shannon Ennius
 Christina Muschitello
 June Connolly
 Linda Kuchie
 Isabella Gaven
 Lawrence Golden
 Daniel Stoveken
 Martha Foster
 Ronald Caggiano

Names will be published for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.

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

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, 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).



Pot of Gold Raffle 2023 Winners

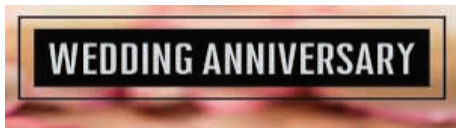
Our Pot of Gold Raffle drawing held on August 6th was \$19,620.00 and the winners received the following:

- 1st Prize @ 40% \$3,924.00 Ticket #5052
- 2nd Prize @ 20% \$1,962.00 Ticket #8480
- 3rd Prize @ 10% \$ 981.00 Ticket #5825
- 4th Prize @ 5% \$ 490.00 Ticket #5243

There were also the following prizes:

- 3 winners @ 3% of the prize \$294.30ea.
Tickets #6856, #7267, and #6478
- 3 winners @ 2% of the prize \$196.20ea.
Tickets #5947, #5611, and #5323
- 5 winners @ 1% of the prize \$98.10ea.
Tickets #5835, #6509, #5091, #6235, and #7327
- 10 winners @ .5% of the prize \$49.05ea.
Tickets #6933, #5049, #8888, #5805, #6311, #6844,
#7246, #5237, #6239, and #5226

Thank you to all who participated in the drawing and helped make our festival a success.



Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, **October 22, 2023**, at 3:00PM.

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access it, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on **October 6, 2023**. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or call **732-562-1543**.

St. James Parish Bereavement Support Group Woodbridge, NJ 07095



The Bereavement Support Group will not meet in July and August. The Fall dates are September 11, 18, and 25. October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. December 18 and January 15, 2024.

There will be a Mass of Remembrance on Friday, November 3rd 7:00pm at St. James Church.

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 Monday's 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, canned fruit, pancake mix, pancake syrup, instant potatoes, peanut butter, and jelly. Thank you for your continued support.



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 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.

To register as a parishioner you can stop by the Parish Office or visit our website www.stjamesonline.org.



Feminine Genius Brunch Saturday, October 14, 2023

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, "See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture" (Ascension). The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.



Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining us. You can scan the code below and be welcomed to the Order. Any men out there who are over 18 years old, please, think about it.

For more information contact Grand Knight Paul Tornambe, at 732-527-0313.



SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN NOW!

Specify Council: **857**
www.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

Knight's Prayer

Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.



Hispanic Ministry at St. James is sponsoring a Bus Trip for a day outing to Lancaster Pennsylvania Saturday, October 14, 2023

The trip includes a 12pm lunch at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant in Bird-in-Hand, PA, a visit to the farmer's market, Kitchen Kettle Village, and the last stop at Mt. Hope Winery.

The trip is open to all in the parish community and public.

Bus Departure: 8am & Bus Arrival: 8pm
St. James Church
149 Grove Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Cost: \$90.00

For more information and to reserve tickets contact Gary Vazquez at 848-235-3132. Space is for 56.

El Ministerio Hispano en St. James está patrocinando un viaje en autobús para una excursión de un día a Lancaster Pennsylvania el sábado 14 de octubre de 2023

El viaje incluye un almuerzo a las 12:00 p.m. metro. en el restaurante Plain and Fancy en Bird-in-Hand, PA, visita al mercado de agricultor, Kitchen Kettle Village y última parada en Mt. Hope Winery.

Salida del autobús: 8 a.m. y Llegada: 8:00 p.m.
Iglesia Católica de St. James
149 Grove Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Costo: \$90.00

Para obtener más información y reservar taquilla, comuníquese con Gary Vázquez al 848-235-3132.

Dear Parishioners,

As I have brought to your attention last week. The Sanctuary (Altar) carpet and flooring underneath the carpet are old and, in some areas not level which can cause someone to fall and needs to be replaced. Below is a rendering of a design received from an Architect. The cost to replace the flooring and update the Altar is \$97,000.00. If anyone can help contribute toward the cost please put your name, telephone number, and the amount you can contribute below **(please do not include cash or check)** and place it in the closed box we will have in front of the Ambo next to the design. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Fr. Tom



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount of contribution: _____

ST. JAMES PARISH FESTIVAL AUGUST 6TH



Thank you Lori Sowienski for the pictures.



Hispanic Heritage Mass

Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7pm at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen NJ 08840. Come share with the Hispanic community and together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions.

For more information: Lescobar@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243 4573.

Misa de la Herencia Hispana

Acompaña al Obispo Checchio en la celebración de la Misa de la Herencia Hispana en español, el viernes 15 de septiembre de 2023 a las 7 p.m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís, Metuchen NJ (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Ven a compartir con la comunidad Hispana, y juntos daremos gracias a Dios por nuestra diócesis y por la oportunidad de vivir nuestra fe a través de nuestras tradiciones. Información: Lescobar@diometuchen.org o llame al (732) 243 4573.



St. James Roman Catholic Church RCIA classes in Spanish begin on Friday, September 22nd From 6:30-8pm

Interested in the Catholic faith and want to know more? Are you Catholic but have never been confirmed? Are you from another denomination and want to explore and embrace the Catholic faith? Then register for the RCIA classes with Gary Vazquez every Friday from 6:30-8pm in the parish conference room of the parish office. RCIA classes are for adults ages 18 and older. For more information, contact Gary Vazquez of the Hispanic Ministry at 732-634-0500 ext. 122 or via Email: HispanicMinistry@stjamesonline.org Registration will be on Sunday, July 23 & 30 from 4-5pm, in the vestibule located at the back of the church, the main entrance of the church, right before the 5:30pm Spanish mass.

¿Interesado en la fe católica y quiere saber más? ¿Eres católico, pero nunca has sido confirmado? ¿Eres de otra denominación y quieres explorar y abrazar la fe católica? Luego regístrate para las clases de RICA con Gary Vazquez todos los viernes de 6:30 a 8:00 p. m. en la sala de conferencias de la oficina parroquial. Las clases de RICA son para adultos mayores de 18 años. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Gary Vázquez del Ministerio Hispano al 732-634-0500 ext. 122 o por correo electrónico: HispanicMinistry@stjamesonline.org La inscripción será el domingo 23 y 30 de julio de 4 a 5pm, en el vestíbulo ubicado en la parte trasera de la iglesia, entrada principal de la iglesia, justo antes de la misa en español de las 5:30pm.

Hispanic Bible School (Spanish)

The Diocese of Metuchen will launch a new cycle of the Hispanic Bible School. The School offers 9 basic courses (Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures, Pentateuch, Historical Books, Prophets, Sapiential Literature, Gospels, Pauline Letters, Catholic Letters, Revelation) each one of 7 sessions.

Classes will be held in person on Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at St John Neuman Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ), the attendee should not to have more than 2 absences per course. At the end of each course, the attendee will obtain an evaluation such as pass or fail; upon passing the 9 courses, they will get a certificate.

On September 14, 2023 we will start the Introduction of Sacred Scriptures course. This course is mandatory to continue with other courses, and has a cost of \$35 per person.

For more information and registration visit www.diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion or contact us at Lescobar@diometuchen.org or 732 243 4573.

Escuela Bíblica Hispana

La Diócesis de Metuchen iniciará un nuevo ciclo de la Escuela Bíblica Hispana. La escuela ofrece 9 cursos básicos (Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras, Pentateuco, Libros Históricos, Profetas, Sapienciales, Evangelios, Cartas Paulinas, Cartas Católicas y Apocalipsis) cada curso de 7 clases.

Las clases son presenciales los Jueves de 7 a 9 pm en el Centro Pastoral St John Neumann (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ), los asistentes no podrán tener más de dos ausencias por curso. El asistente recibirá una calificación de aprobado o no aprobado al final de cada curso, y quien apruebe los 9 cursos recibirá certificado.

El 14 de Septiembre de 2023 iniciamos el curso de Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras. Este curso es obligatorio para continuar con el resto del programa y tiene un costo de \$35.

Para más información y registro visite www.diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion o contáctenos en Lescobar@diometuchen.org or 732 243 4573

Important Information



If anyone needs assistance with preparation for the sacraments in Spanish, please contact Gary Vazquez from our Hispanic Ministry at: **732-634-0500 x122.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catechists and Assistants are needed for the 2023-2024 Academic Year (September—May). Please consider donating your time/talent to assist the children of the parish on their journey of faith. All volunteers (over 18 years of age) are required to be fingerprinted, background checked and attend a one-time Protecting God's Children Workshop in order to work with children in the Diocese of Metuchen. 8th Grade students, as of September 2023, are welcome to sign up as assistants for the 5:30 session for service hours; however, please note that the commitment is from September-May. High School students are also welcome for Honor Society credits.

Volunteers Needed are as follows:

Mondays, 5:30-6:40PM: Grade 5 Catechist, and Special Needs Catechist needed. Also, Grades 3, and 5 assistants are needed.

Mondays, 7:10-8:10PM: Hall Monitor who will also close/lock the building after the session. Assistants for Grades 6, 7, 8, and Basic Faith are needed.

Please call the Religious Education office 732-634-3026.



August Virtual Family Rosary

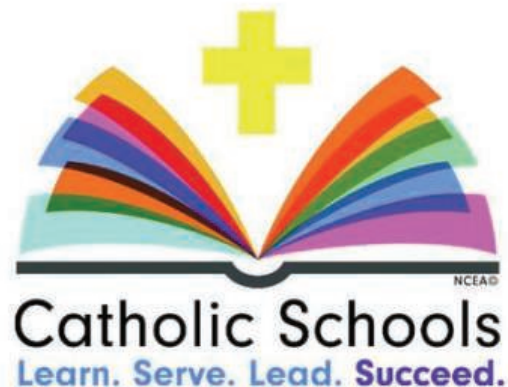
The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a virtual Rosary for engaged/married couples and children on August 21st at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact Cristina at cdiverso@diometuchen.org for details and link information.



WHY CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

St. James Catholic school link faith-based values with academic excellence. It's a formula that leads to success in the classroom and in life. If you are contemplating choosing a Catholic Education for your child here are a few reasons that might help you make the decision to enroll your child for the 2023-2024 school year:

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- *We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.*
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School News



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer. The office will reopen for business on Tuesday, September 5th from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Religious Education classes will begin on Monday, September 18, 2023. Office number is 732-634-3026.



Saint James School Advisory Council Scholarship in Memory of Nancy Drumm

The second scholarship in memory of Nancy Drumm was awarded in June to another 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.

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