

Welcome to
The Catholic Community of St. James
December 25, 2011 ~ The Nativity of the Lord
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Celebrating over 150 years of Faith, Hope & Love



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 25, 2011

***St. James Parish is a culturally diverse community of people united in
Jesus Christ by baptism and faithful to his gospel.***

All are Welcome

**Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
The Catholic Community of St. James.**

The Catholic Community of St. James

Corner of Main St. & Amboy Ave. (Route 35)

Parish Office: 148 Grenville Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732-634-0500
FAX – 732-602-1487

BISHOP

Most Reverend Paul Gregory Bootkoski, D.D.

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale, Pastor (ext. 21)

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Peter Tran (ext. 19)

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Sebastian D. Kaithackal (ext. 24)

Rev. Mr. James De Fillips (ext. 22)

DEACONS

Deacon Carl E. Psota (ext. 15)

Deacon Bill Lange (ext. 51)

Deacon Michael Choi (ext. 55)

Deacon John DiJoseph (ext. 56)

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

S. Marie Pierson, RSM (ext. 14)

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Christopher McGrath, Director

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Camilla Lauricella (ext. 11)

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY (732-636-6343)

Peggy Catalano, RN

ST. JAMES SCHOOL (732-634-2090)

Mary Erath, Principal

Nikki Zsamba (ext. 30)

Brenda Stone (ext. 31)

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Liz Lutomski, Director (ext. 35)

Linda Donnelly, Secretary (ext. 33)

Denise Mudrak, Secretary (ext. 34)

CHILD CARE CENTER (732-634-2077)

Carol Ann Feher, Administrator (ext. 26)

BUSINESS OFFICE & CEMETERY

Kathy Bousquet, Secretary (ext. 18)

Doreen Sloan, Receptionist (ext. 32)

Debi Strish, Secretary (ext. 13)

Stella Szwasz, Secretary (ext. 16)

Maria Vizzotti, Secretary (ext. 25)

McCORRISTIN HALL (732-636-9598)**CONVENT****732-634-0176**

S. Annette Duignan (in residence)

OFFICE HOURS

{closed for lunch 1:00PM-2:00PM}

Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM to 4:30PM

Friday 8:00AM to 3:30PM

MASS SCHEDULE**Daily**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 7:00AM and 12:10PM

Wed 12:10PM and 7:00PM

Sat 9:00AM

Weekend

Sat Vigil 5:30PM

Sun 7:30AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM & 5:30PM

Vietnamese Mass 3:00PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00AM to 12:15PM. Other times by appointment

MARRIAGES ~ Ideally, registered parishioners of Saint James are welcome to make arrangements **at least one year in advance**. Please contact Maria at the Parish Office ext. 25, 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 plans.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

~ Our parish has a ministry to those who are homebound and their caretakers. If you know of a person who is homebound and would like to receive communion at home please call Peggy Catalano at 732-636-6343.

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 for a home visit.

BAPTISMS ~ Baptisms are celebrated on the First, Third and Fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15PM. There is a limit of four children per baptism. Family and guests are invited to attend the 12:00PM Mass in preparation for the sacrament. Parents are required to attend a **Pre-Baptism session** to help them grow in their understanding of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to attend the Pre-Baptism session during pregnancy. Godparents are also welcome to attend. If you wish to have your child baptized during the Sunday 12 noon Mass, please contact Stella at the parish office ext 16.



REGISTRATION ~ We receive many requests for testimonial letters, sponsorship forms for the Sacraments, letters of recommendation or character references. In order to accommodate you, please register at the Parish Office when you locate to this area. For those who have reached the age of 22 and work full time, please register. You may pick up a Registration Package in the Sacristy after Mass or at the Parish Office or call ext. 32 and we will mail a package to you.

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 call S. Marie Pierson, ext. 14 at the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26th

Saint Stephen, first martyr

9:00AM Josephine and Cataldo Lupo

READINGS: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59

Tuesday, December 27th

Saint John, apostle and evangelist

7:00AM Dorothy Barcellona

12:10PM Alice Lowassy

READINGS: Jn 20:1a,2-8

Wednesday, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

12:10PM Marie and Frank Dragotta

7:00PM Bridget McDonald

READINGS: Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29th

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr

7:00AM Special Intention~Lorraine Martino (Living)

12:10PM Rose LaPenta

READINGS: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday, December 30th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00AM Special Intention ~ Ann Cipola (Living)

12:10PM Anthony Panigrosso

READINGS: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14

Saturday, December 31st

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Saint Sylvester I, pope

9:00AM George Johansen

READINGS: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

4:00PM Vigil ~ Margaret Wilson

Sunday, January 1st

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

7:30AM St. James Parishioners

10:00AM Eleanor Keener

12:00PM Julia and Calisto Venerus

3:00PM Vietnamese Mass

READINGS: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Please pray that the healing hand of the Lord touch all our parish family who are sick, bringing consolation to the aged, peace of mind to the terminally ill. Strengthen those who are young and all the parish families who are suffering. May all of them know God's healing love . . . especially those touched by the devastation throughout the world...

James Carrigan, Anthony A. Kazlauskas, Loretta Kuper, Florence Gerhart, Roscoe Jennings, Marianne Lattiere, Charles and Carol Ann Wilke, Lauren Zumpetta, Henry Cerit, Joan Mihalov, Justin McCarthy, Margaret Healy, Phyllis Sabo, Paula Wiczerzak, Nicole Marcucci, Millie LaPera, Florence Calandriello, Delia Naab, Sally Worobey, Katie Busceti, Robert Sachewicz, Mark McCracken, Steven Mal, Adeline Muzycka, Angelo Russo, Adeline Lauricella, Nicholai Ruck Lubas, Peter Psota, Dolores Guth, John Feher, Cynthia Loniak Perlman, Helen Seguine, Nicole DelPiano, Erik Gould, Steven Murawski, Marie Demoreski, Nick Caparaso, Ceila Gianino, John Russo and all those who are homebound.

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

THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS AND IN THE ARMED SERVICES

PFC Albert R. Patrick, Thomas Willis, Vincent Rodriguez, USMC CPL, Robert Bove US Army, Lt. Michael Lambert, SPC Robert Hall US Army, Sgt. Michael J. Allen, Second Lieutenant Joseph P. Allen, Corp. Daniel Collins SMC, Roberto Rosado, US Army, Bill Schneider, USMC Edward C. Forsthoffer III US Army, Jeremy McElroy USMC, Lt. Greg Lambert, Sgt. Nicholas Donovan US Army, CPO Thomas Purcell USN, Aaron Warner SSG, Adrian Yanez, National Guard, Alvaro Patrick, USMC, Col. Roberta (Andrechick) Niedt, Sgt. Timothy J. Donovan Jr. US Army, SPC Michael J. Lance, Michael Gregus, EM3 Justin Kitchen, Milan Haddad, Joseph Haddad, Marilyn Colon & Christopher James Cordero

The flag presently being flown in honor of **John Anthony DeFillipps**
Each flag will fly for a 3-month period

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

† Troy Polhamus †

Altar bread and wine has been Donated in Memory of

† Richard Patrick †

Recently Deceased

† Helen Major †





Dear People of God,

Blessed Christmas to you from your servants here at the parish staff, over 53 clergy religious and plus over 200 volunteers women and men of God. All are motivated by love.

My gift, a divine gift, is two meditations from a holy man and holy woman.

Enjoy.

From Henri J.M. Nouwen's book Lifesigns:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light...

Isaiah 9:2

THE JOY THAT JESUS OFFERS his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection. This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression, or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its nose remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

Celebration is indeed the word we need here. The divine ecstatic joy of the house of love becomes manifest in celebration. Celebration marks the life of the disciple of Jesus as well as the life of his new community. The disciple leaves behind the old life in search of a new life. For every disciple as well for the entire fellowship, following the Lord involves celebration, the ongoing, unceasing lifting up of God's love that has proved itself victorious. Celebration is the concrete way in which God's ecstatic joy become visible among us.

From Mother Teresa's

Where There Is Love, There Is God:

And you, child, will called prophet of the Most High.

Luke 1:76

The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us, to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us. At Christmas he comes as a little child, so small, so helpless, so much in need of his mother and all that a mother's love can give. It was his mother's humility that helped here to do the works of handmaid to Christ, God from God, true God from true God. Let us see and touch the greatness that fills the depths of their humility. We cannot do better than Jesus and Mary. If we really want God to fill us, we must empty ourselves through humility of all that is selfishness in us.

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY
DECEMBER 31ST AND JANUARY 1ST**

MASS TIMES	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR	SACRISTAN	ALTAR SERVERS
SATURDAY 5:30PM	VOLUNTEER TO SERVE			
SUNDAY 7:30AM	SIGN UP SHEETS IN SACRISTY			
10:00AM				
12:00PM				
5:30PM				
DECEMBER 28TH	EUCCHARISTIC	ADORERS		
12:30—1:30PM	C. HARCUK	D. PILUTKIEWICZ		
1:30—2:30PM	K. BALINSKI	L. PRIOR		
2:30—3:30PM	K. BUBENHEIMER	E. BALBUENO		
3:30—4:30PM	OPENING	B. WRIGHT		
4:30—5:30PM	D. MUDRAK	M. HOZJAN		
5:30—6:30PM	D. GUTH	E. MAMMAN		
SUB	D. MUNNOU	A. STROPPE		

And the Word became flesh. John 1:14

We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmastime, not in a cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.

The coming of Jesus in Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. The same Jesus comes again and again in our hearts during Holy Communion. He wants to give the same joy and peace. May his coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy in our own heart, in our communities, in our society and in the Church.

**Glory to God in the highest,
we pray for peace on earth..**

Blessing and Grace,

Rev Msgr. Charles Cicerale
Pastor

Parish Calendar of Events

Holy Days of Obligation ~ 2012

- Sunday, January 1, 2012 -
**Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of God**
- Thursday, May 17, 2012 - **Ascension of the Lord**
- Wednesday, August 15, 2012 - **Assumption of Mary**
 - Thursday, November 1, 2012 - **All Saints**

Mass Schedule

7:00 & 8:45AM, 12:10 & 7:00PM

Miraculous Medal Novena

Every Tuesday following the 12:10PM Mass.

**Baptism Class
January 11, 2011**

For all parents of children who are to be baptized will meet in the School Library at 7:30PM
Parents must register for the class.
To register or for more information, please call the Parish office 732-634-0500 x 16

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

To donate a liturgical memorial in memory or honor of a loved one, the suggested donation for altar bread, altar wine or sanctuary candle is \$25.00 each.

THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

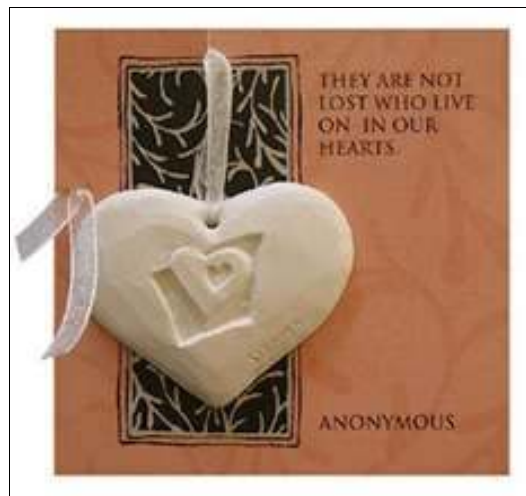
The first Saturday 9AM Mass is celebrated in remembrance of those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society. The stipend is \$25.00 to enroll your loved one for one year. Please call Stella at 732-634-0500 x16 for more information.
If you have a particular mass offered for a loved one and would like to offer the gifts at that mass, please tell one of the ushers so that he can show you where to sit.
We have a place reserved for you.



Upcoming Events

Bereavement Support Group

Beginning Monday, January 2, 2012, St. James Parish will provide an 8 week bereavement support group for newly bereaved at 174 Grove Street.
Call Sr. Marie to register or with any questions.
732-634-0500 ext 14



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

The first Sunday of each month is "Food Pantry Sunday."
Our needs include: Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned Meat, Pasta Sauce, **Jelly, baked beans, boxed potatoes, canned meats, canned raviolis and meatballs and pasta and spaghetti O's, and coffee, tea and cereal.**

Donations are accepted at Church on Sundays or at Emmaus House, 174 Grove Street

Food may be dropped off on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9-11AM or Thursday evening 7-8:30PM.

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

In the past couple of months you have heard from the Pastoral Council's Formation and Membership committees. Today I would like to introduce you to the Planning Committee. The committee is made up of five members, they are: Dolores Gioffre, Pat Purcell, Greg Lehman, Victoria de Guzman, and Issam Abdallah.

The Committee is tasked with developing a short term (1 year) and long term (3 years) strategic plan for both the council and the parish in the areas of Spirituality (Develop a continuum program to deepen our faith spirituality), Social (To foster and expand social interaction of the parish community), and Leadership (Identify, recruit, and mentor church members for leadership positions).

Currently, we are working on developing and establishing Commissions under which all our existing and new ministries can be mapped. The main purpose of each of the commissions is to strengthen each of its ministries and foster a sense of belonging. These commissions will act as a vehicle through which our strategic plan is to be carried out.

We will be introducing these commissions to you in the next few months. If you have any questions or ideas that can make St. James the place you want to be, please feel free to email it to SJPCwoodbridge@gmail.com or contact any of the pastoral members.

Issam Abdallah
Membership Committee Chairperson

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Due to the printer's holiday schedule the collection information was not available at the time of publication. All collection information will be provided in the bulletin of January 8th, 2012.

Our adjusted 2011-2012 weekly budget requires a collection total of \$18,500.00

We sincerely thank all who regularly and generously give of their treasure, as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work and ministry of our parish in the Holy Name of Jesus.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations and Thank you to our friend, long time parishioner and parish Trustee Jules Sabo. Jules was recently awarded *The Regina Nostra* award from the Diocese of Metuchen. Recipients were chosen based on the recommendation of the pastor. Those nominated are examples of the hard work and dedication needed to fully provide for the spiritual needs of the faith community. A long time usher and volunteer for many ministries here at St. James, Jules is a true example of generosity. He gives faithfully of his time, treasure and talent. And speaking of his talent, the lovely wooden "Joy" sign on the Grove Street side of church is an example of Jules talents in carpentry.

God Bless you!



Shawl Ministry

January 6th
10:00AM at Convent
Our members are always ready to welcome anyone who is interested. Donations of wool or money to buy wool is always accepted.

The Woodbridge Township Youth Soccer Association is accepting registrations for its 2012 Winter Indoor Recreational Season. All registration sessions will be held at The Club at Woodbridge, 585 Main Street. The league is open to boys and girls between the ages of three and 16. Registration sessions will be held Dec. 30 from 6PM to 9PM and Dec. 31 from 10AM to 2PM. The season will start in mid-January. Please call (732)634-9219, email recreation@woodbridgeyouthsoccer.com or Visit www.woodbridgeyouthsoccer.com for more information.

Religious Education News

There will be **no** Religious Ed classes on December 26th and 29th.

Religious Ed classes resume after the holidays on Monday, January 3, 2012.



**ST. JAMES
School News
December 2011**

Monday, December 26th School Closed
Resumes on
January 3, 2012

**St. James Parish Calender
December**

Wednesday, December 28th Eucharistic Adoration
1:00PM ~ 6:30PM
Church

Thursday, December 29th Just Faith
7:00PM ~ 9:00PM
Emmaus House

Saturday, December 31st Reconciliation
11:00AM~12:15PM
Church



St. James Child Care

Children 18 months to 5 years, experience age appropriate learning and enrichment for their continued

development. This is a 12 month open enrollment program

For more information or an appointment, please call 732-634-2077 ext 28 or 26.

Carol Ann Feher, Administrator



**Stewardship Corner
A simple and convenient way to give**

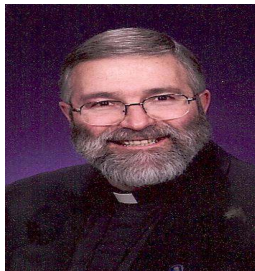
Please consider signing up for electronic giving. St. James relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit www.stjamesinfo.org and locate the link to the electronic giving page,

or contact our Business Administrator, Camilla Lauricella at ext 11.

Charitable Contributions

Tax letters are not automatically mailed. Please contact the Parish Office and speak to Doreen at ext 32 to request your record of 2011 contributions to St. James. Contributions will be posted by January 31, 2012.

Save the Date
Saint James Parishioners
February 12, 2012



A special Mass and celebration for our Pastor!

The Catholic Community of St. James invites all to attend the Noon Mass as well as the reception to follow in McCorristin Hall in celebration of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI bestowing pontifical honors upon Fr. Charlie with the title of Reverend Monsignor.

Further details will be announced shortly.



“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:9-12



Dear Parishioners of St. James,

Our parish cemetery has served the St. James Catholic Community since the late 1800's. In anticipation of the future needs of parishioners and their families, which is a part of the reality of death, we are developing a section in our cemetery named in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Currently, we have 100 single graves for two interments with pre-poured monument foundations.

Monument regulations are applicable for this section. Multiple grave and cremains plots are also available.

Please contact Camilla Lauricella at 732-634-0500 x11 for more information or to schedule an appointment.





2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal
In Faith, With Hope

Thank you to the parish families who made a pledge to the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift expanded God's work and enriched the lives of our communities and our Catholic faithful.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer
Watchung, NJ
908-753-2091

Year End Day of Prayer

A personal quiet day to reflect on the past year. Day begins with communal prayer.
 Saturday, December 31st, 9:30AM~3:00PM (\$20.00)
 Bring bag lunch.

Gathering for Men

Gain support and inspiration by focusing on spirituality and integration with daily life. Group discussions, reflection and prayer. Tuesday, January 10, 7:30-9:30PM (\$15.00) Jerry McKenna, Al Beronio

Personal Retreat Day ~ Sacred Time, Sacred Space

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer January 12, 9:30AM~3:00PM Bring bag lunch. (\$20.00)



Knights of Columbus #857

130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ
 732-634-9783
www.KofC857.org

New Years Eve Social

Join us as we ring in 2012
 Saturday, December 31, 2011
 Doors Open at 9:00PM
 No Charge / CASH Bar
 Light Food Served and Kids Welcome (with parents)
 All Tickets Sold at Door

R.T.L. "Dinner and Movie" Fundraiser

Saturday, January 21, 2012
 Movie: "Standing Firm"
 Doors Open at 5:30PM.
 Movie Begins at 6:30PM
 Suggested Donation
 \$15/person (Dinner), \$10/person (Movie Only)
 No Reservation Required

Fat Saturday Celebration

Join us for our New Orleans Style Mardi Gras
 Saturday, February 18, 2012
 Doors Open at 5PM, Dinner Served at 6PM
 \$10/person - CASH Bar
 Dinner Social / Drink Specials
 No Reservations Required

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner

Our Annual Fish Dinner Returns on
 Wednesday, February 22, 2012
 Dinner Served from 4:30-7:00PM
 \$11/adults, \$9/seniors (55 & older), \$6 Kids (12 & under)
 Dine-In or Take-out - No Reservations Required

Community House at St. Thomas
Old Bridge, NJ

This residence offers affordable housing for individuals with physical disabilities who are mentally competent, self-directed and would like to live in a pleasant, safe, supportive atmosphere offering on-site case management. Applications are currently being accepted for residency. If you would like more information, you can visit our website at www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org or call Susan Kuzma at 732-251-0022.