“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.”

Matthew 13:45
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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday ~ 9:00am to 3:00pm
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All are welcome to join this Catholic Community and join in our mission of “Making Christ’s Love Visible in our World.” Come and see! 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, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Catholic Community of St. James.

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CONFESSIONS
Please note a Priest will be available for Confession 11:00 am to 12:30pm on Saturdays in the Sacristy.
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Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday ~ 12:10pm
First Saturday of the Month ~ 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday ~ 5:30 pm
Sunday ~ 10:00am

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays ~ 1:00pm
Benediction ~ 3:00pm
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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Prayer, Remembrance and Devotion available at St. James Parish

Mass Intention - $10.00
Sanctuary Candle - $25.00
Altar Bread - $25.00
Altar Wine - $25.00
Purgatorial Mass - $25.00*

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

Please visit the Parish Office to schedule.
Maureen Caster  Patricia Nixon  Frank J. Capraro  Joey Gianino
Robert Isabella  Patrice Haborak  Vincent J. Capraro  Catherine Gerity
William Shearn  Margaret & Erwin Dugasz  Leo Wasiewlewski  Nicholai Ruck Lubas
Gordon Popan  John Petro  Quintin Devorak  Steven Murawski
Janet Lubas  Randy Sadler  Gary Davila  Bernadette O’Halloran
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Colleen Barcellona  Elizabeth Jaramillo  John Toto  John Paul
William DeFoe  Claire & Jack Webb  Mary Sowienski  Joseph Russo
Edward Kuchie  Ruben Martinez  Dominic Russo  Patricia Nixon
Eleanor Butler  Jake Russell  Joe & Bonnie  Patrice Haborak
Joanne Sharkey  Patrick Swinarski  Brinamen  Margaret & Erwin Dugasz
Ben Campbell  Nicola Eucaliptus  Olivia Quimbay  Claire & Jack Webb
Elizabeth Malangone  Anthony Vasquez  Myron Mihalov  Claire & Jack Webb
Rosemary Malangone  Ezio DiGiuseppe  James Sullivan  William DeFoe
Robert Miarmi  Ryan Terebetsky  Norma Almasi  Rosemary Malangone
Donna Rech  Daniel Lubas  Nick Caparaso  Robert Miarmi
Don Larson  Ernest Andrasick  Marie Demoreski  Donna Rech

Let us also pray for all who are homebound or hospitalized.
Names will be published for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.

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

MC2 Kyle Palasti, US Navy, Sgt. Trevor Dulemba, US Army,
CPO Thomas Purcell, US Navy, FCA3 Tyler Jon Sabo, US Navy,
Sgt. Brandon V. Galgay, US Marines

The flag presently being flown was donated by the Knights of Columbus
4th Degree Assembly #667 in honor of all their deceased brothers.

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 of Abandonment
Father,
I abandon myself into Your hands;
do with me as You will.
For whatever you do I thank You.
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only Your will be done in me,as in all Your creatures.
I ask nothing else My Lord.
Into Your hands I commend my soul;
I give it to You with the love of my heart,for I love You and so need to give myself - to surrender myself into Your hands, with a trust beyond all measure,because You are my Father.

Brother Charles of Jesus

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion to recite together in the Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
Dear Holy People of God:

Today’s readings seem to ask us to consider what is the most important, most precious thing in our lives and what would we be willing to give up for it. What is your “precious pearl” … and what would you be willing to give up to possess it?

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field . . . “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all that he has to buy it . . . Matthew 13: 44-52

“Our Jay-Z”

To young minority doctors, he was “our Jay-Z.” Dr. James Mahoney — “Charlie,” as he was known — was the heart and soul of University Hospital, a chronically underfunded state-run institution that primarily serves Brooklyn, New York’s poor, minority communities. Charlie Mahoney started as a student at the hospital’s teaching college in 1982 and never left. He rose to become a pulmonary and critical care physician and a professor at the college.

Dr. Mahoney was a large, intimidating man — but his calm resolve, ready smile and quickness with a joke and an encouraging word immediately put patients and students at ease. He had no use for the protocols of the medical hierarchy: he preferred having lunch with his nurses and assistants; he treated the housekeepers with the same respect as he treated the hospital CEO. Residents, typically fearful of approaching senior physicians with rookie questions, had no problems coming to Dr. Mahoney. The same was true of his patients. He readily gave out his pager and cellphone numbers. For those too sick to come to the hospital for routine checkups, Dr. Mahoney made house calls. His assistant remembers: “Not only did he heal people’s bodies, he healed their minds and souls.”

Unfailingly kind and soft-spoken, Dr. Mahoney was assertive when he saw injustice — which, like many physicians of color, he experienced throughout his career.

After 40 years as a physician, Dr. Mahoney could have retired. He had been on the front lines for AIDS, the crack epidemic, 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. His family and friends urged him to take a break from this one.

But that’s not who Dr. Mahoney was. A colleague recalls how Charlie would run from crashing patient to crashing patient, always at the bedside — where it was most dangerous. “There were people who were really reluctant to go into the rooms, and you could understand why [but] he saw another human being in need, and didn’t hesitate to help.” Dr. Mahoney belonged on the floor and that’s where he would stay, always on duty, always teaching, seldom sleeping. Until the end: April 27, when the 62-year-old physician died of the disease he had fought so hard.

For the staff at University Hospital, Dr. Mahoney’s death was shattering. For students, especially black students, he was a legend. One minority physician who studied under Dr. Mahoney said: “As a young black man, I looked at this guy and said to myself, ‘Twenty years from now, I want to be like him.’ When a black resident sees him, he sees a hero. Someone that you can be one day. He’s our Jay-Z.”


What higher praise can a student doctor say about one of his or her professors: “I want to be just like him.” During this pandemic God has raised up thousands of saints like Dr. James Mahoney, whose selfless generosity is the “pearl of great price,” whose “treasure” was the care and hope they could provide to the sick and dying. Their courage and generosity should inspire us to realize that the Gospel “treasure” and “pearl” exist within each one of us: that ability to see God in those we love and are able to serve, that spirit of compassion that enables us to be the means of God’s mercy and peace using whatever our skill set, in whatever our work place. The search for the Gospel pearl and treasure is a life-long search but guided by the light of God’s wisdom and the markers of God’s grace, we will become what we seek.

Blessings and Grace,
Monsignor Charles W. Cicerale
Pastor
CONFESSION

Please note a Priest will be available for CONFESSION 11:00am to 12:30pm on Saturdays in the Sacristy.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND KEEP 6 FEET OF DISTANCE FROM THOSE IN LINE.

Please pray for the Confirmandi and First Communicants and their families.

Confirmation Mass - Friday July 31st (by ticket only)
3:00pm & 7:00pm

First Holy Communion Mass - Saturday, August 15th (by ticket only)
9:30am & 2:00pm

Pray for the four men who will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Metuchen on August 22nd in our Cathedral in Metuchen. It has to be difficult for them to have waited so long for such profound joy in their lives.

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

St James Eucharistic Adoration

We will be offering Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays at 1:00pm with Benediction at 3:00pm. This will be continued every Wednesday until further notice. Please wear masks and seat distanced. Any questions, please call Mitizi at 732-634-8317.

Did you know.......

St. James Bulletins are available online by visiting our website www.stjamesonline.org and click on Bulletin. All articles for the bulletin must be submitted 10 days prior to requested publication date to nzsamba@stjamesonline.org.
**GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING**

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

_Proverbs 19:17_

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**St. James Food Pantry Report & Needs**

The food pantry currently needs canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, Chef boyardee, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned and instant potatoes, snacks, canned meat, shampoo, toothpaste, and bath soap. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Parish Office Summer Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
(Closed for lunch  
1:00pm - 1:30pm)

Closed on Fridays

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**Celebrating Marriage**

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 and date of marriage by email to nzsamba@stjamesonline.org or submit it in writing to the Parish Office attention Nikki.

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**Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. 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](http://www.stjamesonline.org).**

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**Register a parishioner on our website [www.stjamesonline.org](http://www.stjamesonline.org).**
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Romans 8:28

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2020 U.S. Election Briefs: Faithful Voting & Global Concerns

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns offers a series of two-page briefs and half-hour webinars on global issues to help voters prepare for the 2020 U.S. elections. Several webinars have already taken place, but there are more to come.

Quoted from the Maryknoll website: Inspired by the Gospel and Maryknoll missioners’ commitment to stand with vulnerable communities around the world, we urge U.S. citizens to consider the issues raised in these briefs and to vote to advance the cause of peace, social justice, and the integrity of creation. Topics covered in the series include Nuclear Disarmament, Refugees, Climate Change, Sanctions, U.S. Immigration Policy, U.S. Trade Policy, Peacebuilding, and Food Security.

Find the election resources at maryknollogc.org/article/2020-us-election-resources

The St. James School of Religion is closed for the summer; however, during July we will be available to take registrations and re-registrations. Please call (732-634-3026) or email Mrs. Zmigrodski to schedule a time to come into the office. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Z at dzmigrodski@stjamesonline.org

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“Stewardship Scripture Quotes”

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
- Anne Frank
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Employment Opportunity

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St. James School
Tuition Angel Fund

Thank you for your generous donations to our Parish Tuition Assistance fund. We have begun the registration process for the 2020-2021 school year and we continue to raise funds in anticipation of the needs of our families. Your continued support is appreciated.

All checks are to be made payable to St. James School, and note “Tuition Assistance” in the memo section. Your gift is tax deductible. With a grateful heart ~ Msgr. Charlie

2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $60,222.48 and payments totaling $53,508.73 from 298 parishioners. This represents 91.8% of our $63,000.00 goal. Thank you for your generosity.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NEWS

Saint James is currently closed for the summer but we are still available to answer your enrollment questions for the 2020-21 school year. Please call (732) 675-2493 for information. We look forward to showing you our great school in person in the near future. To see all the amazing things still happening at SJS please follow us on Facebook @ Saint James School or Instagram@ saintjamesschoolwoodbridge.

St. Thomas Aquinas
Summer Academy
1 Tingley Lane
Edison, NJ 08820

The summer Aquinas Academy is open to 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are looking for unique enrichment opportunities in their specific areas of interest.

The cost is a $150 non-refundable registration fee.

Camp Hours: 8:00am to 2:30pm
at St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Camp Dates
STEM & Forensics: August 10-August 14

For more information, please call 732-549-1108 x 700.
**Msgr. Charlie will celebrate the 10:00 AM Mass on August 30th.**

**Reception has been **POSTPONED **indefinitely.**
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