



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

July 22, 2018

Our Mission

See a face, learn a name, hear a story.

Love one another!

(Please use a name tag. This will help in getting to know each other in our Community of Faith).

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday— 3:00 p.m.

Wheelchair accessible

PARISH CENTER HOURS:

Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: will be Mondays at the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist. Prior notice is not necessary

All those who are dealing with a serious illness and/or will be undergoing surgery during that week are invited to receive this sacrament.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the Parish Center

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Church)

Saturdays: 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. , Thursday before First Friday:

4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH NURSES: If you would like to meet with a Parish Nurse, please call Margie Balint at 203- 378-3081

We have gluten free eucharist available. Please let the acolyte or deacon know prior to mass if you need to receive this type of Eucharist.

MINISTRY WITH SICK AND SHUT-IN

Pat Stockdale - Please contact the Parish Center if you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital or nursing home so we can arrange a visit from a member of our ministry.

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OUR MINISTRIES

Pastor: Rev. Arthur C. Mollenhauer - 203-522-7696

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Rogerio Perri -rperri.stjamesparish@gmail.com

Deacon: Joe Koletar

Deacon John Piatak

Leadership Team

Trustees:

- **Pastoral Council:** Tom Kelly and Jim Hodska
- **Finance Council:** Dan Caron
- **Pastoral Planning Team:** Richard Zboray
- **Parish Manager:** Marcy Kelly

Adult Pastoral Ministry

- **Ministry with Men:** Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie, Jeff Nocchioli, Mike Curran
- **Ministry with Women:** Angie deMello & Mary Tesla

Communal Prayer

Worship

- **Liturgical Music:** Jeremy Hutchins
- **Liturgical Environment:** Michele Hoekenga

Pastoral Services

- **Lifelong Formation:** Betsy Redgate
 - **Principal St. James School:** Jack Lynch
 - **Ministry with Teens:** Bob Nagy and Karen Smith
 - **Ministry with Sick & Shut-Ins:** Pat Stockdale
 - **Charity, Justice, and Peacemaking:** Janine Walsh
 - **PATH:** Debby Carroll
 - **St. James Prison Ministry:** Denis Granado
 - **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille
 - **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Jane Begnino, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani
 - **Young Adult Network:** Ruwani Williams
- ### Support Services

- **Pastoral Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 23 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Barbara Sautter

Tuesday, July 24 , 2018
5:30 p.m. Stuart Reasoner

Wednesday, July 25 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Pat Loux

Thursday, July 26 , 2018
5:30 p.m. Anita Shea

Friday, July 27 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Annie Vazquez

Saturday, July 28 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Trent M. D'eramo, Jr
4:30 p.m. Kathleen Mittleman

Sunday, July 29, 2018

7:30 a.m. Lawrence Gazda, Jr.
9:15 a.m. Lionel Zamudio
11:15 a.m. Tonra Floria Delucia
6:00 p.m. Paul Grosso

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: (7/21-7/27/18) SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : Alisha Excellent

Chapel Tabernacle : Donnie Michaelson

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: ()

Candles will burn for the following intentions:

Candle # 1: *All men and women in the military*

Candle # 2: *For the prayer intentions submitted through*

Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community, and apostolate. We are establishing a new chapter of Lay Dominicans in The Diocese of Bridgeport. Please join us for an Informal Inquiry meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at

St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT. at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Convent/Parish Center. For more information, call, text, or email Stefano Santilli (ste.santilli@gmail.com 203-524-4945) or Michelle Rowe (orapronobis20@gmail.com) - 203-218-6882)

Dear Parishioners,

This week's Gospel passage shows us Jesus who invited his disciples to go away with him to an out of the way place to rest a little. Jesus often left the hustle and bustle of his daily activity to go away and pray. We all need our own space occasionally to rest and pray. The motto of St. Benedict, in his monasteries, was "ora et labora," prayer and work.

Our life cannot be all work and our life cannot be all prayer. We need a balance of both. St Benedict viewed prayer and work as partners and believed in combining contemplation with action. This is a healthy practice since work allows us to expend energy on external things while prayer allows us to close the door to distractions and center our attention on internal things, perhaps the more important things.

But Jesus also teaches us another lesson in today's Gospel. Although he intended to spend some "down time" with his disciples, St. Mark tells us that, "When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

Sometimes we intend to spend time to rest but, God has other plans. A vacation interrupted by an illness. A night out "spoiled" by a friend who needs urgent attention. Our daily schedule disrupted by unexpected emergencies. The list goes on.

What to do? Follow the example of our Master. Do not be disturbed or rattled by the unexpected and the unanticipated events that barge into your lives. Take everything in stride and deal with them joyfully. Why get upset, grumpy or become annoyed? Upset people are upsetting. Annoyed people are annoying.

A priest friend of mine has a plaque that sits on his office desk that reads, "GOD IS IN THE INTERRUPTIONS."

God bless you always.



Readings for Sunday, July 29 , 2018

1st Reading: [2 Kgs 4:42-44](#)

Second Reading: [Eph 4:1-6](#)

Gospel: [Jn 6:1-15](#)

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 7/15/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$8,426.25	\$7,606.00
Electronic Offertories	\$3,387.49	\$3,657.70
Total	\$11,813.74	\$11,263.70

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
(Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share)

*“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no commandment greater than these.”*

- Mark 12:31

**ARE YOU LISTENING TO GOD AND LOVING
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?**

Jesus told us that this was one of the great commandments.
How are we showing that we are listening to him?

One way to ‘love your neighbor as yourself’ is to donate to the
Annual Catholic Appeal where we help all of our neighbors, but
especially those who cannot help themselves.

If you have already donated—**Thank You!**

Appeal Update: As of Monday, July 16, St. James parish-
ioners have donated \$119,725 to this year's appeal. That is
92.10% of our goal of \$130,000 goal.

REMEMBER—No donation is too small.

IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

When a loved one dies, in lieu of flowers please consider a
donation in the deceased person's name be made to Saint
James Church or *Care of Our Father's House*. The request
can be included in the Obituary Notice and in one's
Estate Planning documentation.

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-375-5887 for more details.

**Fr. Art is looking for an illustrator to create
drawings for a children's bible.**

**If interested, please contact him at:
203-522-7696**

or

pastor@stjameschurch.net

Save the Date

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:30 p.m. mass

Fr. Art's installation Mass
with Bishop Frank Caggiano.

Online Giving

Does your electric bill stop just because you are on vacation?
How about your insurance—does it stop (so you don't have to
pay) when you go on vacation? My guess is that they do not
stop and you are still responsible for the bills.

GUESS WHAT? Neither do the bills for St. James.

Online Giving is a way to continue to support St. James even
though you are on vacation.

Having these funds allows St. James to plan our expenditures
and to continue to provide services to our local community
(even during vacation season.)

Please consider using Online Giving!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin ,
Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert,
Val Jones, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri,
Robert Hayes, Michael Birch, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori
Hayes-O'Brien, Annette Kosc, Anastasia Verderosa, Christian
Solati, Lena Giantomidis, Tracey Lynn DeCarlo, Tommy Spi-
taleri, Michael Pataky, Coleman Hartigan, Julia Stewart, Carols
Ramos, James Ramos, Edmund Ramos, Michael Riddick, Mary
Jane Somers, Junius Reed, Iristza Martinex, Diane Cantarano,
David Gaffney, Margaret Donahue, Michael Riddick, Barbara
Robertson, John Andrade, Donna Nimeth

Faithfully Departed— Yvette Maillet,

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• **After the Diagnosis...A Guide for Living** by Fr. Tom Lynch and Barbara Mariconda
 • Books are available at the Parish Center.

During the month of July EVERYTHING in the thrift shop at Our Lady of Peace Church in Lordship will be half price. The shop will close for the month of August and reopen Saturday, September 1st. Thank you for your interest.

National Shrine of Divine Mercy—St. Mark Parish, Stratford, CT, is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA on Tuesday, August 21. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from St. Mark and returns around 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$55/person. Space is limited. Contact St. Mark at 203-377-0444 to register and for additional information.

Catholic Social Teaching

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from [abortion](#) and [euthanasia](#). The value of human life is being threatened by [cloning](#), [embryonic stem cell research](#), and the use of the [death penalty](#). The intentional targeting of civilians in [war](#) or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and [resolve them by peaceful means](#). We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the [life and dignity](#) of the human person.

Compassion

Non-violence

Justice

Unconditional forgiveness

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Interested in becoming a Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, our program for adults begins in September. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

“You Are God’s Masterpiece Retreat”- for women ages 18-26. A day of prayer, reflection, inspirational talks and sharing, sponsored by Magnificat Healing Women’s Ministry. Cost of \$20 includes snacks and drinks. For more information contact Roxane Angotta at [an-gotta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angotta@sbcglobal.net) or call 203-512-0201.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

Jim Travers, Bob Carrero, Tom Gilbertie,
 Jeff Noccioli, Mike Curran

Beloved Sons - Our next men’s ministry Beloved Sons gathering is Thursday Aug 2 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. Hope to see you then.

GRATITUDE MINISTRY

Suzanne Smith

Do you like people? More specifically, do you like making people smile and bringing joy to their life? Do you have a few hours during the week (either during the day or at night)? Are you looking for ways to help the St. James Community of Faith?

If you answered ‘Yes’ to any of these questions, the Gratitude Ministry would like to talk to you.

The Gratitude Ministry is looking for people to help make calls to parishioners to celebrate their birthday or thank them for their contributions.

If you think you are interested, please call the Parish Center and leave a message for Suzanne Smith.

Thank You!