Welcome to SAINT JAMES Parish

See a face, learn a name, share a story. Love one another!

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September 23, 2018 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

This week's liturgical readings bring to our attention great contrasts. St. James speaks of purity, peace, gentleness and mercy in contrast to jealousy, selfish ambition, disorder and foul practice. Christ's disciples are called to the former; the wayward, the latter.

We, too, live in a world of great contrasts. We see many people eager to take advantage of their brothers and sisters. Still, we also see many others who are authentically dedicated to serve their brothers and sisters.

Jesus interrogates the disciples who were quarreling among themselves about who was greater and offers them instead the key to genuine greatness: service to others. In the midst of our trying times, Jesus calls us to humble service in the name of our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis teaches us that, "Without love, (the church) doesn't grow, it transforms into an empty institution, of appearances, of gestures without fruitfulness. Jesus teaches his disciples to love one another, to serve one another and to know that they are never greater than the master. These blunt words and gestures are the foundation of the Church. If we go forward with these three things, we will never be mistaken."

God bless you always**.**

Fr. Art Mollenhauer, Pastor

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:
SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: ***9/22-9/28/18***
Church Tabernacle : Richard Cimino
Chapel Tabernacle *: Mrs. Sanford*

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 on-line giving*

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

Monday, September 24, 2018
8:00 a.m. Huong Pham, Pro. Hung
The Nguyen

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
5:30 p.m. Jesus Manuel Falcon

Wednesday, September 26, 2018
8:00 a.m. +Helen Goeringer

Thursday, September 27 , 2018
5:30 p.m. Santina DeVito and Patti Shea — Birthday Blessings

Friday, September 28, 2018
8:00 a.m. Mary, Rueben, Ana, Ruben, Jr, , Maria, Mike, Leane—Healing Unity

Saturday, September 29, 2018
8:00 a.m. Rich Cimino
4:30 p.m. Yvette Maillet

Sunday, September 30, 2018
7:30 a.m. Jesus Manuel Falcon
9:15 a.m. +Esperanca Franco e Fernandez
11:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. James
6:00 p.m. Virginia Tope

Boy Scout Troop 75

St. James Boy Scout Troop 75, will be selling popcorn after all Masses this weekend. Please come and support! Interested in learning more about Boy Scouts? Meetings are held Wednesday nights at **7:00pm** in the Church basement. Drop in anytime!

Weekly Offertory
Week Ending 9/16/2018

	2018-19	2017-18
In Church Collections	$7,396.25	$7,475.75
Electronic Offertories	$3,365.16	$4,141.49
Total	**$10,761.41**	**$11,617.24**

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

(*Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share*)

"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.'" - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

'**No donation is too small**.'

To date we raised 403 gifts worth $125,152 from 351 donors bringing the parish to 96.27% of its $130,000 goal

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

2018 SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 21 World Mission Sunday
November 18 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
December 9 Retirement Fund for Religious

- For on-line giving there will be an option with the same title as listed above for the 2nd collection.

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.

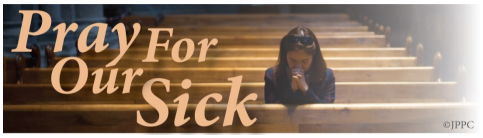
Having these funds allows St. James to plan our expenditures and to continue to provide services to our local community (even during vacation season.) **Please consider using Online Giving!**

Silent Together:

Weekly Centering Prayer & Lectio

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Chapel

Join others as we practice silence together to create a more open space for God! Twenty minutes of centering, followed by Lectio Divina. (Note: These gatherings are *not* a class, a program, or a discussion group—just an opportunity to practice silence together.) If you are new to Centering Prayer, please contact Virginia Weir at vlweir1@gmail.com or 203-556-2447.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin , Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Michael Birch, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-Obrien, Tommy Spitaleri, Mary Jane Somers, David Gaffney, Laura Galatie, Kay Spodnick, Andrew Soltis, Mary Miller, Shamie Singh, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Ed Cranston, Tony Caseria, Grace Manente, Gary Redder, Beatriz DeRubis, Thai Nguyen, Jackie Tomsheck, Tracy Paul, Blythe D'Andrea, Robert Raus, John Ebert, Yvonne DeAngelis, Charles Joseph Lisi, EZAVE, Jenna Strickland, James O'Brien, Kathy Kentosh, Cindy Harrison, Victor, Anastasia Verderos, Julia Stewart, James Ramos, Edmund Ramos, Nancy Macisco, Margaret M. Wynne, Patrick Kelly, Antoinette Sanford, Mike Lantowski, Yvonne DeAngelis, Leo Merturi, Donald Stewart, Kathy Sullivan

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.

Ministry with Music ~Jeremy Hutchins

choir practice

9/27——-7:30-8:30pm
10/4———-7:30-8:30pm

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
And do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
By the power of God,
Cast into hell Satan,
And all the evil spirits,
Who prowl about the world
Seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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

HOLY FAMILY
PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER

This year the men's weekend retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center will be held on the weekend of Nov. 2—4.The theme for this year's retreat is:
"No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life"
More information will follow shortly.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Beloved Sons - The next Men's Ministry/Beloved Sons gathering is scheduled for Thursday, October 4 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. As we do twice a month (first Thursday/third Saturday) we will gather to break open the gospel for the upcoming weekend. It will be the 27th Sunday in Ordinary time (MK 10:2-16); and we'll get a chance to see, talk about Jesus as he beckons "Let the children come to me". Will you be listening?

dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 25— 12:00 p.m.—Christian Yoga
Tuesday, September 25—6:00 p.m.—International Potluck volunteers meeting
Tuesday, September 25—7:00 p.m.—MAT 25
Wednesday, September 26—7:15 p.m.—Christian Yoga

Banns Of Marriage

Xavier Marcus and Christie Aimable

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Religious Education Registration- If you would like to enroll your child in our classes **for the first time,** please contact the Parish Center so that we may send you the registration forms. Mailing has gone out to former students. If you have not received a packet, please notify us. Classes for grades 1 through 8 will begin in October.

Confirmation Registration is underway for high school students previously enrolled in Religious Education or St. James school. Please contact Parish Center for information if you have not received forms in mail.

Ignatian Spirituality for Today-A three- part program is being offered at Fairfield University's Center for Ignatian Spirituality. A series of four lectures will be presented beginning October 6 from 10-11:30, followed by small faith sharing groups in January and a retreat entitle a Week of Directed Prayer in March. Please contact Colleen Gilbertson at 203.2544000, ext 3468 for more information.

Ministry with Women
Angie DeMello and Mary Tesla

women's ministry

All women of the parish are invited to a gathering to meet Fr. Art, our new pastor.

Join us on:
Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.
This is an exciting opportunity to engage with Fr. Art, discuss women's needs, explore new ideas, opportunities and directions, talk about upcoming events, find ways to serve our community of faith, and more!

MAT 25

We recently learned of a program that makes mats out of plastic grocery bags for our homeless brothers and sisters.
These mats are used for sleeping mats and help to keep them cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
Join us on **Tuesday, September 25**
7:00 p.m.—Parish Center
for an informational meeting

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
Monday, Wednesday, & 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
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

Readings for Sunday, Sept. 30
1st Reading: Nm 11:25-29
Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

On Friday, September 28, the office and chapel will close at 3:00 p.m.

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

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