Welcome to SAINT JAMES Parish

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Deacon: Joe Koletar
Deacon: John Piatak

Sunday, June 23, 2019

PASTOR'S Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is sometimes called "Corpus Christi." This feast was celebrated in the Latin Church since the 13th Century. The Greek Church also celebrates this feast day.

We celebrate the Real Presence of Christ in this most August Sacrament, as St. Thomas Aquinas calls it. Our Faith, Sacred Scripture and Tradition (with support of the Magisterium of the Church) teach us that Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul and divinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." (St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 73, 3c.) In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." (Council of Trent (1551): DS 1651) "This presence is called 'real' – by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." (Paul VI, MF 39).

There are many Eucharistic Miracles around the world that prove the true presence of God in the Eucharist. One of them is in Lanciano, Italy. A monk who was celebrating Mass did not believe in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. As he was celebrating Mass one day, the Eucharistic bread turned into real flesh and the Eucharistic wine turned into real blood. They are still present today. I had the grace of visiting in 2013.

Fr. Atl Mollah

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 24, 2019

8:00 a.m. John Muniz

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

5:30 p.m. Jack Barabosa

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. Annie Vazquez

Thursday, June 27, 2019

5:30 p.m. Joann Fasanella

Friday, June 28, 2019

8:00 a.m. Alphonse DeJulio

Saturday, June 29, 2019

8:00 a.m. Marie Minahan

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of St. James Class of 1969/50th year Reunion Class

Sunday, June 30, 2019

730 a.m. Parishioners of St. James

9:15 a.m. George Christian

11:15 a.m. Donald Kent

6:00 p.m. Raymond Krajewski

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 6/29-7/5

Church: Linda Mossorofo

Chapel: All victims of abuse

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*

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

Weekly Offertory

	6/16/2019	6/17/2018
In Church Collections.....	$ 7,075.61	$ 7,470.00
EFT.....	$ 1,932.49	$ 2,470.00
Online Giving.....	$ 1,599.00	$ 1,592.00
Weekly Total.....	**$ 10,607.10**	**$ 11,532.00**

Online Giving

Just because it is the summer and you may be on vacation your bills do not stop.

Neither do ours.

Please consider using Online Giving while on vacation!

CHARITY, JUSTICE, AND PEACEMAKING

~Janine Walsh

The Bridge

During the summer months, as people are out of their normal routine, our supplies for the Bridge get greatly diminished. ***The need for dignity never goes on vacation***. Please help fill our toiletry shelves for the Bridge! Here is a list of the most commonly requested items:

- Toilet Tissue - Baby Diapers
- Toothpaste - Toothbrush
- Conditioner - Shampoo
- Razors - Lotion
- Deodorant (both men's and women's)

Thank you for caring for our homeless and needy sisters and brothers.

Catholic Social Teaching

Our next session will be Monday June 24 at 7:00 pm. For additional information or to sign up contact either Jim Hodska or Marcy Kelly.

MINISTRY WITH SICK AND SHUT-IN

Pat Stockdale - Please have a family member or care-giver contact the Parish Center if you have a loved one who is in the hospital, nursing home , or homebound and they would like a visit from a member of our ministry or would like the Sacraments from one of our Priests.. Please contact the parish center if they would like to receive a bulletin

Monday, June 24—7:00 P.M.—Christian Social Teachings
Tuesday, June 25—12:00 P.M.—Christian Yoga
Tuesday, June 25—7:00 P.M.—Men's Journey Group
Wednesday, June 26 —7:00 P.M.—Christian Yoga
Wednesday, June 26—7:15 P.M.—Centering Prayer

Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin , Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Val Jones, Lucas McHale, Michael Birch, Lori Hayes-Obrien, Andrew Soltis, Thai Nguyen, Yvonne DeAngelis, Mary Ellen Bolton, John Soares , David Lathlean, Lawrence Lombardo, Pat Kelly, Gary Normandin, Stephen Rivera, Anne Singleton, John McGarry, Tommy Spitaleri, Nicole Daulizio, Eileen Cahill, John Shea, Frank Pignataro, David Gaffney, Carol Sanford, Melvin Rassmusen, Frank Mallozzi, Connie Silver, Hellen Stagg, Mrs. Semedo, Edmund Ramos, Luz Colon, Dante Malateria, Jennie Mihocko, Carmela Regan, Leonard Brooks

Faithfully Departed:

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Taste and See Summer Book Club- Jesus Approaches. Tuesdays-10:30-11:15, July 16-August 13. What contemporary women can learn about healing, freedom and joy from the women of the New Testament. Cost of $20 includes book. Register at Parish Center.

Week of Directed Prayer- August 3-10- A chance to make a retreat without leaving home or workplace! Group prayer on Saturday mornings and individual meetings with an experienced spiritual director Monday through Friday, scheduled at your convenience. Contact the Parish Center for more information.

Library Committee Meeting- Tuesday, July 23, 1:30. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with our library is invited to attend. Help is needed sorting books, making calls for returns, and organizing shelves. Scheduling is flexible. If you are interested in volunteering but cannot attend meeting, please contact Parish Center.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults-If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, our program will begin in September. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil. Contact the Parish Center for more information.

* * * SAVE THE DATE * * *

Saturday, June 29, 4:30 P.M. Mass

Please join us at the last Mass Fr. Rogerio and Deacon John will celebrate at St. James before they move on to their new assignments.

Hope to see you there!!

We are looking for someone who might be able to donate either a cherry picker or scissor lift to upgrade the phone system for the parish center and Rectory. Please contact David Zamachaj at the parish center for additional information.

Silent Together:
Weekly Centering Prayer & Lectio
Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Beloved Sons—Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie, Jeff Noccioli, Mike Curran

Beloved Sons

Because of the July 4 holiday falling on Thursday this year, the "first Thursday" Beloved Son men's ministry gathering is cancelled. Make your own spiritual fireworks this year working on your beatitude building. The next Beloved Sons gathering will be Saturday July 20.

2019 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

Save the date. The 12th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday October 19. This year's theme: **Forge Your Path to Holiness**. More information available at www.ctcatholicmen.org. The St. James parish website also includes this information as well.

Thank You Deacon John

We'd be remiss if we didn't take an opportunity this week, as we say good bye to Deacon John Piatak, to thank him for his spiritual and fraternal guidance toward all of us in men's ministry these past several years. John has been a rock to many of us as we meandered through our own rocky paths; always there at retreats and bi-monthly Beloved Sons gatherings to keep us focused and on track. In appreciation and genuine affection, we'll be shedding a tear as we wish him all the best at his new assignment at St. Ann's.

Men's Journey Group

Meets every Tuesday at 7 in the Parish Center (Community Room) to explore what help our Catholic Faith offers for our everyday struggles with jobs, families, isolation and those places men find hard to voice.

Interested in becoming a parishioner of St. James?

Please complete the following and deposit in the offertory basket

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Phone** _____

Email _____

Comments _____

July 1—August 31, 2019

The Parish Center office will be open:

Monday—Thursday—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday—Closed

The Chapel will be open

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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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

Confession
- Saturdays (12:15-1:30)
- Thursday before 1st Friday (4:45-5:15)
- By appointment

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
NOTE: The Parish Center Chapel is closed between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM on Wednesdays

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

July 1-August 31, 2019

Monday—Thursday—

9:00 a.m.—3:00p.m.

Friday—Closed

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

The WORD of GOD

Readings for Sunday , June 23

1st Reading: GN 14:18-20
2nd Reading: 1 COR 11:23-26
Gospel: LK 9:11B-17

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Trustees:** Chad Betz, Luca Servino
- **Pastoral Council:** Tom Kelly—tommyk8@aol.com
- **Finance Council:** Chad Betz—chadcbetz@gmail.com
- **Pastoral Planning Team:** Richard Zboray—richard.zboray@snet.net
- **Parish Manager:** Marcy Kelly—mkelly.stjamesparish@gmail.com

OUR MINISTRIES

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

Communal Prayer Worship
- **Music Ministry/Organist:** John J. Masi, Jr.
- **Liturgical Environment:** Michele Hoekenga

Pastoral Services
- **Lifelong Formation**: Betsy Redgate—bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **Youth Ministry**—George Nchumbonga Lekelefac Email: nchumbong@yahoo.com
- **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—jwalsh.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **PATH**: Debby Carroll—path.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **St. James Prison Ministry:** Denis Granado
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**: Mary Perille and Mercy Ingersoll
- **Gratitude Ministry**: Suzanne Smith, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani, Jane Vigliotti
- **Young Adult Network**: Ruwani Williams—rp1811@hotmail.com
- **Men's Journey Group:** Richard Zboray—richard.zboray@snet.net

Support Services
- **Buildings and Grounds:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager**: Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Assistant for Religious Education/Admin Assistant**:
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby