

Welcome to
SAINT JAMES
Parish



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Office & Chapel Hours

Office—Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

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Padamski.stjamesparish@gmail.com

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Sunday, November 24, 2019

PASTOR'S Corner

Dear Parishioners,

After reaping their first harvest in the fall of 1621, the pilgrims dedicated a day for thanking God for the bounty with which He blessed them. They had endured the many hardships that came with pioneering a new land. They built a colony from the wilderness. They were at peace with their neighbors. And they were especially grateful for their harvest. This allowed them to gather and store plentiful food and crops for the long and brutal winter ahead.

William Bradford, governor, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving toward God. They prepared a great feast to enjoy with family and friends—both from within the colony and with neighboring Indian tribes.

The governor wrote “Out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation; let the glorious name of [God] have all the praise.”

This week we have a great opportunity to thank God for all our blessings. To Him all glory and honor, amen.

May God bless you always.



Rev. Arthur Mollenhauer
Pastor
St. James Parish, Stratford, CT



Monday, November 25, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Valentin Llorens, Jr.

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

5:30 p.m. + Noreen Knott

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Melva Peter Hart, III

9:00 a.m. 6th Grade St. James

Thursday, November 28, 2019 Thansgiving

8:00 a.m. + Amedeo DiNapoli

Friday, November 29, 2019

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Rosalie & Jeremiah Sullivan

4:30 p.m. + Annie Vasquez

Sunday, December 1, 2019 First Day of Advent

7:30 a.m. + Patricia Brideau

9:15 a.m. + Melvin Peter Hart, III

11:15 a.m. Parishioner of St. James

6:00 p.m. + Perina Torreso

St. James Annual Report

The annual report for the St. James 2018-2019 fiscal year is now available on the website for you to view.

Please look at it, as it contains information about all aspects of St. James parish life.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 11/23-11/29

Church : Parishioners of St. James

Chapel: All care-givers

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

Weekly Offertory

	<u>11//2019</u>	<u>11/2018</u>
In Church Collections.....	\$ 6,865.48	\$ 7,472.90
EFT.....	\$ 2,169.36	\$ 2,383.73
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 2,256.50
Weekly Total.....	\$ 10,429.84	\$ 12,113.13



REMEMBER SET IT.....AND.....FORGET IT

Did you know that you can also donate for all the special collections (such as All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Campaign for Human Development, etc)?

Legacy Giving

What do you know about Legacy Giving?

If you would like to find out what it is and how you can include it in your estate planning, please call the parish center (203-375-5887) to sign up for a free seminar about legacy giving that will take place at St. James. (the date and time are yet to be determined.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help is needed for the following at St. James:

- We are looking for volunteer catechists to help us with classes Tuesday afternoons 4:15—5:15
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the laundering and ironing of the purificators used on the altar at Mass

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please call the parish center at (203) 375-5887



Mike Perille, Thai Nguyen, John Soares , David Lathlean, Gary Normandin, Gene Freeman, Allen Roy, Fr. Paul Merry, Kathy Sullivan, Juan Guillermo Rivas, Anna Pulaski, Carol Hemstock, Matthew Klein, Jaime Dias, Frank Reese, Leo Jette, Sr., Judith Curran, Ivonne D'Angelis, Clare Cooney, Edward Banas, Bernard Radziwilko, Leah Rodriguez, Edwin Rivera, and Edmund Ramos, Linda Klein, Andrew Donovan, Magnolia & Maritza Posada, Maria Rodriguez, Donna Hall, Blanca Lilian Restrepo.

Faithfully Departed: Anthony Bredice

Frank " Smitty" Smith

Spiritual Life

Betsy Redgate, Coordinator

In the Presence of Jesus— Advent Holy Hours, Tuesdays, December 3,10,17, 7:00-8:00 p.m. , St James Parish Center Chapel. Contemporary songs of adoration and worship and silent reflection on God's Word.

Making Room at the Inn— an Advent retreat for women at St. James, Saturday, December 7.— See bulletin insert for complete information.

Our Deepest longing a retreat for women at Holy Family Retreat House— West Hartford. See bulletin insert for complete information.

Sunday Missal for 2020— will be available at end of Masses for this weekend only. They will then be available in the Parish Center. Cost is \$5.00. Advent Prayer Aids are also available.

Got Pictures?

If you have pictures of any of the events that have taken place at St. James, please send them to David Zamachaj (dzamachaj.stjamesparish@gmail.com) so that they can be put on the St. James website.



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

Beloved Sons— The next men's ministry/ Beloved Sons gathering is Thursday, December 5 (7:30-8:30 PM), at the parish center. As we do twice every month(First Thursday/ Third Saturday) we will get together as Christian men to discuss, share or just listen to the gospel story (Mt 3: 1-12) for that upcoming weekend; the second Sunday in Advent. John Baptist is calling to you, and your fellow parishioners are inviting you.

Advent will be here....where are you at "preparing the way of the Lord" ?

" Now is the time to abandon our dependence on fossil fuels and move quickly and decisively, toward forms of clean energy." Pope Francis.

We are happy to share that we were presented with a wonderful opportunity. We have decided to partner with Trinity Solar through their Stewardship program. Trinity's program offers us a way to raise money by educating our parishioners on the benefits of solar. It is simple, all we ask is for you to sign up for a solar consultation to see if you qualify for this program. By doing this you will learn how you can save money on your utility bill, help the church raise funds and have a positive impact on the environment.

Please go to www.gotrinitysolar.com/sjrc to see if you qualify.

For more information, call 1-800-655-2500 and make sure to mention St. James Roman Catholic Church.

Special Occasion Choir Rehearsals

Can't commit to singing weekly with the choir? Join us as we prepare to sing for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses. Rehearsals are , 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19 at 7PM in the church.

Choir will sing at the 8 AM Mass on Thanksgiving (11/28) and the 11 PM Christmas Eve Mass and 11 AM Christmas Day Mass.



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 _____

We look forward to hearing from you!



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.

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



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EUCCHARISTIC 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*
- *Rosary every Friday at 4:30 p.m.*
- *NOTE: The Parish Center Chapel is
closed between 12:00 PM and 1:00
PM on Wednesdays*

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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

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Trustees:** Chad Betz, Luca Servino
- **Pastoral Council:** Ruwani Williams
- **Finance Council:** Chad Betz—chadcbetz@gmail.com
- **Safety Committee:** Jack Cratty

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
- **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—denis.granado@gmail.com
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille and Mercy Ingersoll
- **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani,
Jane Vigliotti

Support Services

- **Stewardship:** David Zamachaj—dzamachaj.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj—
nszamachaj.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlear
- **Assistant for Religious Education/Admin Assistant:** Wilda Navas—



Sunday, December 1, 2019

1st Reading: IS 2:1-5

2nd Reading: ROM 13:11-14

Gospel: MT 24:37-44