

Welcome to
SAINT JAMES
Parish



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Sunday, December 29, 2019

PASTOR'S Corner

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The family is such an important part of our society. Saint John Paul II wrote, "The family in the modern world, as much as and perhaps more than any other institution, has been beset by the many profound and rapid changes that have affected society and culture. Many families are living this situation in fidelity to those values that constitute the foundation of the institution of the family. Others have become uncertain and bewildered over their role or even doubtful and almost unaware of the ultimate meaning and truth of conjugal and family life. Finally, there are others who are hindered by various situations of injustice in the realization of their fundamental rights."

The value of the family must be upheld and supported. The Pope says, "Christian marriage and the Christian family build up the Church: for in the family the human person is not only brought into being and progressively introduced by means of education into the human community, but by means of the rebirth of baptism and education in the faith the child is also introduced into God's family, which is the Church."

The family has four fundamental tasks:

- 1) forming a community of persons;
- 2) serving life;
- 3) participating in the development of society;
- 4) sharing in the life and mission of the Church;

The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives. Its first task is to live with fidelity the reality of communion in a constant effort to develop an authentic community of persons.

May God bless all our families!



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

Parish Center—End of Year Hours

Mon. (12/30) to Wed., (1/1/20)

CLOSED

Thur. (1/2/20) - 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Fri. (1/3/20)-9:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.



Monday, December 30, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Robert Pinckney

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:30 p.m. + Mr. Louis Semedo

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

* * * **HAPPY NEW YEAR** * * *

9:00 a.m. D'Souza Family

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James

Thursday, January 2, 2020

5:30 p.m. + Gary Redder

Friday, January 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Alphonse DeJulio

Saturday, January 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. Margaritta Cadette (Birthday Blessings)

4:30 p.m. + Bill and Rhina Carmona

Sunday, January 5, 2020

7:30 a.m. + Richard Voytek

9:15 a.m. + Sister of Marta Czernovics

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

6:00 p.m. + Bobby Permanand (6th Anniversary)

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 12/28/19-1/3/20

Church :For all people in nursing homes

Chapel: For 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 (for week of 12/15/2019)

	<u>12/15/2019</u>	<u>12/09/2018</u>
In Church Collections.....	\$ 8,851.03	\$ 10,730.45
EFT.....	\$ 1,735.49	\$ 1,805.51
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 2,027.50
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Weekly Total.....	\$ 12,236.52	\$ 14,563.46

Financial Peace University

- Do the bills from **Black Friday** have you seeing **Red** (as in red ink)?
- Do you want to get those credit card bills and other money matters under control?
- If you answered 'Yes' to either of these questions, join us at the next Financial Peace University (starting Jan. 8, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center) by using the link shown below to signup.

>>>>> <https://www.fpu.com/1106004>



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR SOLEMNITY OF MARY OFFERING USING ONLINE GIVING?

In addition to Solemnity of Mary, you can donate for all special collections (such as All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Campaign for Human Development, etc) using Online Giving.

Try it! You just might like it!

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



Mike Perille, Thai
Nguyen, David
Lathlean, Gary

Normandin, Gene Freeman, Fr. Paul Merry, Ivonne D'Angelis, Clare Cooney, Edward Banas, Bernard Radziwilko, Leah Rodriguez, Edwin Rivera, Edmund Ramos, Andrew Donovan, Magnolia & Maritza Posada, Maria Rodriguez, Donna Hall, Blanca Lilian Restrepo, Michael Carone, Gloria Yanosy, Rita Lambert, Rosalinne Marquez, Santiago Pineda, Mike Birch, Grace Manente

Faithfully Departed: James Markland

Social Outreach

Janine Walsh Departure

It is with bittersweet emotions that I let everyone know that my last day as Social Outreach Coordinator for St. James ministries will be December 27th. My primary job as communications coordinator for the Franciscan Action Network will be expanding to 40 hours/week at the start of the new year and I won't have time to dedicate to coordinating the ministries. I leave you all in capable hands as Jim Hodska (who was in the position for 9 years before me) will step in temporarily to give the Clergy enough time to find a replacement. Please keep Jim in your prayers and continue to help him as you would help me. I will miss seeing everyone's smiling faces and I promise to come back and help out from time to time as my scheduled permits. I wish you all a Merry Christmas season, a Happy New Year, and peace and all good.—Janine Walsh

Spiritual Life

Betsy Redgate, Coordinator

Our Deepest Longing- a retreat for women at Holy Family Retreat House, West Hartford, January 9,10, 11. Register by calling 860-760-9705 or visit their website: holyfamilyretreat.org. Financial assistance is available. After registering, call Parish Center to car pool with other women of St. James.



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

Beloved Sons—How's this for a resolution? Why not consider joining other men at the next, the first for the new year, beloved sons men's ministry gathering. We will be meeting again on Thursday January 2 (7:00 - 8:00 PM) at the parish center.

Note the new starting time of 7:00 going forward for all first Thursday gatherings. We'll read, share and discuss the gospel story for the feast of the Epiphany (MT 2:1-12). Unlike the wise men, however, we won't have to leave by "another way".

Prayer for New Year

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.



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.

YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED!

Help is needed for the following at St. James:

- We are looking for volunteer catechists to help us with elementary school classes on Tuesday afternoons 4:15—5:15.

If you are interested in sharing your talents please call the parish center at (203) 375-5887 and ask for either Betsy or Deacon Joe.

Happy New Year

All of the St. James clergy and staff wish you and your loved ones a very Happy and Blessed New Year!!



Do you want to become a member of St. James?

If you do, then please complete the following and deposit in the offertory basket

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Comments _____

We look forward to hearing from you!

Solar Energy Opportunity

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

To that end 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.

By the way, a number of St. James families have already signed up.



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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

PARISH CENTER HOURS

END OF YEAR HOURS

**Monday (12/30) - Wednesday
(1/1/20)
CLOSED**

**The Parish Center will re-open
on Thursday, 1/2/2020,
at 9:00 A. 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

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 Lathlean



Sunday, January 5, 2020

**1st Reading: IS 60: 1-6
2nd Reading: EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6
Gospel: MT 2: 1-12**