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Office Hours

9:00-1:00pm M-F (Summer Hours)

Chapel Hours

9:00-3:00 M-R, 9:00-5:00 F

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Sunday, June 12, 2022



THREE WHO'S, ONE WHAT

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast celebrated a week after [Pentecost Sunday](#). Also known as Holy Trinity Sunday, Trinity Sunday honors the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—belief in the Holy Trinity. The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.

As Fr. John Hardon points out in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, the origins of the celebration of Trinity Sunday go all the way back to the Arian heresy of the fourth century. Arius, a Catholic priest, believed that Jesus Christ was a created being rather than God. In denying the divinity of Christ, Arius denied that there are three Persons in God. Arius' chief opponent, [Athanasius](#), upheld the orthodox doctrine that there are three Persons in one God, and the orthodox view prevailed at the Council of Nicaea, from which we get the [Nicene Creed](#), recited in most Christian churches every Sunday. (The Council of Nicaea also gives us a wonderful example of how a real [bishop](#) deals with a heretic: Confronted with Arius' blasphemous views, [Saint Nicholas of Myra](#)—the man best known today as Santa Claus—marched across the council floor and slapped Arius across the face.

To stress the doctrine of the Trinity, other Fathers of the Church, such as [St. Ephrem the Syrian](#), composed prayers and hymns that were recited in the Church's liturgies and on Sundays as part of the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. Eventually, a special version of this office began to be celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, and the Church in England, at the request of St. Thomas à Becket (1118-70), was granted permission to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The celebration of Trinity Sunday was extended to the entire Church by Pope John XXII (1316-34).

For many centuries, the Athanasian Creed, traditionally ascribed to Saint Athanasius, was recited at Mass on Trinity Sunday. While seldom read today, this beautiful and theologically rich exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity can be read privately or recited with your family on Trinity Sunday to revive this ancient tradition.

We have now come a long way together as a faith community during a pandemic.

Invoking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and seeking the graces of the Holy Spirit—may God continue to bless our parish community.

Your humble servant in Christ, Fr. Peter



Monday, June 13, 2022

5:30 p.m. Margarita Grant– Aramos

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

8:00 a.m. Monteiro & Lisboa Families

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

8:00 a.m. +Diane Fiore

Thursday, June 16, 2022

5:30 p.m. Thai Nguyen

Friday, June 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. DJ Divicenzo

Saturday, June 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. St. James Parishioners

4:30 p.m. +Mark Basso

Sunday, June 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. +Mark Basso

10:00 a.m. +Dana Bohannon

5:00 p.m. +William Sr., Bill & Brian Carroll

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY SACRISTY CANDLE: 6/12/22-6/18/22

Church: Thai Nguyen

***Candles will burn for the following intentions:
Candle # 1 Peace***

Please contact Deacon Joe in the Parish Center to request.

† Confessions †

Saturdays, 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Weekly Offertory (for week of 6/05/2022)

	<u>6/05/2022</u>	<u>6/06/2021</u>
In Church Collections.....	\$ 5,855.37	\$ 5,204.25
EFT.....	\$ 1,889.14	\$ 2,066.86
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,987.00	\$ 3,137.00
Weekly Total.....	\$ 10,731.51	\$10,408.11

Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers needed to complete our schedule! You are invited to consider spending an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament once a week in our Parish Center Chapel. Coverage needed M-TH 9:00-3:00, F 9:00-5:00. Please email bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com if you can commit to this ministry.

Week of Directed Prayer- July 16-July 23

An opportunity to make a retreat with a spiritual director without leaving home or workplace!

For more information contact
Parish Center, ext. 105.

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us to pray together virtually, please contact Mary Merly at mary.merly@sjsct.org.

Saint James Parish

We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption Update

Total Pledged:	\$817,843
Total Collected (As of 6/3/)	\$419,826 (51%)
To make a payment on your pledge, please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call 203-648-9050.	

Saint James Parish

2022 Bishop's Appeal as of June 3, 2022

ABA Goal:	\$78,500
Total Pledged:	\$47,777, 61% of Goal
Donors to Date:	197 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



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Faithfully Departed: Stanley Gloss



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

Consider joining men, just like you, at the next Beloved Sons Men's Ministry gathering next Saturday June 18 (6:30-7:30 AM) at the parish center. As we do twice monthly (every first Thursday and third Saturday) men of faith get together to discuss, ponder and share the gospel for that upcoming weekend. Next Saturday we'll break open the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Lk 9:11b-17). Bring your appetite. We'll have the table set.

Hope Does Not Disappoint (Romans 5:5)

Contact Jim Travers (203-526-4105)
(jfxtjr@sbcglobal.net)



Our parish relies on support of everyone in our parish to help us further our mission. We are blessed that there is an easy way for all of us to recommit ourselves to supporting St. James through Online Giving. Enrolling in Online Giving will simplify your monthly budgeting while also providing St. James with consistent reliable support for our parish family. If you have not signed up yet, it's easy to get started. Just go to www.stjamesstratford.com and click the Online Giving icon on the home page.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

We are in real need of the following items for

The Bridge:

Shave cream

Razors

Toothpaste and brushes

Shampoo and Conditioner

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

THE FOOD PANTRY

is in need of the following items:

Cereal (cold) * Chef Boyardee * Crackers

Jello/Pudding * Canned Fruit * Fruit Snacks

*Small Bottles of Juice

*Yoo-hoo or Gatorade * Macaroni/Pasta

Thank you for your generous donations!

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



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

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

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Comments _____

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Additionally, when you have a solar system installed by Trinity, **St. James gets \$1,000 from Trinity Solar.**



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

*Monday & Thursday: 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &
5:00 p.m*

Confession

- Saturdays (12:15-1:30)
*or by appointment

PARISH CENTER CHAPEL

- *The Chapel is open from 9-3
Monday-Thursday and from
9-5 Friday (Summer Hours)*
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be held
every Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish
Chapel. The Chaplet will be said for family
members who are sick and dying.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Center

First Friday Devotions

Adoration in the chapel from 2-5pm
Rosary at 4pm followed by Evening
Prayer/Solemn Vespers from the Liturgy of
the Hours with Benediction



Sunday, June 12, 2022

**1st Reading: Prv 8:22-31
2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-5
Gospel: Jn 16:12-15**

Sunday, June 19, 2022

**1st Reading: Gn 14:18-20
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: Lk 9:11b-17**

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Parish Pastoral Assistant:** Deacon Joe Koletar
- **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 Women:** Angie deMello and 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:** Chris Robertson
- **Teens Ministry:** Lap Nguyen - teens@stjct.org
- **Ministry with Sick & Shut-Ins:**
- **St. James Prison Ministry:** Denis Granado - denis.granado@gmail.com
and Mary Tesla
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille and Mercy Ingersoll
- **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Ligia Masilamani
and Jane Vigliotti
- **Respect Life:** Joe Sullivan - jesullivan0928@verizon.net
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby - tonya.overby@stjct.org
- **Religious Education:** Maria Aguirre - maria.aguirre@stjct.org
- **Social Outreach:** Jim Hodska - jimhodska@gmail.com

Support Services

- **Stewardship:** David Zamachaj -
David.zamachaj@stjct.org
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj—
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