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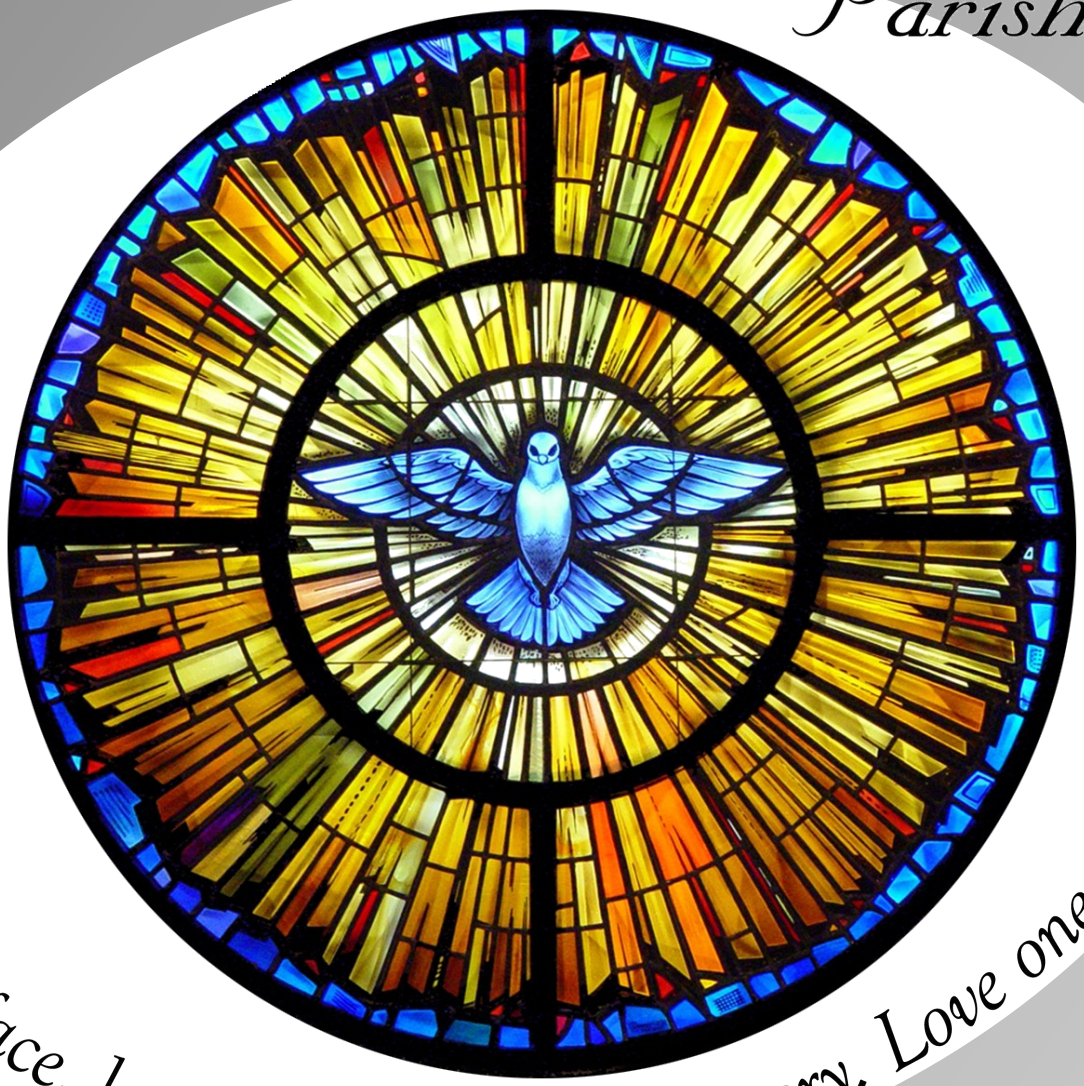

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Sunday, July 3, 2022

PASTOR'S Corner

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Declaration of Dependence

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The fourth of July is Monday and with it we celebrate all things American – BBQs, fireworks, family, the outdoors. Patriotism is a virtue, and it is important we honor our national holidays and the inheritance provided to us by our great nation.

Today, unfortunately, America is full of divisions and hatred. We have turned from God, as a people, and are on a precipice. There is far too much tolerance of evil and not enough intolerance of injustice. I believe, the chastisements the world is facing are a consequence of its sins; they are the result of our abandonment of God, our idolatry; and man's attempts to replace God serve only to show that the world is devoid of goodness without His presence.

We see and hear the news outlets and social media spreading propagandist lies meant to destroy virtue. My friends, we must fear what kills the soul more than what kills the body. There are false prophets and philosophies at work in the world and there are many "believers" who no longer worship or act in accordance with their beliefs.

By declaring ourselves independent of God, we have made ourselves slaves to the world. I invite us to examine our conscience to see how we can change. Our God is good and loving and will not let us down in our sins -repentance- is readily in our grasp.

This fourth of July, may God truly bless America by blessing each of us to follow Jesus more closely on our path of becoming saints!

PASTORAL COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

My dear friends, it is time to reconstitute our pastoral council. For the past 2+ years, we have had a body of dedicated parishioners assisting and guiding me in the administration of our parish. I am now asking for 5-6 volunteers to step forward and replace half of the council starting in the fall. It is a 2-year commitment of monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, lasting 1-1 ½ hours in the evening. Please prayerfully consider serving me and our faith community. If interested, please see me and submit your name and contact information to Ruth Acca, our receptionist at the parish center. I plan to replace the other half of the council next fall, so that going forward we will have 5-6 new members beginning their 2-year term each year.

Please continue to support our St. James RC Community of faith to the best of your ability. "More if you can, less if you can't."

Your humble servant in Christ, FR. PETER

Monday, July 4, 2022

5:30 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

8:00 a.m. +Maeve Breslin

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

8:00 a.m. +Kathy Adamski

Thursday, July 7, 2022

5:30 p.m. +Paolo & +Reuben Guevara

Friday, July 8, 2022

8:00 a.m. +James Birge

Saturday, July 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. +Annie Vazquez

4:30 p.m. +John Lacko
+Art Chedister

Sunday, July 10, 2022

8:00 a.m. Simon Skirnewski

10:00 a.m. +Francis Ambrogio

5:00 p.m. +Laura Soares

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY SACRISTY CANDLE: 7/3/22-7/9/22

Church: For Those Suffering from Anxiety

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 6/26/2022)

	6/26/2022	6/27/2021
In Church Collections.....	$ 5,351.79	$ 4,841.37
EFT.....	$ 2,001.00	$ 2,066.86
Online Giving.....	$ 2,572.00	$ 2,487.00
Weekly Total.....	**$ 9,924.79**	**$ 9,395.23**

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-F 9:00-1:00. 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@sjssct.org.

Weekly Healing/Prayers for the sick Masses to resume Wednesday July 6 @8:00 AM Mass

St. James Prayer Shawl Ministry has made prayer shawls available in the church

Saint James Parish	
2022 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/24/22	
ABA Goal:	$78,500
Total Pledged:	$51,742 (66%)
Donors to Date:	214 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:

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

The fireworks will be over so why not join guys, just like you, at the next Beloved Sons Men's Ministry gathering this Thursday July 7 (7:00-8:00 PM) 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. On Thursday we'll break open the Gospel for the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Lk 10:25-37). As you'll see, it's the neighborly thing to do.

Prayer For Independence Day

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

Hope Does Not Disappoint (Romans 5:5)

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

Online Giving from Our Sunday Visitor

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 7th at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The meetings are comprised of prayer, reflection, conversation and prayer shawls. We welcome you to join us to knit/crochet and bond in prayer, friendship and compassion to help others. The blessed shawls are available to anyone seeking God's embracing love during times of sickness, healing and transition. They are available at no cost through the Parish Center. Any inquiries, contact Mary Perille at 203-377-1265. Donations of yarn always gratefully accepted

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

***Pasta Sauce**

Thank you for your generous donations!

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!

Save the Date
Saturday August 27 for the parish picnic

Book Give-Away!
Free books available at the front entrance of church. Help yourself to some great summer reading!

The Bridge

We are holding a toiletry drive to replace our supplies for The Bridge. Please take a paper bag with you as you leave Church today. Many items can be found at Dollar stores and WalMart. Even one item from each parishioner can help refill our shelves. There will be baskets at each entrance next weekend for you to place bags and/or items. Items can also be left in the orange metal box on the side porch of the Parish Center. Thank you and God bless.

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EUCHARISTIC 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

THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday, July 3, 2022

1st Reading: Is 66:10-14c
2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18
Gospel: **Lk 10:1-12, 17-20**

Sunday, July 10, 2022

1st Reading: Dt 30:10-14
2nd Reading: Col 1:15-20
Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

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

Support Services

- **Stewardship:** David Zamachaj - David.zamachaj@stjct.org
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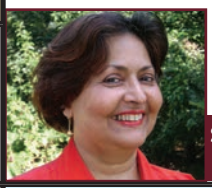
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