

# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

November 5, 2017

## Our Mission

*See a face, learn a name, hear a story. Love one another!*

*(Please use a name tag. This will help in getting to know each other in our Community of Faith).*

## OUR MINISTRIES

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS:

*Monday, Wednesday, and 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.*

### 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*

### PARISH CENTER HOURS:

*Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** will be 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:** Parents must register with Patty D'Andrea at the Parish Center to schedule a baptism and to receive information regarding a mandatory Pre-Baptism class.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Church)

*Saturdays: 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. , Thursday before First Friday:*

*4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. or by appointment*

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

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**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas F. Lynch

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Rogerio Perri

**Deacon:** John Piatak

### 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

- **Liturgical Ministers:**
- **Liturgical Music:** Jeremy Hutchins
- **Liturgical Environment:** Michele Hoekenga

### Pastoral Services

- **Faith Study:** Betsy Redgate
- **Principal St. James School:** Jack Lynch
- **Ministry with Teens** Bob Nagy and Karen Smith
- **Ministry with Sick & Shut-Ins:** Pat Stockdale
- **Social Outreach:** Jim Hodska
- **PATH—**Debby Carroll
- **St. James Prison Ministry** - Alphonse DeJulio and Denis Granado
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry—**Mary Perille
- **Gratitude Ministry—** Suzanne Smith, Jane Begnino, Elaine Letsch, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani
- **Young Adult Network—**Ruwani Williams and Janine Walsh

### Support Services

- **Pastoral Council:** Tom Kelly
- **Finance Council:** Dan Caron
- **Pastoral Planning Team:** Richard Zboray
- **Pastoral Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Parish Manager:** Marcy Kelly
- **Administrative Assistant:** Patty D'Andrea
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, November 6 , 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Jean Flamio
- Tuesday, November 7 , 2017**  
5:30 p.m. Philip Balcastro
- Wednesday, November 8 , 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Robert Rich
- Thursday, November 9 , 2017**  
5:30 p.m. Stephen Vavrinec, II
- Friday, November 10, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Anne Dennean
- Saturday, November 11 , 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Finton J. Kelly, Jr, James A. Kelly, and Joseph A. Kelly—KIA  
4:30 p.m. William Kovacs
- Sunday, November 12, 2017**  
7:30 a.m. Daniel P. McCoy  
9:15 a.m. Lois Cranston  
11:15 a.m. Mrs. Antonia Sequeira  
6:00 p.m. Julia and Pedro Vega

*If you have offered a mass for someone and would like to bring the gifts up, please see the acolyte 15 minutes prior to mass to sign in*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** - Claire Hromjak, Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin , Raymond Pistey, Jr., Jason Corona, Joe Miller, Rhina Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Joe Caselli, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Jenna Strickland, Carole Fenton. Arlene Juliano and Roree Warnke., Stan Koskowitz, George Vedasky, Michael Brown, Marian Zelle,, Edward Smith, Donna Jackson, Ronelle Swagerty, Seeley Jennings, Celestine Cabral, Elizabeth Leclerc, Georgiana Spitaleri , Ruth Hamilton, Lillian Mulligan, Peter Hart, Kathy Ropa, Fr. Marus, Marge Saffaroni, Kathleen Mason, Len Abbotts, Freddie Ferris, Joe Francetic, Lynn DeAngelis, Robert Tenza, Mary Doonan, John Mackbach, Gail Woods, Lucas McHale

### **PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:** (11/4-11/10/17)

*Church Tabernacle: Andrew Pantalone*

*Chapel Tabernacle : For victims of the recent terrorist attack in NYC*

**CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES:** (11/4/17-11/10/17)

**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**

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED** - Joan Walen, Guy Licitra, Jean Licitra

## **Weekly Offertory**

**Week Ending October 29, 2017**

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
<b>In Church Collections:</b>	\$7,428.50	\$7,948.61
<b>Electronic Offertories:</b>	<u>\$3,537.95</u>	<u>\$3,382.19</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,966.45</b>	<b>\$11,366.80</b>

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## **MINISTRY WITH MEN**

Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie,  
Jeff Nocchioli, Mike Curran

**Beloved Sons**—Why not consider joining us at the next Beloved Sons men's ministry gathering on Saturday, November 18 (6:30-7:45 AM @ the parish center). As we do each month; on every 3rd Saturday (and 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) men of all ages gather in fellowship and in faith for conversation about the gospel story for that weekend. That morning, besides the "coffee and", we'll share the gospel for the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time (MT 25:14-30). Be sure to bring your unique "talents".

## **MINISTRY WITH SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Pat Stockdale - Please contact the Parish Center if you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital or nursing home so that we can arrange a visit from a member of our ministry.

**Readings for November 12, 2017**

*1st Reading:* [Wis 6:12-16](#)

*Second Reading:* [1 Thes 4:13-18](#) or [1 Thes 4:13-14](#)

*Gospel:* [Mt 25:1-13](#)

## ADULT FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

**Christian Yoga Classes** beginning Tuesday, September 12, 12:00-1:15 and Wednesday, September 13, 7:15-8:30. Eight sessions for \$80. \$12 for drop-ins. Call or stop by Parish Center to register.

**Paradise Lost, Frankenstein, and the Discovery of Fake News-** Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:30, FU, Dolan School of Business. Presenter is Dayton Haskin of Boston College.

### *Silent Together: Centering Prayer*

*November 8, 2017*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Chapel*

If you are new to Centering Prayer, please contact Virginia Weir at [vlweir1@gmail.com](mailto:vlweir1@gmail.com) or [203-556-2447](tel:203-556-2447).

### **P.A.T.H**

Debbly Carroll

The next meeting of PATH will be on Thursday, Nov 9th from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Parents of children experiencing learning difficulties, school or work problems, mental health issues, or addiction are invited to meet with other parents to share stories and resources.

*When we claim our own poverty and connect our poverty with the poverty of our brothers and sisters, we become the Church of the poor, which is the Church of Jesus. Solidarity is essential for the Church of the poor. Both pain and joy must be shared. As one body we will experience deeply one another's agonies as well as one another's ecstasies. As Paul says: "If one part is hurt, all the parts share its pain. And if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).*

*Often we might prefer not to be part of the body because it makes us feel the pain of others so intensely. Every time we love others deeply we feel their pain deeply. However, joy is hidden in the pain. When we share the pain we also will share the joy. ~ Henri Nouwen*



The children of St. James school are looking for rosaries so they can practice the prayers. If you have an extra set (or two) please drop them off at the Parish Center during business hours.

## **Social Outreach**

Jim Hodska

It is through the continued generosity of our parishioners that we can help so many with groceries each week. And as the numbers of our brothers and sisters in need is increases, we are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry:

- mayonnaise
- Chef Boyardee
- canned beans and baked beans
- cans of peas or mixed vegetables
- beef stew
- macaroni or spaghetti
- tomato sauce
- crackers
- tea/coffee
- sugar
- juice
- mashed potatoes
- instant milk
- canned soups
- Spam
- canned chili
- vienna sausages



'T is the season! Join the Ministry with Music as we prepare to share our voices at the Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve masses!

(we will also rehearse some upcoming Mass music and Advent hymns)

Play a musical instrument? Come on down!

The rehearsal dates are listed below and are on various nights to accommodate as many schedules as possible.

"Lift up your voice and sing, till Earth and Heaven ring".

And bring a friend!

**Rehearsal time is 7:00 p.m. for dates and will be in the Church:**

Wednesday, November 8th

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 21st

Thursday, November 30th

Monday, December 11th

Thursday, December 21st\*

\*(there will be another rehearsal date in December to be determined)



# Thanksgiving 2017

**“For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink” - Matthew 25:35**

It is with compassion for our neighbors that we begin to fully live out the radical demands of the Gospel.

Thanksgiving is often a time when we awaken ourselves to the fact that many people in our community are hungry. As we approach Thanksgiving, let us reflect of the need for God’s mercy in our world and let us take heart in the role God calls all of us to play in our faith community and the world. As a community of faith and through our outreach, we work to help people who may be experiencing unemployment, sickness, and many other obstacles, which sometimes hold them back from living productive lives. The enormity of the problems that face us each day cannot be minimized, but the good that we can do should not be ignored.

**Our annual Thanksgiving food and turkey collection will take place the weekend of November 18-19.**

**Please consider donating the following items:**

- Non-perishable food items such as rice, sweet potato, stuffing mix, soup, pasta, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables to make up a holiday meal.
- We hope to be able to accept frozen turkeys during the weekend of November 18-19.
- Gift cards to food stores like Stop & Shop, Big Y, and Shop Rite.

On Monday morning November 20 from 9:00 to 11:30 am we will be giving out bags of food and turkeys. Please consider helping out that morning.

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**RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE PARISH CENTER OR DROP  
IN THE COLLECTION BASKET**

\_\_\_ I will donate a bag of food.

\_\_\_ I will donate a frozen turkey.

\_\_\_ I will volunteer to hand out food and turkeys the morning of Monday November 20.

\_\_\_ My family is in need of a bag of food.

\_\_\_ My family is in need of a turkey.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_