

# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

November 12, 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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Compassion  
Non-violence  
Justice  
Unconditional forgiveness  
Unconditional love  
Peacemaking

**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 Nocchioli, 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
- **Charity, Justice, and Peacemaking:** 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 13, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Don Civitello
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017**  
5:30 p.m. Happy Birthday Tim Jaglal
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. St James Parishioners Living and Deceased
- Thursday, November 16, 2017**  
5:30 p.m. Huong Pham and The Nguyen
- Friday, November 17, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Margaret Vane
- Saturday, November 18, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. Marilyn Vane Thorpe  
4:30 p.m. Raymond Krajewski
- Sunday, November 19, 2017**  
7:30 a.m. Antoinette Dempsey  
9:15 a.m. Anthony and Jennie Piores  
11:15 a.m. Barbara Holmes  
6:00 p.m. Garrett Fennell

*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, Rhina Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Joe Caselli, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Stan Koskowitz, George Vedasky, Michael Brown, 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, Frank Levy

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

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

*Church Tabernacle: Kent Durante - 1st Anniversary of his death*

*Chapel Tabernacle: For the victims of the church shooting in Texas*

### **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*

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED** - Guy Licitra, Jean Licitra, Thomas DeJulio

## **Weekly Offertory**

**Week Ending November 5, 2017**

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
<b>In Church Collections:</b>	\$7,870.12	\$9,902.57
<b>Electronic Offertories:</b>	\$4,701.24	\$4,584.49
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,571.36</b>	<b>\$14,087.06</b>

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## **MINISTRY WITH MEN**

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

**Beloved Sons**—Join us at the next Beloved Sons men's ministry gathering next Saturday, November 18 (6:30-7:45 AM @ the parish center). That morning, we'll share the gospel for the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time (MT 25:14-30). Think of it as "training" session for Advent! We'll have the coffee brewing!

## **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 19, 2017**

*1st Reading* [Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

*Second Reading:* [1 Thes 5:1-6](#)

*Gospel:* [Mt 25:14-30](#)

"A Culture of Life cannot tolerate, and must prevent, senseless gun violence in all its forms." ~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## ADULT FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

**Christian Yoga Classes** beginning Tuesday, September 12, 12:00-1:15 and Wednesday, September 12, 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.

### *Open the Doors of My Heart— Prayer from Pope Francis*

*(A Prayer for World Day of the Poor)*

*“As long as Lazarus lies a the oor of our homes, there can be no justice or social peace. ~Pope Francis*

God of Abraham,  
On my television,  
On my newsfeed,  
On my street,  
Everywhere I go,  
I see Lazarus.  
But I also see so many doors,  
Doors that I've built,  
That I've closed.  
Doors that society has hung  
And locked.  
Doors that separate me from Lazarus.  
Lord, teach me to open the door to Lazarus,  
To the poor.  
To know them as your children,  
To lift them in their distress,  
To work to help them find a fair share of your bounty.  
This World Day of the Poor,  
Help us all turn to those outside our door-  
To bless, heal, comfort;  
And together, from this day forward, build a world  
Where the poor are strangers to none,  
And, indeed, the very chains of poverty are broken.

Amen

Fr. Innocent is looking a used car. Please call the Parish Center for additional information.

## Social Outreach

Jim Hodska

- **Merton House Sandwiches**—Saturday, November 18 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. Join us as we make bag Lunches for visitors of Merton House. Thank you to the St. James schoolchildren who decorated the bags!
- **The Bridge**—Sunday, November 19—we meet at 10::30 in the parking lot, load up cars, say a prayer, and drive down to John Street in Bridgeport to distribute items to our brothers and sisters in need. This month we could really use:
  - socks
  - hats
  - gloves



‘T is the sea- son! 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 all dates and will be in the Church:**

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> \*

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

**Silent Together: Centering Prayer**

**November 15, 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).



# 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** \_\_\_\_\_