

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

February 24, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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 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
- **Charity, Justice, and Peacemaking:** Janine Walsh
- **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

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, February 19, 2018
8:00 a.m. Fe Esperanza Azores

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
5:30 p.m. Alphonse DeJulio—for healing

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
8:00 a.m. Annette Kilpatrick

Thursday, February 22, 2018
5:30 p.m. Marco Alexander Valdez-Alfaro

Friday, February 23, 2018
8:00 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 24, 2018
8:00 a.m. Homebound parishioners
4:30 p.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 25, 2018
7:30 a.m. Fe Esperanza
9:15 a.m. Melanie Sequeira and Antonia Sequeira
11:15 a.m. Fred DeSisto
6:00 p.m. Phil DelVecchio

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, Jason Corona, Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Peter Hart, Fr. Marus, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Jeremy Hutchins, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Alphonse, Jenna Reggio, Izabel Perri, John Ebert, Bryan Barry, Joseph (Stan) Koskowitz, Frank Munley, Mark Toresso, Edmund Ramos, James Ramos, Timothy Shanley, Mary Semedo, Carlos Ramos, Rose Martire, Bob Rosenbaum, Jo-Ann Pressman, Marilyn Gardner, Doreen Hunt, Jennie Mihocko and Elaine Gearity and Marge Tamas., Seeley Jennings

Personal Care Assistant for homecare for a female. A variety of personal care tasks including bathing, dressing, feeding are required. Approximately 20 hours/week. Morning, evening, and weekend hours available. Please call Rich at 203-375-2931 for more information.

Monday, February 19, 2018
The Parish Center and Chapel are closed in Observance of President's Day

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 2/11/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,306.25	\$6,862.36
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$4,555.66</u>	<u>\$4,129.49</u>
Total	\$11,861.91	\$10,991.85

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 2/17—2/23/18)

Church Tabernacle : Ellen Stadtmueller
Chapel Tabernacle : Harold Lathlean

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (2/17-2/23/18)

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*

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 February 25, 2018

1st Reading : [Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#)

Second Reading: [Rom 8:31b-34](#)

Gospel: [Mk 9:2-10](#)

MALTA HOUSE



I wish to thank Father Tom, the staff, and the parishioners of St. James for welcoming me to your parish and into your hearts last weekend. The wonderful, kind and supportive words from so many people reaffirmed that we are doing what God is asking: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide a loving home for our mothers and babies. Thank you to the many parishioners who also returned the envelopes with a donation! For those who have not yet had a chance to do so, you may also mail in a donation, or go online at www.maltahouse.org to support our work. In a time when so many have so little, your giving spirit to help those less fortunate inspires us to continue to do God's work on earth. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to see you soon. In Christ's name, Carey Dougherty, Good Counsel Malta House of CT, 203.857.0088 carey_dougherty@goodcounselhomes.org – follow us on FB J

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons - The next Beloved Sons/Men's Ministry gathering is scheduled for Thursday March 1 (7:30-8:45 PM) at the parish center. We'll be sharing and reflecting on the gospel for that weekend, the 3rd Sunday in Lent (JN 2:13-25). As we get closer and closer to Holy Week, this could be a great opportunity to check your oil and do a service check for your Lenten journey. Have you "reached your destination"?

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Lenten Prayer Aids are available in the front entrance of the church and at the Parish Center.

Scripture Study Programs offered throughout the year at St. James! Acts of the Apostle begins Wednesday, March 7, 9:30-11:00 and meets for six weeks. Call or stop by Parish Center to register.

Best Lent Ever! Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp to receive inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories to help make Lent a transformative time for you.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

(Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share)

"Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of you. Take from me all lukewarmness in the meditation of your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I may respond with generosity."

I can think of no better prayer for the start of Lent.

Please think about this quote/reflection as you enter Lent and as you talk to God to figure out how much he is asking you to donate to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

May your journey during Lent bring you closer to the God

We all need to eat and drink to stay alive. But having a meal is more than eating and drinking. It is celebrating the gifts of life we share. A meal together is one of the most intimate and sacred human events. Around the table we become vulnerable, filling one another's plates and cups and encouraging one another to eat and drink. Much more happens at a meal than satisfying hunger and quenching thirst. Around the table we become family, friends, community, yes, a body. That is why it is so important to "set" the table. Flowers, candles, colorful napkins all help us to say to one another, "This is a very special time for us, let's enjoy it!" ~ Henri Nouwen

LENT 2018

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays –February 20, 27, March 6, March 13, March 20
March 27 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

A Day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 -9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom and Fr. Rogerio will be available for Confession and healing prayer.

Communal Penance Service for Adults, Youth & Children—Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Devotional Opportunities

Stations of the Cross - All parishioners are invited to participate in personal stations at any time.

Stations of the Cross— Fridays at 7:00 p.m. –
Church
February 16, 23
March 2, 9, 16, 30

"The Living Stations of the Cross"

Friday, March 23 12:30p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
with the children of St. James School

Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Chapel

-Practice the art of solitude and silence—
Monday- Friday – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Prayer Opportunities

Taize Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 27-7:00-8:00p.m.-Parish Center Chapel
Spend an hour before the Eucharist in silent prayer and listening to the contemplative chanting of the monastic community of Taize, France.

Silent Together: Weekly Centering Prayer

Wednesdays 7:00 -8:00 p.m. – Parish Center Chapel
February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21,
28

Ministry with Women

Breaking Bread for Women – Saturday, March 3 – 8:00 a.m.

Lenten Retreat – Saturday, March 17, 2018 - Befriending the Universe

Celtic Spirituality as our Christian Heritage – Chapel and Parish Center

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Retreat

Ministry with Men

Sunday, February 25 – Men's Communion Breakfast - "Where Is God In My Life?"

7:30 a.m. – Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Breakfast – The Marriott
Courttyard, Shelton, CT

Beloved Sons – Parish Center

Thursday, March 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 17 – 6:45 a.m.

St. James Parish 2018 Lenten Social Justice Education

St. James Community of Faith is special. All our parishioners know this. We are a welcoming community to all people. People of color, people from different cultures and nationalities, people who are poor or on the margins of society.

We believe it is our mission to live Matthew 25: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison. We also believe James 2: that faith without works is dead. Our faith calls us to serve those in need and we support the need for both *contemplation and action in our faith journey*. Pope Francis has said, “works of love directed to one’s neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit.” This, in essence, is what Social Justice means.

The Social Outreach Ministry here at St. James is multifaceted with many different opportunities for involvement. In other words, there is something for everyone! Whether you feel called to financially support a child in another country, have an interest in local politics, or prefer to work directly with immigrants or the homeless, we have a way for you to live your faith.

Over the next 5 weeks of Lent, we encourage you to watch this space. Each week, we will provide a short introduction on a specific social justice topic taken from the [Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching \(USCCB\)](#). Accompanying each topic will be links to organizations and resources which offer ways for you to get involved. We ask that you take time during your Lenten journey to think and pray about how you can be the “feet of Christ” in our community.

If you have any questions about any of these resources, feel free to contact me at the parish center or via email at jwalsh.stjamesparish@gmail.com.