

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

March 11, 2018 – 4th 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 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:** 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, March 12, 2018
8:00 a.m. Emilia Ramos—Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
8:00 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
8:00 a.m. Donnie Michaelson

Thursday, March 15, 2018
5:30 p.m. Brett Wolfertz

Friday, March 16, 2018
8:00 a.m. Edward Pasciak

Saturday, March 17, 2018
8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Figerle
4:30 p.m. Margaret Hauser

Sunday, March 18, 2018
7:30 a.m. Patricia and William Kane
9:15 a.m. Josephine Shea
11:15 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Santos
6:00 p.m. Anne Lasko and Tom Chedister

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, Izabel Perri, 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, Kathy Sullivan, Nancy Roberts, Linda Dunn, John Kenyhercz, Dorothy Gilliam, Cori Farinaryz, Chris Farinaryz, Robert Hayes, Jenna Strickland

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 2/25/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$8,592.25	\$9,434.52
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$4,751.74</u>	<u>\$4,749.24</u>
Total	\$13,343.99	\$14,183.76

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 3/10/18--3/16/18

Church Tabernacle : Anthony Marranzino, Jr.

Chapel Tabernacle : All those in RCIA

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (3/10/ -3/16/18

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 March 18, 2018

1st Reading : [Jer 31:31-34](#)

Second Reading: [Heb 5:7-9](#)

Gospel: [Jn 12:20-33](#)

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

St. James Food Pantry— The Food Pantry has been able to help feed many needy families with your generous donations— Thank You! Currently, we are in need of jelly, tuna, tomato sauce, canned stew, hash, ham, chicken, turkey, granola, fruit bars, package made puddings, jello, fruit, spaghetti, chef boy-ar-dee, box mac & cheese, canned beans, canned chili, rice, boxed potatoes, canned soups, boxed hot cereal, tea, coffee, powdered milk. Your food donations help so much and your support is gratefully appreciated. God Bless.

Upcoming Events

The Lords' Kitchen— Wednesday, March 14— 5:00 p.m.

Merton House sandwiches— Saturday, March 17— 9:00 a.m.

The Bridge— Sunday, March 18— 10:00 a.m. .

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons—Consider joining us at the next men's ministry Beloved Sons gathering; scheduled for next Saturday March 17 (6:15-7:45 AM) at the parish center. As we do twice every month (first Thursday/third Saturday) we'll be sharing and reflecting on the gospel for that weekend, the 5th Sunday in Lent (JN 12:20-33). Let the road rise up to meet you early next Saturday, St. Patrick's Day, as we continue on our Lenten journey together.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

(Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share)

"If we are able to enter the church day and night and implore God to hear our prayers, how careful we should be to hear and grant the petitions of our neighbor in need." - St. John the Almsgiver

Our neighbor in need might not come to us, as individuals, but they will come to us as a compassionate church. We can help grant their petitions by donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Sometimes we might think that the needy are not really needy but just taking advantage of the benevolence of our church. If you find yourself thinking this way, consider St. John the Almsgiver's response *"Give unto him; he may be Our Lord in disguise."*

If you have already donated—'**Thank You!**'. If not, please think about what St. John had to say in the quote above as you pray and talk to God about donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

May your journey during Lent bring you closer to the God

Appeal Update: As of Friday, March 2, St. James parishioners have donated \$22,480 to this year's appeal. That is, 17.49% of our \$130,000 goal.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Human Trafficking: Just what is human trafficking and why should we care?— Thursday, March 15, 10:30-2:30, St. Lawrence Parish, Shelton. Sr. Doreen Glynn, CSJ, Province Coordinator of Social Justice is the presenter at this event sponsored by BRED- Bridgeport Religious Education Directors. To register please contact Parish Center- 203-375-5887 or email bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com. There is no fee for the program and lunch is included.

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.

Enter the Journey- Saturday, March 24, 9:00-1:00- Bishop Caggiano invites people in grades 6 through 12 and their friends and families to join him for a morning of prayer and music with professional musician Steve Agrisano at St. Charles Borromeo Church. For more information visit www.thechurchneedsyou.org or call 203-416-1670.

LENT 2018

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays —, 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
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
March 7, 14, 21, 28

Ministry with Women

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

Beloved Sons – Parish Center

Saturday, March 17– 6:45 a.m

We have gluten free eucharist available. Please let the acolyte or deacon know prior to mass if you to receive this type of Eucharist.

Good Friday Walk with the Cross, March 30, 2018

Our Lady of Grace Youth Group is hosting a "Walk with the Cross on Good Friday." The walk will start at 12:45 pm from the Church. We will walk in the premises of the Church carrying a huge wooden cross. During the walk we will stop at fourteen stations in the Church premises to meditate and reflect on the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross will be over around 2:30 pm.

Good Friday Walk with the Cross is a beautiful way of uniting ourselves, our struggles and our crosses with the passion of Christ. It is also a spiritual way of accompanying Him on His way to Calvary. This devotion is open to all our parish families and parishioners of all age. Please come and join us. We are looking for volunteers to read a reflection at each station. If you are interested in participating or reading a reflection or have any questions, please contact Fr. Kumar at 203-377-0928 or visit our parish website: www.olgstratford.com. You may also email Fr. Kumar at FrKumar@olgstratford.com

The St. James Easter Flower Prayer Fund

For the Beautification of our Church and Chapel

You are invited to dedicate an Easter Lily in honor of a deceased or living loved one. This Dedication will enable you to play a special part in creating a wonderful garden of God's love in our church, in our chapel and on our grounds. The names of your loved ones will be included in the bulletin on Easter weekend, April 1.

Feel free to take home any lilies you purchase during the week following Easter Sunday so that you may plant them and enjoy them in your home.

Please complete the form below and return it with a \$15.00 donation for each dedicated plant by Monday, March 19.

The St. James Easter Flower Prayer Fund

Name

(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME)

Address

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

Phone _____

Loved one to be remembered

(ONE DEDICATION PER FORM)