

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

April 22, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

2110 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615

Telephone 203-375-5887

Fax. 203-378-1562 - www.stjamesstratford.com

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

Pastor: Rev. Thomas F. Lynch

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rogerio Perri

Deacon: John Piatak

Leadership Team

Trustees:

- **Pastoral Council:** Tom Kelly and Jim Hodska
- **Finance Council:** Dan Caron
- **Pastoral Planning Team:** Richard Zboray
- **Parish Manager:** Marcy Kelly

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

Pastoral Services

- **Lifelong Formation:** 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 Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Administrative Assistant:** Patty D’Andrea
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 23, 2018
8:00 a.m. St. James parishioners living and deceased

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
5:30 p.m. Donnie Michaelson

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
8:00 a.m. Bill Hammil

Thursday, April 26, 2018
5:30 p.m. Pat Loux

Friday, April 27, 2018
8:00 a.m. Annie Vazquez

Saturday, April 28, 2018
8:00 a.m. Phillip Desautels - Birthday Blessings
4:30 p.m. Maria Mercaldi

Sunday, April 29, 2018
7:30 a.m. Emile LaReau
9:15 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased
11:15 a.m. Maria Moorehead
6:00 p.m. Miky Dunne

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, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Jeremy Hutchins, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Mary Semedo, Robert Hayes, Jenna Strickland, Robert Santos, Ruth Hamilton, Barbara Ciglar Coccaco, Antonio Teixeira, Edmund Ramos, James Ramos, Yvonne DeAngelis,, Laura, Kathy Pompa, Sr. Joan Flynn, rsm, Michael Birch, Roger Emond, Eleanor Hart, Magdalen Staron, Kathleen Dunn, Jose Martins, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Anna Trahan, Dorothy Haggerty, Jo-Ann Pressman, Harold Pressman, Amanda Diccio, Frank Dempsey, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-O'Brien

Faithfully Departed: David Wales

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Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 4/15/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,751.25	\$11,054.00
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$3,542.16</u>	<u>\$3,426.19</u>
Total	\$11,293.41	\$14,480.19

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.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: (4/21-4/27/18) SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : For our homebound parishioners

Chapel Tabernacle : For Peace

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (4/21-4/28/18)
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

Readings for April 29, 2018

1st Reading : [Acts 9:26-31](#)

Second Reading: [1 Jn 3:18-24](#)

Gospel: [Jn 15:1-8](#)

Seeking Pictures of Fr. Tom

We are collecting pictures of Fr. Tom for a DVD that will play during the party.

Do you have any pictures of yourself with Fr. Tom or a favorite Fr. Tom picture?

Would you like to share them?

If so please email them to stjamesstratford@gmail.com. While we would prefer electronic copies of pictures, we will also accept physical pictures. HOWEVER, we will not be able to return them.

The deadline for submitting pictures is April 30.

Save the Date

Fr. Tom's Retirement Party
June 10, 2018

The party will take place immediately following the 11:15 A.M. Mass

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
(Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share)

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.”
- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Isn't being a cheerful giver really what being a follower of Jesus is all about?

As we are deciding on how much to donate (if we have not donated already), let us first be thankful for all that God has given us and that we are able to donate (no matter the amount.)

If you have already donated—'Thank You!'

If you have not yet donated, please take this time to consider how much you want to and are able to donate as a cheerful giver!

Appeal Update: As of Thursday, April 12, St. James parishioners have donated \$56,944 to this year's appeal. That is 43.80% of our \$130,000 goal.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons -As we do twice every month (first Thursday/third Saturday) the St. James men's ministry Beloved Sons group meets for fellowship and discussion about the upcoming (for that weekend) gospel story. The next gathering is scheduled for Thursday May 3 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. The gospel story for that weekend, the sixth Sunday of Easter, is John 15:9-17. While we don't expect you to be laying down your life for a friend that night (though we know you would); how about laying out an hour (or so) with guys just like you for some Christian camaraderie and faith-sharing.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Pray As You Go- an app for your phone to help you make prayer a routine part of your busy life! Visit your app store to get this free app which combines music, scripture and reflection to help you stay connected to the Lord!

Inspirational Thoughts Each Day! Sign up for a brief but inspirational quote to be sent to you each morning to help you live a more spiritually fulfilling life. Visit Info@dynamiccatholic.com.

The St. James Parish App – Are YOU Connected yet?

To download the App

In either the Apple store, Android store, or in the Google Play store - search for the following 'St James Stratford CT' and load the App. (NOTE: You must type the app name exactly as it is shown.)

Setting up the App for the first time

When you first open the App you will be prompted to select the group (s) with which you are associated or from which you want to receive notifications. These groups (such as Ministry with Men, Finance Council, Social Outreach, etc.) will determine which Notifications you will receive from St. James. [e.g. If you choose only Finance Council you will receive notifications related to the Finance Council but nothing regarding Social Outreach.] **NOTE:** Please be aware that you do not have to be a current member of a group to select the group.

Some information about Notifications

The Notifications you receive on the App will be received as text messages. However, unlike most other text messages, these messages will be stored in the App itself (as part of the group history of the group sending the Notification.)

Once the Notification is no longer displayed on the screen, you will have to know which group sent the message in order to read it because, at this time, there is no indicator showing which groups have unread Notifications.

(We have already brought this to the attention of the vendor and they are working on the issue.)

Compassion

Non-violence

Justice

Unconditional forgiveness

Racism and Racial Healing—Continuing the discussion—Join us on Saturday May 5 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the discussion about racism and racial healing.

April 22 , 2018
Earth Day

The poor are hurt the most by climate change

Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited. [...]

There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. (25)

excerpt from Laudato Si—Pope Francis—2015

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Help me, dear Creator,  
To see my brothers with the eyes of Christ,  
To hear my sisters with the ears of Christ,  
To taste my neighbor's hunger with the mouth of Christ,  
To smell creation's sweet fragrance with the nose of Christ,  
To touch the pain and groaning of the Earth itself  
With the caring, healing hands of Christ,  
And to love and honor Life on this Earth,  
each life, every life,  
With the broken but enduring heart of Jesus,  
Who is our Inspiration and our Redeemer.

Amen