

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

April 29, 2018 – 5th 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 30 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Robert Proctor

Tuesday, May 1 , 2018
5:30 p.m. Myliriam and Luke

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
8:00 a.m. St, James Living and Deceased

Thursday, May 3 , 2018
5:30 p.m. Leo Robtaille

Friday, May 4 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Raymond Lambert

Saturday, May 5 , 2018
8:00 a.m. Joseph Fernandez
4:30 p.m. Haley Family

Sunday, May 6 , 2018
7:30 a.m. Joseph and Gloria Brennan
9:15 a.m. Lois Cranston
11:15 a.m. George and Alice Johnson
6:00 p.m. Carol Battagliotti

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 BillCarmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Jeremy Hutchins, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Mary Semedo, Robert Hayes, Ruth Hamilton, 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-Obrien, Irene Kukla, Perina Torreso

Faithfully Departed: Marian Mamone

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Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 4/22/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$8,178.61	\$9,084.19
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$3,763.83</u>	<u>\$4,288.19</u>
Total	\$11,942.44	\$13,372.38

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: (4/28-5/4)
SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : Amedeo DiNapoli

Chapel Tabernacle : For Love

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 Sunday, May 6 , 2018

1st Reading : [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

Second Reading: [1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

Gospel: [Jn 15:9-17](#)

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)

“You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Life turns on a dime.”

- Fr. Thomas Lynch

Both of these quotes go hand-in-hand because while you are deciding how much to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal, life can turn on a dime and it will be too late to help those you were thinking about helping?

Don't hesitate, donate now because there may never be a better time than the present.

If you have already donated—'Thank You!'

Appeal Update: As of Thursday, April 26, St. James parishioners have donated \$74,789 to this year's appeal. That is 57.53% of our \$130,000 goal.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons- This coming Thursday, (May 3) consider joining other men of the parish (and often some who aren't) as the St. James Men's Ministry Beloved Sons group meets for fellowship and discussion about the upcoming (for next weekend) gospel story. We'll meet for about an hour from 7:30-8:30 PM at the parish center. The gospel story for next weekend, the sixth Sunday of Easter, is John 15:9-17. Bring a friend. Laying down your life for them, while commendable and proof you already read the gospel story, not a prerequisite.

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 Bridge at St. James Needs Your Help

This is a ministry which provides essential toiletry items for the poor and homeless in our community. Please consider donating items such as toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, and lotion. We also are in need of new, unused socks, underwear, and t-shirts. These basic supplies are so very important to those who find themselves with minimum or no shelter.

We are so grateful for you, our generous community of faith! Thank you for seeing the face of Christ in all those we serve.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be Thursday May 3 @ 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The meetings are comprised of prayer, reflection, conversation and prayer shawls. We welcome you to join us to knit/crochet and bond in prayer, friendship and compassion to help others. The blessed shawls are available to anyone seeking God's embracing love during times of sickness, healing and transition. They are available at no cost through the Parish Center. Any inquires, contact Mary Perille @ [203-377-1265](tel:203-377-1265). Donations of yarn always gratefully accepted.

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.)

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.

St. James Music Ministry

Special Occasion Choir

WE'RE BACK!!!!

Our choir has been on a hiatus since Thanksgiving. But now we are getting ready for Pentecost

There is a wealth of choral music written for Pentecost Sunday. The hymn/ anthem / song we will offer largely depends on turnout! In this time of transition, it is important for our Faith Community to have a full choir in place for our new Pastor.

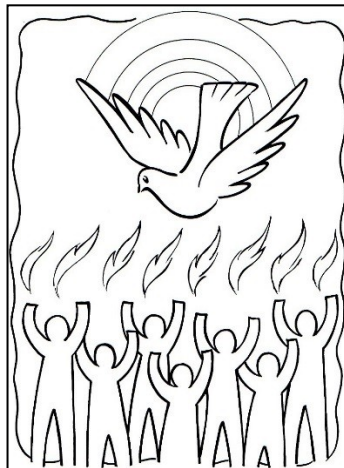
The choir will rehearse in the Church 7:00 P.M. on:

Thursday, May 3rd

Thursday, May 10th

Thursday, May 17th

If you cannot attend the first rehearsal, please e-mail our Music Director Jeremy Hutchins : jhutchins.stjamesparish@gmail.com to let him know you would still commit to the choir during this short schedule.



Musicians / Instrumentalists!

**Jeremy is looking to add a variety of adult parishioners to enhance music during certain Masses over the coming weeks and months. Please see Jeremy after any weekend Mass or send a brief email including what instrument(s) you can play (within a reasonable proficiency level) to Jeremy-
jhutchins.stjamesparish@gmail.com**

Share your time and talent!