



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

July 8, 2018

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).

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: Please call the Parish Center

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

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

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 we can arrange a visit from a member of our ministry.

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OUR MINISTRIES

Pastor: Rev. Arthur C. Mollenhauer - 203-522-7696

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Rogerio Perri -rperri.stjamesparish@gmail.com

Deacon: Joe Koletar

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:** Denis Granado
 - **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille
 - **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Jane Begnino, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani
 - **Young Adult Network:** Ruwani Williams
- ### Support Services

- **Pastoral Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, July 9 , 2018**
8:00 a.m. +Annie Vazquez
- Tuesday, July 10 , 2018**
5:30 p.m. +Phyllis Copertino
- Wednesday, July 11, 2018**
8:00 a.m. +Alphonse DeJulio
- Thursday, July 12 , 2018**
5:30 p.m. +Antonio Soares—1st Anniversary
- Friday, July 13 , 2018**
8:00 a.m. +Lawrence Baldelli, Jr.
- Saturday, July 14, 2018**
8:00 a.m. + Mr. and Mrs. Piatak
4:30 p.m. + Blanche Tomsheck
- Sunday, July 15 , 2018**
7:30 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased
9:15 a.m. +Mary Toscano Inzinna
11:15 a.m. +Gloria Brown
6:00 p.m. +Margherita Evancho

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: (7/7-7/13/18)
SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : Fr. Tom—Thank you for everything
Chapel Tabernacle : Alphonse

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (7/7-7/13/18)

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

Dear Parishioners,

In this week’s Gospel, St. Mark says that Jesus taught with wisdom: “Many who heard him were astonished and they said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?””

Wisdom is very important for living a well balanced and fruitful life. But, what is wisdom? Where does it come from?

For a Christian, wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom comes from God. It detaches us from the world and helps us relish and love the things of heaven. Wisdom is the capacity that allows us to judge the things of the world in the light of God’s plan of creation and redemption. Wisdom permits us to love the world properly, as the creation of God, rather than for its own sake. It allows us to see the world, society, situations and activities with the light of God. This, then, helps us to judge properly in order to act accordingly.

A wise person sees and judges with a balanced perspective and then makes prudent decisions when acting. Therefore, wisdom helps us make prudent decisions which, in turn, empower us to act properly with resolve.

Let us invoke our Blessed Mother, the Seat of Wisdom, for this important gift of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you always.

Rev. Arthur Mollenhauer

UNFORTUNATE EVENT

- On Sunday, July 1, our church was broken into and the Sunday collection was stolen from the safe.
- This is a very unfortunate situation and is another reason that security is of utmost importance to us.
- If you issued checks to the parish, please contact your bank notifying them and keep an eye out for any suspicious activity on your account. Unfortunately, we will be unable to give you credit for any donation made in an envelope during the weekend of June 30-July 1.
- We are taking the proper steps to secure and safeguard procedures going forward so that these instances are avoided.
- Thank you for your understanding and God Bless You for your generosity and support of St. James parish.

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 7/1/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$0.00	\$8,415.50
Electronic Offertories	\$4,047.49	\$4,196.70
Total	\$4,047.49	\$12,612.20

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

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

- St. Francis of Assisi

It is truly amazing how much power our deeds can have! We are says told 'Actions speak louder than words.'

So lets put this into action. Let's donate and not just talk about donating.

WE NEED YOUR HELP—PLEASE!!!

The Annual Catholic Appeal officially ended on June 30. I imagine that most of us are lucky enough to be planning vacations. Let's take a few minutes to consider those who do not have that luxury and donate accordingly.

If you have already donated—'Thank You!

Appeal Update: As of Monday, July 2, St. James parishioners have donated \$108,885 to this year's appeal. That is 83.76% of our goal of \$130,000 goal.

REMEMBER—No donation is too small.

IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

When a loved one dies, in lieu of flowers please consider a donation in the deceased person's name be made to Saint James Church or *Care of Our Father's House*. The request can be included in the Obituary Notice and in one's Estate Planning documentation.

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-375-5887 for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Claire Hromjak, Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin, Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Robert Hayes, Michael Birch, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Marie Ruggiero Appleby, Barbara Roberston, Eric Lunde, Ernestine Brown, Annette Kosc, Anastasia Verderosa, Christian Solati, Lena Giantomidis, Tracey Lynn DeCarlo, Tommy Spitaleri, Michael Pataky, Coleman Hartigan

Faithfully Departed: Alphonse DeJulio, Mary Hill

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Taste and See Summer Book Club- Tuesdays, 10-11, July 17- August 14. "Ear of the Heart" From Hollywood to Holy Vows will be our selection, the autobiography of Mother Dolores Hart, a Benedictine nun at Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT and former movie star! Call or stop by Parish Center to register. Cost of \$20 includes book.

Week of Directed Prayer- July 21-28. A chance to make a directed retreat without leaving home or work-place. Group prayer on Saturday mornings, 10-12:30 and individual meetings with a spiritual director Monday through Friday. Contact Parish Center for more information or to register

Interested in becoming a Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, our program for adults begins in September. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons - The next Men's Ministry *Beloved Sons* gathering is scheduled for Saturday July 21 (6:30-7:45 AM) at the parish center. Join with men, just like you as we break open the gospel story for next weekend, the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (MT 12:14-21). Jesus has chosen you, his beloved, and takes delight in you. Quite sure he would be delighted to see you on early that Saturday morning, where not only the coffee will be warm.

Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community, and apostolate. We are establishing a new chapter of Lay Dominicans in The Diocese of Bridgeport. Please join us for an Informal Inquiry meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT. at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Convent/Parish Center. For more information, call, text, or email Stefano Santilli (ste.santilli@gmail.com 203-524-4945) or Michelle Rowe (orapronobis20@gmail.com) - 203-218-6882

Readings for Sunday, July 15, 2018

1st Reading: [Am 7:12-15](#)

Second Reading: [Eph 1:3-14](#) or [1:3-10](#)

Gospel: [Mk 6:7-13](#)



• **After the Diagnosis...A Guide for Living** by Fr. Tom Lynch and Barbara Mariconda
 • Books are available at the Parish Center.

CHARITY, JUSTICE, AND PEACEMAKING

Janine Walsh

St. James Food Pantry— As the weather gets warmer, the Food Pantry continues to distribute 65+ bags of groceries per week to help feed the needy. Keep in mind, during the summer months, the kids are off from school and not able to take advantage of school lunch programs. At this time, the pantry is low on juice, mac and cheese, beef stew, Chef Boyardee, canned beans and chicken; snacks such as granola bars, cookies, jello, applesauce, and drinks like coffee, tea, powdered milk. Our parish is very lucky to have the continued support of its parishioners to support the poor. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Peace and all good.

The Bridge— Thank you for your generous donations and continued support of the Bridge. Our next visit to John Street will be **Sunday, July 15th**. Meet in the St. James Parking lot at 10:15am to load and pray. We are **always in need of toiletry items such as toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, soap, shampoo, and razors**. As the weather warms, we get many requests for new socks, underwear, and T-shirts. **NO WINTER CLOTHING PLEASE** as storage is not available. Thank you and God Bless. Peace and all good.

Merton House sandwiches— Join us on Saturday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center where we will make brown bag lunches for our neighbors visiting Merton House.

Wedding Banns

Brendan Papp and Danielle Nizzardo
 July 21, 2018

Compassion
 Non-violence
 Justice
 Unconditional forgiveness

St. James Parish Garden

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in". Matthew 25:35

Girl Scout troop 38305 has prepared the garden and with the help of the school and some parishioners, all the beds have been planted. We are now looking for some volunteers to take care of the plants over the summer. This would involve some weeding and the harvesting of vegetables when they are ready. The parish garden provides fresh produce for the clients of our food pantry and is very much appreciated by them. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the Parish Center. Thank you for your support.

Please contact the Parish Center if you can help in watering the garden daily.

**Holy Name of Jesus Parish
 Vacation Bible Camp**

July 16—20, 18, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Join us this summer!

203-375-5815

dreholyname@gmail.com

During the month of July EVERYTHING in the thrift shop at Our Lady of Peace Church in Lordship will be half price. The shop will close for the month of August and reopen Saturday, September 1st. Thank you for your interest.

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.)