



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

August 19, 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.

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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, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani, Jane Vigliotti
- **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 August 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Stephanie Jurkowski

Tuesday August 21, 2018

5:30 p.m. +Robert Studley

Wednesday August 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Michelaire St. Julien

Thursday August 23, 2018

5:30 p.m. Amanda Semedo—Birthday Blessings

Friday, August 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Angus deMello

Saturday, August 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Carlos Dominquec

4:30 p.m. Jorge Gonzales

Sunday, August 26, 2018

7:30 a.m. Thai Nguyen—Special Intentions

9:15 a.m. St. James parishioners living and deceased

11:15 a.m. +Marion Mamone

6:00 p.m. Norma Neuner

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.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: (8/18-8/24/18)

Church Tabernacle : Daniel Patrick McCoy

Chapel Tabernacle : Welcome Fr. Art!

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES:

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, August 26, 2018

1st Reading: [Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b](#)

Second Reading: [Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32](#)

Gospel: [Jn 6:60-69mj](#)

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend Bishop Caggiano will install me as Pastor of St. James Parish. The last installation of a pastor at our Parish was 30 years ago. This is an important step regarding the future of our beloved faith community.

I am very grateful for the closeness and support of Father Tom, Pastor Emeritus and Dean of Stratford. His fraternity and advice has been an enormous help to my new ministry here. I am also humbled and blessed by the collaboration of Father Rogerio, Deacon John and Deacon Joe. Thank you to all of them!

I wish also to thank you, also, the wonderful Parishioners of St. James. You have made me feel very welcome and I am deeply moved by your love and dedication to Christ, his Church and the souls that you reach and serve every day. Your prayers and support mean so much to me.

The Holy Spirit, through our bishop, has made clear to us that some top priorities in our pastoral work -aside from everything that we do already- must be:

1) Youth- revitalizing our efforts to bring together, form and strengthen the faith of our youngsters, adolescents and young adults and commit them to action, 2) Evangelization-reaching out to our disenfranchised Catholics bringing them back to God and the Church and, 3) Community Building-bringing closer together, in the spirit of our Lord, our own parish family.

Count on me to lead the way in word and example. I am here for you as your good shepherd. I ask for your prayers as I officially begin this new step in our journey together.

May God bless you always!

Fr. Art Mollenhauer, Pastor

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 8/5/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,736.25	\$6,916.00
Electronic Offertories	\$4,115.24	\$4,172.07
Total	\$11,851.49	\$11,088.07

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

“Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.”

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

WHAT HAVE YOU GIVEN TODAY?

Many of us believe that you have to give a lot in order to make a difference in someone’s life?

But this quote from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow highlights the fact that everybody looks at a gift differently.

What to you might seem like a small and insignificant donation could, in somebody else’s eyes, be a huge windfall.

This emphasizes the fact that ‘**No donation is too small.**’

If you have already donated—’**Thank You!**

Appeal Update: As of Monday, July 16, St. James parishioners have donated \$124,942 to this year’s appeal. That is 96.11% of our goal of \$130,000 goal.

Online Giving

Does your electric bill stop just because you are on vacation? How about your insurance—does it stop (so you don’t have to pay) when you go on vacation? My guess is that they do not stop and you are still responsible for the bills.

GUESS WHAT? Neither do the bills for St. James.

Online Giving is a way to continue to support St. James even though you are on vacation.

Having these funds allows St. James to plan our expenditures and to continue to provide services to our local community (even during vacation season.)

Please consider using Online Giving!

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.

Legacy Estate Planning Conference

Are you interested in knowing more about legacy and estate planning? Join us with Attorney Max Rosenberg on September 26th at 7:30pm at the Parish Center. Learn to plan your future!

2018 Second Collections

- September 2 Catholic University
- October 21 World Mission Sunday
- November 18 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- December 9 Retirement Fund for Religious

- The 2nd collection is for those charities that are supported by the Catholic Church.
- For those who use envelopes there will be an envelope for the second collections
- For on-line giving there will be an option with the same title as listed above for the 2nd collection.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin, Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Michael Birch, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Tommy Spitaleri, Michael Pataky, Coleman Hartigan, Julia Stewart, Carols Ramos, James Ramos, Edmund Ramos, Mary Jane Somers, Junius Reed, Iristza Martinex, Diane Cantarano, David Gaffney, Margaret Donahue, Michael Riddick, Barbara Robertson, John Andrade, Donna Nimeth, Joseph Matarazzo, Angie deMello, Laura Galatie, Kay Spodnick, Andrew Soltis, Mary Miller, Shamie Singh, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Ed Cranston, Tony Caseria, Crace Manente, Gary Redder, Beatriz DeRubis, Tai Nguyen, Jackie Tomsheck, Tracy Paul, Blythe D’Andrea, Robert Raus



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

SAVE THE DATE

This year the men’s weekend retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center will be held on the weekend of Nov. 2—4.

The theme for this year’s retreat is
 “No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life”

More information will follow shortly.

Social Outreach Weekend – Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19

Food Pantry—Our St. James food pantry continues to supply our needy sisters and brothers with bags of food each week. During the summer, when kids are home from school, people are especially grateful. Our pantry is getting low on canned vegetables and we always gratefully accept donations of pasta, tomato sauce, beans, canned soup, tuna, and chicken, snacks, juice, tea, coffee, Chef Boyardee. . Thank you for continuing to stock our pantry each week!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Fr. Art is looking for volunteers who would like to help organize the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in December. If interested, please contact Marcy Kelly before October 1. He would like to have a meeting in early October.



Diocesan Blue Mass

Commemorating the Seventeenth Anniversary of 9-11 September 9, 2018—10:30 a.m. St. Joseph Parish, 370 Main Street, Danbury, CT A Mass for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Everyone welcome! Reception immediately following the Mass in the gym.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

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.

Religious Education Registration- If you would like to enroll your child in our classes **for the first time**, please contact the Parish Center so that we may send you the registration forms. Mailing has gone out to former students. If you have not received a packet, please notify us. Classes for grades 1 through 8 will begin in October.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons - Join us at the next Beloved Sons gathering Thursday, September 6 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. We will be breaking open the gospel for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time (MK 7:31-37); where the story of a special healing should bring music to your ears..

VIRTUS Training—Reminder to **New Volunteers**—School and parish volunteers needing VIRTUS training are invited to the next Protecting God’s Children training session in the Parish Center on Thursday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m. You may register on-line at www.virtusonline.org. If you have any questions, please call the Human Resources office, ext. 132 at the Parish Center. Please note that the diocese requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers to attend this training.

If you are a current volunteer needing recert training, please go to the VIRTUS website and follow the instructions for online recert training.