



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

August 26, 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 27, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Annie Vazquez

Tuesday August 28, 2018

5:30 p.m. + Margarita Ramos-Grant

Wednesday August 29, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Eileen Mason

Thursday August 30, 2018

5:30 p.m. +Richard Cimino

Friday, August 31, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Stephanie Jurkowski

Saturday, September 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Stephanie Jurkowski

4:30 p.m. + Alphonse DeJulio

Sunday, September 2, 2018

7:30 a.m. + Marie Padur

9:15 a.m. + Michelaire St. Julien and Alice St. Julien

11:15 a.m. + Graziano Sollemme and Isa Sollemme

6:00 p.m. + St. James parishioners living and deceased

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: (8/25-8/31/18)

Church Tabernacle : Anthony Marranzino, Jr

Chapel Tabernacle : Thai Nguyen - Special Intention

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, September 2, 2018

1st Reading: [Dt 4:1-2, 6-8](#)

Second Reading: [Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27](#)

Gospel: [Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Bob Dylan wrote a song in 1979 entitled "Gotta Serve Somebody." In that song he states that, no matter who we are what we do, at some time or other in our life we have to serve others:

*"But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed
You're gonna have to serve somebody
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody."*

In the first reading Joshua told the Israelites that they had to make a decision about who they will serve:

*"If it does not please you to serve the LORD,
decide today whom you will serve."*

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he makes it clear that wives must serve their husbands and husbands must serve their wives. Not one or the other but, both- a mutual service of love.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples the choice of either following him or abandoning him. He asks them, "Do you want to leave?" St. Peter is the valiant one to reply, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

We have a choice too. We can either follow God or someone or something else. The decision is ours alone. No one can force us to love and serve God and our brothers and sisters. It must be a free election that comes from our heart. Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there is your heart also."

St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in You."

May God bless you always.



Fr. Art Mollenhaure,

Pastor

Weekly Offertory
Week Ending 8/19/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,783.53	\$9,104.00
Electronic Offertories	\$3,342.49	\$3,979.07
Total	\$11,126.02	\$13,083.07

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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

Many of us have already donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal and to those we say ‘**Thank You and God Bless You!**’

For everyone else it is important to remember that it's not too late to donate.

We are very close to our goal and only need a few more parishioners to donate in order to make our goal.

Please help us make our goal!

Appeal Update: As of Friday, August 17, 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!

***Breaking Bread with Women
of St. James***

Saturday, September 1, 2018

Come join us for Eucharist at 8 a.m. in the church.. Following Mass, we will meet in the Parish Center for a light breakfast together and to break open this morning's Gospel in how it relates to us our community, and the world. All women of the parish are invited to participate in this morning of prayer and fellowship. Gathering concludes promptly

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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

Food Pantry~ We are in need of some pantry items to fill our shelves! We are very low on canned vegetables, Chef Boyardee, macaroni and cheese, soups of all varieties, and powdered milk. Please be as generous as you can.

THANK YOU!

Father Art wishes to thank all those who contributed to the wonderful installation ceremony last Saturday: organizers, sacristans, acolytes, altar servers, lectors, ministers, musicians, caterers, cleaners, staff, trustees, parish and finance council, pastoral planning team and everyone else who contributed to making the ceremony so beautiful. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

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, Grace Manente, Gary Redder, Beatriz DeRubis, Thai 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.

HOLY HOUR AND MASS OF REPARATION

Bishop Caggiano invites all to pray with him on September 15th, at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport.

9:30am Holy Hour of Reparation
 10:30am Mass of Reparation

Please consider in joining our bishop and the clergy of the diocese to pray to God for spiritual guidance and strength during these trying times for our Church.

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.

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! RSVP: [203 375 5887](tel:2033755887)

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 on September 9. 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.

Confirmation Registration is underway for high school students previously enrolled in Religious Education or St. James school. Please contact Parish Center for information if you have not received forms in mail.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons—Why not consider joining us at the next Beloved Sons gathering on Thursday, September 6 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. As we do every first Thursday/third Saturday, men (just like you) gather to break open the gospel story for that upcoming weekend; which that week will be for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time (MK 7:31-37). “Hear’s” to you accepting the invitation to share God’s word, with God’s children.

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.

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