

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

February 4, 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).

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

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Compassion, Non-violence
Justice , Unconditional forgiveness,
Unconditional love
Peacemaking

Pastor: Rev. Thomas F. Lynch

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rogerio Perri

Deacon: John Piatak

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

Pastoral Services

- **Faith Study:** 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 Council:** Tom Kelly
- **Finance Council:** Dan Caron
- **Pastoral Planning Team:** Richard Zboray
- **Pastoral Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Parish Manager:** Marcy Kelly
- **Administrative Assistant:** Patty D'Andrea
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, February 5 , 2018**
8:00 a.m. William Butler
- Tuesday, February 6 , 2018**
5:30 p.m. Jeanette Heard—Birthday Blessings
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Waleria Jurkowski
- Thursday, February 8 , 2018**
5:30 p.m. Jackline Sanchez—Birthday blessings
- Friday, February 9 2018**
8:00 a.m. Stephen and Kathy Kraffmiller
- Saturday, February 10, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Magdalena and Jose Serrano and daughters
4:30 p.m. Philip Balcastro
- Sunday, February 11 , 2018**
7:30 a.m. Jorge Gonzales
9:15 a.m. Irwin H. Block
11:15 a.m. Katherine F. LaCroix
6:00 p.m. John and Anne Lasko

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,, George Vagasky, Peter Hart, Fr. Marus, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Carl Rocco, James Morrison, Diane Wright, Stephen Remor, Cindy Gleason, Carole Fenton, Jessie Banks, Julia Stewart, Joseph Erdos, Toni Erdos, Jeremy Hutchins, Jenna Strickland, John Kenyhercz, Deborah West, Shirley T. Seeley Jennings, Stan Koskowitz, Robert Tenza, Connie Silver, Helen Ugolik, Lucas McHale, Judy Lenzi-McGovney, Brian Paulus, Kathy Faryniarz, Alphonse, Jenna Reggio, Izabel Perri, Jason Lambert, John Ebert, Pat Stockdale, Bryan Barry, Joseph (Stan) Koskowitz, Frank Munley, Mark Toresso, Edmund Ramos, James Ramos, Timothy Shanley, Mary Semedo, Carlos Ramos, Rose Martire, Bob Rosenbaum, Jo-Ann Pressman, Marilyn Gardner, Doreen Hunt, Jennie Mihocko and Elaine Gearity and also Marge Tamas.,

FAITHFUL DEPARTED— *Anna Kovac, Marco Alexander Valdez-Alfaro, Wayne Smith, Don Juliano*

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 1/21/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,162.61	\$8,308.35
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$4,473.82</u>	<u>\$4,599.19</u>
Total	\$11,636.43	\$12,907.54

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: (2/3/18-2/9/18)

Church Tabernacle : Joseph Baldyga
Chapel Tabernacle : John and Pam Baldyga

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (2/3/8-2/9/18)

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*

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Joy is what makes life worth living, but for many joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it. What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice. ~ Henri Nouwen

Readings for Feb. 11 , 2018

1st Reading : [Lv 13:1-2, 44-46](#)

Second Reading: [1 Cor 10:31—11:1](#)

Gospel: [Mk 1:40-45](#)

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Annual Communion Breakfast – WHERE IS GOD IN YOUR LIFE?

-Very pleased to announce that this year's Communion Breakfast witness speaker will be our soon-to-be-retiring pastor, Fr. Tom Lynch. This year's theme: **Where is God in Your Life – The Life and Times of Fr. Tom Lynch.** Join us as we gather together as Christian men to hear our pastor reflect on his own personal journey as a brother, teacher, son, friend and priest; as he looks back at his own life and the critical times when God was present for him. With over 30 years at St. James and a lifetime of emotional experiences, it's sure to be a story you won't want to miss. Tickets are still just \$20 and will be available after all masses this, and the next two, weekends. Mark the date: Sunday, February 25. Breakfast at the Marriott Courtyard in Shelton after the 7:30 Eucharist at St. James.

Beloved Sons -The next Beloved Sons/Men's Ministry gathering is scheduled for Saturday February 17 (6:15-7:30 AM) at the parish center. We'll be sharing on the gospel for that weekend, the 1st Sunday in Lent (MK 1: 12-15). Feel like you're in the desert lately? Join us, guys just like you, looking to quench a thirst.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Christian Yoga: A Pathway to Prayer-Winter sessions beginning Tuesday, January 9, 12:00-1:15 and Wednesday, January 10, 7:15-8:30. Eight sessions for \$80. Drop in's \$12. Call or stop by Parish Center to register.

Scripture Study Programs offered throughout the year at St. James! Book of Daniel begins on Tuesday, February 6, 9:30-11:30 and meets for seven weeks. Acts of the Apostle begins Wednesday, March 7, 9:30-11:00 and meets for six weeks. Call or stop by Parish Center to register.

Praying With Thomas Merton-Thursdays, February 15-March 22, 10:30-11:30a.m. or 7:00-8:00p.m. An at home Lenten retreat combining reading, praying and small group sharing. Call or stop by Parish Center to register. Cost of \$20 includes book.

Best Lent Ever! Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp to receive inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories to help make Lent a transformative time for you.

St. Mark has organized a Lenten Mission scheduled for March 10-14, 2018. The preacher is Fr. Dan Cambra, from the of of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA. Please contact St. Mark parish office at 203-377-0444 for additional information.

Attention All Women of St. James:

This year St. James Women's Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 3rd. The Breakfast will be held at the Shelton Marriott on Bridgeport Avenue. Our theme will be Walking God's Way.

We are asking you to think about being a witness speaker for the Breakfast. Sharing your story with others can be helpful to your sisters in Christ as well as helping you.

Please send your stories to either Alexandra Langston at adlangston23@gmail.com or Karen Smith at adel-heart@yahoo.com

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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

Consider donating to **The Bridge at St. James** Our Bridge ministry helps the poor and homeless by providing them with some of the basic necessities of life. We can use items like tooth paste, soap, toilet tissue, deodorant, shampoo, and lotion. The next time you are shopping remember to pick up an item or two and drop them off at Church or the Parish Center. These basic supplies are more important to those individuals who find themselves with minimum or no shelter. We can also use donations of gently worn/like new winter coats, jeans, sweatshirts all M-XL. Also, new socks and tee-shirts gratefully appreciated. Our next Bridge visit is Sunday, February 18. Please try to come with us!

St. James Food Pantry – The Food Pantry has been able to help feed many needy families with your generous donations – Thank You! Currently, we are in need of jelly, tuna, tomato sauce, canned stew, hash, ham, chicken, turkey, granola, fruit bars, package made puddings, jello, fruit, spaghetti, chef boy-ar-dee, box mac & cheese, canned beans, canned chili, rice, boxed potatoes, canned soups, boxed hot cereal, tea, coffee, powdered milk. Your food donations help so much and your support is gratefully appreciated. God Bless.

The Sultan and The Saint