

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

April 1, 2018 – 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

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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 Noccioli, 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 3/25/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$9,405.25	\$9,393.26
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$4,694.41</u>	<u>\$3,961.24</u>
Total	\$14,099.66	\$13,354.50

Monday, April 2, 2018
8:00 a.m. Stephanie Deering

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
5:30 p.m. Daniel Hannan

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
8:00 a.m. John E. Wheeler

Thursday, April 5, 2018
5:30 p.m. Robert V. Goodrich

Friday, April 6, 2018
8:00 a.m. Connie Hedges

Saturday, April 7, 2018
8:00 a.m. Frank W. Docerbo
4:30 p.m. Ed Cellar

April 8, 2018
7:30 a.m. Emile LaReau
9:15 a.m. Anne and James Dennean
11:15a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased
6:00 p.m. Josephine Shea

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, Peter Hart, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Jeremy Hutchins, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Alphonse, Izabel Perri, Mary Semedo, Seeley Jennings, Kathy Sullivan, Nancy Roberts, Linda Dunn, John Kenyhercz, Dorothy Gilliam, Cori Farinaryz, Chris Farinaryz, Robert Hayes, Jenna Strickland, Robert Santos, Ruth Hamilton, Barbara Ciglar Coccaco, Antonio Teixeira, Edmund Ramos, James Ramos, Yvonne DeAngelis, Joe Miller, Laura, Kathy Pompa,

Faithfully Departed: - Fr. John Baran, Fr. Andrew Marus

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

The Bridge— We are in need of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant (men and women)

Prayer Service for Racial Healing—On Wednesday, April 4 we will have a Prayer Service for Racial Healing in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. Please join us.

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:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: (4/7-4/13/18)

Church Tabernacle : Leila Rose Carneiro

Chapel Tabernacle : For Peace

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (4/7-4/13/18)

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

Readings for April 8, 2018

1st Reading : [Acts 4:32-35](#)

Second Reading: [1 Jn 5:1-6](#)

Gospel: [Jn 20:19-31](#)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

- Are you struggling with debt? Do your credit card balances seem to be growing and growing? Do you feel like you cannot save any money for the future?

Financial Peace University can help.

- A 9-week course is being offered here at St. James called Financial Peace University. Another session starts on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

- Some of the session headings are Dumping Debt, Retirement and College Planning, and Cash Flow Planning.

- If you want to sign-up for this course, you can do so online by going to the following URL ==> <https://fpu.com/1062462>.

- If you have any question, please call Dave Zamachaj at the Parish Center (203-375-5887.)

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

*“Come the Kingdom,
all that matters is
how we have treated one another.”*
- Bishop Ken Untener

I believe that all of Jesus’ teaching can be summed up in this phrase.

How have you treated others? (Especially the needy?)

Did you follow Jesus and give all that you could? Or did you follow the dictates of our culture?

If you have already donated—’**Thank You!**’. If not, please at least think about the words of Bishop Untener when deciding how much to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

I hope your journey during Lent has brought you closer to the God and gave you a new appreciation of what He gave us!

Appeal Update: As of Thursday, March 22, St. James parishioners have donated \$47,239 to this year's appeal. That is, 36.34% of our \$130,000 goal.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 5 @ 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. The meeting comprise 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. Donations of yarn always gratefully accepted.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Adult Confirmation- if you have not been confirmed and would like to receive this sacrament, register for **Catching Fire, Becoming Flame.**

Catching Fire, Becoming Flame- A Guide for Spiritual Transformation, Mondays, April 9-14, 7:00-8:30, Parish Center. Topics include: stages of the spiritual journey, prayer, discernment and forgiveness. Cost of \$20 includes book. This program is open to all and will be considered preparation for any adult wishing to receive Confirmation on May 22 at St. James.

Bereavement Ministry-April 4-June 6, 12-2 or 6-8. Our Lady of Peace in Lordship. No charge but registration must be done in advance. Call 203-377-4863, ext. 10 or 203-377-4817.

BOOK LAUNCH

After seven years of hard work, Fr. Tom and Barbara Mariconda have completed their book, “After the Diagnosis...a Guide for Living.”

The weekend of April 28th-29th is set for a series of St. James book launch celebrations and book signings in the parish hall.

Come and hear about the process, (quite an entertaining story, despite the seriousness of the subject matter!) and get a book personally inscribed and signed by the authors. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to have, in your hands, the culmination of Fr. Tom’s insights from his years as your pastor about not only the grace in dying, but the way a deep, mature faith empowers us to experience the freedom of heaven now. This is the legacy he wants to leave with you.

Mark your calendars! Bring a friend!

Saturday, April 28th 1:00 P.M - 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 28th 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 29th 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Refreshments will be served

www.journeyofthesoulbooks.com

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

On behalf of all of us in men’s ministry here at St. James, which by definition includes every man in this parish, a blessed, joyous and magnificent Easter to you and your families. HE is Risen – Alleluia!

Beloved Sons -The next scheduled Men’s Ministry Beloved Sons gathering is this Thursday, April 5 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. As we do twice every month (first Thursday/third Saturday) we’ll be sharing and reflecting on the gospel for next weekend, the 2nd Sunday of Easter (JN 20:19-31). Put all doubts aside and we join Thomas and the other disciples, just like you, on our Easter season journey. Do you believe?

Breaking Bread for Women

Come join us for Saturday, April 7 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 the 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 at 10 a.m.

Come - let us gather together!

St. James Easter Flower Prayer Fund

2018

Kathleen "Kit" Allen

Mabel Anthony

Anna and John Aurilio

Della and Benjamin Bednarsky

Brennan and Russo Family

Bobby Permanad Capildeo

Alex and Mary Cieciora

Albert Clements

Benjamin Corvino Family

Stephanie Kuhar Deering

Philip DelVecchio

William and Karen DeVito

Donovan Family

William and Anne Dunn

Clarence Duprey

Thomas and Garry Fennell

Peter P. Ferko, Sr.

Bill Gerner

Samuel L. Goetz

Haley Family

William Joseph Haschak, Sr.

Janet Hayes

Jason Hoekenga

Tom and Betty Hoekenga

Alan Hoffman, Sr.



Pauline and Charles Honafius

Nicholas Huydic

Harold W. Lathlean

Patricia and Michael Lutian

Thomas and Barbara Lynch

Catherine O'Connell McDonough

William A. McQuilton

Marilyn T. Miller

Kathleen Mittleman

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien

Pisani Family

Raymond Pulaski

Raymond Pulaski, Jr.

Maureen Ringel

Deceased members of the Roberts Family

Deceased members of the Santos Family

Robert T. Schiller

Deceased members of the Semedo Family

Ellen Birge Stadtmueller

William J. Tibor, RN

Peter and Blanche Tomscheck

Victoria Family

Brett Wolfertz

Yanosy Family