

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

April 8, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of 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 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

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 4/12/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$8,252.25	\$7,574.75
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$3,682.16</u>	<u>\$4,098.19</u>
Total	\$11,934.41	\$11,672.94

Monday, April 9, 2018
8:00 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
5:30 p.m. Donnie Michaelson

Wednesday, April 11 2018
8:00 a.m. John E. Wheeler

Thursday, April 12, 2018
5:30 p.m. Margaret Vane

Friday, April 13, 2018
8:00 a.m. Annette Kilpatrick

Saturday, April, 14 2018
8:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Piatak
4:30 p.m. John E. Wheeler

April 15, 2018
7:30 a.m. The Cannon Family
9:15 a.m. Joe Miller
11:15 a.m. Della and Benjamin Bednarsky
6:00 p.m. Jeremiah and Nell 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, Isabel Perri, Mary Semedo, 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,, Laura, Kathy Pompa, Sr. Joan Flynn, rsm, Michael Birch, Roger Emond, Eleanor Hart, Magdalen Staron, Kathleen Dunn, Jose Martins

Faithfully Departed: - Joe Miller, Elaine Gearity

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

Church Tabernacle : Leila Rose Carneiro

Chapel Tabernacle : Victims of violence

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 15, 2018

1st Reading : [Acts 3:13-15, 17-19](#)

Second Reading: [1 Jn 2:1-5a](#)

Gospel: [Lk 24:35-48](#)

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.)

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

"God wants you to give so you can become more like him."
- Dave Ramsey

How can you describe God in one word?..... **Giver!!**

Anytime you hear about what Jesus is doing, it always about giving. Whether it is teaching (one way of giving) or curing those who have physical ailments, He is always giving.

Don't **YOU** want to become more like God?

One way to start becoming more like God is to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

If you have already donated—'Thank You!'

If you have not yet donated, please take this time to consider how much you want to donate but, more importantly, how much you want to become more like God!

Appeal Update: As of Thursday, April 5, St. James parishioners have donated \$54,629 to this year's appeal. That is, 42.02% of our \$130,000 goal.

Save the Date

Fr. Tom's Retirement Party
June 10, 2018

The party will take place immediately following the 11:15

Seeking Pictures of Fr. Tom

We are collecting pictures of Fr. Tom for a DVD that will play during the party.

Do you have any pictures of yourself with Fr. Tom or a favorite Fr. Tom picture?

Would you like to share them?

If so please email them to stjamesstratford@gmail.com. While we would prefer electronic copies of pictures, we will also accept physical pictures. HOWEVER, we will not be able to return them.

The deadline for submitting pictures is April 30.

How to recognize if memory loss is a normal part of aging. Or if it is the early signs of dementia.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018—7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Church Hall
651 Stratford Road, Stratford

RSVP to Deacon Tom Fekrte by Friday, April 20th
203-375-1027 or dnfekete@diobpt.org

Light refreshments will be served
Sponsored by the Connecticut In-Home Assistance
and the Alzheimer's Association

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons—The next scheduled Men's Ministry Beloved Sons gathering is Saturday, April 21 (6:30-7:45 AM) 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 4th Sunday of Easter (JN 10:11-18). The Good Shepherd is anxious to talk to you.

St. James Community of Faith congratulates the following children as they receive their First Communion this weekend:

Raul Agosto, Jr., Andrew Bator, Ryan Faugno, Eli Laskowski, Michael (TJ) Marshall, Chase Sciglimpaglia, and Hailey Stalmach.

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 p.m., 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.

Seven Habits on the Path to Holiness-April 11, 7:00p.m., Assumption Parish, Riverside Ave., Westport. Bishop Robert Morneau of Michigan is the guest speaker in The Bishop's Lecture Series, a program of powerful speakers who have been invited to share their stories of Encounter and Accompaniment. Please call to RSVP: 203-416-1670.

Charity, Justice and Peacemaking

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 9 -Lord's Kitchen

5:00 p.m.

Christ Church (next door) -
Help us greet and serve our
neighbors in need of a hot meal.

Sunday, April 15- The Bridge

10:00 a.m

We gather in the church parking lot for prayer and to
load cars to go to John Street in Bridgeport where we
hand out toiletries, snacks, and clothing.

Saturday, April 21 -Merton House sandwiches

9:00 a.m.

Join us as we make brown bag lunches for visitors to
Merton House in Bridgeport.

