

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

April 15, 2018 – 3rd 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

2110 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615

Telephone 203-375-5887

Fax. 203-378-1562 - www.stjamesstratford.com

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

Pastor: Rev. Thomas F. Lynch

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rogerio Perri

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** - 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 Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Administrative Assistant:** Patty D’Andrea
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 16, 2018
8:00 a.m. Victoria Escobar

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
5:30 p.m. Helen McLaughlin

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
8:00 a.m. Tom Redgate

Thursday, April 19, 2018
5:30 p.m. Evan St. Juste

Friday, April 20, 2018
8:00 a.m. Elaine Gearity

Saturday, April 21, 2018
8:00 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased
4:30 p.m. John and Anna Aurilio

Sunday, April 22, 2018
7:30 a.m. Emile Lareau
9:15 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
11:15 a.m. Mary Palo
6:00 p.m. Joseph Balogh

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 BillCarmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Jeremy Hutchins, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Mary Semedo, 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, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Anna Trahan, Dorothy Haggerty, Jo-Ann Pressman, Har-old Pressman, Amanda Diccio, Frank Dempsey



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Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 4/8/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$8,473.61	\$9,643.57
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$4,132.16</u>	<u>\$3,966.19</u>
Total	\$12,605.77	\$13,609.76

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Easter	\$10,279.00	\$9,636.00

(NOTE: The Easter totals include those donations made using Online Giving.)

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: (4/14-4/20/18)

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : Robert Proctor

Chapel Tabernacle : Racial healing

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (4/14-4/20/18)

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 22, 2018

1st Reading : [Acts 4:8-12](#)

Second Reading: [1 Jn 3:1-2](#)

Gospel: [Jn 10:11-18](#)

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.

• Another session of a 9-week course called Financial Peace University just started this past Wednesday.
• Some of the session headings are Dumping Debt, Retirement and College Planning, and Cash Flow Planning.

• If you are interested in signing up for this course it is not too late. You can do so online by going to the following URL ==> <https://fpu.com/1062462>.

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

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

"If someone with worldly means sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against his brother, how can he claim that he loves God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action."

- 1 John 3:17-18

Being a follower of Christ is not easy. It requires us to practice our faith, that is to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves by giving to them in their need.

When we are deciding on how much to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we should only give to the level that God gave to us.....and he gave us his only Son.

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 and how much you want to become more like God who gave us his Son!

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Appeal Update: As of Thursday, April 12, St. James parishioners have donated \$56,944 to this year's appeal. That is 43.80% 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 A.M. Mass

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 Fekete 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 -Consider joining other men, just like you, at the next scheduled Men's Ministry Beloved Sons gathering (next 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). Join us for a decent cup of coffee, and even better conversation and fellowship, as we meet the Good Shepherd.

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

Casey Buchanan, Isabel Kanuch, Olivia Kanuch,
Marina Lanese, Riley Sharkey

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Pray As You Go- an app for your phone to help you make prayer a routine part of your busy life! Visit your app store to get this free app which combines music, scripture and reflection to help you stay connected to the Lord!

Compassion

Non-violence

Justice

Unconditional forgiveness

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.

