

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

May 6, 2018 – 6th 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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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.

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 Noccioli, 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
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 7 2018
 8:00 a.m. Crispi Sanon—Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
 5:30 p.m. Stephen Erdos

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Louis A. DeLalley, Jr.

Thursday, May 10, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Zachary John Kasuba
 5:30 p.m. Frances Blanco

Friday, May 11, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Peter Mercaldi

Saturday, May 12, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Paul G. Kupec
 4:30 p.m. John & Anne Lacko

Sunday, May 13, 2018
 7:30 a.m. Mary and George Beach
 9:15 a.m. Jean Gedeon
 11:15 a.m. Paul Blawie
 6:00 p.m. Josephine Shea

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Claire Hromjak, Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin, Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Maria Vazquez, Victor, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Mary Semedo, Robert Hayes, Ruth Hamilton, 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, Harold Pressman, Amanda Diccio, Frank Dempsey, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-Obrien, Irene Kukla, Perina Torreso, Pam Young, Linda Burke, Mike Hanke, Nancy Anne Macisco, Edmund Ramos, James Ramos, Julia Stewart, Emmanuel Bell, Peggy Moales

Faithfully Departed: Irene Basso, Eileen Weber, Rita Breslin

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 4/29/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,581.25	\$8,681.47
Electronic Offertories	<u>\$3,817.16</u>	<u>\$3,942.19</u>
Total	\$11,398.41	\$12,623.66

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: (5/5-5/11/18)
SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : Joyce DiNapoli

Chapel Tabernacle : For Healing

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (5/5-5/11/18)
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 Sunday, May 13, 2018

1st Reading : [Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26](#)

Second Reading: [1 Jn 4:11-16](#)

Gospel: [Jn 17:11b-19](#)

Ascension Thursday—May 10, 2018

The office and chapel will be closed.

Mass times will be:

8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

MINISTRY WITH MUSIC

Jeremy Hutchins

This year, the St. James Music Ministry is calling ALL singers and instrumentalists to share their time and talent on Sunday May 20th, The Solemnity of Pentecost. 9:15 + 11:15 Masses. If you are unable to attend the first rehearsal, please contact Jeremy Hutchins - jhutchins.stjamesparish@gmail.com

Rehearsals:

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.—May 10 and May 17

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

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:7

This quote reinforces our weekly message—which is to pray to God to determine how much you want to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The only difference is that here the Bible also says that God loves a cheerful giver.

What is also important to keep in mind is that everyone should donate after praying to God. Not after talking to others and seeing how much/little they give.

Don't hesitate, donate now because there may never be a better time than the present. And be sure to smile when you donate so God knows you are giving freely.

If you have already donated—'Thank You!'

Appeal Update: As of Wednesday, May 2, St. James parishioners have donated \$80,914 to this year's appeal. That is 62.24% of our \$130,000 goal.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

Christian Yoga- final session on Tuesdays, 12-1:15 beginning May 8. Six weeks for \$60 or drop in's \$12.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, our program for adults begins in September. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

Want to know more about your Catholic Faith? Visit www.usccb.org to find everything you might want to know about our prayers, practices, traditions and beliefs. This website is sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

Centering Prayer- a free app for your phone that provides you with a guided experience of this prayer method.

CHARITY, JUSTICE, AND PEACEMAKING

Janine Walth

The Bridge at St. James—this is a ministry which provides essential toiletry items for the poor and homeless in our community. Please consider donating items such as toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, and lotion. We also are in need of new, unused socks, underwear, and t-shirts. These basic supplies are so very important to those who find themselves with minimum or no shelter.

We are so grateful for you, our generous community of faith! Thank you for seeing the face of Christ in all those we serve.

The Lord's Kitchen—**Monday, May 7**—5:00 p.m.—Come help serve our neighbors in need of a hot meal. If you can't make it at 5, we could use extra hands for clean-up around 6.

The Parish Garden—It is FINALLY time to get our garden growing again! If you are interested in reserving a patch, please contact Marcy at the Parish Center.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons - Our next Beloved Sons gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 (6:15-7:45 AM) at the parish center. It will be our "3rd" Saturday monthly meeting; where we will have some coffee; perhaps a little "and"; and see where the Spirit moves us as we share the gospel story for Pentecost Sunday that weekend.

Save the Date

Fr. Tom's Retirement Party
June 10, 2018

The party will take place immediately following the 11:15 A.M. Mass

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

Dari Banks, Germar Joseph, Maraya Ribeiro, Lilliana Rowicki, and Bradley Steele



After the Diagnosis...A Guide for Living by Fr. Tom Lynch and Barbara Mariconda

Books and journals will be available at the Parish Center. See Marcy to purchase

