



# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

June 24, 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:** Please call the Parish Center

### **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](http://www.stjamesstratford.com)

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. Arthur C. Mollenhauer - 203-522-7696

[pastor@stjameschruch.net](mailto:pastor@stjameschruch.net)

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Rogerio Perri

**Deacon:** Joe Koletar

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, June , 25, 2018**  
8:00 a.m. Pat Loux

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**  
5:30 p.m. Florendo Labog

**Wednesday, June 27 , 2018**  
8:00 a.m. Annie Vazquez

**Thursday, June 28, 2018**  
5:30 p.m. Joanne Fasanella

**Friday, June 29, 2018**  
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Norris

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**  
8:00 a.m. Jasmin Gonzalez  
4:30 p.m. Lois Johnson

**Sunday, July 1 , 2018**  
7:30 a.m. Robert W. Brown  
9:15 a.m. Norma Ramik  
11:15 a.m. Barbara Sautter  
6:00 p.m. Debbie Diaz

### PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: (6/23—6/29/18) SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

*Church Tabernacle : Diane Klansky*  
*Chapel Tabernacle : For peace*

**CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (6/23-6/29/18)**  
**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***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** - Claire Hromjak, Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin , Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Robert Hayes, Michael Birch, Roger Emond, Eleanor Hart Dunn, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Pam Young, Linda Burke, Mike Hanke, Nancy Anne Macisco, Edmund Ramos, James Ramos, Julia Stewart, Emmanuel Bell, Peggy Donna Nimeth , Walter Stelmack, Alan Handsman, Brett Keating, Kathy Sullivan, Marybeth Connell Marie Ruggiero Appleby, Barbara Roberston, Eric Lunde, Alphonse, Ernestine Brown, Annette Kosc

### 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.

***Readings for Sunday, June 24 , 2018***  
***1st Reading*** [IS 49:1-6](#)  
***Second Reading:*** [Acts 13:22-26](#)  
***Gospel:*** [Lk 1:57-66, 80](#)

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus called John the Baptist the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias. Let us pray to John for the courage to love and serve the Lord as he did.

God bless you always.

Rev. Arthur Mollenhauer

## Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 6/17/2018

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,470.25	\$6,792.99
Electronic Offertories	\$4,061.49	\$3,887.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,531.74</b>	<b>\$10,680.48</b>

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

*“True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love. No strings attached. No expectations.”*

- Suze Orman

How ‘generous’ are you? Do you give freely, no strings attached? Or do you secretly hope (as I do sometimes) that by giving you will get something in return (whether now or when you meet God)?

It is not easy to be truly generous! (If it were, more people would give.)

### WE NEED YOUR HELP—PLEASE!!!

The Annual Catholic Appeal officially ends on June 30. Lets change the timing of when we typically meet our goal and reach it by scheduled end of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

If you have not already donated, please consider donating before the end of June.

If you have already donated—’**Thank You!**

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**Appeal Update:** As of Monday, June 18, St. James parishioners have donated \$102,076 to this year's appeal. That is 78.52% of our goal of \$130,000 goal.

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**REMEMBER**—No donation is too small.

## **IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**

When a loved one dies, in lieu of flowers please consider a donation in the deceased person's name be made to Saint James Church or *Care of Our Father's House*. The request can be included in the Obituary Notice and in one's Estate Planning documentation.

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-375-5887 for more details.



### *Wedding Banns*

Brendan Papp and Danielle Nizzardo  
July 21, 2018

## FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

**Taste and See Summer Book Club- Tuesdays, 10-11, July 17- August 14. “Ear of the Heart” From Hollywood to Holy Vows** will be our selection, the autobiography of Mother Dolores Hart, a Benedictine nun at Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT and former movie star! Call or stop by Parish Center to register. Cost of \$20 includes book.

**Week of Directed Prayer-** July 21-28. A chance to make a directed retreat without leaving home or work-place. Group prayer on Saturday mornings, 10-12:30 and individual meetings with a spiritual director Monday through Friday. Contact Parish Center for more information or to register.

**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.

## MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

**Beloved Sons** - Why not consider joining us, men just like you, at the next Men's Ministry Beloved Sons gathering scheduled for Thursday, July 5 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. As we do every first Thursday/third Saturday, every month, we'll be breaking open the gospel story for that weekend, the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (MK 6:1-6). Even though the fireworks will be over, we'll join with Jesus and His disciples as they embark on their trip “home”. Can you go home again? Celebrate your own Independence week by gathering with us for faith and fellowship.

### Needed

Personal Care Assistant for homecare for a female . A variety of personal care tasks including bathing, dressing, feeding are required. Approximately 20 hours/week. Morning, evening, and weekend hours available. Please call Rich at 203-375-2931 for more information.

Thank you!  
a few more volunteers to thank for helping at  
Fr. Tom's retirement party!  
*Fran Pasquale and Linda Gowing*

During the month of July EVERYTHING in the thrift shop at Our Lady of Peace Church in Lordship will be half price. The shop will close for the month of August and reopen Saturday, September 1st. Thank you for your interest.



**After the Diagnosis...A Guide for Living** by Fr. Tom Lynch and Barbara Mariconda  
Another shipment of books is on its way! Please call the Parish Center

### St. James Parish Garden

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in". Matthew 25:35*

Girl Scout troop 38305 has prepared the garden and with the help of the school and some parishioners, all the beds have been planted. We are now looking for some volunteers to take care of the plants over the summer. This would involve some weeding and the harvesting of vegetables when they are ready. The parish garden provides fresh produce for the clients of our food pantry and is very much appreciated by them. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the Parish Center. Thank you for your support.

**Please contact the Parish Center if you can help in watering the garden daily.**

### Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community, and apostolate. We are establishing a new chapter of Lay Dominicans in The Diocese of Bridgeport. Please join us for an Informal Inquiry meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT. at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Convent/Parish Center. For more information, call, text, or email Stefano Santilli (ste.santilli@gmail.com 203-524-4945) or Michelle Rowe (orapronobis20@gmail.com) - 203-218-6882

### The St. James Parish App – Are YOU Connected yet?

#### To download the App

In either the Apple store, Android store, or in the Google Play store - search for the following 'St James Stratford CT' and load the App. (NOTE: You must type the app name exactly as it is shown.)

#### Setting up the App for the first time

When you first open the App you will be prompted to select the group(s) with which you are associated or from which you want to receive notifications. These groups (such as Ministry with Men, Finance Council, Social Outreach, etc.) will determine which Notifications you will receive from St. James. [e.g. If you choose only Finance Council you will receive notifications related to the Finance Council but nothing regarding Social Outreach.] **NOTE:** Please be aware that you do not have to be a current member of a group to select the group.

#### Some information about Notifications

The Notifications you receive on the App will be received as text messages. However, unlike most other text messages, these messages will be stored in the App itself (as part of the group history of the group sending the Notification.)

Once the Notification is no longer displayed on the screen, you will have to know which group sent the message in order to read it because, at this time, there is no indicator showing which groups have unread Notifications.

### Holy Name of Jesus Parish

#### Vacation Bible Camp

July 16—20, 18

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Join us this summer!

203-375-5815

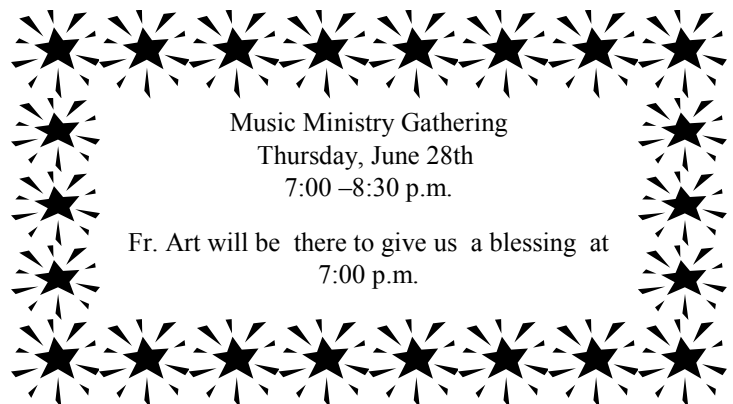
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Compassion

Non-violence

Justice

Unconditional forgiveness



Music Ministry Gathering

Thursday, June 28th

7:00 –8:30 p.m.

Fr. Art will be there to give us a blessing at 7:00 p.m.