



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

July 29, 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).

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

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.

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 we can arrange a visit from a member of our ministry.

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OUR MINISTRIES

Pastor: Rev. Arthur C. Mollenhauer - 203-522-7696

pastor@stjameschurch.net

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rogerio Perri -rperri.stjamesparish@gmail.com

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:** Denis Granado
 - **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille
 - **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Jane Begnino, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani
 - **Young Adult Network:** Ruwani Williams
- ### Support Services

- **Pastoral Stewardship:** David Zamachaj
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby
- **Parish Personnel Manager:** Paul Fasold

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 30, 2018
8:00 a.m. +Maria Quiche

Tuesday, July 31, 2018
5:30 p.m. +Joseph Erdos

Wednesday, August 1, 2018
8:00 a.m. +Jackeline Sanchez

Thursday, August 2, 2018
5:30 p.m. +Pat Loux

Friday, August 3, 2018
8:00 a.m. +Gaspar Simon

Saturday, August 4, 2018
8:00 a.m. +Alice St. Julien
4:30 p.m. Porcelli Family—Birthday Blessings

Sunday, August 5, 2018
7:30 a.m. +Yvette Cardiello
9:15 a.m. +Norma Ramik
11:15 a.m. +Josephine Shea
6:00 p.m. +Eileen Harrity

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: (7/28—08/03/18) SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES:

Church Tabernacle : John Rodko, Jr.

Chapel Tabernacle : For those struggling with food insecurity

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES: (07/28-08/08/18)

Candles will burn for the following intentions:

Candle # 1: All men and women in the military

Candle # 2: For the prayer intentions submitted through

Readings for Sunday, August 5, 2018

1st Reading: [Ex 16:2-4, 12-15](#)

Second Reading: [Eph 4:17, 20-24](#)

Gospel: [Jn 6:24-35](#)

Save the Date

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:30 p.m. mass

Fr. Art's installation Mass
with Bishop Frank Caggiano.

Light reception in the school
cafeteria following the Mass.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus has a lot to teach us in this week's Gospel passage. There are a number of things to consider in this episode related by St. John.

He speaks to us of a hungry crowd. Our world is hungry. Our world is starving for God. So many of our brothers and sisters are spiritually malnourished and they are looking to be fed. Our Lord looks at you and I and asks, like he did Philip, "Where can we get food to feed them?"

Why did Jesus ask Philip for food? Sometimes Jesus wants to test us. Firstly, are we aware that our brothers and sisters are hungering? Secondly, do we understand our insufficiency in the face of this reality? Thirdly, are we ready to offer our part? Fourthly, do we rely on the power and graciousness of God?

Philip realized his insufficiency. He did not have the food for the crowd and he was unable to obtain enough food, even with two hundred days wages. How will we be able to feed our brothers and sisters? Where will we get the spiritual resources?

St. John said that, "Jesus knew what he, himself, was going to do." There were a few loaves and some fish. They were offered to Jesus. He did the rest. When we offer to Jesus what we have, when we put in our part, he will do the rest if we confide in him. That's all he asks us to do.

Am I doing my part in the spread of the Gospel? Am I doing my part in loving and serving my brothers and sisters? Do I confide completely in the power of Jesus to do the rest?

God bless you always

Fr. Art Mollenhauer

Pastor

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 7/22/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,995.45	\$7,196.00
Electronic Offertories	\$3,614.16	\$3,405.20
Total	\$11,609.61	\$10,601.20

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

“Love never wrongs the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law”

- Romans 13:10

HOW ARE YOU FULFILLING GOD’S LAW?

In the book “How Much Should I Be Giving to the Church, to the Poor?”, Ben Scott puts it very well. When he talks about gifts of treasure he says this “...Loving others could be as little as using your treasure to donate money to a local soup kitchen...”

Using Ben’s example, by donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you are not just donating to a food kitchen, you are also donating many other organizations and associations that help the needy.

Ben Scott also supports what we have been saying all along, that the size of the donation is not the important part of the giving process, it is the spirit and love with which you give that matters most..

If you have already donated—**Thank You!** If not, please consider donating now. We are very close to our goal and could use your help.

Appeal Update: As of Monday, July 23, St. James parishioners have donated \$122,092 to this year's appeal. That is 93.92% of our goal of \$130,000 goal.

2018 Second Collections

September 2	Catholic University
October 21	World Mission Sunday
November 18	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
December 9	Retirement Fund for Religious

- The 2nd collection is for those charities that are supported by the Catholic Church.
- For those who use envelopes there will be an envelope for the second collections
- For on-line giving there will be an option with the same title as listed above for the 2nd collection.

Fr. Art is looking for an illustrator to create drawings for a children's bible.

**If interested, please contact him at:
203-522-7696**

or

pastor@stjameschurch.net

Online Giving

Does your electric bill stop just because you are on vacation? How about your insurance—does it stop (so you don't have to pay) when you go on vacation? My guess is that they do not stop and you are still responsible for the bills.

GUESS WHAT? Neither do the bills for St. James.

Online Giving is a way to continue to support St. James even though you are on vacation.

Having these funds allows St. James to plan our expenditures and to continue to provide services to our local community (even during vacation season.)

Please consider using Online Giving!

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin, Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Robert Lambert, Val Jones, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Robert Hayes, Michael Birch, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Annette Kosc, Anastasia Verderosa, Christian Solati, Lena Giantomidis, Tracey Lynn DeCarlo, Tommy Spitaleri, Michael Pataky, Coleman Hartigan, Julia Stewart, Carols Ramos, James Ramos, Edmund Ramos, Michael Riddick, Mary Jane Somers, Junius Reed, Iristza Marti-nex, Diane Cantarano, David Gaffney, Margaret Donahue, Michael Riddick, Barbara Robertson, John Andrade, Donna Nimeth, Joseph Matarazzo, Angie deMello

Faithfully Departed— Richard Schrillo, Denis Gaskins, Mary Kopasz

Wedding Banns
August 18, 2018

Darrell Gallant and Mary Patterson



After the Diagnosis...A Guide for Living by
Fr. Tom Lynch and Barbara Mariconda
 Books are available at the Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATE

This year the men's weekend retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center will be held on the weekend of Nov. 2—4.

The theme for this year's retreat is
 "No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life"

More information will follow shortly.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

In an effort to do the most good for the most people and direct our resources where they can be best be used, effective August, 13, 2018, we are asking that all donations that are meant to help others (in other words be our social outreach) be given to a fund called Social Outreach. While in the past you might have donated specifically to the Food Pantry, the Bridge, Lord's Kitchen, Merton House, etc., we are asking that you just donate to the general fund called Social Outreach. The donations to this general fund will still be used to aid the ministries listed (as well as the other ministries that make up our Social Outreach program) but if a larger need arises in one of these ministries, we will have more resources to address the need(s). To do this, you can either write "Social Outreach" in the memo line of your check or, if you give using Online Giving, specify the "Social Outreach" fund. If you have any questions, call Janine Walsh at the Parish Center. Thank You.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be Thursday August 2 @ 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The meetings are comprised 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](tel:203-377-1265). Donations of yarn always gratefully accepted.

FAITH FORMATION

Betsy Redgate

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.

"You Are God's Masterpiece Retreat"- Saturday, August 4, 9-3-for women ages 18-26. A day of prayer, reflection, inspirational talks and sharing, sponsored by Magnificat Healing Women's Ministry. Cost of \$20 includes snacks and drinks. For more information contact Roxane Angotta at angotta@sbcglobal.net or call 203-512-0201.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons - Our next men's ministry Beloved Sons gathering is Thursday Aug 2 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. Hope to see you then.

MINISTRY WITH WOMEN

Angie deMello and Mary Tesla

***Breaking Bread with Women of St. James
 Saturday, August 4, 2018***

Come join us 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 this 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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Fr. Art is looking for volunteers who would like to help organize the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in December. If interested, please contact Marcy Kelly before October 1. He would like to have a meeting in early October.

