



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

August 5 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 August 6, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Elizabeth Maher

Tuesday August 7, 2018

5:30 p.m. +Andrew Pantalone

Wednesday August 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Juana & Placido Sanchez—Children in Heaven

Thursday August 9, 2018

5:30 p.m. +Minor Sanchez—47th anniversary

Friday, August 10, 2018

8:00 a.m. +In Thanksgiving for blessings from Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, August 11, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Vincent DiTaranto

4:30 p.m. +Stephanie Jurkowski

Sunday, August 12, 2018

7:30 a.m. Lady Mother of God

9:15 a.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

11:15 a.m. +Mary and John Stavola

6:00 p.m. +Alphonse DeJulio

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: (8/4-8/10/18)

Church Tabernacle : Sean Excellent

Chapel Tabernacle : Our homebound parishioners

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES:

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, August 12, 2018

1st Reading: [1 Kgs 19:4-8](#)

Second Reading: [Eph 4:30—5:2](#)

Gospel: [Jn 6:41-51](#)

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

In the Book of Ecclesiastes we read, "Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes..."

All that we work for in this world will end someday. When? We don't know. That is known to God alone. Jesus tells the fool who wanted to build bigger barns to store up his riches, "You fool this very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have stored up for yourself?"

In today's Gospel Jesus tells those who were looking for Him, "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life."

Why do we spend so much effort and time on the trivial things in our life and so little time on the important things? It seems that our days are eaten up with so many insignificant worries and activities that we barely have quality time to spend with each other. Isn't that what life is about? Each other?

This is why Jesus tells his followers to pay attention to what is important: "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." We must fix our attention on what is important- Jesus. Believe in Him. Trust in Him. Have Him as the center of our life. Walk with Him.

Jesus taught us, "Where your treasure is, there is your heart also."

God bless you always,



Fr. Art Mollenhauer—Pastor

Wedding Banns
August 18, 2018
Darrell Gallant and Mary Patterson

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 7/29/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,824.25	\$6,956.03
Electronic Offertories	\$4450.50	\$4,036.70
Total	\$12,274.75	\$10,992.73

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 30, 395 gifts worth \$123,642 from 347 donors bringing the parish to 95.11% of its \$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-Obrien, 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 Martinex, Diane Cantarano, David Gaffney, Margaret Donahue, Michael Riddick, Barbara Robertson, John Andrade, Donna Nimeth, Joseph Matarazzo, Angie deMello, Laura Galatie, Kay Spodnick, Andrew Soltis, Mary Miller, Shamie Singh

Faithfully Departed— Richard Cimino, Robert Krysiak



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.

We received information from the police department that a person tried to cash a check in Cheshire at the Peoples Bank on July 16, 2018 that might have been part of the robbery at the church. If you have any information please contact Marcy at the Parish Center.

Diocesan Blue Mass

Commemorating the Seventeenth Anniversary of 9-11
 September 9, 2018—10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish, 370 Main Street, Danbury, CT
 A Mass for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service Personell who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Everyone welcome!

Reception immediately following the Mass
 in the gym.

VIRTUS Training—Reminder to **New Volunteers**—
 School and parish volunteers needing VIRTUS training are invited to the next Protecting God’s Children training session in the Parish Center on Thursday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m. You may register on-line at www.virtusonline.org. If you have any questions, please call the Human Resources office, ext. 132 at the Parish Center. Please note that the diocese requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers to attend this training.

If you are a current volunteer needing recert training, please go to the VIRTUS website and follow the instructions for online recert training.

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 - Join us at the next Men’s Ministry/ Beloved Sons gathering Saturday, August 18 (6:15-7:30 AM) at the parish center. We will be breaking open the gospel for the 20th week in Ordinary time (JN 6:51-58); and sharing the story about the bread of life as well as some decent (?) coffee.

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.



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.*