



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

August 12 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.

OUR MINISTRIES

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

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. +Eileen Harrity

Tuesday August 14, 2018

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil Mass**

5:30 p.m. +Marilyn T. Miller

Wednesday August 15, 2018

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day**

8:00 a.m. +Evangelina, Julio, Avelar—our babies in
Heaven

5:30 p.m. +Mechtilde Hickertz

Thursday August 16, 2018

5:30 p.m. +Phil Leibrock

Friday, August 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Al Clements

Saturday, August 18 2018

8:00 a.m. +Ramona Miranda

4:30 p.m. + In Memory of Saint Donato

Sunday, August 19, 2018

7:30 a.m. +Jean Harris

9:15 a.m. + Daniel Patrick McCoy

11:15 a.m. + Mr. and Mrs. John Santos

6:00 p.m. St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: (8/11-8/17/18)

Church Tabernacle : Joseph R. Brown

*Chapel Tabernacle : Mr. and Mrs. Mollenhauer—
Happy Anniversary - God's peace
and blessing!*

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 19, 2018

1st Reading: [Prv 9:1-6](#)

Second Reading: [Eph 5:15-20](#)

Gospel: [Jn 6:51-58](#)

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Malnutrition is a reality. This affects people not only in poor countries, but also in countries that have plenty of resources. There are many causes of malnutrition: the lack of food, too much of the wrong kinds of food, a poorly balanced diet, the lack of intake of proper nutrients and vitamins, a health condition, etc. At any rate, all malnutrition involves a dietary deficiency.

Biological malnutrition not only has an effect on our physical condition, but also on our psychological dispositions and our spiritual wellbeing. When I don't eat properly, for example, I can get a headache. The headache then affects my powers of concentration. It affects my energy level. It affects my mood. And it can affect my spiritual disposition.

The reverse is also true. When we are malnourished spiritually, it also affects the psychological and biological dimensions of our being. We must keep everything in balance: a healthy biological life, a healthy psychological life and a healthy spiritual life.

Nutritionists aid us in maintaining a balanced physical diet. Jesus gives us the key to a healthy spiritual diet. We must nourish our souls. He is the Bread of Life. He is the Bread come down from heaven. Whoever eats this Bread will live forever. The Bread that He gives is his flesh for the life of the world.

This is not just a nice fuzzy idea. THIS IS A REALITY. He is our Bread. He is our Nourishment. He asks us to truly believe in this. Some were unable to accept it. They murmured & grumbled. His message to the grumblers was, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day."

God bless you always,



Fr. Art Mollenhauer, Pastor

Weekly Offertory

Week Ending 8/5/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,927.00	\$9,029.11
Electronic Offertories	\$4098..50	\$4,216.07
Total	\$12,025.50	\$13,245.18

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

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.

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.

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.

Wedding Banns
August 18, 2018
Darrell Gallant and Mary Patterson

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.

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, Michael Birch, Violeta Rogowski, AJ, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Anastasia Verderosa, Christian Solati, Lena Giantomidis, Tracey Lynn DeCarlo, Tommy Spitaleri, Michael Pataky, Coleman Hartigan, Julia Stewart, Carols Ramos, James Ramos, Edmund Ramos, 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, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Ed Cranston

Faithfully Departed— Katherine Mazza

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day
Wednesday, August 15, 2018

The office and Chapel will be closed.



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 Weekend – Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19

Saturday, August 18 – Merton House sandwiches - We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center and make brown bag lunches for our brothers and sisters who visit Merton House.

St. James will be visiting **The Bridge on Sunday, August 19th after the 9:15am Mass.** All are welcome to come and help distribute toiletries and other items to our brothers and sisters in need. Please help us to adequately supply our neighbors with donations of the following: toothpaste, deodorant (both men's and women's), shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, and toilet paper. Items can be dropped off at the parish center in the box in the main vestibule. Thank you for caring for those in need.

Food Pantry—Our St. James food pantry continues to supply our needy sisters and brothers with bags of food each week. During the summer, when kids are home from school, people are especially grateful. Our pantry is getting low on canned vegetables and we always gratefully accept donations of pasta, tomato sauce, beans, canned soup, tuna, and chicken, snacks, juice, tea, coffee, Chef Boyardee. Thank you for continuing to stock our pantry each week!

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 Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Everyone welcome! Reception immediately following the Mass in the gym.

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.

Religious Education Registration- If you would like to enroll your child in our classes **for the first time**, please contact the Parish Center so that we may send you the registration forms. Mailing will be done later this month. Classes for grades 1 through 8 will begin in October.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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Beloved Sons - Every first Thursday and third Saturday, every month, the Men’s Ministry Beloved Sons gather together to break open the gospel story for that upcoming Sunday. It’s not bible study or even remotely close. It’s a simple get – together of men, just like you, to share a story and see where it takes us. Join us at the gathering next 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); where the story of the bread of life will “on the table”; and there’s a place-setting already there for you.

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.

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.