



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH

September 2, 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.

Readings for Sunday, September 9, 2018

1st Reading: [Is 35:4-7a](#)

Second Reading: [Jas 2:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Mk 7:31-37](#)

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, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani, Jane Vigliotti
- **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, September 3, 2018

8:00 a.m. † Gaspar Simon

Tuesday September 4, 2018

5:30 p.m. † Aaron deMello

Wednesday September 5, 2018

8:00 a.m. † Yves Francois Pierre

Thursday September 6, 2018

5:30 p.m. † Babies having been aborted

Friday, September 7, 2018

8:00 a.m. † Antonio Soares Birthday Blessing

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. † Ramona Miranda (Ortiz)

4:30 p.m. † Bob Studley

Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:30 a.m. † St. James Parishioners Living and Deceased

9:15 a.m. † Norma Ramik

11:15 a.m. † Daniel Bellantonio

6:00 p.m. † Patricia Pucci

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.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: (9/1-9/7/18)

Church Tabernacle : Fr. Tom—Thank you for everything

Chapel Tabernacle : Thai Nguyen - Special Intention

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

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

Food Pantry~ We are in need of some pantry items to fill our shelves! We are very low on canned vegetables, Chef Boyardee, macaroni and cheese, soups of all varieties, and powdered milk. Please be as generous as you can.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Moses went up on the mountain and received the Ten Commandments from God. He presented them to the people and he said, "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe." He also told them what the consequences would be for them if they observed them: "that you may live." God gives us his law for our own good.

St. Paul enjoins us to, "be doers of the word and not hearers only," deluding ourselves. We know what God's law is. It is written in our hearts. It speaks to us through our conscience. Our conscience tells us when we are in the right and when we are in the wrong. However, we are free to make the decisions we want. We can choose to obey the law or not.

Disobedience to the law has consequences also. The consequences of disobedience are only evil- even if we delude ourselves thinking that disobedience will be good for us. Things may seem to go well for us for a while. But they will catch up to us sooner or later. If we forsake God's law, we will only bring problems on ourselves.

But, if the law is so important, why did the disciples of Jesus not obey them? The Pharisees said, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders?" This is when Jesus taught them a lesson about the spirit of the law. He said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

God's law is the highest law. Human law should have its root in God's law. External obedience is not enough. It may be a beginning. However, if we do not internalize the law, making it our own, we fall into formalism like the Pharisees. Our religion could become just a set of empty practices void of true meaning.

Jesus invites us to delve deep into the authentic meaning of the law which is to give honor and glory to God.

May God bless you always



Fr. Art Mollenhaure,

Pastor

Wedding Banns

*Xavier Marcus and Christie Aimable
Matthew Harrigan and Kathy Paliwoda*

Weekly Offertory
Week Ending 8/26/2018

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$7,823.25	\$7,995.00
Electronic Offertories	\$3,444.16	\$3,716.57
Total	\$11,267.41	\$11,711.57

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

“Obviously, you would give your life for your children, or give them the last biscuit on the plate. But to me, the trick in life is to take that sense of generosity between kin, make it apply to the extended family and to your neighbour, your village and beyond.”

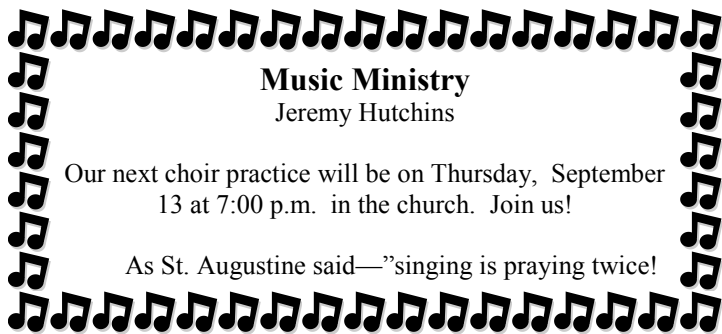
- Tom Stoppard

For everyone else it is important to remember that it's not too late to donate.

We are very close to our goal and only need a few more parishioners to donate in order to make our goal.

Please help us make our goal!

Appeal Update: As of Friday, August 24, St. James parishioners have donated \$125,052 to this year's appeal. That is 96.19% of our goal of \$130,000 goal.



Music Ministry
 Jeremy Hutchins

Our next choir practice will be on Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Join us!

As St. Augustine said—”singing is praying twice!

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.

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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be Thursday September 6 @ 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.

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, Tommy Spitaleri, Julia Stewart, Carlos 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, Tony Caseria, Grace Manente, Gary Redder, Beatriz DeRubis, Thai Nguyen, Jackie Tomsheck, Tracy Paul, Blythe D'Andrea, Robert Raus, John Ebert, Yvonne DeAngelis, Charles Joseph Lisi, EZAVE, Jenna Strickland, James O'Brien, Kathy Kentosh, Cindy Harrison, Victor, Anastasia Verderos, Yvonne DeAngelis, Ellie Hayden



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.

HOLY HOUR AND MASS OF REPARATION

Bishop Caggiano invites all to pray with him on September 15th, at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport.

9:30am Holy Hour of Reparation
10:30am Mass of Reparation

Please consider in joining our bishop and the clergy of the diocese to pray to God for spiritual guidance and strength during these trying times for our Church.

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.

Legacy Estate Planning Conference

Are you interested in knowing more about legacy and estate planning? Join us with Attorney Max Rosenberg on September 26th at 7:30pm at the Parish Center. Learn to plan your future! RSVP: [203 375 5887](tel:2033755887)

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 on September 9. 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 has gone out to former students. If you have not received a packet, please notify us. Classes for grades 1 through 8 will begin in October.

Confirmation Registration is underway for high school students previously enrolled in Religious Education or St. James school. Please contact Parish Center for information if you have not received forms in mail.

Scripture Study- Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25 and 26, 9:30-11:30. Breaking Free with Beth Moore will be on Tuesdays and Letters from Prison on Wednesdays. Cost of \$20 includes study materials. Call or stop by Parish Center to register.

Christian Yoga- beginning September 18 and 19- Tuesdays- 12:00 – 1:15 and Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30p.m in Parish Center. Series of eight classes is \$90, drop in \$14. Please call to register or stop by Parish Center.

MINISTRY WITH MEN

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

Beloved Sons—Join us at the next Beloved Sons gathering this Thursday, September 6 (7:30-8:30 PM) at the parish center. Men (just like you) gather to break open the gospel story for next weekend; the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time (MK 7:31-37). You’ll like what you hear.

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Growing

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is Growing... Attention girls and boys ages 9 thru 12. Here is your invitation to learn how to create a Prayer Shawl to help another. We will teach you how to knit or crochet, you already know how to pray! Space is limited. Please have a parent contact Mary Perille @ [203-377-1265](tel:2033771265) for details.

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.**