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Office—Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

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Sunday, March 15, 2020

PASTOR'S Corner

My dear friends, each one of us is God's love story. To enter into Jesus' wounds is to contemplate the boundless love flowing from his heart. It is to realize that his heart beats for me, for you, for each one of us, just like in a love story, we say to God: 'You became man for me, you died and rose for me and thus you are not only God; you are my God, you are my life. In you I have found the love that I was looking for, and much more than I could ever have imagined.' Pope Francis

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:31-32.

"Minority calls one to be and to feel small before God, entrusting oneself totally to His infinite mercy. The prospect of mercy is incomprehensible for those who do not see themselves as 'minor,' that is, small, needy and sinners before God. The more aware we are of this, the closer we are to salvation; the more we are convinced that we are sinners, the more willing we are to be saved. This is what happens in the Gospel: People who see themselves as poor before Jesus are saved; those who instead maintain they don't need salvation don't receive it, not because it isn't offered but because it wasn't accepted. Minority also means coming out of yourselves, out of your own agenda and personal views; it means going beyond structures—which are useful if used wisely—beyond habits and securities, in order to witness real closeness to the poor, the needy and the marginalized in an authentic attitude of sharing and service."



Friends, next I need to address the growing spread of the Coronavirus. Effective immediately, for everyone's safety, we will only receive communion in our hands. Place one hand over the other and "make a throne" for Jesus. I remind you that if you are not feeling well, you are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass. In fact, until there is more information about the Coronavirus and its spread, one should out of charity avoid public events if experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms. Also, the elderly and those with underlying physical conditions that would make them more susceptible to the Coronavirus are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass.

I also ask you to pray the following prayer each day.

"Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

Finally, please make time to attend, at least, one of our Stations of the Cross on Friday's throughout Lent at 7pm; preceded by adoration from 6:30 to 7pm.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Peter



Monday, March 16, 2020

8:00 a.m. +Oswaldo Suarez

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

5:30 p.m. +Edward Pasciak—Peace of Soul

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. Those Affected by Covid-19

Thursday, March 19, 2020

8:00 a.m. Middle School

5:30 p.m. Andrew Donovan

Friday, March 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. St. James Parishioners

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. +Alphonse DeJulio

4:30 p.m. +Angie & Frank Buccieri

Sunday, March 22, 2020

7:30 a.m. +Gabriella Avila Maraga
—25th Anniversary

9:15 a.m. St. James Parishioners

11:15 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Santos

6:00 p.m. +Tom Chedister & Anne Lacko

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 3/16/20-3/22/20

Church: St. James Parishioners

Chapel: For Peace

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

The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday evenings during Lent: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Saturday's: 12:15 – 1:30pm

Thursday's before First Friday: 4:45 – 5:15pm

A DAY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday March 17th: 9am to 10pm

Weekly Offertory (for week of 03/08/2020)

	<u>03/08/2020</u>	<u>03/03/2019</u>
In Church Collections.....	\$ 7,161.75	\$ 7,127.25
EFT.....	\$ 1,726.82	\$ 1,930.82
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,794.00	\$ 2,454.00
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Weekly Total.....	\$ 10,682.57	\$ 11,512.07

Silent Together

Weekly Centering Prayer & Lectio

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Chapel Join others as we practice silence together to create a more open space for God! Twenty minutes of centering, followed by Lectio Divina. (Note: These gatherings are not a class, a program, or a discussion group—just an opportunity to practice silence together.)

If you are new to Centering Prayer, please contact Carol Young at careyoung1@aol.com or 203-331-1939.

PARISH NURSE: If you would like to meet with a Parish Nurse, please call Margie Balint at 203-378-3081

First Eucharist and Confirmation

Students from St. James School are invited to join us at this time to prepare for the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. If your child is currently in second grade at the school or graduated in 2019, please contact Maria at the Parish Center, (203) 375-5887 ext. 108 to register. We are in need of catechists to help prepare students for these important sacraments. Please contact Maria if you are interested in serving in this important ministry.

MINISTRY WITH SICK AND SHUT-IN



Pat Stockdale - Please have a family member or care-giver contact the Parish Center if you have a loved one who is in the hospital, nursing home, or homebound and they would like a visit from a member of our ministry or would like the Sacraments from one of our Priests. Please contact the parish center if they would like to receive a bulletin.

2020 Mass Intentions

For those wishing to make a mass intention there are still 2020 openings. Please contact the Parish Center.



Mike Perille, Thai Nguyen, David Lathlean, Gary

Normandin, Gene Freeman, Fr. Paul Merry, Andrew Donovan, Allison Macisco-Koziol, Simon Massari, Julia Stewart, John Kenyhercz, John Soares, Anthony Pesano, Lucas McHale, Mrs. Harold Pressman, Patricia Pechillo, Linda Gowing, Athena Velazquez, Martin Baldino, Ed & Barbara Shea, Kim Smith, Rudolph Mason, Joanne Giba, Jenna Strickland, Joan Crespo, Edmund Ramos, Diana Santos, Gloria Yanosy, John Kosci, Mike Birch, Mary Costa, Brandon Mederios

Faithfully Departed: Elizabeth DeFeo

COVENANT LIFE MINISTRIES

LADIES of VIRTUE

2020 CONFERENCE

ELEVATE

-FREE EVENT-

Ladies only—ages 13 and older (no infants or children)

March 28, 2020

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Webster Bank Arena—Bridgeport, CT

Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for tickets



Beloved Sons—Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie, Jeff Noccioli, Mike Curran

The Lenten season is almost halfway thru. Maybe among the things you thought about doing was checking out a men's ministry Beloved Sons gathering. Well, why not join us next Saturday morning, March 21 (6:30-7:45 AM) at the parish center. As we do twice a month (first Thursday/third Saturday), we'll discuss and share the gospel story for that upcoming weekend, the 4th Sunday In Lent (John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38) (shortened version). How and why did the blind man regain his sight? And just like that blind man, perhaps you'll see what you're missing.

How's your Lent going?

Due to Corona Virus precautions, The 2020 Men's Communion Breakfast has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date.

Lenten Prayer Aids available at the church entrance on Main Street and in the Parish Center.

A Jewish, Christian, Muslim Conversation: Texts that Unite, Texts that Divide-Wednesday, March 18, 2:00, Sacred Heart University, University Commons.

Spring Events at FU and SHU- flyers of upcoming offerings available at all exits of the church and the Parish Center.

The Activated Disciple- Taking Your Faith to the Next Level- Saturday, March 21, 9:45-3:00p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church, Weston. Jeff Cavins, evangelist, author, inspirational speaker and tv and radio show host is presenter. Cost is \$100 which includes copy of book, \$25 coupon toward purchases from Ascension press and lunch. Register by March 13 at Womens-GuildSFA@gmail.com or call 203-226-9387.

Social Outreach at St. James

A few years ago I received a call from a woman who wanted to volunteer for Social Outreach. I asked if she was interested in any specific ministry and she began telling me her limitations. She was home bound and had limited resources. For a minute I was stumped. How could she participate? I suggested that she could pray for the ministries, the volunteers, and the poor and homeless we serve. She was very happy with this suggestion and promised to pray for us every day. I heard from her again a few weeks later and she told me that she has been faithful to Social Outreach in her daily prayers. We are all called to serve the poor and there are many ways to serve. Daily prayer is an effective and necessary part of serving.

To All Online Giving Users

All funds for Social Outreach have been re-opened.

So you can once again contribute (using Online Giving) to your favorite Social Outreach programs (such as Food Pantry, Merton House, etc.)

When you are making a donation, you can scan all the funds to see which ones are available.

If you have any questions call the Parish Center and ask for Dave (203) 375-5887



Do you want to become a member of St. James?

If you do, then please complete the following and deposit in the offertory basket

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Comments _____

We look forward to hearing from you!

Solar Energy Stewardship Program

Want to raise funds for St. James without writing a check?
Want to save money on your electricity bill?
Want to have a positive impact on the environment?

If your answer is "yes" to any or all questions, then sign up for a consultation with Trinity Solar by calling **1-800-655-2500**, or go to www.gotrinitysolar.com/sjrc

Please identify you are from St. James Roman Catholic Church.

When you sit with a Trinity consultant for Q&A session to determine if you qualify for a solar system installation, **St. James gets \$100 from Trinity Solar.**

Additionally, when you have a solar system installed by Trinity, **St. James gets \$1,000 from Trinity Solar.**

To date, 75% of parishioners who have had a consultation are in the process of installation.



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday, Wednesday, & 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.

Confession

- Saturdays (12:15-1:30)
- Thursday before 1st Friday (4:45-5:15)
- By appointment

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*
- *Rosary every Friday at 4:30 p.m.*
- *NOTE: The Parish Center Chapel is closed between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM on Wednesdays*

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Friday

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Parish Pastoral Assistant:** Deacon Joe Koletar
- **Trustees:** Chad Betz, Luca Servino
- **Pastoral Council:** Ruwani Williams
- **Finance Council:** Chad Betz—chadcbetz@gmail.com
- **Safety Committee:** Jack Cratty

OUR MINISTRIES

Adult Pastoral Ministry

- **Ministry with Men:** Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie, Jeff Noccioli and Mike Curran
- **Ministry with Women:** Angie deMello and Mary Tesla

Communal Prayer Worship

- **Music Ministry/Organist:** John J. Masi, Jr.
- **Liturgical Environment:** Michele Hoekenga

Pastoral Services

- **Lifelong Formation:** Betsy Redgate - bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **Principal St. James School:** Jack Lynch
- **Director of Religious Ed:** Maria Aguirre
- **Ministry with Teens:** Bob Nagy and Karen Smith
- **Ministry with Sick & Shut-Ins:** Pat Stockdale
- **Charity, Justice, and Peacemaking:** Jim Hodska
- **PATH:** Debby Carroll - path.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **St. James Prison Ministry:** Denis Granado - denis.granado@gmail.com and Mary Tesla
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille and Mercy Ingersoll
- **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani and Jane Vigliotti
- **Respect Life:** Joe Sullivan
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby

Support Services

- **Stewardship:** David Zamachaj - DZamachaj@saintjameschurchstratford.org
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj—nszamachaj.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **Business Office:** Dolores Lathlean



Sunday, March 15, 2020

1st Reading: EX 17:3-7

2nd Reading: 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: JN 4:5-42

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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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