

Saint James Parish

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November 26, 2017

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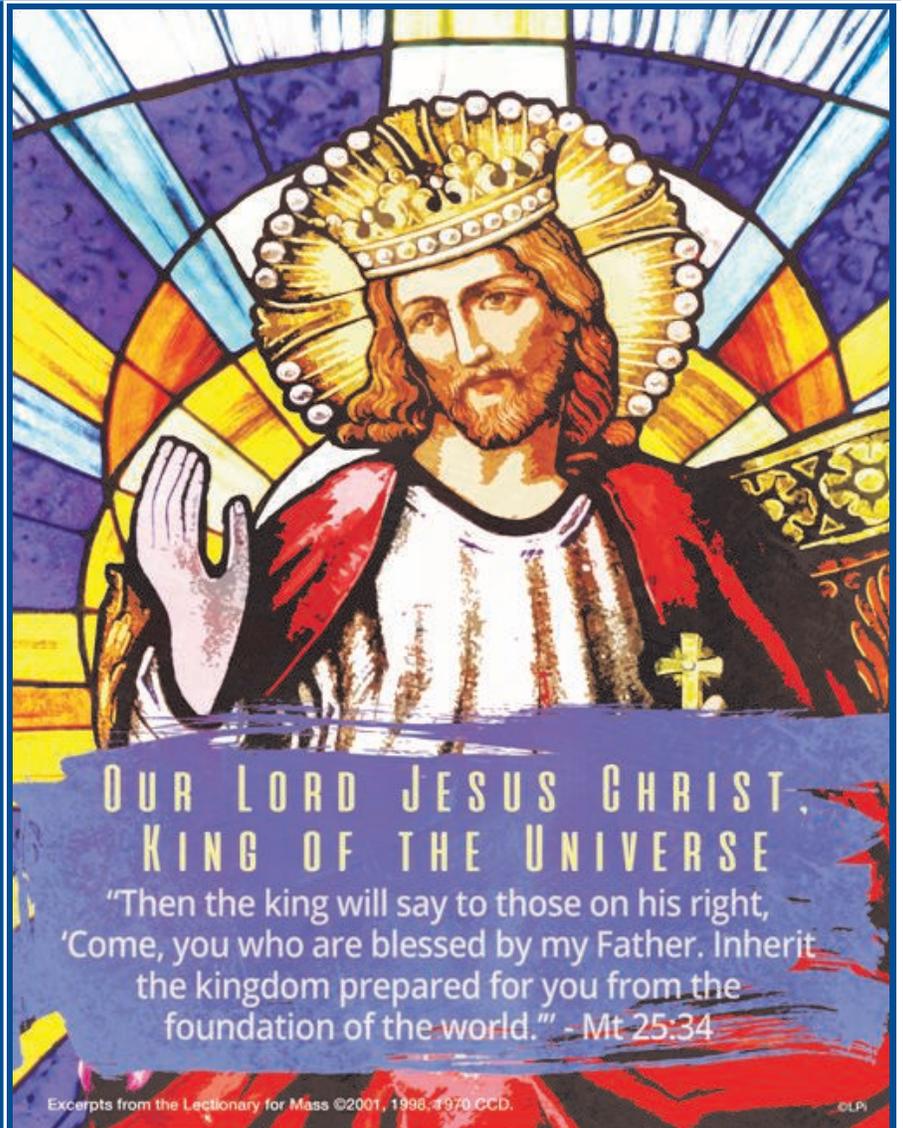
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MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL: SATURDAY 4:00PM @ SAINT JAMES, 5:00PM @ ASSUMPTION

SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM @ SAINT JAMES

SUNDAY: 10:00AM @ ASSUMPTION

MONDAY: 12:05PM, TUESDAY - SATURDAY 8:00AM

Please consider remembering Saint James Parish or Saint James School in your Will.

Saint James Parish — Manchester



KEY: AC-ASSUMPTION CHURCH SJC-ST. JAMES CHURCH

Saturday, November 25

VIGIL MASS - **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

SJC 4:00 PM ✕ Rosaria Beccio by daughter

AC 5:00 PM ✕ Jennie Marc Anthony by Nat McDonnell

Sunday, November 26--OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SJC 7:30 AM ✕ Rita D'Amico by Sal D'Amico & children

SJC 9:00 AM ✕ Fr. Francis McDonnell by Nat McDonnell

AC 10:00 AM ✕ Frank & Mary Pinto by Anna Pinto

SJC 11:00 AM ✕ Barbara Fagan (15th) by Cindy Fagan

Monday, November 27

SJC 12:05 PM ✕ Marie & Leon Mularski by Brian

Tuesday, November 28

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ No Mass due to Priests Convocation

Wednesday, November 29

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ No Mass due to Priests Convocation

Thursday, November 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

SJC 8:00 AM—For the Parishioners of the Parish

First Friday, December 1

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ Linda Maselek by Matt Galligan

Saturday, December 2

SJC 8:00 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Nomita Gomes

VIGIL MASS -FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SJC 4:00 PM ✕ Sylvia Smith by Packer & family

AC 5:00 PM ✕ Nancy Ann Galligan by Matt Galligan

Sunday, December 3--

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SJC 7:30 AM ✕ Elaine Connors & Emily Condio by
the Leslie family

SJC 9:00 AM ✕ Robert Messier by Gary Edwards

AC 10:00 AM ✕ Larry Nevins (3rd) by Judy Nevins

SJC 11:00 AM ✕ Patricia Cottle (2nd) by her family

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

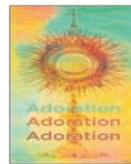
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

The Sanctuary Lamp

*burns this week
for the greater honor and glory of God
and in memory of
Edward Kelly III*



Convocation for Priests: Archbishop Blair will be meeting with virtually all the priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford in a convocation that will begin on Monday afternoon, November 27th, and end on Wednesday afternoon, November 29th. The rectory office will be open, but **there will be NO 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday** as Fathers Cavanaugh, Carlson and Pahl will be participating in the convocation.



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on **Friday, December 1** from **1PM-8PM**. Eucharistic Adoration is our acknowledgement that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. If you would like to sign up (at least 2 adorers required each hour), call Nancy Ecabert, 860-646-4325. You are not committed to the same hour each month, you can sign up for a different hour each month or even 15 mins. or 30 mins.

*The weekly collection totals for last weekend:
SJC-\$9,493 AC-\$3,365*

*Campaign for Human Development collection totaled:
SJC-\$3,201 AC-1,811*

*The 2nd collection this weekend is for
the Archdiocese for Military Services.*

*The 2nd collection next weekend is for the
Retired Religious.*



*Saint James Parish offers Online Giving.
Visit: www.stjamesmanchester.org or call our
Business Manager, Marisa Howard at 860-643-4129.*

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Religious Education

Religious Education Classes meet on Sundays
10:00AM – 10:50AM in St. James School.

Who is a Parishioner of Saint James Church?

While the answer may seem obvious to some, others frequently ask for clarification on requirements for being considered a parishioner. We hope the following helps those who may be unsure.

First and most basic, a parishioner is formally registered with Saint James Church. A faithful parishioner attends Mass regularly, participates in church activities, and follows the Canon Law admonition to contribute to the support of the parish.

Parishioners have their children baptized here and enroll them in our CCD program. Assuming they meet other requirements, they are eligible to receive parish certificates enabling them to serve as Godparents or Confirmation sponsors. They may be married here, and they may have their funerals here.

Sometimes people assume they are parishioners because they've been coming here for years, although they may have never formally registered. If you're not sure if you are registered call Carole at the parish office: 860-643-4129.



Thank you! Knights of Columbus Council 1155 are very grateful for your support of our monthly *Can and Bottle Collections* throughout 2017. We appreciate it very much. Your generosity makes it possible for us to fund a variety

of charitable works in our community and world throughout the year. You share in that work.

NOTE: No drives will be held this month or in December. The next one is scheduled for January 27, 2018 and on the 4th Saturday of each subsequent month.



COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE - Have your children or grandchildren out-grown their winter coat? Is it still in good shape? The K of C is making it easy to pass on gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters & sweatshirts, as well as coats to keep a local child warm this winter. The Knights will deliver them to needy children in the Manchester area in time for Thanksgiving. Collection containers are located in the St. James Parish Hall and Assumption Church, from now through November 19th. No coats, etc. No problem! They also gratefully accept cash gifts for purchase of coats as well!

Please contact Kevin McGuire 860-432-8617 or KevinPMcGuire@outlook.com for info/pick up of your gifts. Thank you for your support.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Have you heard of Small Christian Communities? Wonder just what they are? If you are looking for a little something extra - some community, study and discussion with fellow parishioners- consider Small Christian Communities.

Groups that will meet weekly are forming. If you would like more information, please call Joan O'Loughlin at (860) 643-4031.

Social Action Committee: For the past several weeks the themes for Catholic Social Action have appeared in the bulletin: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity, and Care for God's Creation. If you would be interested in pursuing these interests, consider joining the Social Action Committee. Call George Hirko at (860) 646-4351 or Joan O'Loughlin at (860) 643-4031.



Knights of Columbus **PIZZA WITH SANTA** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1:30 to 4 PM in Saint James Church Hall. The event is **FREE**. Children/grand-children of the parish

and the community are all welcome to attend. If you know of a family struggling to get by, please invite them to attend. Children can visit with Santa and receive a small gift. As a bonus, parents will receive a **FREE** photo of their child with Santa. Visit baby Jesus in the manger, enjoy music videos and many other children's activities. Enjoy a slice or two of pizza from Manchester Pizza and a beverage. Pre-registration required before November 30th on line at: info@kofccouncil1155.org (Events and News) or by phone at: 860.288.7636. **Merry Christmas** from the Knights of Columbus!



Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 15, 2017 starting at 6 PM at the Army and Navy Club of Manchester, 1090 Main Street. Open to all St. James parishioners, family and friends. Bring the kids. The cost is \$25 per adult. Children 16 yrs. and under are free. Price includes appetizers, complete buffet dinner catered by Manchester Grill, music by DJ, dancing and raffles. Cash bar. For reservations and tickets please contact: Grand Knight Phil Gordon at 860-895-1433/ philgordo@comcast.net or Joe Congdon at 860-647-8927/ jrcongdon@att.net. Reservations are required.

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

*Is Jesus calling you
to do something different?*



For more information about priestly vocations
visit www.vocations@aohct.org

MEETINGS

Monday, November 27

7:00PM – Pre-Baptism meeting will be held in the Church Hall Conference Rm. #1. To pre-register please call the church rectory 860-643-4129.

Saturday, December 2

9:00AM – Women's Spirituality Group will meet in the Church Hall.

Saint James Parish Circle of Love Prayer Line

For information on joining or to add a prayer intention to the *St. James Parish Circle of Love Prayer Line*, please call Marcia Giglio (432-2527) or Patricia Albers (643-1015)



ASSUMPTION CHURCH MEMORIAL CANDLES Week of November 19, 2017

MARY'S ALTAR

Alfred & Jeanne Poncelet
Fred & Ellie Dandeneau
Lillian Zammiello
Leonore Ash
Jean-Yves Grimard
Anita Daigle
May John rest in peace
For the repose of the soul of Jean-Yves Grimard

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

To request a candle be lit, please take an envelope from either Mary's or Saint Joseph's Altar, fill in the information and place in the collection basket or mail to St. James Rectory, 896 Main Street, Manchester, CT 06040. You can request more than one candle per envelope by utilizing the space on the back of the envelope. The cost for each candle is \$7.00.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society - in economics and politics, in law and policy - directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25: 31 - 46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



Please be advised that the sidewalk between the Assumption Rectory and Assumption School including the Convent sidewalk will be closed during the Winter season.



Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Spend some quality time with our Lord. Each **Monday** at 7:10PM at Assumption Church a Novena will be held. We will pray the Rosary and have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

Sacraments

- ✦ **Baptism:** contact the Parish Office for information
- ✦ **Penance: (Confession):** Saturdays 2:00– 3:00 PM & Thursday Evenings before First Fridays 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- ✦ **Communion:** (parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized) contact the Parish Office
- ✦ **Marriage:** contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to possible date
- ✦ **Priesthood:** speak with one of our priests or visit www.vocationshartford.org
- ✦ **Anointing of the Sick:** contact the Rectory as soon as possible

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Christ the King?

Christ himself speaks of His own kingly authority: in his last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in his reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked him publicly whether he were a king or not; after his resurrection, when giving to his Apostles the mission of teaching and baptizing all nations, he took the opportunity to call himself king, confirming the title publicly, and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given him in heaven and on earth. These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of his power, the infinite extent of his kingdom. What wonder, then, that he whom St. John calls the "prince of the kings of the earth" appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as he who "hath on his garment and on his thigh written 'King of kings and Lord of lords!'" It is Christ whom the Father "hath appointed heir of all things"; "for he must reign until at the end of the world he hath put all his enemies under the feet of God and the Father."

It was surely right, then, in view of the common teaching of the sacred books, that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all men and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of Kings. And, in fact, she used these titles, giving expression with wonderful variety of language to one and the same concept, both in ancient psalmody and in the Sacramentaries.

(From Pope Pius XI, Encyclical Letter, *QUAS PRIMAS*, #11-12)

*O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge Thee as universal King.
All that has been made, has been created for Thee.
Exercise all Thy rights over me. I renew my baptismal
vows, renouncing Satan, his pomps and his works;
and I promise to live as a good Christian.
In particular do I pledge myself to labor,
to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the
rights of God and Thy Church.*

*Divine Heart of Jesus, to Thee do I proffer my poor ser-
vices, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Thy Sa-
cred Kingship, and that thus the reign of Thy peace be es-
tablished throughout the whole universe. Amen.*

Archdiocese for the Military Services: Serving Those Who Serve

On the weekend of **November 25th/26th**, the 2nd collection will be taken for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA at each Mass. This collection gives us the opportunity to serve those who serve. With the money raised from this collection, the Archdiocese for Military Services will be able to insure that all Catholic men, women and families have access to the sacraments, authentic Catholic formation, and the spiritual guidance of a Catholic chaplain wherever they are stationed. The AMS serves 1.8 million Catholics worldwide with only 500 ordained priests.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services needs your support. Thank you!

Parish Appeal Update

As of November 14th, a total of **\$151,764.99** in donations has been received and another **\$167,038.09** has been pledged to be paid during the remainder of the campaign's **2-year donation period** – for a total of **\$318,803.08 – 43%** of our **\$750,000** goal.

If you have yet to make a pledge or a donation to the Annual Parish Appeal, please take the opportunity to do so at your earliest convenience so that we may assess which projects we will undertake immediately. Envelopes with additional pledge/donation cards are available at all the church entrances for your convenience. **Please remember, this is a 2-year campaign so you are pledging your support over a 2-year period.**

SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL RETIRED RELIGIOUS

If you are interested in making a contribution to either the Sisters of Charity, who helped staff Assumption School, or the retired priests of the Vincentian Fathers who regularly assist us, send your donation to: Sisters of Charity, Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT 06330-0691, and/or Vincentian Fathers, DePaul Provincial Residence, 234 Keeney Street, Manchester, CT 06040.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Flower Envelopes are located at the Church exits. Please return donation by December 23rd. Please print legibly. Thank you.

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The Social Action committee needs your help in providing food and gifts to MACC and local nursing homes this Christmas. Please take an ornament off the Christmas tree, purchase your gift per the suggestions and return the **wrapped** gift to the church by Sunday, December 10th. Signup sheets are available for those who wish to provide a Christmas dinner. Please take and read the information sheet that describes the type and quantity of food needed. Dinners should be brought to the St. James Church lower hall on Saturday, December 16th, by 10:00 AM. Please call George Hirko (860-646-4351) or Joan O'Loughlin (860-643-4031) with any questions. Thank you for your support.

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL



Pre-Kindergarten - 8th Grade Now Accepting Applications

Saint James School is currently accepting new student applications for its pre-kindergarten, elementary school, and middle school programs for the 2018-2019 school year. An informational Open House for families looking at the school's kindergarten through 8th grade will be held on January 30th at 8:30AM at the school's Park Street location. The Pre-Kindergarten program will have its first informational Open House of the year on February 5th at 5:30pm. For details on either Open House event or to schedule a personal tour of the school please e-mail aguenther@saintjameschool.net or call the school at 860.643.5088.

At Saint James School, teachers utilize a *traditional*, *accelerated*, and *innovative* curriculum designed to challenge students to think, create, question, and discover. Standardized test scores from 2017 show performance consistently ahead of grade level in all subjects. Lessons from the Catholic faith - including morals and values - are incorporated into students' daily lives to help prepare them to live successfully in today's world.

Tuition assistance is available to qualifying families.



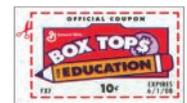
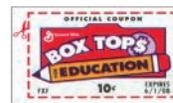
TREE OF BLESSINGS

Once again, we are accepting orders for the 2017 Tree of Blessings. You may purchase a beautifully-designed cardstock ornament "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one. The ornament, with your loved one's name placed on it, will be displayed on the Saint James School Christmas tree. A prayer service honoring the recipients will be held on Wednesday, December 20th, at 8:15AM in the school gymnasium. Students will be bringing home order forms on Tuesday, November 21st. Order forms will also be placed at the front and back exits of the Church and will be available in the front office of the school. Order forms need to be returned to the school no later than December 13, 2017 and all proceeds will benefit Saint James School. Thank you for your generosity! Have a Blessed Christmas season!



SHOP AMAZON, SUPPORT SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Amazon's new charitable giving program, *AmazonSmile*, will donate a percentage of your total Amazon purchases to Saint James School! Simply type <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0653122> into your website browser and begin shopping. Or, visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and, when prompted to select a charity, enter *St. James School Manchester* or *06-0653122* in the search box. Entering Amazon through the "Smile" link gives you the **same products, same price, same service** as Amazon.com but with the extra bonus of supporting Saint James School. We thank you for supporting our School!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COLLECTION FOR SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

Each box top you clip is worth 10¢. Please bring in your box tops and put them into one of the boxes at the entrances to the church, and they will be counted with box tops collected at the school. Box Tops are used for school supplies. Thank you very much for your support!

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LIFE TEEN

The Cathedral of St. Joseph has begun Life Teen, a ministry for all high school teenagers in the greater Hartford area. Meetings will be held on Sunday nights from 6:30-8 pm at the Cathedral, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford. For more information please call Fr. Casey at the Cathedral office 860-249-8431.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Friendship counselors (training provided), clerical and clothing workers, and church fund raising helpers are needed. Birthright's guiding principle: "It is the **RIGHT** of every pregnant woman to give **BIRTH** and the **RIGHT** of every child to be **BORN**". Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to women in crisis pregnancies. Call 860-290-8800 to volunteer.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017, at 8AM at East. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL assists your neighbors in need. The Society provides assistance in the form of food, utilities and oil thanks to the generosity of Saint James parishioners. Please consider a donation to assist those in need. Donations marked "SVDP" can be placed in the collection basket, & checks should be made payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



TUESDAY EVENING BINGO

Join us for a fun evening of **BINGO** at Assumption Church Hall every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5:00PM and Bingo starts at 6:30PM. Coffee and tea are provided. Food and soda available to purchase. Cash prizes. For further information, call Romeo @ 860-647-9335.

PROGRESSIVE PRIZE.....\$500.00