

Saint James Parish

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December

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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, December 23

VIGIL MASS -4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SJC 4:00 PM ✕ L. Dale Briere by Joan & Heather Briere & Eric

AC 5:00 PM ✕ Matre & Zatkowski families by the family

Sunday, December 24--4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SJC 7:30 AM ✕ **NO MASS**

SJC 9:00 AM ✕ Andrew LaPointe by family

AC 10:00 AM ✕ Jack & Bridgie Luby by Marie Luby

SJC 11:00 AM ✕ John Rivosa by Myrna & family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

VIGIL MASSES – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SJC 4:00 PM ✕ Intention of Celebrant

AC 4:00 PM ✕ Intention of Celebrant

SJC 6:00 PM ✕ Intention of Celebrant

SJC 12:00 MN ✕ Intention of Celebrant

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25-THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SJC 9:00 AM ✕ Intention of Celebrant

AC 10:00 AM ✕ Intention of Celebrant

SJC 11:00 AM ✕ Intention of Celebrant

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen, the first martyr

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ Ken DeForge by his family

Wednesday, December 27 St. John the apostle, evangelist

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ John & Margaret Sullivan

Thursday, December 28 the Holy Innocents, martyrs

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ Eddie Lataille (3rd) by his family

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr

SJC 8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Saturday, December 30

SJC 8:00 AM ✕ Maria & Francis Pasternak by Maria Gnat

VIGIL MASS -THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

SJC 4:00 PM ✕ Rosario Beccio by daughter

AC 5:00 PM ✕ Sally Rackowski by Blanche Perras

Sunday, December 31--

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

SJC 7:30 AM ✕ Annmarie Sullivan Griffin by Pat &

J.J. Sullivan

SJC 9:00 AM ✕ Ann & Phil Sullivan Sr. & Phil Jr.

AC 10:00 AM ✕ Marianna Stanislaw & Christopher Tanski

by Regina Carreiro

SJC 11:00 AM ✕ John Rivosa by Myrna & family

The Sanctuary Lamp

*burns this week
for the greater honor and glory of God
and in memory of
Kevin Walsh*



The Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

VIGIL MASS -SOLEMINITY OF MARY

SJC 4:00 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1-SOLEMINITY OF MARY

SJC 9:00 AM, AC 10:00 AM, SJC 11:00 AM



Music Notes....from James Bagni



As we celebrate Christmas, I keep in mind the "reason for the season", from the creche to the cross and beyond, so my thoughts aren't always "in the present". I paraphrase again from my last article, "Music is not something music ministers do for the congregation, but with the congregation." In order to not only sustain but also augment the music program, I invite any parishioner who sings or plays an instrument to introduce yourself to me to share ideas about offering your talents. If you prefer, you can send an e-mail or leave me a message. My contact information is on the front of the bulletin. Perhaps you might sing or play on a special occasion, or as a chorister for a season, Holy Week, or the Easter Vigil. Aiming for a well balanced choir, I especially encourage basses and tenors to contact me. What are your thoughts? Let's talk or, better yet, SING and PLAY. You're invited! Merry Christmas!

The weekly collection totals for last weekend:

SJC-\$10,670

AC-\$3,600



Saint James Parish offers Online Giving.

*Visit: www.stjamesmanchester.org or call our
Business Manager, Marisa Howard at 860-643-4129.*

Christmas Flower Donations 2017

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED
IN MEMORY OF:

- Dwight Rathbone Marvin &
- Judith Frances Donahue by Jamie Donahue
- Mary Connolly by Robert & Marian Doucette
- George & Mark Doyon by Charlotte Doyon
- Maryann C. Wilson & William J. Murphy by Kevin & Lynne Ferrigno
- Frank Johnson, Celestine & Armand Breton,
- Art & Ethylene Johnson by Doris Johnson
- Louis & Ann Wieland & William & Sean Kelly
By Mary Ann Kelly
- Mary & Joseph Labowski, Joseph &
- Thelma Leal by M/M Leon Labowski
- John & Alice Marshall Lamenzo Marshall &
Jean Lamenzo
- Madden & Baronowsky families by
M/M Robert March
- Francis & Catherine Madden by
M/M Robert L. March
- Deborah Gardinier by Anne Marie Millis
- Francis & Catherine Madden by
M/M Lawrence Oates
- Panas, Zaremba, Lane, Kusmierski &
- Bunchek families by M/M George Panas
- Giuseppe Pellegrino, Paolo & Angela Amodio
by Mrs. Sabastiana Pellegrino
- Arthur Rife by Clarence & Janice Rife
- M/M Joseph Berry, M/M Edward Toper Sr.
- Cindi Charizione, by M/M Edward S. Toper
- John & Stella Young, Theodore Armata by
M/M Robert Young
- John & Jean Breen by Tom Breen
- James & Deborah Griffin, John &
- Sofia DelMastro, Ben & Antoinette Marino by
M/M Ben DelMastro
- family, relatives, & friends with love by
Jack Migliore
- Trudy Daly by M/M Mark Temple
- Bartone & McCarthy families by Pasquale &
Sybil Bartone
- Joseph Bongiovanni by
M/M Joseph Bongiovanni
- M/M Edward Boyer by M/M Timothy Boyer
- George Johnson by Shirley Babiec
- Buccino & Falkowski families by Agnes Buccino
- Gerard R. D'Avignon by Paula d'Avignon
- Anne Porter & Alan Krause by Jeff &
Sherry Duvall
- all the departed souls by Richard Fagan
- Marylou Zingler by god daughter Jennifer Fay
- Marylou Zingler by her sister Laurie Fay
- Dr. Edward T. Kelly III by Mrs. Margaret Kelly
- the Maneggia & Hassett families deceased by
M/M Paul Maneggia
- Ludwik & Mary Zapasnik, Anthony &
- Joanna Mikulski by Helen Mikulski
- Frank Mikulski by wife Helen
- Marylou Zingler by mother Helen Mikulski
- Kazimiera Januszkiewicz by Joanne Mikulski
- Frank Mikulski by Joanne Mikulski
- Marylou Zingler by sister Joanne Mikulski
- Msgr. Peter Dora by George & Shirley Panas
- Richard & Woodie Peeler by M/M Jim Peeler
- Thomas E. Wilke & Peter T. Petrone by
M/M Peter Petrone
- family of Joseph & Angeline Raimondo, &
- Raymond T. Quish by Caroline Quish
- Giammalvo family by M/M Joseph Salvia
- Frank Savino, John Savino, Clarence &
- Elizabeth Lewie, Louis Deptula, Janice Ventura
by Christine & Francis Savino

**This list will be continued in the next bulletin.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Is Jesus calling you
to do something different?*



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For more information about priestly vocations
visit www.vocations@aohct.org
or speak with Fr. Cavanaugh, Fr. Carlson or Fr. Pahl

MEETINGS

There are no meetings scheduled for this week.



ASSUMPTION CHURCH
MEMORIAL CANDLES
Week of December 17, 2017

MARY'S ALTAR

Alfred & Jeanne Poncelet
Fred & Ellie Dandeneau
Lillian Zammiello
Leonore Ash
George Kania
Brenda Cyr
Barbara McGuirl

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

for a Personal Petition
in loving memory of
Libby & John Zack

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.

Parish Appeal Update

As of December 8th, a total of \$203,656.80 in donations has been received and another \$181,895.36 has been pledged to be paid during the remainder of the campaign's **2-year donation period** – for a total of \$383,177.16, 51% 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.**

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 Patricia Albers (643-1015) or Mary Jane Pazda (805-4081)

"THE ABCS OF ANNULMENT": The Rev. John Granato, pastor of the Torrington Cluster Parishes, Torrington will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Thursday January 11th, from 7- 9 PM in Sacred Heart Church Hall, 116 Grove Street. Members of the Annulment Team will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham make up the Annulment Team. They will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up workshop on Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 1 from 7-9PM also in the church hall weather permitting.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. A donation is requested to defray the cost of the associated printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at larlus300@sbcglobal.net.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas!

As I reflect on the wonderful message of Christmas that we hear in the Gospels I'm reminded of how the birth of Our Savior changed our world. Truly, in the birth of Jesus the "people who walked in darkness have seen a new light". The Lord Jesus brings God's love and hope to our entire world. I can't help but think that the birth of Our Savior had a special impact on the Holy Family. Certainly, the love that Joseph had for Mary and the infant Jesus grew and was strengthened by the birth of Our Savior. It is my hope that as you celebrate Christmas with your families and loved ones that the love of God that we celebrate at Christmas may strengthen your families and enable the bond of love that you share to grow even stronger.

Fathers Carlson and Pahl, Deacons Germain and LaRocque and our entire staff join me in wishing you and your loved ones a merry and blessed celebration of Our Savior's birth.

Father Carroll

Religious Education

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



Thank you to those who joined the Carol Sing at West Side and Touchpoints Nursing Homes on Thursday, December 14th. It was a delightful time which blessed both the giver and the receiver.

Come and Pray Winter Holy Hours for
Vocations to the Priesthood
January-April, 2018

The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites everyone to come and pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese on

Thursday, January 11th @ 7:00pm at
St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill

celebrated by Fr. Jeff Gubbiotti, Vocation Director
Each Holy Hour begins at 7:00pm and will be followed
by a light "coffee and" reception so you can
meet one another. Please join us!

Who is a Parishioner of Saint James Parish?

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, a parishioner is formally registered with Saint James Parish. 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, please call Carole at the parish office: 860-643-4129.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all parishioners who donated for the Christmas flowers. Your generosity is appreciated.

Services For Seniors
For service please email request to:
kofcservicesforseniors@gmail.com
Or phone: 860-647-8556
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Several years ago, an exciting new ministry was introduced to our senior parishioners. *Service for Seniors* is a free service intended to provide miscellaneous light home maintenance to parishioners who are either at least 80 years old or who are disabled and not physically or safely able to perform these tasks on their own. The program is being staffed and administered by our local Knights of Columbus Council 1155. If you are eligible and you have a question about the program, please contact Gary Dahms at 860-647-8556, Joe Congdon at 860-647-8927 or email us at kofcservicesforseniors@gmail.com.

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.

TUITION ASSESSMENT

Saint James Church will subsidize the tuition of parishioners attending Catholic schools in accordance with the guidelines established by the Archdiocese of Hartford. This includes families of students who attend Saint James School and East Catholic High School who claim Saint James Church as their parish. The following conditions must be met: **1.** The family must be registered in the Parish; **2.** The family must be active and participate regularly in Sunday Mass and parish events; **3.** The family must contribute to the parish using the offertory envelope system or on-line giving through Our Sunday Visitor.



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!

A note from Father Burns,

Father Burns recently joined us for the Town Wide Penance Service and assisted in hearing the confessions of our Saint James School students. He was delighted to be back at Saint James and asked us to pass on his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our entire Saint James Parish family.

December 24, 2017

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.

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. Please note there will not be Novena on Monday, December 25th.

Start off your new year with a gift to yourself. We are forming a new Small Christian Community which will meet in the evening. Gather with fellow parishioners to study, reflect, discuss and pray on the coming weekend scripture readings. Open to all who are looking for a little something more. If you would like further information call Joan O'Loughlin at (860) 643-4031.



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, and checks should be made payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul". Thank you in advance for your support.



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.....\$300.00

No Bingo on Tuesday, December 26, 2017