

Saint James Parish

Saint James Church and Assumption Church
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December 31, 2017

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THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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 30

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

VIGIL MASS -

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

SJC 4:00 PM ✨ Frank Beccio by his 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
John Rivosa*



COFFEE AND... in the church hall after all Sunday Masses **Sunday, January 14th**. Please join us! Our Lady Crafters will have many items for sale. Please help support our dedicated Crafters for their time and talent by making a purchase. Our host will be the Saint James School Foundation.

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

VIGIL MASSES — SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SJC 4:00 PM ✨ Intention of Celebrant

MONDAY, JANUARY 1-THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SJC 9:00 AM ✨ Georgette & Walter Bantley by daughter

AC 10:00 AM ✨ Malachy McDonald by wife Nora

SJC 11:00 AM ✨ Paul Gomes by Rani Gomes

Tuesday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops

SJC 8:00 AM ✨ Souls in Purgatory by Jan Cantin

Wednesday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

SJC 8:00 AM ✨ Rebecca Drew Janenda by Jean Barry

Thursday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious*

SJC 8:00 AM ✨ Katherine Howell (4th) by Ada Halpryn

First Friday, January 5 *St. John Neumann, bishop*

SJC 8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Saturday, January 6 *St. André Bessette, religious*

SJC 8:00 AM ✨ Richard Pedrini by Fr. John Pahl

VIGIL MASS -**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

SJC 4:00 PM ✨ Paul Lucius by his wife

AC 5:00 PM ✨ Eliza Maloti Gomes by Premol Gomes

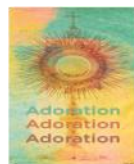
Sunday, January 7--THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SJC 7:30 AM ✨ Delight Hefferen by Susan Ammann

SJC 9:00 AM ✨ Eileen Mahoney-Brady by her family

AC 10:00 AM ✨ Samuel LeSmith by his parents

SJC 11:00 AM ✨ Mary Connolly by Mark & Gayle Connolly and family



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on **Friday, January 5th** 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 and Christmas will be in next weekend's bulletin due to the bulletin deadline.



*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:

- **Stepanski, Joyce, Laliberte families** by Patricia Stepanski
- **the Wheatley family, Gladstone family, other family, friends and relatives** by Don Wheatley
- **Connolly & DelGreco family deceased** by M/M Kevin Connolly
- **Matthew Koyama** by M/M Daniel Iezzi
- **Mary Labowski, Cyr Parent & Wanda Parent** by M/M Jeffrew Labowski
- **Helen Sapia, Angelo Sapia, Robert Lang and – Carmelita Lang** by M/M Michael Lang
- **Nicole Lippolis** by Mrs. Rosa Lippolis
- **M/M Alphonse Courcy, Roger Martin** by Paul & Suzanne Michard
- **William C. Morel III, Lt. Col. USAF** by Emily Morel
- **Leo & Anne LeMay** by M/M Timothy Moynihan
- **Frank Savino, John Savino, Clarence & Elizabeth Lewie, Janice Ventura, Louis Deptula** by Olga Savino
- **Helen & Charles Napolitano, Anna, Vincent, Gilbert Ciunci, Nicholas Galiette Sr., Clara & Bill Vito Cilli** by Mrs. Patricia Ciunci
- **Mary & John Bania, Alice & Anthony Heidcavage** by Stephen Bania
- **Camposeo/Swiatek family members** by Joseph & Katherine Camposeo
- **John & Julia Carter, Burton & Gloria Hilton** by Mary Jane Carter
- **Petrone & Schauster families** by Richard & Marie Schauster
- **Peter Petrone, Joseph & Valerie Cannito, Kelly McVeigh, Andrew LaPointe** by Nick & June Pescosolido
- **John & Sheila Foley** by Anne Foley
- **McGuire & DelSignore families** by Eileen DelSignore
- **Matthew Helin** by Victor & Anne Helin
- **Roger Lemelin** by Geraldine Lemelin
- **Jean Loto & Loto & Hayes families** by Frank Loto
- **Robert & Margaret Mirante, & those who have honorably served our nation** by Robert & Margaret Mirante
- **Delmas Nolin & Michael von Rome** by Lois Nolin
- **Cretella & Parla families** by Leonardo & Theresa Parla
- **Kevin Pelletier, Pelletier & Conors families, Matthew Roy** by Lew & Maryann Pelletier
- **M/M Joseph Quish, M/M Douglas Gunn Sr., Mr. Douglas Gunn Jr.** by Thomas & Carole Quish
- **Arlene St.Pierre** by Robert St. Pierre
- **John Albers** by James & Linda Snyder
- **Sophie Bush** by Ann Werkhoven
- **Catherine T. Gerhard** by John & Patricia Gerhard
- **Norman & Theresa Sczepanski** by John & Patricia Gerhard
- **Scholsky family** by Walter & Marjorie Scholsky
- **Paul & Josephine Catalana, George & Mary Quigley** by Brian & Margaret Quigley
- **Salvatore & Anna Raimondo, John & Sunny Walsh** by Anne Walsh
- **Burton & Gloria Hilton** by Paul & Melissa Sullivan
- **Tootosie Gille, Tommy & Gary Asselin, Paul, Fran, Josephine Baldi, Bea Sciacca, Jack & Georgianna Garrett** by Ed & Georgia Asselin
- **Robert & Vivian Denton** by Gerard & Gina Denton

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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*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

Saturday, January 6

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



ASSUMPTION CHURCH
MEMORIAL CANDLES
Week of December 24, 2017

MARY'S ALTAR

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Alfred & Jeanne Poncelet
Fred & Ellie Dandeneau
Leonore Ash

Please note that the candles reserved for the weekend of December 24th will be posted in next week's bulletin due to a bulletin deadline. Thank you for your understanding.

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 22nd, a total of \$210,290.05 in donations has been received and another \$181,162.11 has been pledged to be paid during the remainder of the campaign's **2-year donation period** – for a total of \$391,452.16, 53% 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 Cindy Herr 860-436-4645 or Marcia Giglio 860-432-2527.

"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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



The JANUARY MACC Food Collection will be held the weekend of **January 13/14**. There is a need for pasta sauce, cereal, soups, condiments, canned pasta/chili, canned corn, jelly, and peanut butter. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please put money/check (payable to MACC Food Pantry) in an envelope marked "food collection" and drop it in the collection basket. Please leave food in church hall at Saint James or Assumption. Double bagging is helpful and a reminder: MACC does not accept expired food. Thank you for your support.



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! Happy New Year!

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.

Religious Education

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



CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE - The Knights of Columbus will be collecting refundable cans and bottles on Saturday, January 27th in St. James church parking lot from 9 am - 12 noon.

All proceeds will be used for Council 1155

charitable activities in our parish and community. For more information please contact Grand Knight Phil Gordon at 860-895-1433 / philgordo@comcast.net. Thanks in advance for supporting 'the Knights'.

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.



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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.



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!

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Friendship counselors (training provided), clerical and clothing workers, and church fund raising helpers. 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 if you would like to volunteer.

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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.

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.....\$400.00

No Bingo on Tuesday, December 26, 2017