

Saint James Parish

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February 25, 2018

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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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 @ SAINT JAMES

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, February 24

VIGIL MASS -2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 4:00 PM ✱ Sheila Foley by the Foley family

AC 5:00 PM ✱ Dick Cantin by Jan Cantin & family

Sunday, February 25--2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 7:30 AM ✱ Stephen & Rose Martzer by family

SJC 9:00 AM ✱ Vincent L. Diana Sr. by his family

AC 10:00 AM ✱ Guy Boivin by Blanche Perras

SJC 11:00 AM ✱ Elmer W. Robbins (57th) by Cindy Fagan

Monday, February 26

SJC 12:05 PM ✱ Betty & Salvatore Tine by Jamshid & Mary Marvasti

Tuesday, February 27

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Sam & Serina Vacco by the family

Wednesday, February 28

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Michael Gorman by his family

Thursday, March 1

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Josephine Picone by Mary McNamara

First Friday, March 2

SJC 8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Saturday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel, virgin

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Carol Devanney by Gloria Dean

VIGIL MASS -3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 4:00 PM ✱ Marion Doucette by Joan & Dick Wazer

AC 5:00 PM ✱ Sean Marino by Barbara & John Semino

Sunday, March 4--3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 7:30 AM ✱ John & Gretchen Reidy by Sean Reidy

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

AC 10:00 AM ✱ Samuel LeSmith by his parents

SJC 11:00 AM ✱ Vincent L. Diana Sr. by his family

The Sanctuary Lamp

*burns this week
for the greater honor and glory of God
and in memory of
Esther & Frank Cuneo Sr.*



RETIREMENT PARTY!

A reception will be held this **Sunday, February 25th from 2:00PM-4:00PM** in the Assumption Church Hall in honor of Father Pahl who is retiring at the end of February. Please join your fellow parishioners to wish Father well as he embarks on this new chapter in his life.

Readings for the Week of February 25, 2018

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

All checks should be made payable to Saint James Parish.

The weekly collection for Sunday, February 18, 2018 totaled: \$10,534.00.

The 2nd collection for March 3rd & 4th is the Annual Lenten Seasonal Sharing collection.



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



The MARCH MACC Food Collection will be held the weekend of **March 10/11**. There is a need for pasta sauce, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, chicken soup (not noodle or cream), canned pasta (Chef Boyardee) grape jelly, tuna, beef stew, red kidney beans, ketchup & mayo. 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.

Second Sunday of Lent



Father John Pahl

With his retirement from the active ministry this month, Father Pahl attains the status of senior priest. His service to the Church covered a span of thirty seven years, during which time he served as both permanent deacon and priest.

Ordained to the diaconate in 1981, Father Pahl was first assigned to Saint Matthew Church, Tolland, where he served as deacon from December, 1981, to May, 2010.

After his ordination to the priesthood, Father Pahl served as parochial vicar at Holy Family Church, Enfield, until August of 2013. At that time, he was named administrator of Assumption Church, and a year later, he became its pastor. When Assumption was consolidated with Saint James to form the Saint James Parish in June of 2017, Father Pahl was named senior parochial vicar.

All of us at Saint James Parish join in thanking Father Pahl for his many years of service to the Church. May the Lord continue to bless you as you enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

Father Curran



Our Parish Mission will be held on March 5-7 at Saint James Parish.

Father Dan Cambra from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception will conduct a Parish Mission on the Divine Mercy.

Father will preach at all the Masses on the weekend of March 3/4. The Mission begins on Monday evening, and every night will begin at 7:00 PM. Topics to be covered Monday – Wednesday are as follows:

- ❖ The “A,B,Cs” of Divine Mercy
- ❖ The Feast of Divine Mercy and How to receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday
- ❖ How Divine Mercy is the Heart of the Gospel
- ❖ The Theological Meaning of the Image
- ❖ The Historical Background of St. Faustina
- ❖ Receive a Blessing with the Relic of St. Faustina

We hope that you will make a special effort to attend and bring a friend!



DAILY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday at 12:05 PM

Tuesday – Saturday at 8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ADORATION & BENEDICTION (Every Friday during Lent):

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 1:00 PM with Saint James School students at Saint James Church – all are welcome to attend

ADORATION at 1:30PM, ending with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00 PM

ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS

The Cursillo community of the Archdiocese of Hartford is looking to connect or reconnect with ALL who have attended a three-day Cursillo weekend, whether here in the Archdiocese or in another diocese. We are interested in keeping you informed of the revitalization efforts in the Archdiocese and to provide support in your spiritual journey of prayer, study, and action. Please call Jim Brzezinski at 203-888-8615 or e-mail to jbrz41west@yahoo.com to add your name to our contacts.



EASTER FLOWER DONATION envelopes are available in your envelope packets and at the exits. Please return your donation by March 30th.

ConfessionMondays.com



**MONDAYS
DURING LENT**

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

**Monday Confession will be held
7:00PM – 8:00PM**

(Except on Monday, March 5th – Confession will be held from 6:00PM to 7:00PM, with our Mission beginning at 7:00PM)

The door of faith is always open for us, ushering us into the life of stronger communion with God and offering entry into His Church. This year, prepare for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that this Lenten initiate will rejuvenate Catholics of all ages through spiritual reflection and their desire to become one with God.

Second Sunday of Lent



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

MEETINGS

Monday, February 26th

7:00PM – PRE-BAPTISM MEETING will be held in the Church Hall in Conf. Rm. #1.

Saturday, March 3rd

9:00AM – WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP will meet in the Church Hall.



ASSUMPTION CHURCH MEMORIAL CANDLES Week of February 18, 2018

MARY'S ALTAR

Alfred & Jeanne Poncelet
Fred & Ellie Dandeneau
Leonore Ash
Lillian Zammiello

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

H. Dickson
Lisa DePasqua
Bill, Jon & Joy Eichler

To request that 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. Those that attend Mass at Saint James Church are welcome to complete an envelope for a candle. The cost for each candle is \$7.00.


Parish Appeal Update

As of February 16, a total of **\$264,210.64** in donations has been received and another **\$183,559.52** has been pledged to be paid during the remainder of the campaign's **2-year donation period** – for a total of **\$447,770.16**, 60% 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. **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 Marcia Giglio (432-2527) or Joan Dower (432-3397).

 God's kingdom has drawn near. *Come after Me.* Jesus called Andrew and Peter and James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets, listen to the call, and follow Him as a priest or religious? Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 860-761-7457, vocations@aohct.org or www.hartfordpriest.com.

New Day Bereavement Group

Living through grief is not easy, and it does not have to be done alone. The Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta (formerly St. Bridget/St. Bartholomew) in Manchester offers "New Day," a seven-week program for those who wish to do grief work with others having the same experience. This program provides a sense of community where support is given and received. "New Day" is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion, and journaling. It is a faith-based program, and all are welcome. Please join us on Tuesday evenings beginning **March 6th** from 6:30–8:00 PM at St. Bartholomew, 736 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester. For information or to register please call Mary Wynn at 860-646-3848.

Sacraments

- ✘ **Baptism:** contact the Parish Office for information
- ✘ **Penance (Confession):** Saturdays 2:00 PM –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

Second Sunday of Lent

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 9-11, 2018 in Litchfield, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For additional information please contact Marie at 203-631-9030, or email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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.



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.**

If you have any questions please contact Macy Jordan, Coordinator of Religious Education at 860-645-0164 (H) or macybpj@aol.com.



Our theme this year, "*Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*", is both powerful and timely. It comes from one of the most popular and well-loved prayers in the world: the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis. Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. Time and again, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. Faith intensifies our desire to address the questions of our times, precisely, in the light of the gospel: What is peace? What does it mean to be a peacemaker? What is the Christian response to violence? During our retreat we will explore how we can place ourselves in the center of the storm and be an instrument of peace. For more information and to register for this retreat call Our Lady of Calvary office at 860-677-8519.

2017 – 2018 Retreats for Women:

**March 2-4
April 6-8**

**March 9-11
April 13-15**



The Catholic Cemeteries Association Of The Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.

Choosing a family lot is inevitable. To make an important decision more calmly, prudently and economically, the Catholic Cemeteries Association suggests pre-need cemetery arrangements. All Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase outside traditional ground spaces, mausoleum crypts, or cremation niches at Mt. St. Benedict in Bloomfield, St. Bernard in Enfield, Holy Cross in Glastonbury, St. James in Manchester, St. Bridget in Manchester, or St. Mary in East Hartford. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment please contact Amy Chester, Family Service Advisor at 203-507-7509 or email, achester@ccacem.org



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!



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!

CATHOLIC GRADUATES CLUB of Greater Hartford will award three scholarships of \$2000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four year college in the Fall of 2018. The applicant must reside in Hartford County.

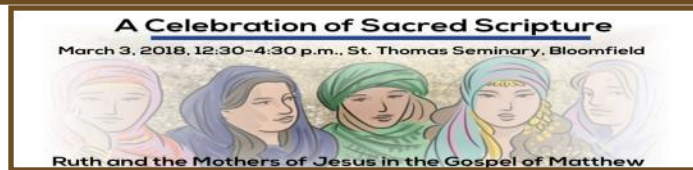
Our club has awarded over \$109,000 to 161 scholarship recipients during the past 66 years. Students are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, character, leadership, and achievement.

Information can be obtained by contacting guidance counselors or principals in area high schools, or you can go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org. The deadline for submittal of scholarship applications is March 15, 2018.



This weekend marks the start of the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

For the second year in a row, in 2017, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to nearly 250 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties. Please respond generously.



March 3, 2018: *Celebration of Sacred Scripture: Ruth and the Mothers of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew*, Saint Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Go to www.catholicdaohct.org to register by February 28th (deadline extended).


The Gospel of Matthew opens with a long genealogy of Jesus that we stumble over once a year at the Christmas Vigil Mass. This genealogy serves as the link between the Hebrew Scriptures and the legitimation of Jesus the Messiah. There is perhaps no better time to enter into this genealogy than during the Lenten season as we reflect upon the cycle of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Session 1 (12:30-2:15) will explore the background to Matthew's Gospel and examine Matthew's genealogy, focusing in particular on the theological value of four women included in the line of Jesus.

Session 2 (2:45-4:30) will engage deeply with the story of one of these women, Ruth, as told in the story that bears her name.

February 25, 2018

Fr. William Metzler from St. Mark the Evangelist, West Hartford will give a Lenten talk at 7:00PM on Thursday, March 15th. His topic is "*Faith & the Human Journey*" - How old were we when we first consciously came into the presence of the Living God? And where are we now? Because we grow and change, our relationship with God has to change as well. A talk about how we relate in the here and now and how that here and now changes.

 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 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 is: "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.



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.....\$1,100.00