

Saint James Parish

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March 4, 2018

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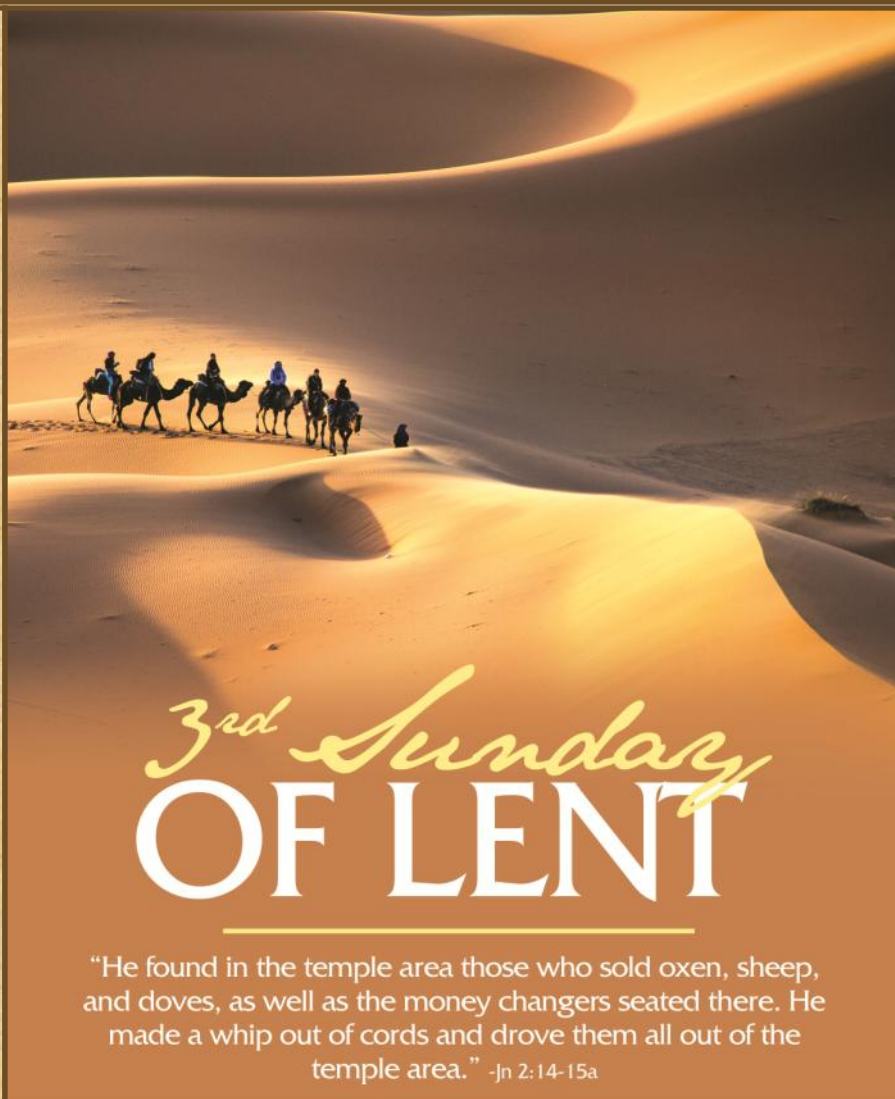
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www.stjameschoolfoundation.com

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3rd Sunday OF LENT

"He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." -Jn 2:14-15a

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 @ 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, March 3

VIGIL MASS -3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 4:00 PM ✱ Mary Theresa Connolly
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

Monday, March 5

SJC 12:05 PM ✱ Eugene & Irene Dupré by Mary Marvasti

Tuesday, March 6

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Jan Cantin

Wednesday, March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ John McLaughlin by Ada Halpryn

Thursday, March 8 St. John of God, religious

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Fernand Gosselin by volunteers @ Birthright

Friday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

SJC 8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Saturday, March 10

SJC 8:00 AM ✱ Mary Lou Ritter by St. James Prayer Group

VIGIL MASS -4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 4:00 PM ✱ Giuseppe Pellegrino by his wife & family

AC 5:00 PM ✱ Dick Cantin by Janet Cantin

Sunday, March 11--4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SJC 7:30 AM ✱ Matthew Graham & John Holleran (3rd)
by Lil Holleran & family

SJC 9:00 AM ✱ Stanley Gwiazdowski by his father Matt

AC 10:00 AM ✱ Mary Andreo (20th)

by Loren Andreo & family

SJC 11:00 AM ✱ Matthew Cavallo by his family

The Sanctuary Lamp

burns this week
for the greater honor and glory of God
and in memory of
Laura Franco



Spring forward

Next weekend all Sunday Masses
will be on Daylight Savings Time.
Please be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
[Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]
/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
[cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
[cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

All checks should be made payable to
Saint James Parish.

The weekly collection for
Sunday, February 25, 2018 totaled: \$12,684.

The 2nd collection this weekend 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 the 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!

Third Sunday of Lent

**KEY: AC—ASSUMPTION CHURCH /
SJC—ST. JAMES CHURCH**



✠ **HOLY THURSDAY, March 29**

(No Morning Mass)

SJC—7:30 PM - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

✠ **GOOD FRIDAY, March 30**

(No Morning Mass)

AC—12:00 NN—*Stations of the Cross*

SJC—3:00 PM - *Celebration of the Lord's
Passion & Death*

SJC—5:00-5:30 PM - *Confessions (Church Hall)*

SJC—7:00 PM - *Stations of the Cross*

✠ **HOLY SATURDAY, March 31 (No Morning Mass)**

SJC—8:00 PM - *Solemn Vigil Mass of the
Lord's Resurrection*

✠ **EASTER SUNDAY, April 1**

SJC—7:30 AM ✠ Parishioners

SJC—9:00 AM ✠ Intention of the Celebrant

AC—10:00 AM ✠ Intention of the Celebrant

SJC—11:00 AM ✠ Vocations to the Priesthood



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
(PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET FOR ADORATION)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM

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.



Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Novena will not be held this **Monday, March 5th** at Assumption Church because of the Mission at Saint James Church. It will resume on Monday, March 12th.

ConfessionMondays.com



**MONDAYS
DURING LENT**

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

*Monday Confession will be held
this week from 6:00PM – 7:00PM*

and 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.

Third Sunday of Lent



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

MEETINGS

Monday, March 5th

6:30PM – SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE will be held in the Church Hall in Conf. Rm. #1.

Thursday, March 8th

7:00AM – K OF C MONTHLY MEETING will be held in the Church Hall.



ASSUMPTION CHURCH MEMORIAL CANDLES Week of February 25, 2018

MARY'S ALTAR

Alfred & Jeanne Poncet
Fred & Ellie Dandeneau
Leonore Ash
Lillian Zammiello
Special Intention
Thomas Cosgrove Jr.
John's soul to go to heaven

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Helen F. Fuller
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 23, a total of **\$266,714.39** in donations has been received and another **\$181,805.77** has been pledged to be paid during the remainder of the campaign's **2-year donation period** – for a total of **\$448,520.16**, 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 Anne Helin (649-0644) or Cynthia Lataille (430-1353)

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the fabulous retirement party last Sunday and for all the gifts and well wishes I received. Words simply cannot convey how much I appreciate the show of affection that was afforded to me by all of you. I would especially like to thank my brother priests who came to help celebrate this special time in my life and all those who worked so hard to make this day such a memorable occasion for me. All I can really say is THANK YOU to each and every one of you. Please know you will always be in my prayers and in my heart.

May God bless you all!

Sincerely,

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

Third Sunday of Lent

VISION FOR PARISH

With the retirement of Father Pahl, the consolidation of Saint James and Assumption Churches into the Parish of Saint James reaches a new juncture. I ask for your prayers for both Father Carlson and me as we attempt to address the challenge of serving the liturgical and pastoral needs of a larger parish.

Currently there are no immediate plans to make changes in the schedule of the Sunday Masses. I have sought—and received—assurances from other priests that they will help out occasionally on weekends, but so far no one has been able to make a commitment to help every Sunday. The situation will continue to be monitored. The schedule may have to be adjusted accordingly. Throughout this period of transition, I will call upon all parishioners to do their part through faithful Mass attendance, continued financial contributions, and—above all—fervent prayers that the Lord send more laborers into the harvest.

There is another thing I would ask of you. I know that many of you have been engaged in ministries within the parish, often quietly and without fanfare. My first task is to become aware of all the good that is being carried out so that these activities may be catalogued and supported as part of our master plan. Please help me by continuing your involvement in any such ministries and by bringing them to my attention.

As we continue our common journey, some changes have already been made and others are being put into effect. The parish office staff has been consolidated at Saint James Rectory. Any questions you may have about parish activities should be directed there. We have already begun worshipping and working together as a parish community as evidenced by the increased attendance at daily and Sunday Masses and by the great turnout at our last parish picnic. I am now in the process of looking at parish organizations. It is my hope that we can continue all the good work being carried out by these groups while, at the same time, avoiding duplication of effort.

In all of this, I ask for your patience and good will. I know that change is difficult, and we all become attached to the church in which we have worshipped for years. Nevertheless, it is my hope that, with the Lord's help, we will emerge from this consolidation process as a strong, unified, and vibrant faith community.

Father Carlson

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.

2018 Retreats for Women:

March 9-11

April 6-8

April 13-15



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

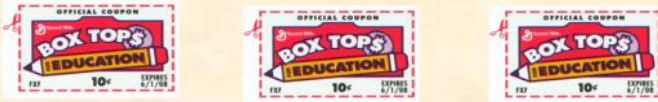
Choosing a family lot is inevitable. To make an important decision more calmly, prudently and economically, the Catholic Cemeteries Association suggests pre-need cemetery arrangements. All Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase outside traditional ground spaces, mausoleum crypts, or cremation 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



2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.



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!

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.



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.

Dear Family of St. James Parish,

Thank you so much for your gift of food and \$635 to MACC Charities food pantry through St. James Food Drive. Showing up is half the battle for most things in life. We all can do it we all need it.

If you did not show up to help us care for people facing emergencies in life, MACC would not be here.


Each Day:

- 80-120 men, women & children eat a hot lunch in our Community Kitchen;
- 25-30 families shop at our Community Emergency Food Pantry;
- 15-20 people shop at our community threads Thrift Shoppe;
- 15 people have a safe place to call home because MACC rents to them;
- 5-8 individuals or families meet with our Community Outreach & Emergency Manager to resolve emergency situations with basic needs like food, clothing and housing issues;
- 3-5 homeless individuals or those at risk of being homeless are engaged in conversation with our Outreach Manager to help them choose to remove their barriers to housing, good health and employment.

Keep Showing up,
Beth Stafford, Executive Director/CEO

March 4, 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 6:30-8:00 pm at the Cathedral, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford. For more information please call the Cathedral office at 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.....\$100.00