

Saint James Parish

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March 25, 2018

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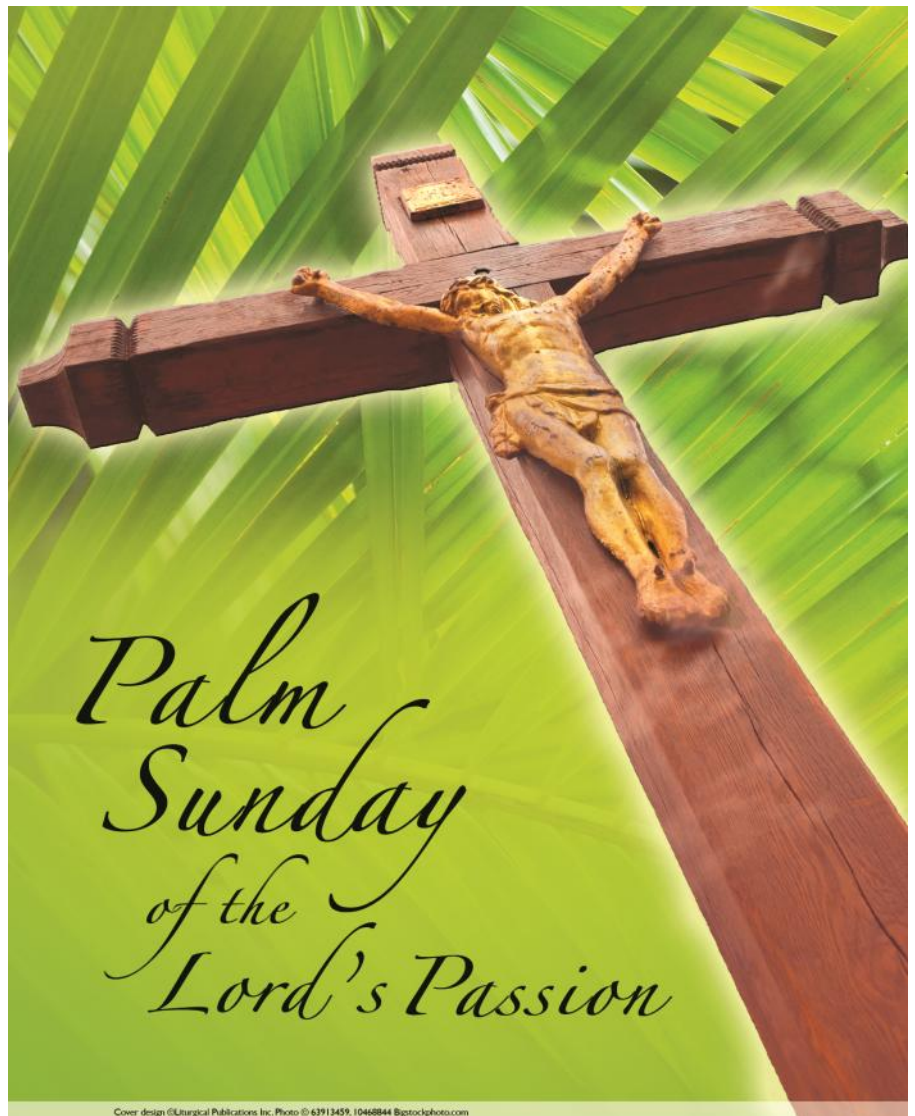
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(860) 643-8445



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



Mass Intentions

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

**Saturday, March 24 VIGIL MASS -
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
SJC 4:00 PM ✨ Don Tencellent by his family
AC 5:00 PM ✨ Fannie Milner by Jackie & Frank Cuneo

**Sunday, March 25--
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
SJC 7:30 AM ✨ Kevin Pelletier (Birthday rem.) by parents
SJC 9:00 AM ✨ Caitlin Roy by the Foley family
AC 10:00 AM ✨ George Legier (30th) by Lillian Legier
SJC 11:00 AM ✨ Brian McNamara by the McNamara family

Monday, March 26
SJC 12:05 PM ✨ Joseph Breton by daughter, Doris

Tuesday, March 27
SJC 8:00 AM ✨ Irene Fisette & deceased family members by Walter

Wednesday, March 28
SJC 8:00 AM ✨ Arthur Fisette by Walter

✨**HOLY THURSDAY, March 29**
(No Morning Mass)
SJC — 7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

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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**
THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD
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



The Sanctuary Lamp

*burns this week
for the greater honor and glory of God
and in memory of
Mary Wertenbach*



Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]

All checks should be made payable to Saint James Parish.

The weekly collection for Sunday, March 18, 2018 totaled: \$11,631.

The 2nd collection this weekend is the annual Peter's Pence collection for our Holy Father.



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



Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Phil Gordon, Council 1155 St. James Parish, for any membership questions. Phone or text Phil at 860-966-2970.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy. Unlike other novenas, where people ask for something from God through the intercession of His Holy Saints, the Divine Mercy Novena is intended to be prayed for graces and/or salvation to be given to other people. Jesus asked that this novena be prayed prior to the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter), beginning on **Good Friday**. Pamphlets will be available at the entrances of the church.



The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at Saint James Church on Sunday, April 8th beginning at 12:15 PM with the movie "*Ocean of Mercy*" followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Rosary and readings from St. Faustina's diary at 2:00PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00PM concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of a first-class relic of Saint Faustina. Confession will also be made available. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Alan Germain 860-627-8830.



Catholic Religious Emblem Training: All Cub, Boy, Venture and Sea Scout Leaders are invited to learn about the religious emblems programs available for all Catholic Boy Scouts: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius and Adult Awards. A training session will be held on **April 7, 2018** from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Go to our website: www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org to register.

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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.



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.



Daily Masses this week:

Monday at 12:05 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:00 AM

NO MORNING MASS ON

THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY THIS WEEK.

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ConfessionMondays.com



**MONDAYS
DURING LENT**

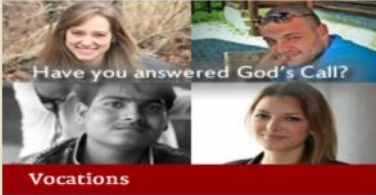
OUR DOORS ARE OPEN



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

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.

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

MEETINGS

Monday, March 26th

7:00PM – PRE-BAPTISM MEETING will be held in the Church Hall in Conf. Rm. #1. Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call the rectory @ 643-4129.



ASSUMPTION CHURCH
MEMORIAL CANDLES
Week of March 25, 2018

MARY'S ALTAR

Anita Daigle
Lenore Ash
All our Grandchildren
Special Intention
Lillian Zammiello

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Bill, Jon & Joy Eichler
Rita McDermott
Richard &
Frances Flanagan

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 March 16th, a total of **\$282,627.17** in donations has been received and another **\$184,431.** has been pledged to be paid during the remainder of the campaign's **2-year donation period** – for a total of **\$467,058.17**, 63% 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 Joan Dower (432-3397) or Trish Hirko (646-4351).

WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The North American Martyrs Women's Guild will hold their Annual Women's Communion Breakfast in St. Mary's Church Hall, 30 Maplewood Avenue, East Hartford on Sunday, April 15th after the 9:00AM Mass. Breakfast speaker: Mary Pauline Nagle Olsen, MD, founder of Woodland Women's Health Assoc., Hartford; Board Member of Malta House of Care and previous medical adviser and helper at St. Gerard Center for Life. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by calling the parish office 860-289-7916. No tickets will be sold at the door. This is open to all women of the community. Come and be spiritually refreshed!

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.

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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!

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.



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.

Unbound Ministry - Coming to St. Junipero Serra Parish (S. Windsor). Do you want to be free of fear, anxiety and negative thoughts? Do you have certain habits or sins that are hard to break? Unbound prayer is a healing ministry that can be a breakthrough to a personal relationship with Jesus. It can also help by overcoming bad habits and help with forgiving others. Presentation of the Unbound model will be given by Fr. Ray Introvenc and Judith Hunt's prayer team at St. Francis Church (old office) on **Saturday, April 28th from 9AM-12PM.** Call Donna or email to reserve your spot if you want to attend and be prayed with: (860) 952-4005 or marottodonna@yahoo.com. For more info, visit heartofthefather.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.

2018 Retreats for Women:

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

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Saint James School Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade Open House April 26th @ 6:30pm www.saintjameschool.net/openhouse

Saint James School is currently accepting new student applications for Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary School, and Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. An informational Open House for families will be held on April 26th at 6:30PM at the school's Park Street facilities. For details on our Open House event, or to request more information about Saint James School, please e-mail aguenther@saintjameschool.net or call the school at (860) 643-5088 (select "8" on the automated menu).

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 well ahead of grade level in all subjects. Faith-based lessons, 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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Dear Parishioners,

Today starts the most solemn, sacred, and meaningful week of our Church year. Please try to join us as we journey with Christ through these beautiful days when we celebrate Our Lord's - and our - victory over death.

Each year I like to remind you what happens on each of the days that we celebrate as the Sacred Triduum - in Latin, "three days." Our services represent a unified liturgical action which begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues with the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and culminates in the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Here's a sense of what happens at each.

HOLY THURSDAY

Lent ends with the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:30PM. This beautiful recreation of the Last Supper celebrates the institution of both the Holy Eucharist and the Sacred Priesthood - and so brings me great joy. The liturgy encompasses many beautiful rituals and symbols, including the priest's washing of the feet of several parishioners in imitation of Christ's washing the feet of His apostles. During the singing of the Gloria all the bells in the church are rung, and then are silenced until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. At the conclusion of Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession to an Altar of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY

This is the only day in the Church year on which Mass is not celebrated, for we are in mourning. Our Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00PM includes a reading of the Passion according to John and the distribution of Holy Communion (which was consecrated on Holy Thursday.) Here at Saint James we venerate relics (fragments) of the True Cross, a wonderful privilege.

HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil, the high celebration and most glorious event of the liturgical year, begins at 8:00PM in a darkened church. A new fire has been lit outside, and the Paschal (Christ) candle, lit from that fire, is carried in procession into the church. The peoples' candles are lit from the Paschal candle, and the beautiful *Exultet*, the Easter Proclamation, is sung.

As the priest intones the Gloria the church lights come on, the altar candles are lit, and all the bells in the church are rung. Later those who have been preparing to become Catholic are brought into the Church, and I have the wonderful privilege of Confirming them. An incredible spirit of joy permeates the Easter Vigil.

Those are just some highlights - there is much more that happens during the Triduum. I hope you'll join with us on this incredible journey!

Have a blessed Holy Week!

Father Curran

March 25, 2018



*Easter Flower donations were made by:
Ted & Amy DeSantos and*

In memory of:

- Matthew Helin by the Helin family*
- Salvatore T. Fiorentino by Maria Fiorentino*
- Irene, Joseph & James Mistretta by Michael Mistretta*
- Zaremba, Panas, Kusmierski, Lane & Buncek families by
M/M George Panas*
- M/M Eugene Dupré by Mary Marvasti*
- the Wiencek & Biskup family by Frances DeProfio*
- Jack Kreeger by the Salmoiraghi family*
- Frank & John Savino, Clarence & Elizabeth Lewie,*
- Janice Ventura, Louis Deptula by Christine &
Frances Savino*
- deceased members of the LeBlanc, Schloff, Sferrazza &
Schaes families by M/M Peter LeBlanc*
- Joseph, Angelina, Tom & Joyce Raimondo, R. Michael,*
- Tim & Tom Quish by Mrs. Caroline Quish*
- Salvatore & Anna Raimondo, Sunny & John Walsh by
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Ann Prytko*
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Bergan families*
- M/M Ulysse Fournier, M/M Henry V.O. Cyr by
M/M Emile Cyr*
- Mary Labowski, Thelma Leal, Joseph Leal by
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- Barbara & Kenneth Parsons, JoAnn Moore by
Mrs. Karen Moore*
- David Gautier & Lucien Voyer by Florence Gautier*
- Lou Albert by Mrs. Maria Albert*
- Stella & John Hallissey by M/M Alan Cashman*
- the Harte & Downes families by M/M Thomas Downes*
- Harold J. Giglio Sr., Vera & Albert Zanis, Alden Hall by
Ms. Marcia Giglio*
- Roger E. Lemire by Mrs. Roger Lemire
(to be continued)*



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.....\$200.00