

Welcome to
SAINT JAMES
Parish



See a face, learn a name, share a story. Love one another!

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October 14, 2018 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Wise Christians understand that wealth brings with it certain temptations. The wealthier we are, the more we may be prone to look for security in our riches and not in Christ. For this reason our Lord tells us that it is difficult for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God; indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich person to enter heaven.

Jesus means that riches have the potential to be a strong impediment to discipleship and that it is simpler to fit a large animal through a tiny opening than it is for those with a great deal of material goods to attain eternal life. However, Jesus does not say it is impossible for wealthy people to be saved. We must remember that one's spiritual state is not determined by one's net worth. Spiritual worth has a different criteria of measurement.

Whether the young man of the Gospel ever left his idolatry by choosing to love God, more than his wealth, is unknown. What we do know is that issues of wealth, and the impediment it can be to discipleship, are not limited to the extremely wealthy.

Jesus' teaching demonstrates that everyone who seeks to follow Christ as His disciple must consider how personal possessions impact one's relationship with Him. This conversation between Jesus and the young man is recorded three times in the New Testament. It is that important. Jesus wanted his disciples and us to learn the difference between being in the kingdom of God and being near to the kingdom of God.

Let us remember what the Lord said to the man who wanted to tear down his barns to build bigger ones: "God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"

Jesus affirms: "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." God bless you always.



Fr. Art Mollenhauer, Pastor



Monday, October 15, 2018
8:00 a.m. + Mary Jane Somers

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
5:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for Sophia and Edward Pasciak

Wednesday, October 17, 2018
8:00 a.m. Jackeline Sanchez— blessings

Thursday, October 18, 2018
5:30 p.m. Pedro Barahona

Friday, October 19, 2018
8:00 a.m. Michelaire St. Julien and Alice St. Julien

Saturday, October 20, 2018
8:00 a.m. William J. Anthony, Sr and Jr. and Kathryn

4:30 p.m.. +Thomas Lynch, Sr.
+ Jason Hoekenga

Sunday, October 21, 2018
7:30 a.m. Alan Hoffman, Sr.

9:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. James

11:15 .m. Bucci family

6:00 p.m. Phil DelVecchio



	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
In Church Collections	\$6970.25	\$8340.50
Electronic Offertories	\$2614.82	\$3982.95
	\$11,585.07	\$12,323.45

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

(Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share)

“Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.” - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

‘No donation is too small.’

To date we raised 403 gifts worth \$125,202 from 351 donors bringing the parish to 96.31% of its \$130,000 goal

If you have already donated—**Thank You!**

2018 SECOND COLLECTIONS

- October 21 World Mission Sunday
- November 18 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- December 9 Retirement Fund for Religious

- For on-line giving there will be an option with the same title as listed above for the 2nd collection.

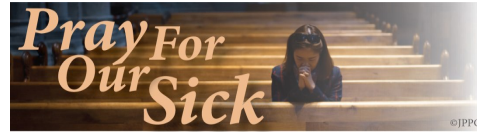
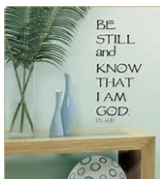


A special thank you to all who helped organize the wonderful international potluck and to those who contributed the delicious dishes! Everyone had an excellent time. Stay tuned for the next one! ~ Fr. Art

Silent Together:

***Weekly Centering Prayer & Lectio
Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Chapel***

Join others as we practice silence together to create a more open space for God! Twenty minutes of centering, followed by Lectio Divina. (Note: These gatherings are *not* a class, a program, or a discussion group—just an opportunity to practice silence together.) If you are new to Centering Prayer, please contact Virginia Weir at vlweir1@gmail.com or 203-556-2447.



PLEASE

PRAY FOR: - Mike Perille, Hank McLaughlin, Rhina and Bill Carmona, Andrew Donovan, Val Jones, Lucas McHale, Kathy Faryniarz, Izabel Perri, Michael Birch, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Tommy Spitaleri, David Gaffney, Laura Galatie, Kay Spodnick, Andrew Soltis, Frank (Smitty) Smith, Thai Nguyen, John Ebert, Yvonne DeAngelis, Charles Joseph Lisi, EZAVE, Jenna Strickland, James O'Brien, Kathy Kentosh, Cindy Harrison, Victor, Anastasia Verderos, Julia Stewart, James Ramos, Edmund Ramos, Nancy Macisco, Margaret M. Wynne, Patrick Kelly, Antoinette Sanford, Mike Lantowski, Leo Merturi, Donald Stewart, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara O'Brien, Margaret Mallon, Mike Kelly, Joan Griffin, Cheryl Schultz, Elie Hayden, Roesmarie O'Shea, Alan Handsman, Emery Keleman, Lynn Schack

Faithful Departed: *Mary Jane Sommers, Mary Zamoycki*

MINISTRY WITH SICK AND SHUT-IN

Pat Stockdale - Please contact the Parish Center if you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital or nursing home so we can arrange a visit from a member of our ministry.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES: 10/13-10/19/18

Church Tabernacle : *Phil Delvecchio*
Chapel Tabernacle : *Thai Nguyen - Special Intention*

CHAPEL INTERCESSORY CANDLES:

Candles will burn for the following intentions:

Candle # 1 *All men and women in the military*

Candle # 2: *For the prayer intentions*

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
And do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
By the power of God,
Cast into hell Satan,
And all the evil spirits,
Who prowl about the world
Seeking the ruin of souls. Amen





**After the Diagnosis...
A Guide for Living by
Fr. Tom Lynch and Barbara Mariconda**
Books are available at the
Parish Center.



Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie,
Jeff Noccioli, Mike Curran

Beloved Sons - Have you considered joining us at the next Men's Ministry/Beloved Sons gathering, scheduled for next Saturday October 20 (6:30-7:30 AM) at the parish center. As we do twice a month (first Thursday/third Saturday) we will gather to break open the gospel for the weekend. That week, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time, we'll be sharing this gospel story (MK 10:35-45). Where are you sitting at Jesus' table?

- **Advent Men's ½ day Retreat** – Saturday December 1 at the parish center. Deacon John will be facilitating. More details to come as we get closer to that all-important Advent season.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Janine Walsh

MAT 25



We recently learned of a program that makes mats out of plastic grocery bags for our homeless brothers and sisters. These mats are used for sleeping mats and help to keep them cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Join us on **Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center for an informational meeting

The Bridge—The Bridge shelves need filling! Our Bridge ministry provides the homeless and poor with the basic necessities of life. We visit the underpass on John Street in Bridgeport once a month on the third Sunday to talk with the under served and try to help them in God-like ways. Please help us fill our shelves. **We are in need of toiletry items such as: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant for both men and women, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion.** If you would like to join us, our next visit to **the Bridge is Sunday, October 21.** We gather in St. James parking lot at 10:15am, after Mass to load up the supplies and pray. Then we head over in tandem and we return by noon. Peace and All Good! Janine

FAITH FORMATION

Catechists needed for Tuesday Religious Education grades one through four. Please contact the Parish Center if you are interested in sharing your faith with the children of our community. Training and resources provided.



Religious Education Registration- If you would like to enroll your child in our classes **for the first time**, please contact the Parish Center so that we may send you the registration forms. Mailing has gone out to former students. If you have not received a packet, please notify us. Classes for grades 1 through 8 will begin in October.

Confirmation Registration is underway for high school students previously enrolled in Religious Education or St. James school. Please contact the Parish Center for information if you have not received forms in mail.



Music Notes

~Jeremy Hutchins

Thursday Choir Nights
October 18— 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cantor Auditions/Cantor Prep Thursdays
6:15-7:00 p.m.

ESL—(English as a Second Language) - Do you struggle communicating because English is not your first language? Would you like to improve your listening, speaking, and writing skills? Diane Civitelli, a parishioner and retired ESL teacher (Connecticut certified) is offering (free of charge) ESL classes for our adult St. James parishioners. The classes will be held at the Parish Center. Schedule to be determined. Please contact the Parish Center at 203-375-5887 for additional information.



Tuesday, Oct. 16— 12:00-1:30 p.m.—Christian Yoga
Wednesday, Oct. 17—7:00 –8:00 p.m.—Centering Prayer
Thursday, Oct. 18— 7:00 p.m. MAT 25 Informational meeting
Thursday, Oct. 18— 7:00 p.m.—Choir—Church
Saturday, Oct. 20— 6:30 a.m.—Beloved Sons
Saturday, Oct. 20—9:00 a.m.—Merton House sandwiches Merton House
Sunday, Oct. 21—10:00 a.m.—The Bridge—St. James parking lot

All Are welcome

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,

11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m

PARISH CENTER CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday— 3:00 p.m.

Wheelchair accessible

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Mondays at the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist. Prior notice is not necessary.

All those who are dealing with a serious illness and/or will be undergoing surgery during that week are invited to receive this sacrament.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Center

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

(Church)

Saturdays: 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ,

Thursday before First Friday:

4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH NURSES: If you would like to meet with a Parish Nurse, please call Margie Balint at 203- 378-3081



Readings for Sunday, October 21

1st Reading: IS 53:10-11

Second Reading: HEB 4:14-16

Gospel: MK 10:35-45 or

MK 10:42-45

OUR MINISTRIES

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●**Finance Council:** Dan Caron—

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Adult Pastoral Ministry

●**Ministry with Men:** Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie,
Jeff Noccioli, Mike Curran

●**Ministry with Women:** Angie deMello & Mary Tesla

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●**Liturgical Music:** Jeremy Hutchins—music.stjamesparish@gmail.com

●**Liturgical Environment:** Michele Hoekenga

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●**Lifelong Formation:** Betsy Redgate—bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com

●**Principal St. James School:** Jack Lynch

●**Ministry with Teens:** Bob Nagy and Karen Smith

●**Ministry with Sick & Shut-Ins:** Pat Stockdale—pstockdale.stjamesparish@gmail.com

●**Charity, Justice, and Peacemaking:** Janine Walsh

●**PATH:** Debby Carroll—path.stjamesparish@gmail.com

●**St. James Prison Ministry:** Denis Granado

●**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille

●**Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Terry Van Dam, Ligia Masilamani,
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