

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00 PM ✝ ANNETTE OLIVA
Requested by: Joseph Oliva

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ✝ PARISHIONERS OF ST. JAMES

9:30 AM ✝ LILIAN GISH (1st Anniversary)
Requested by: Fr. Dave & St. James
Parishioners

11:30 AM ✝ VINCENT GENOVESE
Requested by: Lucy Driggs & Family

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD ST. POLYCARP

8:00 AM ✝ NEILL O'HAGAN
Requested by: Family

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH WEEKDAY

8:00 AM ✝ FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
Requested by: Angie Nunes

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH ASH WEDNESDAY A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

7:00 AM ✝ CHARLES DEFRINO
Requested by: Robert & Anna Liegl

9:00 AM ✝ LISA KOLODZIEJ
Requested by: Larry & Nancy Shiembob

3:00 PM ✝ PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 PM ✝ PARISHIONERS OF ST. JAMES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 AM ✝ MRS. JOSEPHINE KULATKOWSKI
Requested by: Fr. Dave

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH LENTEN WEEKDAY

NO MASS

WAY OF THE CROSS AT 5:30PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH ANTICIPATED

SUNDAY MASS

4:00 PM ✝ JOHN & ASSUNTA FUSCHI
Requested by: Family

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM ✝ MASS OF THANKSGIVING
CHRIS MIKOL
Requested by: Mom & Dad

9:30 AM ✝ PARISHIONERS OF ST. JAMES

11:30 AM ✝ MARIA LAGANA
Requested by: Teresa Santini

Your Sacrificial Offering

WEEKLY OFFERING 02/15/09

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FOOD for the NEEDY

Our next food drive will be the weekend of March 14th and 15th. Please bring your donations to the sanctuary in the church. Our food drives are held the second weekend of each month. Thank you for your help and God Bless.

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE!!

"He rose picked up His mat at once and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this'." (Mark 2:12)

Have you taken any time lately to think about how truly good God has been to you? He may not have to cure your paralysis if He has already given you the gift of mobility. But do we glorify and thank Him for such simple gifts as sight, speech, and general health? Do we give back to God in proportion to all the many blessings He has given to us?

LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Please bring palms from last Easter season to church, and place them in the containers provided in the vestibules of the church. We will then dispose of them in a reverent manner. Or if you choose, you may bury them in the ground or burn them.

Music Ministry



Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Lent. As the season changes, the mass parts will change to the setting we used last Lent, the Chant Mass. Copies of the Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei will be in the pews. The Lenten Liturgies are penitential, so we give up the Gloria, a song of praise, and the Alleluia. The omission of the Alleluia marks this liturgical season of Lent, and its return at the Easter Vigil is a sign of Resurrection. This weekend, we sing the especially joyful Celtic Alleluia and Alleluia, sing to Jesus for the last time until the Easter Vigil.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK STORE IS BACK!!

The Catholic Book Store will be at St. James on March 14th & 15th. They will have on display the following items: Spiritual books, Religious gifts for all occasions, children's books, gifts, videos, Music, Lenten items, 1st communion books, & much more. Please stop by the parish center after all masses & check out the many items they have for parishioners of all ages.

ST. JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Father David Baranowski, Pastor

Betty Kreder, Administrative Assistant

Joy O'Sullivan, Music Director

Robert Pallotti, Deacon

Thomas Sacerdote, Director of Religious Education



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Lent begins in a few days. We can talk about Lent being 40 days because the 6 Sundays of Lent are not days of Penance. However, this is not an excuse to ease off on any resolutions you make during this time. St. Augustine said that, "the greatest fast of all is from sin." Perhaps that is a good place when deciding what to do for Lent. The resolution to pray might begin with thanking God for every bit of food you eat, every glass of water and every cup of coffee. A resolution to fast might mean giving up your favorite soda, bottle of water or Starbucks coffee. Maybe a resolution to give alms might include participating in the Rice Bowl Program during Lent. A small thing done daily can result in great progress. If Lent for those of us baptized, is a time of great conversion, little things can mean a lot.

Hopefully, you have seen the program we would like to begin to help the unemployed and provide a network for new jobs. Please use the tear off in the bulletin & put it in a plain envelope addressed to me That can be an important first step! Happy Mardi Gras on Tuesday!

FATHER DAVE

"COMEDY FOR ALL AGES"

Laughter, the Best Medicine

All proceeds to benefit St. James Scholarship Fund

Saturday, February 28, 2009, 6:15PM meet & greet, the show will start at 7:00PM.

Where: St. James Parish Center
 Tickets: \$15.00 per person advanced purchase, tickets can be purchased after all Masses the weekend of February 21st and 22nd.

Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20.00 per person (advanced purchase recommended, limited seating).

For more information, visit www.stjamesrh.org or call MaryAnne at 529-2304 or Irene at 563-8225

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Community Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Scholarship applications are available in the vestibules of the church and at the office. The deadline for all applications is March 11, 2009. You can mail your application to Carol Arcari, 26 Parsonage Street, Rocky Hill, Ct. 06067. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Dee Benedetto at 342-0244. The requirements are as follows: you must be registered with St. James, and you must be a senior in high school.

CARILLON CHIMES

FEBRUARY 21, 2009

SHIRLEY DOBRINDT

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics, who have made their first communion and are over the age of 18 will be held in three locations this spring.

Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary,
 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield Ct. 06002

Tuesdays, March 31st, April 7th, 14th, & 28th, May 5th, & 12th
 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

St. Joan of Arc,

450 W. Todd Street, Hamden, Ct. 06518

Thursdays, April 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th & May 7th & 14th from
 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

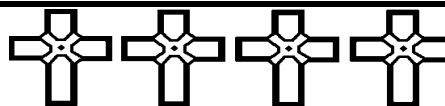
St. Mary Church,

15 Maplewood Avenue, East Hartford, Ct.

Classes in Spanish

Wednesdays, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th & May 6th from
 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

Registration forms are available in your parish office or on www.orehartford.org. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday May 19, 2009 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.



**WAY OF THE CROSS
 FRIDAYS DURING LENT
 5:30PM IN THE CHURCH.**

**ST. PATRICK DAY PARADE COMMITTEE
 FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Where: O'Leary's Digger McDuff's Tavern
 195 Shunpike Road
 Cromwell, Ct.

When: Monday, February 23, 2009

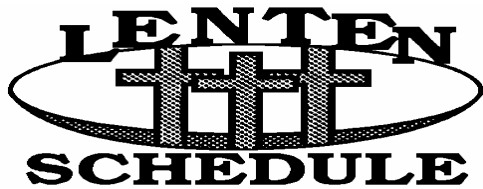
Time: 5:00PM-8:00PM

Donation: \$10.00 per person

Light food and Domestic Draft Beer will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Elaine Garrahy at 563-0265 or Margaret Moriarty at 563-0804.

In your prayers...

Please pray for Liz Roberto and Rob Tomastic. Rob will be received into the Church and Liz will complete her Initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Both Liz and Rob will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at that time. Let us be united in prayer as they journey towards the reception of these sacraments.



**LENTEN
SCHEDULE**

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

Masses at 7:00AM, and 9:00AM, Evening Prayer combined with Mass begins at 7:00PM, and a 3:00PM Prayer Service. *Blest ashes will be distributed during all the Masses and the Prayer Service.*

LENTEN DAILY MASSES
9:00AM Monday-Thursday

Lent is that sacred season when Christians join on a Forty-day journey with those preparing to be initiated into the Church at Easter, through the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This journey consists of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, works of penance, & charity, and culminates at Easter when the faithful renew their baptismal vows to die to sin so as to live in Christ.

EVENING PRAYER

Sundays during Lent at 5:00PM in the Church
Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2009

WEEKDAYS OF LENT:

There is **no obligation to fast**. However, **voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended**.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of **FAST** and **ABSTINENCE** from **MEAT**. All those between the **ages of 18 and 59** inclusive may take only one full meal on these days. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to ones needs. The eating of solid food between meals is not permitted.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: ALL FRIDAYS
IN LENT

All who have reached their 14th year are **bound to abstain totally from meat**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 2:30PM-3:30PM

SEDER SUPPER

Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00PM

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED?

St. James is starting a support group for those who have been recently unemployed. We are using the model successfully used at St. Ann in Avon for the past 15 years. There will be no cost and pre-registration is not required. The group will be comprised of not only the unemployed, but also experts in resume composition, networking, and general job search skills.

In order to get started we need to know approximately how many people might be interested in participating. Please use the tear off below and place it in a small white envelope addressed to Father Dave. We are doing this to preserve confidentiality. In addition, if you have the job skills to be a presenter, please sign below as well following the same directions for those who are unemployed.

I am recently unemployed:

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone #: _____

I have expertise in helping others to hone their job search skills:

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone #: _____



Meetings

Saturday, February 21st **THE FAITH & FELLOWSHIP TEAM**
1:00PM-5:00PM Fr. Shea

Sunday, February 22nd **BAPTISM CLASS**
1:00PM Fr Shea

Monday, February 23rd **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE**
7:30PM Fr. Shea

Tuesday, February 24th **SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**
8:45AM Fr. Shea
6:00PM Cry Rm.

Tuesday, February 24th **SOCIAL CONCERNS**
7:00PM Cry Rm.

Thursday, February 26th **PRECIOUS BLOOD PRAYER GROUP**
7:30PM Chapel

Thursday, February 26th **RCIA MEETING**
7:00PM Fr. Shea

Thursday, February 26th **INQUIRERS MEETING**
8:00PM Fr. Shea

Sunday, March 1st **YOUTH GROUP**
6:30PM Rm. 1

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/
Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15