

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY MARCH 2ND LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 AM ✝ FRANK ROMANO

Requested by: Gloria & Grandchildren

TUESDAY MARCH 3RD LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 AM ✝ LEO A. POISSON

Requested by: Wife, Alice Poisson

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 AM ✝ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE

URICCHIO FAMILY

Requested by: Larry & Nancy Shiembob

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 AM ✝ WILLIAM VON ACHEN

(Birthday Greetings)

Requested by: Wife & Family

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH LENTEN WEEKDAY

NO MASS

WAY OF THE CROSS AT 5:30PM

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH ANTICIPATED

SUNDAY MASS

4:00 PM ✝ BILL D'ESOPO

Requested by: Anne D'Esopo

SUNDAY MARCH 8TH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM ✝ HELEN WARNER

Requested by: Jim & Flo Piascik

9:30 AM ✝ MR. & MRS. ANTONIO LAROSA

Requested by: Daughters,

Connie D'Ambrosio & Millie Pane

11:30 AM ✝ PARISHIONERS OF ST. JAMES

Your Sacrificial Offering

FUEL OFFERING

\$2,759.05

WEEKLY OFFERING 02/22/09

\$9,971.67

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE!!

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God." (Mark 1:14)

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

OFFICE OF URBAN AFFAIRS

The Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford will host a workshop on Saturday March 14th at 8:45AM to 1:00PM at Ascension Church, Hamden, to introduce members of Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese to the nationally-known JustFaith program. It will be led by Jack Jezreel, founder of JustFaith Ministries. For more information call Lynn Campbell, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator, at 203-777-7279, or email her at lcampbell@oua-adh.org. The cost of the event is \$10.00. Register online at www.oua-adh.org until March 6th.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 17th

"From Slavery to Sainthood:

Celebrating the Life of the Beloved Patrick!"

Retreat Day:

10:00AM-2:00PM (includes lunch)

Evening Retreat:

6:00PM-9:00PM (includes dinner)

The retreat will include a Corned beef and Cabbage meal, Dr. Joan Kelly's presentation, and a liturgy celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. The program offering is \$30.00

Saturday, March 21st

A Shawl Knitting Retreat Day

10:00Am-5:00PM (includes lunch)

Sr. Cathleen Murtha, D.W. will lead the group of knitters through a day of knitting, prayer, reflection and conversation. Come and share your love of shawl knitting with others or learn about it. The program offering is \$40.00 and new knitters are welcome.

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



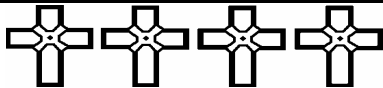
Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Lent began just three days ago. The Story of the Temptation is always proclaimed on the First Sunday of Lent. It reminds us of the temptations that come into our individual lives. Our busy world is filled with noise and distractions. Why not set aside some quiet time each day. Perhaps this time might be while driving to work. It could be while getting breakfast together or some other household chore. Silence and stillness can help to put up our "temptation shield."

On Sunday, March 22nd, Archbishop Mansell will award the Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation to Robert Smith, a parishioner of longstanding and a low-profile volunteer. Bob will receive the medal at Saint Joseph Cathedral at 3:00PM. He will be joined by representatives from some 200 parishes who are being similarly honored. Come and join us for a beautiful and inspiring ceremony.

On each of the Sunday's of Lent we will celebrate Evening Prayer at 5:00PM in the main church. It is another opportunity for prayer in our busy lives. The psalms and prayers are geared to the end of the day. Why not come and join us if you have never experienced Evening Prayer.

FATHER DAVE



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

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

The following non-perishable food items are needed:

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| Instant Potatoes | Stuffing | Gravy | Rice |
| Cranberry sauce | Sweet Potatoes | Vegetables | |
| Pasta/Rice side dishes | Au Gratin Potatoes | Soups | |
| Pasta Sauce | Macaroni & Cheese | Tuna Fish | |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Cereal | Oatmeal |
| Canned Fruit | Cake mix | Brownie mix | Muffin Mix |
| Frosting | Coffee | Tea | Hot Chocolate |

Thank you for your support and donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation, envelopes marked **FOOD DRIVE** are available in both vestibules of the church. Mark Williams is very grateful to St. James Parishioners for all they give and do for the Rocky Hill Food Bank.

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.

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 and check out the many items they have for parishioners of all ages. Coffee hour will be held in the parish center that weekend.



MARCH 28TH & 29TH

The Dominican Sisters of West Hartford will join us again this year on the above dates to sell there homemade pies, breads and brownies. The proceeds will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Thank you and God Bless.



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.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

FEBRUARY, 2009 \$86.02
Just a reminder the collection for "Change for Change" is every third weekend of the month. Thank you for your support.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, March 8th, from 7:00AM until 11:30AM, the St. James Confirmation Class will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and help support the youth of our parish!



**LENTEN
SCHEDULE**

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

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

Monday, March 2nd **PASTORAL COUNCIL**
7:00PM Fr. Shea

Tuesday, March 3rd **SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**
8:45AM Fr. Shea & 6:00PM Cry Rm.

Wednesday, March 4th **KNIT CROCHET AND
SEW GOOD WORKS**
1:00PM-4:00PM Fr. Shea

Wednesday, March 4th **FAITH & FELLOWSHIP**
7:30PM Fr. Shea

Thursday, March 5th **PRECIOUS BLOOD PRAYER GROUP**
7:30PM Chapel

Monday, March 9th **LITURGY COMMITTEE**
7:00PM Fr. Shea

Monday, March 9th **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3RD
DEGREE**
7:00PM Parish Center

MERCY AND XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

will present the musical **FOOTLOOSE** on the
following dates:

**March 6th and 7th at 7:30PM, and March 8th at
2:00PM. It will be at Mercy High School, 1740**

**Randolph Road, Middletown, Ct. and admission is
\$10.00. Tickets are available at www.mercyhigh.com.**

Readings for the week of March 1, 2009

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10