

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23rd

4:00PM

William Bill Dorsey anniversary
Requested by his family

Sunday, July 24th

8:30AM

11:30AM

Intention of the Celebrant
Selena Esthela Alferez por sus 4 años de vida y **Vincent Giovanni Alferez** en su primer año de vida pedidos por sus padres.

Mercedes Gonzales 2 semanas de fallecida

Intention of the Celebrant

5:00PM

Monday, July 25th

5:30PM

Tina Silverio

Tuesday, July 26th

5:30PM

In thanksgiving for the safe return of Cap. Andrew Fleming
Requested by the Johnston family

Thursday, July 28th

5:30PM

John P. Luddy

Friday, July, 29th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 30th

9:00AM

In memory of **Brenda B. Madgwick**
requested by Johnston Family

4:00PM

George Buchicka anniversary
requested by family

Special Intention

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory July 17th: \$4,066.50

Parish Monthly Collection: \$2,007.00

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND supports the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe. These collections help the Church spread God and train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/churchinafrica and www.usccb.org/aee.

NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



We appreciate your continued support of St. James Parish during the summer vacation months.

Pastor's Notes

This week we celebrate the feast of St. James the Apostle, our patron. This great apostle, who helped to carry the message of the Gospels to Asia, gave his life in martyrdom for Christ. The central figure in the reredos, the marble and stone altar that is behind the wooden altar, features James in the center. He is depicted holding a stick which was the instrument of his martyrdom. It was the practice of the church for many years to depict some of the martyrs with their instruments of torture and death to remind us that the blood of the martyrs has watered the seeds of faith and that the Gospel is freely preached and given, but it has come at a great cost for some. It is as this week's Gospels proclaim the pearl of great price.

In truth not much is known about this great apostle, but this is also fitting and reflective of John the Baptists' credo, "I must decrease while he must increase." That is also our call to the gospel message. If people leave us thinking that, "this person is a great Christian, then surely we too have lived John's admonition. This week's Gospel compel us to reflect on our own valuing of the Gospel and our faith. We might ask ourselves what does our faith mean to us? Over the course of the time I have been a priest; countless people have asked me what do non believers hold onto when there are great challenges or tragedies that befall them. I am unsure, but know that the hope that comes from faith has strengthened and carried many people through difficult times. This weekend's gospel simply reminds us of that.

Speaking of priceless pearls, I end on a bit of a sad note. This week we bid farewell to Sister Amarillis Flores Arroja, MSHS who has been with us for a little less than a year. She and her order have determined that she should return to Venezuela to continue the great mission work she has started with another sister down there. Although she has not been a great presence in the English speaking community, she has been invaluable to the Spanish speaking people of our community. I am grateful for all that she has done and hope that you will keep her in your prayers as she returns to the mountains of Venezuela to serve the people of God in that field of harvest. *Ad Multos Annos Hermana. Vaya con Dios y nuestras oraciones.*

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2011 St. James has raised \$29,493 for the 2011 Catholic Appeal, reaching 81.9% of our parish goal. Information packets with a pledge form can be found in the back of the Church, Thank you!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING AND PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

-Mt 13:49-51

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2011

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated. Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS are being accepted at this time. If you are new to the parish and have school-age children Grades K - 10, now is the time to enroll them for classes which will begin in September. You may enroll your child by calling the RE Office at 978-372-8537 ext. 205.

MUSIC CAMP IS HERE AGAIN! Our **THIRD Music Camp Day** will take place on **Tuesday, August 16th from 9am-5pm** at St James Parish-lower church. Registration forms will be out in the church on the Information Racks in the vestibule of the church and on the welcoming table. Registration is \$15.00 PER child and includes snacks and drinks during the day, lunch and craft items and goodie bags for each child. At the end of music camp day, the children will put on a short performance of things they learned during the day. Registration is for grades 3 and up, however if an older sibling will be attending, we will accept a younger child. This year we have a fun field trip planned to a nearby church to see the inner workings of a pipe organ! Lots of other fun games, crafts and songs to learn will be part of the day. For more information stjamesmusic@hotmail.com or call 978.372.8537 x202 and I will get right back to you!



Save the Date. On Sunday Sept 11th at 2:00pm, in the Upper Church, we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of "9-11" with a concert entitled **"We Must Never Forget/ Concert of Peace"** If you have any relatives or friends who perished on this day, I would love for you to contact me as we would like to include their names in the program and perhaps have family members participate in some way at this event. Contact: Cynthia Arsenault, Director of Music at 978.372.8537 x202 or email at stjamesmusic@hotmail.com

Note-Worthy Expressions" "

Members of the adult choir had the experience of a life time singing at the Holy Cross Cathedral Tour last Saturday night. For me, it was a very awesome experience as I had the opportunity to play their magnificent Hook and Hastings Organ (I believe it was very similar to the same type of organ that was originally in St James that was removed in the early 1900's...all I can say is what a shame!) It is so good to always participate in events "outside the church" and let people know of our beautiful parish. As many of you are aware, St James is built by the same builder that built the Cathedral, Keeley, so it is St James two times bigger! By the time you are reading this, the Organ should be back to working order. While I am on vacation for the next two weeks, please thank Peg DeGrazia (St Patrick's Groveland) who will be playing at the 4:00 Mass and Phil Clayton (St John the Baptist, Haverhill) who will be playing at the 8:30 and 5:00, for providing coverage while I am gone. It is very difficult to find people who are not only willing but capable to fill-in, but I truly feel that these two musicians fit the bill! God bless you all ☺

JULY 24, 2011

Notes from the Religious Education Office..."AWESOME! CAN WE DO THIS NEXT YEAR?" Was how one participant responded when asked what he thought of the week-long RE program held last week. That seems to be the overall opinion of the first summer session held here at St. James. Fifty students in grades 5-8 from St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes gathered at St. James School to learn about their faith. These young folks were well behaved and very respectful. Another youngster commented that she had learned more during the week than she learned all of last year. I was very pleased by this first effort of Summer RE, and Renee Barrick from St. John's and I look forward to expanding next year's summer session.

Regresa el Catecismo

Ya estamos preparando para iniciar las clases de Catecismo, en el mes de Septiembre. Los padres de los niños pueden llamar para Inscribirlos en la rectoría al

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Gracias a todas las personas que han regresado los sobres misioneros con sus donaciones. Hasta ahora se han devuelto 125 sobres para un total de \$2,590. Acuérdense son 1000 sobres faltan 875 recordamos a la comunidad que la meta son 1000 sobres misioneros. Y de Nuevo Gracias!!



We are bringing back a wonderful tradition from the past and holding a Christmas Bazaar!

When: Saturday, December 3rd

Where: Saint James School

Time: 9 am to 6 pm

If you would like to reserve a space to sell your homemade items or products please call Margaret Marnon at 978-377-0043. Tables are available for \$25 each.

INFANT – TODDLER SUMMER CLOTHING NEEDED New or gently used, clean clothes (sizes: 3 months to 2T) are desperately needed at the Hispanic Pro-Life Office, Lawrence. A collection receptacle will be placed at the back of the church. Please help in any way you can. If you have any questions or suggestions please call Gerald & Ann Johnston 978-372-3824. Bless you!

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8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Murray
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10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Leo
11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray
5:00 PM Mass Fr. Felix/Deacon Leo

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BABY BOTTLES. The Pregnancy Care Center programs provide help to women & men in crisis pregnancies with positive alternatives. Please return the bottles this week. You can drop them at the rectory or bring them to Mass. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may list the name and address of a special mother *you wish to honor*. The PCC will send a card showing that you have made a gift for life in their name. Thank you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK! St. James Parish will join with St. John the Baptist Parish to sponsor a week-long **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** the week of August 1st – 5th at St. John the Baptist Church, from 9am – Noon each day. It is open to children ages 4 through Grade 4. Students in Grades 9 & 10 will be most helpful as Jr. Counselors. The cost for the week is \$35 per child with a cap of \$60 per family. You may register for VBS by calling Larry Webster at 978-372-8537 or by stopping by the rectory Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. High School students who wish to be Jr. Counselors for the week should also call Larry Webster.

<i>St. Vincent De Paul Society-Quarterly Report</i>	
<i>April 1, 2011-June 30, 2011</i>	
<i>Number of Families Assisted- 55</i>	
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Rents \$16,024	\$5,984-SVDP Boxes
Utilities \$2,062	\$3,200-Contribution from the
Hot Water & Heat \$500	SVDP Society of
Community Meal \$250	Sacred Heart's Parish
Operation Cost \$138	Bradford
Other _____ \$318	<u>\$101-Interest _____</u>
Total: \$19,292	\$9,285
NOTE: A \$10,000 CD was cashed in during this quarter	

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