Christmas, 2016
A Christmas Reflection from Fr. Matt Foley, Pastor

December 25, 2016

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me”
Welcome to St. James! We are so blessed to have so many worshippers attending our 10 Christmas Masses.

The excitement of celebrating the Birth of Jesus, Our New Born King, is a joyful experience. I understand that Masses may be a bit crowded. It is difficult to accommodate, it can at times be a bit chaotic, and that is the beauty and nature of celebrations.

When I attended Pink Floyd, Eric Clapton, The Who, Bruce Springsteen, U2, and The Grateful Dead concerts it was always really crowded and a bit chaotic. However, people were there to celebrate and adjusted to enjoy with friend and stranger alike.

In my life time when I have attended Bulls, Hawks, Bears, Sox and Cubs games the fans dealt with the crowds. It was always more enjoyable to be at games when every seat was filled. I feel the same about Mass.

Coming from a family of 9 I am well aware that we always took up a pew. With my parents having 7 children in 9 years we must have been an entertaining ensemble at Masses. I ask that as an assembly we remember.

- That God put the wiggle in children; don’t feel you have to suppress their expressions.
- If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please COME Back.
- Let children and families know they are home in this house of worship.
- Children remind us that St. James is a growing parish.
- Welcome the children and offer a smile of encouragement to their parents.

~ Fr. Matt

Helen, Grandmother of Julie and Great Grandmother of James handing on the faith through example, patience and prayer.

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:
- Monday: Human Life
- Tuesday: Military
- Wednesday: Marriage
- Thursday: Priests and Religious
- Friday: Sick
- Saturday: Souls of the faithful departed

Pray the Rosary
The Children’s Rosary Group will meet WEEKLY, each Monday, at 3:45 pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend!

Holy Hour
All are invited to the 7pm Thursday Holy Hour in the Church with Deacon Matthew Hahn. This 7pm Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction.

How Are We Praying?
Your Liturgy Team is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James. We welcome your evaluation of our liturgical celebrations in the Church and Parish Center, during this upcoming CHRISTMAS season. Your feedback will assist the team in future preparations. Please email: stjamesliturgyboard@yahoo.com

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE
On December 31st (New Year’s Eve and January 1st (New Year’s Day) we will have a REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
- Saturday, Dec. 31st
  - 5:00pm Mass in the Parish Center
- Sunday, January 1st
  - Church:
    - 7:00am
    - 8:30am
    - 5:00pm
  - Parish Center:
    - 10:00am
    - 11:30am

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration in the Church
We are seeking additional adorers. Hours available: 9am-3pm
Email Sue or Jim at smcpherrin@yahoo.com
Be a part of the Adoration Team!
For more information, please contact Adoration Leaders Sue or Jim at 847-506-1618.

Open Our Hearts in Welcome:
Campaign Results
(As of 12/21/16)
- Total Raised: $7,638,188
- Number of Families: 859

What better way to bring in Christmas cheer than surpassing our campaign goal within the year!

We are proud to announce that with your continued patience and support during our active fundraising time, you helped us successfully accomplish our goal of reaching $7.5 million prior to the end of 2016. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on St. James Parish for generations to come.

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!
Christmas 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you and with all people of good will in this holy season.

After observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy and as we begin a journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have come to know fresh hope in our hearts. We do not find the source of our hope in our own strength. With the Blessed Virgin Mary we recognize that our hope comes from God. As her son took flesh within her womb, she proclaimed, “God has remembered his promise of mercy.” The birth of her son Jesus is also the birth of our true and lasting hope.

In this moment, we find ourselves challenged in so many ways. Together, we face the plague of war, violence, and a lack of respect for life and for the dignity of all people. On a personal level, we all struggle in different ways, whether with family issues or work or illness or in trying to do the right thing. Still, we hope, because “God has visited his people.”

Pray with me that our celebration of the birth of Jesus may truly renew our hope in God, the only hope that can sustain us on the journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago
God of Power and Mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Give us the courage to find wisdom in our sacrifices, joy in our generosity, and hope in the compassion we show, especially to those most in need of your comfort and care.

Create in us a more open heart and a greater awareness of our need to grow, to change, to be transformed, so that we may be better stewards of your gifts for the good of all.

Amen.
FUEL Junior High Youth

Who: 6th -8th grade Youth
What: Laser Quest Outing
When: Saturday, January 7th, 2017 from 6:00-8:30 pm
Where: Laser Quest, 644 E. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights, IL
Why: Fun and Fellowship
Cost: $20.00 includes 2 games and Pizza party! Only 30 spots available, first come first serve! Email srfaustina@stjamesah.org to sign up! *Parents Drop off and Pick up is at Laser Quest, Chaperones needed!*

JOIN US January 14.... For a Journaling Prayer Workshop
With the SACRED INTERCESSION PRAYER JOURNAL

This Year ... Grow in Prayer & Intimacy with God

This interactive workshop is designed to encourage and inspire a renewed commitment to prayer. Together we will experience quiet prayer, journaling prayer and healing prayer.

Everyone receives a Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal and we will put it to use during the workshop!

LOCATION: St. James Parish – School Resource Center
Saturday, Jan 14 @ 8:00-Noon
Women’s Event
FEE: $40 per person
Includes one SACRED INTERCESSION PRAYER JOURNAL, use of journaling supplies and food/beverage during the event.

REGISTER Online by Jan 9:
www.givecentral.org/location/270/9522

EVENT SPEAKER:
I'm Julie Rudnick – creator of the Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal. I have a passion for prayer and the desire to encourage others in their journey of faith. Be sure to join me for a fun and inspirational morning on PRAYER!

For more information or questions email: tina@haisman.net
St. James Divorce Ministry Offers
Divorce Care

St. James Divorce Ministry will offer the Divorce Care program beginning in January. Divorce Care is a ten-session journey aimed to provide education, support and healing. This free video seminar presented over multiple sessions meets on most 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Attend one or all sessions. Our ministry is geared toward supporting those who are separated/divorced/annulled to provide healing and renewal.

The next meeting will be:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**
Session 1 – 7:00pm
“What’s Happening to Me?”

**Meeting Location:**
O’Brien Room—St. James Parish Office
820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Hts.
Contact: Deacon Jim Bannon—847-577-6328

**CALLING ALL MEN TO SAVE THE DATE**
Saint James Men’s Retreat
Experiences a two-day spiritual retreat that is powerful, positive and fulfilling.

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

**CRHP WEEKEND RETREAT**

Start: Saturday, February 25, 2017 • 7:30 am
End: Sunday, February 26, 2017 • 1:00 pm

Come join the weekend’s spiritual leader,
Father Matt Foley

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN-UP, CONTACT
Matt Marcheschi
mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org
(224) 345-7210

Tom Sommers
tos1466@gmail.com
(773) 851-6255
### In Remembrance...Christmas Floral Donations

We thank all who contributed to our Environment & Art Ministry with a donation made in memory of a deceased family member or friend. With these contributions, we have been able to enhance our worship spaces with a variety of flowers and plants during this 2016 Christmas season.

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by the McCarthy Family

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Josef Ubl
by Ann Ubl

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Therese Marie Hudson
by Mary D. Meyer

Emily Marie Serafin
by John and Rhonda Serafin

Martin Sierocki
by Marie Sierocki and Family

Stanley and Julia Luczak
Rose Mary Phol
Michael and Maria Faciana
by Tom and Sharon Faciana

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by The Walsh Family

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by Karen, Kristen and Megan

Jo F. Schatterman
by Tom Schatterman

The Rehagen and Bethel Families
by Patricia Bethel

Edward Hopper
by Judy Hopper and Family

Rita and Joe Hilbert
by Christy, Don, Alexis and Lia Horn

Bill and Betty Mae McDermott
John and Julia Brady
by Steve and Jeanne McDermott

David Riegler
by Parents: Ron and Lisa; siblings: Marco, Matthew, and Regina

Ed Chiappetta
by Sippi Chiappetta and Family

Judith Ann Perry
by Duke Perry and Family

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by Mary Figliuolo

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by his parents, Patty and Perry Raupp

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by His Family

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by Her Sister, Mary Woods

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by John and Alice Kordek

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by his loving wife, Danita, and loving family, Chris, Stephen, Susie, Gracie, Matthew and Sadie

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by Gene and Maureen O’Neill

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Joseph and Helen Hertvik
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Joseph Kirwan
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by The Fadz Family

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Join us for ADORE!

ADORE is an opportunity to pray during Adoration through Praise & Worship.

Our very own, Tam Conseur, will lead us in prayer & song

January 29th, 2017

6:15PM in the Church

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Save the Date!

Living the Catholic Life

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with Ken Yasinski

February 26-28, 2017 - 7:30pm
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2525 North Arlington Heights Road
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Could there be more to your faith experience, than what you have experienced? Dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski will be leading a three-day parish mission, designed to help answer life’s most meaningful questions: 1)Why have I been created? 2)Where is Joy found? 3)Does my Catholic faith matter? This mission is Catholicism in everyday simple language that will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. Come be inspired to live your full potential in life.

Sponsored by St. Edna, St. James (Arlington Heights), and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes
St. James Parish Groups

**Annulment Support Ministry**
Richard Nagengast    847-732-0970

**Elizabeth Ministry**—We are a ministry of women reaching out to other women who are in their childbearing years. We offer support and resources regarding pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, child loss, adoption, NFP, and other issues. To connect with us, reach out to Melissa Bertram or Sandra Chaplin at ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org or http://bit.ly/ElizabethMinStJamesAH

**Grief Support Group**
The St. James Grief Support Group meets on every Tuesday (during session times) from 7pm-8:15pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The group offers support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. (The dates for the next session will be Nov. 22-Dec 13th.) For information, call Mary Jo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

**St. Vincent de Paul**—is an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

**Wheels to Worship**
Need a ride to Mass?
Call Carol at 847-253-4680.
carolcerranianderson@yahoo.com

**Stepping Stones**
Everyone deserves to be in a safe, healthy relationship. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or locally, contact WINGS 24-hour Hotline at 847-221-5680.

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**Community Groups and Events**

**Lunches by Catholic Charities**
Luncheons are served M-Fri for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis only. Call 847-797-5354 for more info & reservations.

**Senior Health Insurance Program**
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5352 for information.

**Mended Hearts**—a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Alexian Bros. Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

**AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**—meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

**Community Resources**
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Families Anon. 847-795-8320
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts.

**NAMJ—National Alliance on Mental Illness**—847-899-0195

**Escorted Transportation for Seniors**
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available to those 60 and over in our community who are in need of rides to medical and dental appointments. It is a multi-denominational outreach to the elderly. If you are in need of such assistance, or if you would like to volunteer to serve seniors in our community as a part of this outreach team, please call Vicki at 847-222-9227.

**Office for Protection of Children and Youth**
www.archchicago.org 312-534-5254

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**Cancer Research Network**
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org. You may also call Ron Mawitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

**For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:**
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Save the Date!**
St. Edna’s presents Trivia Night
Saturday, January 21st, 2017
7pm in the Doherty Center at St. Edna
Doors open at 5:30pm; Join us for Trivia Night—bring your friends, form a team and compete to be the 2017 Trivia Night champions. For information, visit our website at: www.stedna.org/TriviaNight

**St. Viator Entrance Exam**
Class of 2021 Entrance Exam
January 14, 2017 at 8am

Please bring two #2 pencils and a $25 check (made payable to St. Viator), or cash and a completed information form from: www.saintviator.com/entranceexam
No calculators allowed.

**Joyful Again Ministry**
Retreat workshop Jan. 21-22, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer, located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor’s campus. Includes overnight and meals. 708-354-7211 for information, or see Website: www.joyfulagain.org

**Help Needed…**
Home daycare or in home nanny needed for 3 month old in Arlington Heights. 22-25 hours per week. References required. Contact 847-530-1470.

Needed: Caregiver for 93 woman in Elk Grove Village, Monday - Friday, 6-9 pm, references required. Please call 847-738-7805.
Please pray for our sick…

Edna O. Martin, Lawrence Kirschner, Helen Jochaniewicz, Suzanne McLaughlin, Ron Goffron, Chrissy Smith, Victor Barros, Margaret Klepitsch, Sr., Ann Caselton, Gary Tatje

In Loving Memory

Anna Marie Perna…mother of Richard (Bryn) Perna and Regina Perna; grandmother of four

Daniel V. Angerame…husband of Susan; father of Patrick and Timothy Angerame; brother of Mark (Camille); brother-in-law to Mary Fischer, Joe (Rita) McGovern, Mike McGovern, and Annette McGovern, and uncle to many nieces and nephews

Baptisms

Bennett Daniel Fox…son of Christopher & Kelly (Kinnare) Fox

Aubrey Kelly Mahony…daughter of Michael & Kimberly (Musial) Mahony

Wedding Banns

December 31, 2016

Ryan Baysinger & Kelly Nugent

Rose for Life

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Peg and Jack Hanahan in loving memory of Jack’s brother, Andrew Hanahan.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 25


Monday, December 26

Christina Mathoney, James Mallon

Tuesday, December 27

John & Anna Burzynski

Wednesday, December 28

Jeffrey Helminski (14th Anniv.), James Todd Foley, Phyllis Shields

Thursday, December 29

Mildred M. Ciernak (1st Anniv.), Candace Duggan, Dana Mangi, Richard Foley, R. Raymond Becker

Friday, December 30

Ralph Andejeski, Sr. (2nd Anniv.), George Mulcahy

Saturday, December 31

Edward L. Gehrke, John Fedyski (1st Anniv.), Edward A. Dillon, Will Newgard (10th Anniv.), Joan Brauweiler

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, January 1

Edward L. Gehrke, Albert Herda (1st Anniv.), Tom Schuld

Our Charity

During the month of December, our Charity has been the Collection for the Retired Religious.

We thank you for your generous donations to this very important appeal.

This fund helps provide nursing care, medication, and other necessities for senior religious priests, sisters, and brothers who require care.

Please see www.retiredreligious.org for additional information.

Weekly Intentions

Stewardship

December 18, 2016

Weekend Masses — 513 Envelopes $27,621.50

GiveCentral — 119 Online Donations $10,395.00

August 14th Total Collection $38,016.50

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CHRISTMAS 2016

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations, and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I’m sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had his reasons for coming in this way. Jesus was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the illegal alien, the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we might find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

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Mass Times | Presider | Weekend of January 1, 2017 | Lectors | Altar Servers
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Sat 5:00 pm | Fr. Matt | Eucharistic Ministers A TEAM |  |  
Alumni News

90th Anniversary Planning Meeting: January 18, 2017
Would you like to participate in the planning of the 90th anniversary party? We are looking for assistance with decorations, food and beverage, music, invitations, publicity and more. If you'd like to help in any way, we'll be having a kick-off meeting to brainstorm ideas and take a tour of the old school building on January 18th at 10am. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to help, let us know. Call or email Mary Lederer at 224-345-7203 | mlederer@stjamesah.org.

St. James School All-Class Reunion and 90th Anniversary Celebration: June 10, 2017
Save the date and make sure we have your current contact information. Go to: stjamesschoolah.org/saint-james-school-alumni-program and complete the form to receive information and updates on the anniversary celebration and other alumni news.

Alumni Spotlight
Do you know of an alum with an interesting life experience or accomplishment to share? We'd like to start a series of "Alumni Spotlight" stories and need your input. Email your suggestion to: alum@stjamesschoolah.org. and let us know of SJS alumni who are making their mark in the world.

Merry Christmas!

The Parish Office Staff wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and the blessings and peace of Christ in the New Year.
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 7:00am Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 8:30am Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning 10:00am Parish Center Contemporary Choir & Children’s Liturgy of the Word)
Sunday Morning 11:30am Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening 5:00pm Church (Teen Ensemble)

Weekday Masses (Church) 831 N. Arlington Hts. Road
Monday – Friday ............... 7:30am Mass
Saturday ..................... 8:30am Mass

Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days.

Sacramental Celebrations
Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date at least one month in advance.

Marriages
Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior to your wedding date, we warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office. Our Office Manager will explain the process of preparing for a Christian marriage and assist you in selecting a date for your wedding liturgy.

Reconciliation
Saturdays. .........3:30—4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am—8:00pm
Friday 9:00am—6:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am—1:00pm
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