



**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ January 22, 2017**

**Sunday Scripture Meditation:**

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Matthew 4:12-23

*At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that His people would be united. How brightly the Church would shine today if every family were to dedicate themselves to unity. Unity doesn't mean agreeing on every issue. It means honoring and respecting everyone, including those we disagree with. "Lord grant us unity especially within our families."*

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**CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK**

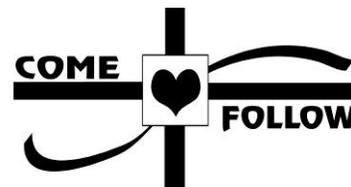
Sat.	Jan 21	4:30 PM	+EDWARD DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael and Stephanie Dunn</i>
Sun.	Jan 22	7:30 AM	+ANNA PRIHODA ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
		9:00 AM	+JOAN and +FRANK DIPRONIO ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MELNICKSACK FAMILY ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
Mon.	Jan 23	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL ROMAN ~ <i>Rita McManus and Family</i>
Tues.	Jan 24	7:30 AM	+STEPHEN LESHENSKI ~ <i>Edward and Regina Vrabel</i>
Wed.	Jan 25	7:30 AM	+JOSEPH AND +MARION GRESKO ~ <i>The Children</i>
Thurs.	Jan 26	7:30 AM	+FRED LUCAS ~ <i>Tom and Meryl Zelenak</i>
Fri.	Jan 27	7:30 AM	+ANTHONY ZEFFIRO ~ <i>Lynnette Baroni</i>
Sat.	Jan 28	8:00 AM	IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS
		4:30 PM	+JOHN PRIHODA, SR and +JOHN, JR. ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
Sun.	Jan 29	7:30 AM	+MARIA HLAVON ~ <i>Daughter, Anna Sobek</i>
		9:00 AM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>Ted and Rose Bielen</i>
		11:00 AM	+MARGARET PANICALI ~ <i>Son, Peter</i>

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 1-8-2017 and 1-16-2017**

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ---- \$9,975 x 2 weeks = \$19,950

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 7,763
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 3,098
School Lease Income.....	\$ 14,062
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 24,923
SURPLUS .....	\$ 4,973

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 29.....\$289,275  
Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$288,030 Shortfall \$ 1,245



**PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are**

requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you

are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of:

- Jay Behan, Diane Buda, Ronald Hetten, Peggy Hudak, Frank Masso, Glen Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Mollo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicale, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Jennie Tesla**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – January 22** ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Confirmation Class

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We offer sympathy and assurance of prayer to the families of **Jean Calabro, Jean Criscione and Jennie Schaefer** who recently died.

**YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:** Wednesday rehearsals have resumed from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church choir loft. *The Youth choir is looking for new members to join our wonderful group. If you are in grade 6 through 12 and like to sing, please come to our next rehearsal.*

**The 2018 Mass Book** will be open for Mass requests on **Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** starting on **February 15**. You may visit us at the parish office or call **203-375-5815**. *The 2017 Mass Book still has availability for weekday Masses.*

**If the Stratford School system "delays" or "cancels" school due to snow,** the Weekday 7:30 AM Morning Mass will be cancelled for that day.

**The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal begins at Holy Name of Jesus parish and throughout the diocese of Bridgeport.**

As your Pastor, I want to let you know that I am in complete support of the Appeal, and I am asking that you join with me to do everything we can to make the Annual Catholic Appeal successful in our parish. I am counting on you, members of our parish family, to participate sacrificially in this vital appeal for the good of the Diocese of Bridgeport and its ability to address urgent needs and build new ways to advance our mission as the body of Christ in Fairfield County. **The Appeal theme, "Sharing God's Gifts, Transforming Lives"** is our opportunity to look beyond our parish. It calls us as sharers in the life and mission of the church, to proclaim with joy the Good News of the Gospel by example and witness in our parish and in surrounding cities, towns and neighborhoods. You will soon be receiving literature in the mail with specifics concerning the appeal. Most of us have been especially blessed by God; in health, with family, and our resources. I ask that each family consider a gift to the Appeal payable over several months. And while I realize that everyone's financial situation is different, I truly believe that contributing to this vital effort is one sacrifice that is most worthy of support. Please keep in mind that while this is our parish and our spiritual home, we are all part of a much larger Church. If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can do great things.

**The January PASTA DINNER:** hosted by the Men's Society has been **Postponed.** Please watch the bulletin for the new date.

**Join Us for St. James School's Open House on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**

**50 Harvey Place, Stratford.** Take a Tour. Meet our faculty. Speak with students and parents. Experience our Activity Fair. St. James students receive an excellent academic foundation while being challenged to develop a strong sense of self and faith through service to others. Come and see what our community has to offer your family! *Open registration from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Tuition assistance is available.*  
203-375-5994 [www.stjamesstratford.org](http://www.stjamesstratford.org)  
***Celebrating Over 70 Years of Educational Excellence.***

**Next weekend the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



*"Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil. Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary.....Do you pray the Rosary each day?" Pope Francis*

**Evangelization Corner** Jesus began His public ministry by taking up the cry of repentance from John the Baptist. Repentance, turning away from sin, is the first step in the spiritual life.



By turning away from sin we turn toward God. Let us always gaze on the beauty of God and turn our backs to the ugliness of sin.

**Lauralton Hall invites you to attend Take-a-Look Tuesday on February 7 at 8:00 AM.** Join us for coffee and a tour of Lauralton Hall. RSVP to 203-877-2786 ext. 144. Lauralton Hall, 200 High St., Milford.

**From Blessed Sacrament Church**

*During the Christmas season 200-250 weary travelers were welcomed every week to the doors of Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport. Like the Magi, they came not only seeking food and clothing, but respect and compassion. In a word, they came hoping to find the love of Christ. On our part, we also experience Epiphany, finding Jesus in their humility and in their need. Thank you for making this possible by the gifts of your Giving Tree, food cards, cash donations, and groceries. May you be blessed with joy and good health especially at this time of the year. Be assured that your donation will help a number of our struggling families at a time when they especially need assistance and encouragement. And thank you for your dedicated support. Know that we are praying for you, in a church that has been able to keep its lights burning, oil in the tank and its doors open to serve the poor, thanks to you! Thank You and God bless you with continued good health,*

Fr. Skip Karscinski

Ann LeStrange, Food Pantry Director

**Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on**

**3/27/2017.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers)**