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You have shown to be like the traveling merchant seeking fine pearls who “upon finding one pearl of high value, went away and promptly sold all the things he had and bought it.”
Matthew 13:45, 46

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020
Dear Parishioners of St. James Parish

It is my great desire to return to public worship at St. James Church on the feast of Pentecost and we will do so on that feast of the Holy Spirit, but I wanted to highlight some guidelines that we will be following to ensure the physical safety and peace of mind for all parishioners of St. James Church. We are adhering to the directives of the Diocese of Providence and the directives of the State of Rhode Island.

* To assist in prayerful social distancing we have taped off every other pew. So a pew that is taped off is one that you should not enter. This is to give space and distance between the worshipers.

* The number of people that will be allowed to enter St. James Church for a mass has been set at 150 people.

* All parishioners will be required to enter St. James Church through the center front door. Parishioners may exit by any door but entrance is only by the center front door. We will have hand sanitizing dispensers at the vestibule of St. James Church for parishioners use. Parishioners may also use their own personal hand sanitizing solution, but all parishioners will be expected to sanitize their hands immediately upon entry to the St. James Church.

* Please remember that Bishop Tobin has continued to dispense everyone in the Diocese of Providence from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses until further notice. So if you are hesitant due to underlying health conditions to attend or display any symptoms you should not attend the celebration of Mass at St. James.

* Parishioners will be required to wear a face mask for the duration of the celebration of Mass, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.

* One of the differences that you will notice at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is that hymnals, missalettes, bulletins and holy water have all been removed from the church.

* Please remember that we continue to live stream all our celebrations of Mass on the St. James Faith Formation Facebook page. Also keep in mind that it is not necessary to receive Holy Communion at every Mass. If you are concerned or apprehensive about receiving, then please enter into a ‘spiritual communion’ with the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas J. Ferland
Pastor, St. James Church

Welcome back ...
We are so happy to see so that so many of you are continuing to join us for the live celebration of mass and hope that more of you will be able to join us in the near future!

For those who are unable to return in person at this time, please know that we are still live-streaming the masses on our Facebook page.

St. James Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

St. James Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30am

Social distancing does not mean that we need to be spiritually apart...

Hello! Let's Stay Connected

- Make a phone call
- Send a text
- Facetime
- Have a Zoom meeting
- Send a card or letter

Just reach out. Everyone needs to stay connected!

We continue to live-stream our weekday and weekend masses on our Facebook page.

The videos will be posted for later viewing at …

St. James Office of Faith Formation

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PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION
August 1-2, 2020

The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide each year to support the most disadvantaged including victims of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. Due to the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, those wishing to provide financial support for the Peter’s Pence Collection may do so in alternative ways this year only. Parishioners may submit their contributions electronically by visiting www.peterspence.va, by means of the regular offertory envelopes to the parish during Mass or by sending contributions directly to the Diocesan Fiscal Office. Checks should be made payable to the Diocesan Service Corporation and be clearly marked “Peter’s Pence Collection” on the notation line. The mailing address is:
Diocesan Service Corporation
Fiscal Office
1 Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903

The Peter’s Pence Collection supports the Pope’s philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

We seek refuge under your protection, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

Prayer for Healing from Coronavirus

- Pope Francis

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our plea — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

We seek refuge under your protection, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.
**Weekly Collections Week of July 19, 2020**

- **Weekly Budget**: $847.00
- **On-Line Giving**: $832.50
- **Capital Improvement**: $22.00
- **Poor Box**: $7.00

As always, thank you for your continued generosity during this difficult and challenging time! We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

We encourage you to continue to mail in your budget envelopes and other special and second collection contributions during this time.

This is also a great time to consider On-Line Giving. Please visit our website and the link to sign up for On-Line Giving.

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**Faith Formation 2020-2021**

Registration is underway for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year (grades Kindergarten - 8).

**Please send in your registration by July 31, 2020**

First Penance and Reconciliation is scheduled for August 22, 2020. First Communion is scheduled for September 26, 2020.

Letters have been mailed to families.

Please contact Paul Adam with any questions or concerns at stjamesfaithformation@yahoo.com

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**The Search**

What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination—a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in-between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

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Enter your email, create a password, and ENJOY!
St. James Parish would like to extend its congratulations to Gail Duncan who was received into the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on July 26, 2020.

Wishing you all God’s blessings on this very special day.

Happy Feast of St. James
July 25, 2020
2. Access to Mass will be limited
In order to prevent risk of infection, attendance at Mass will be limited to a percentage of the church's capacity as specified in the fire code. Some parishes will request a "reservation" or ticket system, or find ways to split up parishioners alphabetically in as equitable a manner as possible.

3. Hand hygiene and masks are key
Parishioners will be expected to sanitize their hands immediately upon entry to the church. Likewise, they must wear a mask at all times, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.

4. Pews will be sectioned off
In order to maintain six feet distance between parishioners, parishes will mark off sections of pews where parishioners can safely sit.

5. Singing will be limited
Because of the risk of infection due to increased aerosolized particles, singing must be limited. Hymnals will be removed from churches.

6. Parishioners will receive Holy Communion in a safe manner
Parishioners will take off their masks to receive Holy Communion, but the priest or other minister may wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion. The priest or other minister will always sanitize his hands before this time, and whenever he accidentally comes into contact with a person. Parishioners are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the hand; but another option would be to refrain from receiving Holy Communion and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

7. The church will be sanitized after every Mass
To ensure everyone's safety, parish staff or volunteers will sanitize commonly touched surfaces and pews before and after every celebration of Mass.

8. Budget envelopes will be submitted prior to Mass or as you leave
Instead of "passing the basket," a secure receptacle should be available so parishioners can drop off their budget envelopes before or after Mass.

9. Avoid personal contact with anyone
The sign of peace remains suspended; physical contact must be avoided at all costs.

10. Those who are sick must stay home
Anyone who has symptoms of any sickness (even mild symptoms) may not attend the public celebration of Mass.