

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



*St. James Church is staffed by  
the La Salette Missionaries*

## PASTOR

Rev. John J. O'Neill, M.S.

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## SENIOR PRIESTS

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.  
Rev. Thomas Sickler, M.S.

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## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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## DEACON

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Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (*Emergencies anytime*)

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## MASSES

Saturday Vigil ----- 4:30 pm

Sunday ----- 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekdays ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days ----- 7:00, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

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## Religious Education Director

Mrs. Bev. Richardson  
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## St. James School Principal

Linda Marie Joyal  
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## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Please call the Rectory to register for the Preparatory Class & Baptism. Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of every month at 12:00 noon.

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## WEDDING

Call the Rectory at least six months prior to your wedding date. If not confirmed, one year.

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm in church, or by appointment.

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## HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

Usually on **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING** we tell of the special week we just celebrated.

### HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – Holy Thursday – Good Friday – Holy Saturday.

Fr. Roy on Monday was going to hear confessions from 9 am to 5 pm. On Tuesday we were going to the Cathedral to honor Fr. John Welch at the Chrism Mass. He is 60 years a Priest. That all your three priests were going to renew our vows on Holy Thursday. How we were going to receive the converts to the Church on Holy Saturday night. All these did not happen this week, Holy Week. But this week the Norwich Bulletin, the Connecticut Post told their audience how this Easter Church of St. James is ALIVE and well. How six young men said good- bye to their best friend Chase Wood. It was a story of faith and friendship. Our message is - Keep the Faith, Be a good friend. It is the Easter story of 2020. These six young men had their roots in St. James Church.

**OUR EASTER WISH** to you is this –

Live Holy week,

Be good,

Be Kind & Bless People & remember,

**WE WILL RISE FROM THIS VIRUS... AMEN.**



### PARISH EVENTS

All the events and liturgical services are cancelled until further notice.

Church will be open every day from 8.30 am to 11.30 am for Individual Prayers

Please visit our Parish Website for further updates: [stjameschurchdanielson.com](http://stjameschurchdanielson.com)

### LA SALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz

In memory of David & Sophie Horvat...son, Joseph

In memory of Yvonne Bissonnette....Daughter Pierrette

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."



### MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS

This week's flower arrangement donated in honor of Rudy Desabota by Anne and family. The Church will be open every day from 8.30 am to 11.30 am if you wish to place your flower arrangement.

### The Temporary Suspension of the Public Celebration of Mass in the Diocese of Norwich

NORWICH –Bishop Michael R. Cote has mandated that all public celebrations of Mass be temporarily suspended in all churches of the Diocese of Norwich, and continuing until further notice.

Priests will continue to celebrate a daily Mass with no congregation, remembering in prayer all who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Bishop has encouraged the Pastors to make provision for the faithful to pray, so individuals can still come and make an Act of Spiritual Communion with the Lord.

Website: [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org)

**DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...****The Bulletin****Amid virus, mourning is from a distance...**

By Elizabeth Regan,  
For The Bulletin Posted Apr 4, 2020

For the Rev. John O'Neill, of St. James Church in Danielson, one of the most difficult aspects of the coronavirus pandemic is the loss of the ability to mourn together.

Practices of social distancing and isolation promoted by medical experts and endorsed through executive decrees by Gov. Ned Lamont now make it impossible for people to gather en masse for funerals when their loved ones die - whether from the virulent respiratory disease spawned by the virus or from other causes.

The longtime priest, 84, said he's "never seen anything like it."

The unprecedented difficulty of saying goodbye in the age of coronavirus hit home with the death of well-known and much-loved assistant Killingly High School football coach Chace Wood, 22, in a car crash last week.

"The funerals, we're not advertising them, but we're doing them. You just can't have many people," O'Neill said.

Wood's funeral alone would have brought in hundreds of mourners if they'd been allowed, he said.

"The difficult part is if you're a young person, you fill the church. Now they can't come. And they can't go to the prayers at the cemetery. So we've got to make some other arrangement," he said.

So it was only Wood's closest family and friends in

attendance on Saturday when O'Neill officiated the funeral Mass, O'Neill said late that morning. Altar servers were high school basketball teammates Ben Desaulnier and Brendan Turner.

O'Neill said Wood had been buried, but not with the typical ceremony that usually accompanies Catholic funerals. He said Connecticut State Police advised him to hold off.

"At a later date when the virus is over, we'll bury him properly," he said.

The cemetery remains open, though O'Neill emphasized the need to practice social distancing so that no visitor comes within six feet of another.

**Holy Week**

The Norwich Diocese, of which St. James is a part of, serves 175,788 Catholics. But this year, for the first time, all Holy Week services - which constitute the Church's most sacred span between Palm Sunday and Easter - will be held "without the presence of people" as dictated by the Vatican.

A diocese spokesman said the doors have never been closed to the public during Holy Week services in the organization's 66-year history.

Instead, the week's Masses and services held at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich will be shown live on the Diocesan website and aired on the radio. Numerous parishes within the Diocese of Norwich's jurisdiction are also putting their Masses online.

The diocese has encouraged its parishes to "make provision for their churches to be open during the day so individuals can still come and pray," according to a press release from the diocese.

St. James Church is open daily from 8:30-11:30 a.m., O'Neill said.

When asked if he's concerned about the financial impact of Holy Week and Easter services being closed to the public, O'Neill said people can still mail their weekly donations or drop them off at the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass is traditionally one of the most well-attended of the year.

But he emphasized the parish, which includes the largest school in the diocese, is “debt free.” He described the congregation as extremely generous.

“We’ll make it up,” he said.

O’Neill said he is available to hear confessions during St. James’s open hours each morning. In the coronavirus era, that means he sits in one pew of the mostly empty church while his parishioner confesses sins from the next pew. On one occasion, he administered the sacrament in a sort of drive-through Confession when a disabled parishioner could not easily access the church.

But some Catholic rituals are not possible at a social distance, O’Neill said. He pointed to the sacraments commonly known as the Last Rites - including the Sacrament of the Sick - which are typically administered shortly before death.

“The priest has to be physically present, touch the forehead and say the prayers,” he said. “You can’t do that through a window or from one floor to another.”

Since the threat of coronavirus complications is greatest for older adults and those with underlying health issues, O’Neill said age is a factor in determining who will be sent out to administer the sacraments to the dying.

O’Neill is joined at the St. James parish by the Rev. John E. Welch, an octogenarian, and the Rev. Roy Parayil, 45.

“We’ve got to send someone younger for the convalescent homes,” he said.

O’Neill said one of the most important messages he wants to get out to his parishioners is that they should stay home, pray, and, if they can, access the Mass through computers, televisions or radios.

“Don’t worry if you can’t get to Confession. Don’t worry if you can’t get the Sacrament of the Sick,” he said. “God is a God of mercy and he will take care of you.”

In the Catholic Church, today - Palm Sunday - marks the first day of Holy Week. It typically features an account of the suffering of Jesus Christ recounted in several parts, like a play.

But this year, O’Neill said the faithful are “living the passion” instead of reading it out loud at church. “People suffering, people needing help,” he said. “We have our own Passion Play in the backyard.”

#### Prayer For The Coronavirus

Dear Lord, we ask for your divine intervention to bring a quick end to this pandemic. Please heal the sick and comfort the grieving. May your peace replace every worried, anxious, and fearful thought.

We ask for strength, protection, and energy for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers. We pray for wisdom, knowledge, and guidance for leaders in every arena.

Please reverse and minimize the financial devastation that is occurring. Please provide for all who are displaced and in need in any way. We ask for your grace and mercy and for you to do what only you can do. May people look to you to be their source of help, strength, and hope during these uncertain times. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things.

Amen

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#### CEMETERY NOTICE...

Please remove all winter boxes, pots and other decorations from Holy Cross and St. James Cemetery by April 25th. All boxes and decorations left on the lots after this date will be removed and disposed of.