

# 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

Rene N. Barbeau, Jr.

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

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## MASSES

**Saturday Special Mass**----- 12 Noon

**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

860-792-8054

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## St. James School Principal

Linda Marie Joyal

860-774-3281

## 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

By appointment only, Call the office to make an appointment.

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## HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.



### DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR... Highlights of 2020

This is that time of the year when we recall the highlights of 2020. 2020 was the year of Covid-19. Today is the day we review our favorite memories and the top stories of 2020 at St. James Church.

#### YEAR END REPORT - 2020

1. The number one story was the State of Connecticut was closed down on March 17<sup>th</sup> due to the virus. But not St. James Church and St. James School. St. James Church was open every day from 8.30 am to 11.30 am. We held Holy Hours. We had a Virtual Mass on our [website: stjameschurchdanielson.com](http://stjameschurchdanielson.com)

Our St. James School had a presence every day. Yes St. James has not been quiet. St. James has not been silent. We held our 146<sup>th</sup> Graduation on June the 5<sup>th</sup>. We had a chat on W.I.N.Y with Gary O on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We talked about respect for all people. Our model was to treat all people with kindness. People like Gary O asked us what St. James teaches people about the other virus, Racism & Prejudice. Fr. John's model is 'Kindness, Kindness & Kindness...'

2. Can you believe the Big Three rode into town 30 years ago? **Fr. John O'Neill, Fr. Joe and Fr. Brian** in 1991. Fr. John O'Neill is proud of the fact that the best parish team is still with him. **Deacon Rene, Rene Beausoleil, Lucille Farrell, Sister Doris, Sister Lesley, Diane Charron, Paul Grenon and Louis Trahan.** 30 years ...Wow and still going strong.

3. **Three Cheers** for the Scholarship Program and the Friends of La Salette. 1.2 million dollars over 8 years.

4. Fr. Roy was officially appointed by Bishop Cote to St. James.

5. We now have our own Book Store, **Pourings & Passages** located on Main Street in Danielson. Congrats to Jim Weigel on the fifth Anniversary.

6. The **Friends of St. James** were very generous in our **Year End Giving Program.**

7. We still do many baptisms.

8. **David St. Martin and James Weigel**, the heart and soul of the **Endowment Committee** remain optimistic. We are at an all-time high.

9. Doesn't **Holy Cross Cemetery** look great? **Thanks to Paul Grenon, Louis Trahan and Kraig Griffin** for a superb job. The Our Lady of Peace statue (Our Lady of La Salette) looks great.

10. Parish Fund Raisers were suspended. Golf Tourney & 200 Club were Virtual. If you add the \$40,000 for the memorials – those 2 fund raisers (Golf & Super Raffle) raised over \$80,000 for the School.

11. **The St. James Car Donations Project** is flourishing at Sorel's Garage.

12. **The 25th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament** was virtual but another huge success. Thanks to our **Head Pro – Matt Desaulnier.**

13. The best story of 2020 continues to be the generosity of our parishioners.

14. We love the spirit of generosity in administrators, teachers, staff, workers, volunteers, and parishioners.

15. Thanks to **Fr. Tom, Fr. John Welch, Fr. Roy** and our Deacon **Rene Barbeau** for the sharing of their spirit and talents and good words and works to all the people of the parish. Thanks also to our Rectory and Church Staff; **Rene Beausoleil, Lucille Farrell, Sr. Doris Gamelin, Karen Light, Sister Lesley, & Diane Charron, and our money counters, Susanne Auclair, and Helen LaBelle.**

16. I am positive **Linda Joyal and Deacon Rene** join me in similar thank you's for their staff and the hundreds of volunteers that keep St. James School on the high level of excellence that personifies the school on Water Street!!! We would need ten pages to capture the School's stories.

17. a) St. James Church & St. James School were participants in the NESAP Study (Lilly Foundation). How they raise the money, how they spent it and how they teach about money.

b) The Study admired the work on the Church Steeples and the sidewalks.

18. All the Organizations and Committees and Groups really shape the spirit of the parish and school. So thanks to the **Pastoral Council, School Board, Home and School Association, the St. James Golf Committee, Liturgy Commission, Religious Education Teachers, Marriage Prep, R.C.I.A., Baptism Prep, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Knights of Columbus, the Trustees, the Altar Boys and Girls, the Music Ministry, the Collection Counters, the Maintenance Group, the Development Committee, the Finance Committee, the Endowment Committee, the St. James Athletic Association, The Friends of La Salette, St. James School Finance Committee, the St. James Alumni Association, Bishop's Appeal Committee, the Craft Group, the Bingo Workers, Sue Griffiths and L' Union St. Jean Baptiste, and the Raffle Committee.** Thanks to all our **Sponsors and Benefactors** and all who support St. James!

19. **The St. James Craft Group** didn't have their Annual Fair. But still contributed to the School. Congratulations! Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

20. **We still had a wonderful celebration for Fr. John Welch's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congrats Fr. John Welch.**

21. Happy 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary to St. James Church. Celebration took place on December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

22. **Our P.M. Holy Hour** takes place on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every Month from 7:00PM to 8:00PM** and it has been very well attended. Plan to attend in 2020.

23. Special Thanks to **Jeff Page Tree Service** for 30 years of loyal faith filled service to St. James. You are the Best. Fr. John O'Neill.

24. Thanks to all who volunteer for the Religious Education, Confirmation, R.C.I.A. Programs and Baptism Prep, Special thanks to **Bev Richardson, Ray Brien, and Marc & Melanie Kuffey.**

25. **Thirtieth Anniversary for the Friends of Assisi. WOW!**

26. New parking lot sealed. Thanks to Erwin Sanchez.

27. The La Salettes came to St. James 125 years ago

28. Thanks to **Fr. John O'Neill, Linda Joyal and Deacon Rene** for having the best school in the Diocese!

29. Rumor has it Fr. John O'Neill was going to retire this year. New rumor has it that his agent (not Scott Boras) signed him to an extension. Part of the new contract calls for the same extension for **Fr. John Welch, Fr. Roy, Deacon Rene & Fr. Tom.**

30. Three cheers for the **St. James School Committee** that presented our wonderful students with a great face – lift for their school. Congrats to **Linda Joyal, Terry O'Brien, Erwin Sanchez & Kerri Desaulnier**

31. Thanks to the **La Salette Community**, You served Brooklyn for 82 years and Hampton for 123 years.

32. **Men and Women's Bible Study Groups** have been terrific.

33. Congrats to Blythe Hanley **Teacher of the Year, St. James School.**

34. Thanks to **Fr. John Welch and Sr. Noble** for organizing the monthly Holy Hour.

35. Bazaar made 44,860.00. Wow! When did we have it?

36. Religious Education programs moved to the Church Hall

37. St. James School will be 150 years in 2024. We hope to raise \$1,000,000. in the next 4 years. (In the first year we will raise almost \$250,000.

38. Four Cheers for our five Sisters...**Sr. Brigit, Sr. Rani, Sr. Anila, Sr. Noble and Sr. Leons.**

39. **St. James Life Committee.** The **Knights of Columbus** and **St. James Parish** had a **Silver Star Mass.** We told the many visitors we have a wonderful organization at St. James promoting life. **We thank James and Marie Mee** (may they both rest in peace) for being the impetus behind our Committee. The name of the **St. James Life Committee** is called **Our Lady of Nazareth Life Association.**

40. We had 19 great virtual masses

**Many, Many Thanks.**

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**LET'S GIVE THANKS TO SO MANY**

1. **Rene Beausoleil** for decorating St. James Church for Christmas, Holy week and Easter week (and every week) and to **Jane LaFleche and Kim Barrette** for their gift of song. Three cheers for the **St. James Porters.** The people who open and close our church...**Rene Beausoleil, Paul Boire, Mr. Mongeau, and Roger Duprey.**

2. Thanks to the **Construction Team,** We now have first class facilities thanks to... **Ernie Caron, Rene Beausoleil, Paul Grenon, Lou Trahan, Paul Szelag and Ernie Charron** **We lost the Heart and Soul of the Construction Firm and the Bazaar Ray Balick God Speed.**

3. Thanks to **Erwin Sanchez, Kraig Griffin and Brian Beausoleil** for keeping our sidewalks and parking lots free of snow.

4. My Board of Directors are now High School Juniors.

5. The La Salette Assembly was held in our Church Hall on October 20 & 21.

6. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. John O'Neill confirmed 34 candidates. Congrats to all!

7. If I included all the accomplishments of **St. James School** in this column, as well as our **Religious Education Program** we would need four more pages. Well who keeps me in good humor and who keeps me writing the famous Daydream Column? Why all of you of course. With a big assist from the three priests, the three O'Neill sisters, and **Deacon Rene.**

Isn't it great that the smallest Parish Organization, **L' Union de St Jean de Baptiste** was the first group to sponsor an annual scholarship to St. James. Thank you from St. James Students and School.

Hope to see you in 2021 either swimming at the "YMCA" or preaching at the noon Saturday Mass.

What a Parish... We have a neat school and a terrific parish with a million dollar yearly budget. We are a parish with a **Blood Drive, a Street Sign Committee and Lambert, Grenon & O'Neill Corp.,** some great Homilies and Stories (and three Irish Priests...**Fr. O'Neill, Fr. Welch, Fr. Sickler,** and we added **Fr. Roy Parayil** (Three of whom belong to a French Order).

If I could convince our wonderful trustees, **Diane Barrette,** and **Dolores Delude,** to sign this document, it could serve as our 2020 report.

2020 saw many of our wonderful parishioners and friends go home to God. So let us continue to remember all these special people in our prayers. May they all rest in peace and may 2021 bring us all peace!! Thank you for your prayers for my brother Gene.

**Check out our Parish Website.** Thanks to Fr. Roy

We continue to receive many compliments for this bulletin. We strive to always include a reflection which hopefully will motivate or inspire you. That is what this bulletin has...the best readers in the world. **Happy New Year!**

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3**

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



**JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – HOLY DAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Mass Schedule: 7AM - Fr. John Welch, 9AM - Fr. John O'Neill, and 6PM - Fr. Roy Parayil**

**VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly this week for all our St. James Families.!**

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS**

Next week's flower arrangement is donated in memory of Reginald Chretien... by Marguerite Grenier & family. **The signup** sheet for the Marian Shrine Flowers is at the main entrance to the Church.

**WEEKLY OFFERING 12/13/2020 ..... \$5,955 .00**  
**Second Collection (Renovation Fund) 12/13/2020. \$1,306 .00**

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the Church Hall following all the masses

**MASSES****MONDAY, December 28, The Holy Innocents**

9AM John & Dorothy Regan..., by family  
9AM Theresa Davis 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary..., by family

**TUESDAY, December 29**

9AM Yvonne & Noel Bedard..., by family  
9AM Marie Burdick..., by Alice Sears

**WEDNESDAY, December 30**

9AM John Regan..., by friends  
9AM For the Souls in the Purgatory

**THURSDAY, December 31**

9AM In Memory of Dad..., by Cindy  
9AM Barbara Koza..., by Alice Sears

**FRIDAY, January 01, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

7AM Chace John Wood..., by family  
9AM Ben Desaulnier..., by family  
9AM For the Holy Mother Church  
6PM For the Souls in the Purgatory  
6PM Month's Mind: Elaine Bernier

**SATURDAY, January 02**

12NOON Parishioners  
4.30PM Adrina Marcheterre..., by Maria Luechesi

**SUNDAY, January 03**

7AM Simone Quellette..., by family  
7AM John Gallow..., by Wife, Rita  
9AM Edmond & Germaine Marois..., by Estate  
9AM Jeannette Auger..., by Estate  
11AM Irene LaFave..., by family

**LA SALETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz  
In memory of David & Sophie Horvat..., by Son, Joseph

**Mass Intentions...**

**We are now booking Mass Intentions for 2021. If you wish to schedule a Mass.** Please write out all the names of your loved ones and put these names and your **phone number**, with a check in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

We will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

**2021 Masses Available**

**7AM...** 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/14, 2/17 and 2/28  
**9AM...** 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 1/8, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/14, 1/15, 1/17, 1/19, 1/21, 1/22, 1/24, 1/25, 1/29, 1/31, 2/1, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5, 2/7, 2/8, 2/9, 2/11, 2/12, 2/14, 2/16, 2/17, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26 and 2/28  
**11AM...** 1/10, 1/17, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21 and 2/28  
**4.30PM...** 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13 and 2/20  
**6PM...** 2/17

**Please place Mass Intention in the collection basket.**  
**Please include a phone number. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each. Please include a phone number.**

**2021 Calendars...** Have you picked up your St. James 2021 Calendar? Please take one home. They can be found at the entrances to the Church. **Sincere thanks to Steven W. Farner, owner of Smith & Walker Funeral Home, and Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home** for supplying St. James Church with Calendars.

**Wishing you a Blessed and Happy New Year...**

We would like to extend to all of you our sincere wishes for a blessed 2021. We thank you for all your kindness and support extended to us. Please know that we constantly pray for you each day and throughout the year! Thank you for all you do for St. James and thanks for your cards.

Fr. John O'Neill, Fr. John Welch, Fr. Roy Parayil,  
Fr. Tom Sickler, and Deacon Rene.

**CAPACITY AT ST. JAMES CHURCH WILL BE 100 PEOPLE:**

*According to the new Executive Order N. 9K by Governor Lamont; concerning limitations on religious gatherings - the capacity for worship gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 percent of the building's capacity or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower provided that all persons present wear masks, and that a distance of 6 feet is maintained between all persons or groups not from the same household. The Diocese of Norwich will follow the guidelines of the Governor until any changes or subsequent Executive Orders on this topic comes later on.*

**PRAYER FOR THE MARIAN YEAR 2020-2021**

**O Mary, Mother of Reconciliation**, in this time of celebration we rejoice that:

**The Father** asked you to carry out his plan of Salvation,  
**The Son** chose you to be his Mother and his First Disciple,  
**The Holy Spirit** fashioned you into his living temple, our sister in faith.

**At La Salette**, with abundant tears of mercy, you spoke to the two poor children in their own language and urged us to share your message of peace and hope with needy people of every culture and nation. Pray for us to your loving Son that we may draw all your people closer to him. **Amen.**

**---SOS...SAVE OUR SCHOOL---**

St. James School wishes to thank Bob & Lucille Farrell, Rene Beauseleil, Terry & Michael Fleckenstein, Gerald & Kathy Chester, Margaret Weaver, Lorraine Balick, Paul & Rosalie Boire, Paul Grenon & Barbara Carter, Larry Malizia, Alan Malizia, Gari & Colleen Depasse and Alice J Sears for their donations to the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund in memory of Eugene P O'Neill.

We ask you to consider making a voluntary donation on the occasion of a death of a loved one (in lieu of flowers) or on the occasion of a happy event; e.g. wedding or anniversary (in lieu of flowers).

"Save Our School", envelopes are at the entrances to the church.

**Schedule for January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

	12 NOON	4:30PM	7AM
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil
	9AM	11AM	
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Tom Sickler	

**CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Christmas and Year End Giving is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift, God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Christmas of course, celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and years end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and years end. A Catholic Gift of Faith.

**An Investment in Your Parish**

For many years, our Catholic parishes have benefitted from the enormous contributions and dedication of religious men and women (priests, brothers and sisters) who have given their entire lives in the service to parishes, schools, dioceses and many other Church ministries. Now, our Catholic Church and educational ministries are even broader and serve more people than ever before despite the decline in the numbers of religious. Many dedicated lay people now staff these programs and must be compensated with just and living wages. Your Christmas and year end gift is an investment in these quality programs.

Many people enjoy using Christmas and years end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions. Christmas and year end giving provides many advantages to you, the donor. Many feel St. James is their favorite school. The knowledge that your gift is assisting a favorite Catholic institution, (St. James) and advancing the mission of the Catholic Church here on earth. Celebrate the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season. A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to make during the year. Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and assist St. James to attain its spiritual and programmatic goals; serving God's people and His Church here on earth.

**Year - End Giving**

Thanks for all you do. Every organization has a program called Year End Giving. Most parishes follow this lead. Here at St. James, many people and corporations send us a Christmas Gift. For the past 20 years people have asked us to send them a reminder to remember St. James at Christmas. This year we will be using our bulletin space to say thanks and recommend the following. We will have a second collection at the Christmas Masses. We have the largest attendance of the year and it will help our debt. Some former parishioners continue to remember St. James Parish and St. James School. We could use the extra help at Christmas. We will remember (your loved ones in a Christmas Novena of Masses. (From Christmas to the Epiphany).

Why do we need a year end collection? Each year, St. James School has been short \$75,000.00. This collection will help us break even. For parishioners who contribute every week, this note is just for your information. But there will be a voluntary collection and it will take place on Christmas, a Day of Gifts. It will be the second collection. You may use the Year-End envelopes found at each entrance to the church. Thanks again.

*Enclosed is My Year End Donation to St. James*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

*May the Lord bless you and your families in the months ahead*

**2021 S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB REGISTRATION FORM – SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER TODAY**

**BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY, ONLY \$50.00 FOR 10 MONTHLY DRAWINGS**

**THE 2020 CLUB REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. THE NEXT DRAWING FOR THE NEW CLUB WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, AT 8:30AM IN THE CHURCH HALL. PLEASE SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER SO WE CAN FILL THE CLUB!**

**REGISTRATION FORM - SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER TODAY SO WE CAN FILL THE CLUB**

**S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEW CLUB**

Your choice of number if available \_\_\_\_\_ (no guarantees)

SPONSORS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPONSOR TO JOIN THE CLUB**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

City / Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_