

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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*St. James Church is staffed by  
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## PASTOR

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

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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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## 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:**

**DAYDREAM REPEAT:** On August 1<sup>st</sup> I was talking to some La Salettes. We talked about the 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes. The La Salettes were proud of the 54 vocations from the local parishes at St. James, La Salette and Lourdes.

I mentioned two of the priests from our Diocese came from Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Bob and Fr. Frank. The La Salettes were impressed with the fact that three former Provincials served as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Frank Crane, M.S., Fr. Bill Crane, M.S. and Fr. John O'Neill, M.S. I mentioned three of my former students were also named Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Tom Sickler, M.S., Fr. Gerry, and Fr. Dan Scott, M.S. Finally we told everyone two of our Superior Generals came from St. James and Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Celestin Crozet, M.S., Pastor 1905-1912 and Fr. Gene Barrette, M.S.

Today I heard the Olympics are coming to the U.S.A. in 2028. Someone asked if I have any Olympic stories. In 1963 in Albany, N.Y. I coached two of our best runners from La Salette, Altamont, N.Y. in the Olympic Trials. Steve Rogowski and Dick Girard.

My second Olympic Story is the following; on Wednesday October 15, 1997 Fr. Brian and I flew from New York to Athens, Greece. The next day Fr. Brian and I ran the famous track where the first Olympics took place. How did I remember the date? Well on October 15, 1997 at 11:00AM I celebrated the funeral Mass for my mother, Anne. (age 94) at St. Peter's in Bridgeport. After the burial and reception at my brother Gene's home, my three sisters, Peggy, Ann and Mary and my brother, Gene told me at 6:00PM "we are driving you to New York to catch the plane" that will take 40 St. James parishioners to Greece and Turkey. On October 15<sup>th</sup> I am saying good-by and God bless to my mother and on October 16<sup>th</sup> I am running the Olympic track in Athens, Greece. That was 24 years ago. When you turn 86 you can have great memories; cherish your memories. That is what this Daydream Column tries to tell all of us today.

How about the future? The Diocese of Norwich and the La Salette Missionaries are planning their future. Neither the Diocese nor the La Salettes have anyone in the "bullpen". So I say to the Parishioners of St. James – I will stay as long as the Bishop and our Provincial keeps renewing my contract. The school and parish have never been better and we added a new Gym.

Fifty nine years ago I thought I would be long retired but we realize God has other plans for us.

**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. **Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.**

**DAYDREAM II... ON MY BIRTHDAY...**my friends from around the world ask me if the people of St. James are still good to me.

My response...for my anniversary (May 26<sup>th</sup>) they sponsor a golf tourney in my honor...and for my birthday...the first 25 years... they had a bazaar in my honor. Do You know who won the 2020 St.James Golf Championship? **Fr. John J. O'Neill, M.S. WOW!** My thanks to the Golf Committee for this Great Award!

Four years ago for my anniversary and birthday...they gave me a top-flight athletic field on Rte. 101.

This birthday (August 7th) will be the best gift ever. A 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor and next year, 60 years as a priest. With such an outpouring in generosity, who would ever want to leave!

Thanks, Fr. John

**DAYDREAM III... IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER...**

If I had my life to live over, I would have come to St. James in 1962,

I would have invited friends over for dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have bought a "1000 Club" ticket and supported St. James School. I would have taken time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would have visited my mother and three sisters more often.

I would have sat cross-legged on the lawn with my children and never worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching TV... and more while watching real life.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go on a holding pattern if I weren't there for a day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show dirt, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

When my child kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more I-love-you's, more I'm-listening's. But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute of it. Look at it and really see it. Try it on, live it, exhaust it, and never give that minute back until there was nothing left of it.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Loving and generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice. Bless St. James parish by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to listen to Your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15**

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that Al, the Lord, am your God. @ God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God=s image and act accordingly.

**Gospel: John 6:24-35**

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

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**PARISH EVENTS**

**Holy Hour:** Our next Holy Hour will be on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to 8PM with the rosary at 6:40PM. In Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus freely gives us the graces we need in our lives. The graces we need for our families, vocations, jobs, special intentions, for the sick, for our church and school, for Catholics to return to the Faith.

**VIGIL LIGHTS...** The Vigil Lights are burning brightly this week for Fr, John O'Neill. Happy Birthday!!

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS...** This Week's flower arrangement is donated in honor of David & Susan Griffiths' Wedding Anniversary. Next week's flower arrangement will be donated in memory of Family by Dolores Kimball.

**WEEKLY OFFERING... 7/18/2021..... \$5,873.00**  
**Second Collections: 7/25 - Mission Appeal – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate; 8/1 Renovation Fund 8/8 – St. James School Debt Reduction**

Schedule for Aug. 7th & Aug. 8th 2021		
12 NOON	4:30PM	7AM
<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Tom Sickler
9AM	11AM	
<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Tom Sickler	Fr. John O'Neill	

**MASSES****MONDAY, August 2,**

9AM Albert & Betty Masse...by family

9AM Elaine Rzeznikiewicz...by husband, Ed

**TUESDAY, August 3,**

9AM Raymond Balick...1<sup>st</sup> Anniv...by family

9AM Edmond & Germaine Marois...estate

**WEDNESDAY, August 4, St. John Varney, Priest**

9AM Aldo Cassettari...100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.....

by David & Darlene

9AM Rita LeBeau...estate

**THURSDAY, August 5,****Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**

9AM For Our Priests...by Cindy Roberts

9AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
by Theresa Labbe

**FRIDAY, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord,**

9AM Sgt. Rene Laforce...by Theresa Parent & family

9AM James Gilbert...2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv...by family

**SATURDAY, August 7,**

12NOON Irene Ohop...by son, Edwin

12NOON Happy Birthday Fr. John O'Neill

4:30PM Peter J. & Philomena Argo...by daughter Mary

4:30PM Rev. Peter Guerin,O.S.B by Judith & John Boligan

**SUNDAY, August 8,**

7AM Daniel Ferron...wife, Pam

7AM Joan Rodgers & Jeanne Soja .by Julie Ann Dupont

9AM Jane Daigle...by Allice & Family

9AM Rev. Joseph Whalen, 5th Anniv...

by Tom & Gail Seiferman

11AM Honorable Michael Louis Burke...

by Larry, Mary, Laura, David & Sadie Coulombe

11AM Arthur, Marie, & Imelda Brodeur...estate

**LA SALETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz

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

**2021 Masses Available**

**7AM...** 9/12, 9/19, 10/03, 10/10, 10/17,10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, and 12/12.

**9AM...** 8/9, 8/10, 8/15, 8/16, 8/17, 8/18, 8/19, 8/22., 8/23, 8/25, 8/26, 8/30, 8/31, 9/12, 9/19, 10/3, 10/24.

**11AM...** 8/15, 8/22, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 10/3, and 10/31.

**4.30PM...** 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, and 12/11. **Please place Mass Intention in the collection basket. Please include a phone number. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each. Please include a phone number.**

**PLEASE NOTE...**The rectory office is closed on Monday. Office hours are 8:30AM to 3:30PM Tuesday thru Friday. Emergencies any time. 860.774.3900

**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**How best to celebrate Fr. John O'Neill's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of St. Jame Church & School (June 27-2021).**

**We will celebrate this Great Event at the "200 Club Raffle" (October--2021) and "150 Club Raffle" (March – 2022). Next Year, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be Fr. John O'Neill's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Priest.**

**How Best to Celebrate! We say the "200 Club Raffle" (Oct 2022) and the "150 Club Raffle" (March 2023). These fundraisers will help us celebrate the St. James School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Grand Style in 2024. Amen!**

**PRAYER FOR THE MARIAN YEAR 2020-2021  
(175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Salette Apparition)**

**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.**

**PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

**St. Joseph**, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. **Amen.**

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

St. James School wishes to thank the following for their generous donations to the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund. Catherine Nicholson in memory of William Sabourin. Gerald & Kathleen Chester in memory of Raymond Balick. Catherine Nicholson in memory of Denise Desaulnier. Marguerite Grenier in memory of Suezanne Mailloux. Robert and Ann Marie Dragon in memory of Patrick Dragon and Sharon Davignon.

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.

**ST. MICHAEL PRAYER**

**St. Michael** the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

**PLANNING A WEDDING...** Arrangements for your marriage should be made with the Church first, as this is the most important part of your wedding day. To secure your wedding date with the church you must first have the initial interview with one of the priests and also have paid the church deposit

**CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE? WHY NOT DONATE IT!**

The St. James Organization will give you a written appraisal of your car which may be used as a tax-deductible, charitable donation. All monies will be used for the St. James Renovation fund or for the St. James Scholarship fund. Inquiries may be made by calling the rectory at 860- 774- 3900.

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**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION: IF you are new to the Parish or have not yet registered we welcome you. Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket so our records can be updated.**

**PARISH UPDATE FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**I.D.NUMBER IF KNOWN** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:**

----- I am a registered parishioner of St. James

----- I have an address correction to make

----- I am moving from the parish

The La Salette Missionaries asked me if we have spiritual plan for St. James Church and St. James School. We do have a plan. It is the same plan I learned at Sacred Heart School in Bridgeport, CT in the 1940's from the Sisters of Mercy. It is the same plan we taught at St. Basil's in Chicago in the early 1970's. It is the same lesson that Sister Theresa Joseph taught to the St. Joseph's School 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Quincy, MASS in 1962 (One of her students was Nora Joseph). First I will share the spiritual plan then I will share the number one story of Covid-19 with all of you. On my birthday (August 7<sup>th</sup>) Maggie Weaver told the same story in the weekly column in the Killingly Villager. Thanks to Maggie.

### Our spiritual plan memories

- 1) Share your memories
- 2) Remember your heroes
- 3) Give thanks to those that encouraged you
- 4) Do kind deeds and do good deeds
- 5) Pray & bless and remember spiritual people

Back in 1962, Nora Joseph learned this lesson from her 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Sr. Theresa Joseph in Quincy, MASS. She prayed for a newly ordained priest – for 58 years then she wrote him a letter thanking him for becoming a priest:

“Dear Fr. O'Neill. I live in Los Angeles, but grew up in Quincy, MA where I attended St. Joseph School taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph. In 1962 I was praying for individual seminarians soon to be ordained. I can also recall attending his first Mass as an ordained priest. From time to time I would think about the seminarian I was given. Who was he? Where did he shepherd his flock? A while ago I was looking through my mother's missal. There was a holy card commemorating the first Mass of John Joseph O'Neill. I believe you may be my priest!

She found me celebrating a Virtual Mass from her home in Hollywood, California. When I received the letter I contacted Nora Joseph in Hollywood, California. She watches all our virtual mass. When I announced her story of prayer in our St. James No: 1 Covid-19 high lite, she could not believe it. We discovered that is her new mission thanking people that do good and are kind by sending letters and emails to them.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the tri-angle is “whatever happened to Sr. Theresa Joseph”- our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who encouraged her students to pray for vocations.

In the late 1960's she left teaching to organizing a program in Boston to help Teenagers and young ladies (ages 14-24). It is called the '**Bridge over Troubled Waters**'. The program has helped young people for over 50 years.

On July 28<sup>th</sup> leaving St. James Church, Sr. Barbara Whalen called. She is now living in Cape Cod. Her name used to be Sr. Theresa Joseph. We had a wonderful conversation.

What did we have in common! Our mission is to do good deeds and to do kind deeds. That is what we both preach and teach. She told me she is in good health and both of us (at that time) are at the Age of 84. All three of us hope to get together after Covid -19. As I always say: Great stories happen at St. James. I am glad I have been in contact with two good women, Sr. Barbara Whalen and Nora Joseph. Stay tuned. Amen

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