

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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

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.

WEDDING

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR... The Daydreams Column offers 100 suggestions for an interesting life.

1. Read the Daydream Column every week.
2. Be good to yourself every day.
3. Pray every day.
4. Read a spiritual book.
5. Attend the daily Mass.
6. Buy a "1000 Club" ticket A.S.A.P.
7. Plan your dream vacation down to the last detail.
8. Call your three sisters.
9. Go for a walk every day.
10. Clean your room.
11. Enjoy yourself.
12. Learn how to apologize.
13. Spend an entire day without plans.
14. Write down what you want to achieve.
15. Give more.
16. Learn to be still.
17. Keep a diary to measure your progress.
18. Fr. John O'Neill's 60th anniversary as a priest on May 26, 2022.
19. Go on a cruise. Stand on the deck and toast the sunset.
20. Write a friend a heartfelt letter.
21. Be patient.
22. When you reach a goal, celebrate.
23. Record your hopes and wishes for the months ahead.
24. Get plenty of rest and relaxation.
25. Be willing to sacrifice.
26. Write a letter to God.
27. Spend more time with your family.
28. Seek the higher road.
29. Be flexible.
30. Long walk...part of the Gift.
31. Stop blaming others.
32. Try a new sport - e.g. golf or tennis.
33. Be sure you will be at the St. James Shoot-Out.
34. Volunteer at St. James, and the Assisi Food Pantry.
35. Send flowers.
36. Vow to live within your means.
37. Pray for the Unborn and Christian unity.
38. Be a good neighbor.
39. Sing in Church. (Our Sisters really can sing.)
40. Have happy thoughts.
41. Say things softly.
42. Replace terror with humor.
43. Eat more vegetables and fruits.
44. Rediscover the goodness in yourself.
45. Learn to say: I am sorry.
46. Learn to say: Please help me, God.
47. Learn to say: I love you.
48. Look for hidden rewards.
49. Give three cheers to the St. James Construction Firm!
50. Volunteer for Bingo.
51. Compliment a member of your family every day.
52. Donate your books to Pourings and Passages.
53. Thank God every day.
54. Always remember in prayer the LaSalette Missionaries and the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
55. Attend Church.
56. Cheer for St. James in the basketball tourneys.
57. June 11, 2021 will be the 121ST Anniversary of St. James Church.
58. Make a day of recollection or a retreat.
59. Buy a "150 Club" ticket . **Super Raffle**
60. Clean out your closets.
61. Pray for our First Communion Candidates on their big day.
62. Look for God in those around you.
63. Find inspiration in others.
64. Cultivate a sense of wonder.
65. Post a family calendar to keep everyone aware of what is going on.

66. Remember the St. James School Endowment Drive.
67. Please attend the Confirmation Ceremony in the Fall.
68. Go to a basketball game and cheer for your favorite team. (Note to Fr. John, please go easy on the referees).
69. Buy "50/50" Raffle tickets.
70. Ask the question...What is the best part of me that no one else sees? What can I do to show it?
71. Make a list of the 25 things you want to complete before you die.
72. Volunteer to do some Religious Education teaching.
73. Forgive someone who has wronged you.
74. Do an anonymous good deed. Thanks for being so generous at Christmas and the Year End Collection.
75. Stop talking about your neighbor; in other words don't criticize.
76. Schedule time for daily reflections.
77. Exercise your soul.
78. Send your friends, postcards.
79. Write down your goal of where you want to be in 5 years in your career and in your personal life.
80. Learn how to meditate.
81. Learn how to daydream.
82. Keep a journal to count all of your blessings.
83. Attend the Parish Holy Hour.
84. Take your best friend out to a great lunch.
85. Write a letter to your favorite teacher.
86. Work less and laugh more.
87. Let go and let God!
89. Vow to stand up for yourself.
90. Visit your loved ones at Holy Cross Cemetery.
91. Invite a friend to Church.
92. Hug more.
93. Attend Home-School Association Meetings.
94. Contribute to your Church every week.
95. Don't forget the St. James S.O.S. Project in your will.
96. Remember St. James in your will.
97. Donate your old car to St. James.
98. Pray for your own vocation.
99. I asked myself, will people read and follow these suggestions? Well last year, we were looking for U-Conn tickets and people responded generously so #99 of last year, "Looking for U-Conn tickets" is replaced with "Don't forget to thank people for their kindness."
100. Plan on attending Church on Sunday to thank God for the blessings of life.

DAYDREAMS II... "2021" saw so many of our loved ones go home to heaven. All of them spent their first Christmas in Heaven. The following Daydream is dedicated to all the members of our families who have died...

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below. With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow, the sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sound of music cannot compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above, I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, Love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories that Jesus told.

Please love each other as the Father said to do, for I cannot count the blessings or love He has for you, so have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear, remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

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MONTHLY HOLY HOUR...Our next holy hour will be on Monday, January 17, 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 vocations, jobs, special intentions, for the sick, for our church and school, for Catholics to return to the Faith.

THE VIGIL LIGHTS...are burning brightly in prayer for St. James School.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS... Last week's flower arrangement was donated in memory of John Lyons & Everett O'Keefe by Julie Ann Dupont. This week's flower arrangement is donated in memory of Reginald Chretien by Marguerite Grenier.

The signup sheet for the Marian Shrine Flowers beginning September 11, 2021 to September 04, 2022, is at the main entrance to the Church. Remaining Weeks: 1/16; 2/6; 2/20; 3/20/22; 4/3; 4/24; 5/1; 5/8; 5/15; 6/19, 7/3 and 7/24.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....12/19/21,,,,,,,\$5,995.00
Christmas.....12/25/21.....\$15,737.00
Weekly Offering.....12/26/21.....\$4,820.00
Renovation Fund.....\$1,289.00

2022 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES...can be picked up in the church hall following all weekend Masses. If you do not have envelopes and would like them there is a sign-up sheet and blank boxes downstairs. You may also pick up a box of blank envelopes for 2022.

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

Table with 3 columns: Time (12 NOON, 4:30PM, 7AM), Celebrant (Fr. John O'Neill, Fr. John Welch, Fr. Roy Parayil, Fr. Fr. Roy Parayil, Fr. Tom Sickler)

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday - Devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague Every Wednesday at 8:30AM

Wednesday - Bingo in the Church Hall at 7PM

Men's Bible Study - The Fourth Tuesday, of every Month at 7PM in the church hall.

Holy Hour - Every Third Monday of the Month

MASSES

MONDAY, January 10,

9:00AM Reginald Chretien...(Dad)... by Marguerite Grenier and daughter
9:00AM Beverly Jean Bessette...by family

TUESDAY, January 11,

9AM Bert Dumont...by Kurt & Colleen Michon
9AM Raymond Methot....1st anniversary...by family

WEDNESDAY, January 12,

9:00AM Month's Mind...Leona Espinosa
9:00AM Lea Trahan...by family

THURSDAY, January 13, Saint Hilary,

9:00AM Irene Stack...by Bev Richardson
9:00AM Sr. Peggy O'Neill....Happy Birthday

FRIDAY, January 14.

9:00AM Jacqueline Purger...by estate
9:00AM Jeannette Auger...by estate

SATURDAY, January 15,

12Noon Parishioners
12Noon The "73 Club"..Chicago
4:30PM Jeremy Gagnon...by the Ternowchek family
4:30PM Theresa Simoneau...by Norma Panteleakos

SUNDAY, January 16,

7:00AM Renald Ouellette...by family
7:00AM In memory of the Despathy & the Nadeau families... By the Kerr family
9:00AM Theresa Sypek...Birthday...by Robert St. Onge
9:00AM Irene Smith...by Lynn Nadeau & Clayton Nadeau
11:00AM Janet Descoteau...by the Lapre family
11:00AM Deborah Bessette...6th anniv...by Denis & Connie

LA SALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
In memory of David & Sophie Horvat... son, Joseph
In memory of Arthur R. Daigneault,,love, Esther
In memory of Clarence & Cecile Lemoine...love Esther
In memory of Arthur & Flora Daigneault"love, Esther

2022 Calendars... Pick up your St. James 2022 Calendar? Please take one home. They can be found at the entrances to the Church. Sincere thanks to Steve Farner, owner of the Gagnon-Costello and the Smith & Walker Funeral Homes.

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.

**MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF LASALETTE
REMEMBER OUR LADY OF LASALETTE...**true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for us on Calvary. Remember also the care you have taken to keep us faithful to Christ, your son. Having done so much for your children, you will not now abandon us. Comforted by this consoling thought, we come to you pleading, despite our infidelities and ingratitude. **VIRGIN OF RECONCILIATION...**do not reject our prayers but intercede for us, obtain for us, the grace to love Jesus above all else. May we console you by living a holy life and so come to share the eternal life Christ gained by his Cross. Amen.
OUR LADY OF LASALETTE... Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12
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IMAGINE a school where the values of **RESPECT & COMMUNITY SERVICE** are part of the curriculum...
IMAGINE a school where athletic programs and other extra-curricular activities thrive...
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PARISH CELEBRATION

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

We will celebrate this Great Event at the "150 Club Raffle" (March – 2022). This Year, May 26th, 2022 will be Fr. John O'Neill's 60th Anniversary as a Priest. Mass will be Saturday, May 21st at noon.

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 150th Anniversary in Grand Style in 2024. Amen!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO..... Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over **\$2,000.00** is given away each week. Plus there are 2 progressive games. Come try your luck! Game sales start at 6PM. All profits benefit St. James School. **Bingo workers are also needed. Please call Bob Codding @ (860) 481-9167.**

CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE? WHY NOT DONATE IT!
The St. James Organization will give you a written appraisal ur 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.

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE... A used book store and coffeehouse is now open at 103 Main Street , Danielson, CT. Hours of operation are Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10AM to 5PM. The store is closed Sunday to Tuesday, holidays and snowy days. Please patronize, promote and support our bookstore. Net profits benefit St. James School. For more info, please call 860-774-1712, (Wednesdays to Saturdays) or leave a message. God bless you all! Jim

---SOS...SAVE OUR SCHOOL...
St. James School wishes to thank the following for their generous donations to St. James School.
Mrs. Margatet Weaver in Honor of All Our Priest.
Mr. & Mrs. John Boland in memory of Scott Walls.
IBA Inc. , Christopher & Nancy Derosier, Bernice & Michael Malone, and Cindy & Patrick Lalumiere in memory of Paul Bulmer. Bradford & Donna Carpenter, Susan Beauregard, Rose Lamothe, and Alice Sears in memory of Lorraine Savoie. The Balick Grandchildren in memory of Raymond Balick. 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.

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 _____

2022 S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS OF THE 2021 THOUSAND CLUB! SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2022 CLUB. **We appreciate your support. All proceeds benefit St. James School. Please sponsor new members so we can fill the club. Dues are only \$60.00 per year or \$5.00 per month.**

MONTHLY AWARDS: \$2,000 in awards are given away each month...20 awards monthly, 240+ chances to win.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please inform Kathy Hall (860)774-7635 of any address changes. Kathy is the "keeper of the records". OUR NEXT DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 8:30AM IN THE CHURCH HALL.

PLEASE SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER SO WE CAN FILL THE CLUB.

If you have any questions concerning dues etc. Please call Kathy Hall (860) 774-7635.

S.J.S.A. 2022 THOUSAND CLUB REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEW CLUB

Your choice of number if available _____ (no guarantees)

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

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

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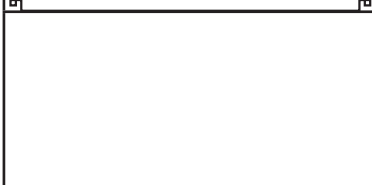
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