

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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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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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 We just celebrated the opening of St. James School with a Solemn Mass. It will be another year of faith formation as well as learning, relearning and unlearning. Once again the Parish of St. James welcomes you if you are a new parishioner from one of our neighboring parishes.

So welcome one and all!!!

Fr. John O'Neill

It has been over six years since **Fr. Joe Whalen** went to Heaven. He is gone but not forgotten. Please listen to **Denise Coffey: Hartford Courant** with permission.

When Fr. John O'Neill took to the pulpit at St. James Church in Danielson on Aug. 16, it was to deliver a eulogy for Fr. Joe Whalen. Fr. O'Neill didn't mince words for the crowd that had gathered.

Fr. O'Neill has often told the story of Fr. Whalen, a man who entered the priesthood when he was 66-years-old. His late vocation came after he'd spent the better part of his life drinking. He had married and had children. He also found sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous. It wasn't enough to save his marriage, however. Five years of trying to reconstruct his life took its toll, but it also led him to the priesthood. After he was ordained, Fr. Whalen spent 20 years ministering from the Danielson parish. Little more than a year ago, he moved to Hartford, where the La Salette Missionaries have a home and infirmary for sick and elderly priests and brothers.

"He shouldn't have gotten into the priesthood," Fr. O'Neill said with a laugh. "He had a 10,000 to one shot. He got in.

He won heaven." Fr. O'Neill is known for his quick wit, a sporting sense of humor, and a can-do attitude when it comes to the difficult and the unusual. He has been the pastor at St. James for 31 years. Soon after Fr. O'Neill got the Danielson assignment, Fr. Whalen came to stay. "I looked over his application," Fr. O'Neill said. "He'd been married, had five kids, and was an alcoholic. I had to find something positive." Fr. Whalen's love of Boston sports teams did the trick, Fr. O'Neill quipped.

Soon after Fr. Whalen joined the parish in 1991, he began a healing oil ministry with a handful of people. The circuitous path he took to the priesthood left him with belief in the possibilities of healing. He had a fascination for angels, and a special trust in the archangel Raphael. He named the healing oil ministry after St. Raphael. "He was convinced," Fr. O'Neill said. "He was into it and he packed them in wherever he went." That ministry is now in 50 states and 28 countries according to Fr. O'Neill.

Every healing service offered people an opportunity to go to confession, attend Mass, hear a sermon, and have hands laid on them for healing.

As the ministry grew, as Fr. Joe's name became more well known, more people showed up for the services. It became too much for him to do alone. "He asked me to do some preaching, to hear some confessions," Fr. John Welch said. Fr. Welch is a La Salette missionary and also a longtime resident and senior priest at St. James in Danielson.

Fr. Welch called the years he served with Fr. Whalen as the best four years of his life. He and the ministry team traveled across the country holding services. Fr. Welch saw people healed spiritually. He saw some healed physically. "I thought this must be God's ministry," Fr. Welch said. "Fr. Welch was his right arm," Fr. O'Neill said. "He lightened the load; he did the preaching. Fr. Joe did the healing. The healing services revitalized him. He was always exhausted until he saw the crowd. When he saw the crowd, he lit up, just like Bob Hope."

Fr. Whalen took his inspiration from the Old Testament's Book of Tobit. In that story, the angel Raphael comes to the aid of a man on a journey and woman bereft. "That story and the journey of the young man who encountered Raphael inspired him so much he wanted to do this," Fr. Welch said.

"He wanted to make the oil and pray for the intercession of St. Raphael." Fr. Whalen was 93-years-old when he died on August 8.

"He always said he wanted to die with his boots on," Fr. O'Neill said. He is buried near the St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski, Vermont.

"Is anyone down there?" asks Fr. Joe.

VOCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is God who calls us and asks us to follow Him. He calls us when we are still unworthy. He then keeps working in us – provided we open ourselves to His Grace – to make us worthy of the call that He has gratuitously given to us already.

St. James has a great history of promoting vocations. A few days ago we established a Vocation Committee under the leadership of Deacon Joe Delaney. The first meeting of the committee was a great success. Congratulations to all the members of the committee. As one St. James family, we can do wonders in promoting vocations. The most important thing is to pray for vocations. We humbly request all families to pray for vocations. Set aside a few minutes praying for vocations and inspiring our children at home. Starting in October we will have a sign-up sheet for a week of prayer at home. Those who sign up for the weekly prayer will dedicate themselves by praying the Rosary and Vocation Prayer from Monday through Sunday.

There will be more collaboration with CCD and School children at mass, reviving the ministry of Altar Servers and special adoration for vocations. In addition, we will have special adoration for our CCD children, as well as a group to pray for vocations, In the near future we will add Vocational stories and awareness classes to our plans. Let us hope for the best and collaborate as much as we can to make our St. James family more vibrant and flourishing.

**"Lord, inspire us to know you better and open our hearts to listen to your call."
God Bless You!**

Vocation committee.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

The Feast of Our Lady of La Salette will be celebrated with 9 days of Novena starting on September 10. The Solemn Feast will be on Sunday, September 18.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR....OUR NEXT HOLY HOUR WILL BE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, FROM 7PM TO 8PM WITH 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 Church Volunteers.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS... This week's flower arrangement is donated in memory of Maurice & Cecile Galarneau by Maggie Grenier. Next week's flower arrangement will be donated in memory of Elaine Hochby.

CLASSROOM AIDS...are needed for the Religious Education Program. Contact Bev Richardson at 860-792-8054.

The signup sheet for the Marian Shrine Flowers beginning September 10, 2023, is at the main entrance to the Church.

PLEASE NOTE...When preparing your weekly donation envelope, please check off amount enclosed on the front of the envelope. Extremely helpful to our money counter team. Thank You.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....8/21//22.....\$5,495.00
St. James School Debt..... \$1,521.00
 Super Raffle-October; 9/11 Catholic Elementary School Campaign

Celebrant Schedule September 10, and September 11, 2022	
4:30PM	7AM
Celebrant: Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. Roy Parayil
9AM	11AM
Fr. John Welch	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**

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation, Monday, November 7th at 7PM

MASSES

- MONDAY, September 5,**
9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
9:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Leonide Tetreault...by Anne Desabota
- TUESDAY, September 6,**
9:00AM Edward & Eleanor Bellavance...by Joy & David
9:00AM Jaques Rousseau...by Theresa Rousseau
- WEDNESDAY, September 7,**
9:00AM Robert Langevin...by Susan Langevin
9:00AM Sr. Anila...by Sisters of Adoration
- THURSDAY, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00AM Jeannette Renaud...by Estate
9:00Am Loretta Hegedus...by family
- FRIDAY, September 9, St. Peter Claver, Priest**
9:00AM Patrick & Michael Dragon...by Mom & Dad
9:00AM Deborah Lapointe...by husband, Butch
- SATURDAY, September 10, BVM**
4:30PM Herbert Richardson...by wife
4:30PM Dan Roberts...by Mom
- SUNDAY, September 11, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Daniel Ferron...by wife, Pam
7:00AM Mary Egan...by by Dave & Judy Rzucidlo
9:00AM Francis Barry...by daughters Tina & Jennifer
9:00AM Joyce Nadeau...by Will Despathy & family
11:00AM Joseph Dragon...by Jacqueline Lanoie
11:00AM Edmond, Theresa & Richard Simoneau...
by family

LASALLETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat... son, Joseph
 In memory of Joyce...by Dolores & Kerry

2022 Masses Available

- 4:30PM... 10/29; 12/31**
- 7AM... 10/9; 10/16; 11/6; 11/20; 11/27; 12/04; 12/11.**
- 9AM... 9/12; 9/13; 9/14; 9/15; 9/20; 9/23; 9/28; 9/29; 10/03; 10/04; 10/10; 10/13; 10/14; 10/18; 10/23; 10/24; 10/25; 10/30; 11/6; 11/8; 11/14; 11/16; 11/17; 11/18; 11/25; 11/27; 11/28.**
- 11AM... 9/11; 9/18; 10/2; 10/16; 10/23; 10/30; 11/06; 11/20.**

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

Mass Intentions...We are now booking Mass Intentions for 2023. 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.



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.

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.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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.

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.

Happy Anniversary to Joe & Kerri Beaudreault from Aunt Alice.

In Memory of the the Mosher & Gallichant Families. Samuel & Mary Porter- Price in memory of Angelo DeGray. Rene & Lynne Comtois, Samuel & Mary Porter-Price, in memory of Alice Comtois. Denise Archambault in memory of Joyce Ricci.

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

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO.....Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over \$1,000.00 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.

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

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Check one: I am a new parishioner
 I have an address correction to make
 I would like to receive weekly envelope

SUPER 50-50 RAFFLE

DATE: August 1, 2022
TO: Friends of St. James
FROM: Fr. John O'Neill MS Pastor, and Joe & Kerri Beaudreault
SUBJECT: **19TH Annual "200 Club" Meeting and much more Including St. James Bazaar and Fr. John O'Neill's 31st Anniversary as Pastor and his 60th priestly anniversary,**

The 200 Club Meeting was to be a great fundraiser this year as we wanted to celebrate the 60th priestly Anniversary of Fr. John O'Neill, at this wonderful gathering. State regulations do not permit us to have our annual dinner. Instead we will have a "Super Raffle." This is how it will work.... If we sell 200 tickets, we will have the usual prizes. \$5000, 2000, 1000, 500, and 500. As a bonus we will have an additional two more prizes at 250 each. If we sell less than the 200 tickets, we will still give away 50% of the collected proceeds to our winners. If we sell more than 200 tickets prizes will increase based on our 50% margin. The raffle will take place **on October 22th after the 4:30PM Mass in the Church Hall.** We will still have our famous 50/50 raffle as well. Those tickets will be sold at \$10 each or six for \$50. We will have two 50/50 pots with two winners.

This year, Fr. John's 31st Anniversary, we are combining three fundraising efforts. 200 Club, Bazaar, and the 31st Anniversary. We invite you to become a St James Patron. The normal fee is \$100, and you will be eligible for one of the top seven prizes with your ticket. This new fundraising effort will take on a new format:

1. Pastors Circle \$1000 (10 tickets for the grand prizes and 10 tickets for the 50/50 raffle)
2. Principal Circle \$750 (7 tickets for the grand prizes and 7 tickets for the 50/50 raffle)
3. Deacon's Circle \$500 (5 tickets for the grand prizes and 5 tickets for the 50/50 raffle)
4. Board of Directors Circle \$250 (2 tickets for the grand prizes and 10 tickets for the 50/50 raffle)
5. Patron's Circle \$100 (1 ticket for the grand prizes)
6. Student Circle \$50 (Six 50/50 raffle tickets)
7. Benefactor's Circle \$10 (50/50 raffle ticket)

All proceeds will be used for our tuition assistance program. We thank you for remembering our St James Parish and School.

****No ticket numbers will be assigned this year. Your name or business name will be placed into our drawing. The more tickets you have, the more times your name will be placed into the drawing.**

Please complete your sponsorship.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please mark your choices below:

- _____ **Pastor Circle \$1000** (Ten Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)
- _____ **Principal Circle \$750** (Seven Tickets for the grand prizes and Seven 50/50 Tickets)
- _____ **Deacon's Circle \$500** (Five Tickets for the grand prizes and Five 50/50 Tickets)
- _____ **Board of Directors Circle \$250** (Two Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)
- _____ **Patrons Circle \$100** (One Ticket for the grand prizes)
- _____ **Students Circle \$50** (Six 50/50 Tickets)
- _____ **Benefactors Circle \$10** (50/50 Tickets)

Please send this form along with your payment back to Saint James Parish no later than October 14th.
12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT 06239

Make checks payable: St James Church

****Please include another piece of paper if you have multiple names you wish to have on your tickets.**

Thank you again for supporting St James Parish and School.

Any questions or concerns please contact Joe & Kerri Beaudreault or Lucille at St James Rectory.

Joe # 860-428-0277 Kerri # 860-377-0214 Lucille # 860-774-3900



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