

# 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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Rev. Thomas Sickler, M.S.

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

## 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

860-792-8054

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## St. James School Principal

Elyse McAteer

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

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

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## HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

**DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...**My Mother enjoyed the **Wheel of Fortune**. Sometimes I watch the "Wheel" with my 3 sisters. Tonight I watched "Wheel of Fortune" with the sound turned down, and it's not the same show. Try it sometime yourself. What you'll miss is not so much Pat Sajak's snappy comments, Vanna White, of course, who says very little, or the contestant's responses (who are usually just mentioning a consonant, or a vowel). Without the sound track, what's really missing is the audience. It's strange, but you never see the audience in that show. But you hear them cheering their favorites on, sharing in the ecstasy of their victory, or moaning with them in the agony of defeat. You may be wondering where all this is heading.

The "Wheel of Fortune" audience is a bit like the crowd of saints whose feast we celebrate today. Like that audience, the saints are there, just out of sight and cheering us on through life. Like turning the sound down on "Wheel of Fortune", we, too, have turned the sound down. We don't hear the saints anymore, and it is just not the same show. It is difficult to explain why this has happened. After all, sanctity is what we are all about as Church. It is our reason for existence, to make saints of each other. You'd think we would appreciate the constant reminder that those who have gone before us found sanctity not only possible, but enjoyable. How do we change the situation?

We don't have to go far. We already feast with them at this Eucharistic table. But like the audience we don't see on the show, they are present and cheering us on. They're already here. Turn the sound up and listen to what they have to say.

**DAYDREAM II...**There is a rather cute story about a small boy who stumbled across the life of a Saint called **Stylites**, who lived in Syria in about 450 A.D. This strange gentleman lived for 37 years on top of a sixty-foot pillar. For an equally strange reason, the little boy decided that he, too, was called to perform a similar act of saintly heroism. This led him into the kitchen where he climbed up onto a kitchen cabinet and stayed there all morning. When his mother came into the kitchen and prepared a rather attractive lunch, he decided to get down. His mother, who had caught onto what was happening, said to her son, "Now, you mustn't feel bad about this. (Good advice.) You have at least made the attempt, which is more than most people have ever done. (True.) But you must remember that it is almost impossible to be a saint in your own kitchen" (False. Bad advice.) Actually, this is what we are called to be, saints in our own kitchens, saints wherever we are. This is who saints are, people who put their faith into action and lived out their trust in God in their everyday lives.

One of the most popular modern day saints was St. Therese of Liseux, who was declared a saint only 28 years after her death. This came about because of the astonishing number of favors, cures and reconversions given to those who prayed for her intercession. During her lifetime, it appeared that she had done so little that her Carmelite Community could find nothing to put in her obituary. Later, they uncovered her writings and discovered the amazing closeness she had to God during her brief life; she was only 24 when she died. We remember the lives other Saints on the day of their death, sometimes called their "heavenly birthday". Interestingly, there is no occupation or group or endeavor that does not have a Patron Saints.

The following verse by Marnie Barrell offers this little summary of Saints..."Sisters and brothers in endless variety,  
Each with a marvelous story to share,  
Reach their full stature in Heaven's society,  
Grown from seed by God's infinite care."

**God, our Father, help us to be aware of the promptings of the Spirit that call us to goodness and saintliness ~ Amen**  
Thank you, Fr. John

### 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.**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE...**the Norwich 40 Days-For – Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 P.M. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil. Thank you.



**SIGN-UP- SHEET FOR WEEK OF PRAYER AT HOME**

The sign-up sheet for a week of prayer at home for vocations beginning October 2, 2022 is at the main entrance of the church.

We humbly request all families to pray for vocations. Set aside a few minutes praying for vocations and inspiring our children at home. Please sign-up for a week of prayer. Those who sign up for the weekly prayer will dedicate themselves by praying the Rosary and Vocation Prayer from Monday through Sunday. Let us continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. .

**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.

David & Joy Chartier; Nancy Bernier and Cheryl & Richard Veilleux in memory of Romeo Bernier, Jr.

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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**PARISH UPDATE**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Weekly Offering Envelope list will be submitted to the printer October 1<sup>st</sup>, for printing of 2023 envelopes. If you wish to have envelopes or change of info please complete form or call the rectory 860.774.3900.**

**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

**Statements are provided at the end of the year only if you use the envelopes with you ID number.**

**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**

**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.

**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.**

**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: **19<sup>TH</sup> Annual "200 Club" Meeting and much more Including St. James Bazaar and Fr. John O'Neill's 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary as Pastor and his 60<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary,**

The 200 Club Meeting was to be a great fundraiser this year as we wanted to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, we are combining three fundraising efforts. 200 Club, Bazaar, and the 30th 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.**

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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 14<sup>th</sup>.  
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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