

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



*St. James Church is staffed by  
the La Salette Missionaries*

## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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## SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.

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Rene N. Barbeau, Jr.

**December 4, 2022**

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

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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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## 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. Registration forms available on website.

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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 Pastor (Immaculate Conception)

The unheard-of news that angel Gabriel brought to young Mary evoked several reactions in her. Mary was troubled at heart; she wondered what was in store for her. She had honest doubts. In a probability, she would not have fully grasped the explanation given. Yet, at the end of it all, she trusted. She surrendered. She bared her soul before God and said, "so let it be."

One may argue that the grace of the Immaculate Conception enabled her to respond the way she did. But, are we very different? The grace given to Mary at the conception was given to us at our baptism. The same grace can empower us to say 'amen' to God's will.

Prayer is a dialogue. God speaks; we listen. We speak; and God listens. Prayer begins and ends with God for he alone must have the first and the last word. God speaks to Mary proposing his plan to her, assuring her not to be afraid. That is the assurance we get at prayer. We must not be afraid because nothing is impossible to God. Mary remains open to God's will. This is what prayer must do: make us ready to do his will even when his will remains mysterious. What a wonderful illustration of prayer we see in the encounter between angel Gabriel and Mary!

Just like any mother who wants her children to inherit or acquire all her good qualities, our Immaculate and holy Heavenly Mother wants us to be holy and pure children.

The Immaculate Conception reminds us of how Mary was chosen from the very beginning of her existence to be the Mother of Jesus. We are also reminded that we are all chosen by God before we are born, and God knows us, and has a plan for us. His plan for us is to be holy and immaculate like Mary. We become holy by living differently from the world that does not recognize God and his Word. We become immaculate when we are able to love without even a trace of egoism. In such a blameless love, God is reflected through us. It is a challenge.

Let us resolve to do our best to be the kind of person, that God knows and wants us to be. Let us pray for a solid spiritual strength that facilitates recognizing God and His power.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

### Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

### Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022

### CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> VIGIL MASSES,

4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

5:15PM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

### CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

7AM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

9:00 – FR. ROY PARAYIL

11:00 – FR. JOHN WELCH

## NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2023

### SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

4:30PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

7:00AM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

9:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH

11:00AM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

**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.**

**THE MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> IS CANCELLED.**  
**OUR NEXT HOLY HOUR WILL BE MONDAY, JANUARY 15,**  
**2023, 7PM - 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.

**AN INVITATION TO ALL...**who would like to join the  
 Catholic Church or to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation  
 or Holy Communion as an Adult or a teenager ages 15 to 17.  
 Contact Bev Richardson, DRE @ 860.792.8054.

**THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer**  
**for the St. James Church Staff.**

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS... This week’s flower**  
**arrangement is donated in memory of Laura**  
**Grenier by Marguerite Grenier and family. Next**  
**week’s flower arrangement is open to volunteers.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....11/20/22.....\$6, 274.00**  
**SCHOOL SUPPORT.....11/20/22.....\$2, 425.00**  
**12/8 – Immaculate Conception; 12/11 – Renovation**  
**Fund**

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

The sign-up sheet for a week of prayer at home for  
 vocations 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 Sunday through Saturday. Let us continue to pray for  
 an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious  
 life.

**PRAYER AT HOME;** This week’s Prayer will be offered by  
 Eileen Montgomery..  
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**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.

Schedule for December 10 & 11		
	4:30PM	7AM
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
	9AM	11AM
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Higgins

**MASSES**

**MONDAY, December 5,**  
 9:00AM Theresa Simoneau...1<sup>st</sup> Anniv...by family  
 9:00AM Ron Wood...by Bob Codding & family  
**TUESDAY, December 6, Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
 9:00AM Christopher Plasse...30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...  
 by Patricia Steen  
 9:00AM Edwin O’Hop...Birthday...by son, Edwin  
**WEDNESDAY, December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop**  
**and Doctor of the Church**  
 9:00AM Patricia Mathieu...8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family  
 9:00AM Ernest LeBeau...by the Burns family  
**THURSDAY, December 8, The Immaculate Conception**  
**Of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**  
 7:00AM Rene and Dot Beausoleil  
 9:00AM Rudy Trahan...by family  
 9:00AM Brian Hill...by family  
 6:00PM The Holy Souls in Purgatory...by Marcia Bardin  
**FRIDAY, December 9, Saint Juan Diego**  
**Cuahtlatotzin**  
 9:00AM Loretta Hegedus...by family  
 9:00AM Leona Espinosa...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family  
**SATURDAY, December 10,**  
 4:30PM Raymond Daigneault...by family  
 4:30PM Gaetane Bedard...by family  
**SUNDAY, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent**  
 7:00AM James Bianchi...by family  
 7:00AM Robert Emond...Birthday...by family  
 9:00AM Maureen Brock...by family  
 9:00AM Francis Barry...by wife, JoAnn  
 11:00AM Yvette & Joseph Pelletier...by family  
 11:00AM Paul Bulmer...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family

**LASALETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz  
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat... son, Joseph  
 In memory of Thomas Donlon...by wife, Georgette

**2023 Masses Available**  
**4:30PM... 1/28; 2/25; 3/11; 3/25; 4/8; 4/22; 4/29; 5/20; 6/3;**  
**6/10; 6/17; 7/8; 7/15; 7/22; 7/29.**  
**7AM... 1/08; 1/15; 1/22; 1/29; 2/05; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26; 3/05;**  
**3/12; 3/26; 4/02; 4/09; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30.**  
**9AM... 1/22; 1/29; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26; 3/05; 3/12; 3/19; 3/26**  
**11AM...1/15; 1/22; 1/29; 2/5; 2/19; 2/26; 3/5; 3/12; 3/19;**  
**3/26; 4/2; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship fund. A donation to St. James Assistance Scholarship fund was made by Jenna LaFleur.

Vance & Joan Carter, Gari & Colleen Depasse & Anne Desabota, Alice Sears in memory of Papa John, Diane Bates, Lorraine Balick, Steven Balick, Louise and Donald Costello, Georgette Donlon, Paul Grenon & Barbara Carter, Regina Morgan, Dave & Joy Chartier, and Margaret Weaver, Cheryl & Richard Veilleux, Richard & Claire Minio, Rosanna Deaume, Wayne & Ann-Marie Terwilliger, Louis & Sandra Lepine, in memory of Fr. John 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.

**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

**ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12**  
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**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.**

**2023 Calendars...**Pick up your St. James 2023 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.**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL2022...** the Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America have generously agreed to match 50% of every new donation that the ACA receives between September 12, 2022, through December 15, 2022. Please consider a donation if you have not already

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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 2023 S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB

**SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2023 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 2023 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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