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Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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December 18, 2022

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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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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.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Daydreams of Pastor

On December 9, 1531, an Indian man named Juan Diego, now canonized had a vision of Mary, the mother of Jesus, at Tepeyac, a poor Mexican Indian village outside Mexico City. This apparition occasioned the conversion of nine million Indians to Christianity in twenty years. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared the Patroness of Latin America by Pope St. Pius X in1907. After the Second World War, Pope Pius XII looked at the suffering, fragmented world and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe patroness of the Americas.

Saint John Paul II, in 1979 was the first pope to visit the shrine in Mexico City and described the Guadalupe event as "the beginning of evangelization" with a vitality that surpassed all expectations. The pope called her 'Mother of America and Star of Evangelization'.

I still remember the visit to Guadalupe last year. My guide and translator, shared the great story of the apparition. The apparition tells us how Jesus, as Emmanuel, and Mary his mother, want to be among us, especially among the poor, the downtrodden and the marginalized in society who have neither voice nor political or social influence. That is why Our Lady appeared to a poor Indian in a village, speaking his native language, and why Mary did not appear to any of the Spanish overlords. God wanted the Basilica in honor of Jesus' mother built in the village, not in the city.

The vision challenges us to listen to the ordinary people who do not look or act like important people and to treat them with reverence. While it is true that God loves each and every one of us, there is a special place in God's heart for the poor and the powerless – God's preferential option for the poor. Take the challenge to see and serve Jesus in the poor and the broken-hearted in our communities as we continue preparing and come closer to the birth of Jesus...

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH VIGIL MASSES.

4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL 5:15PM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS 10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7AM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

9:00 - FR. ROY PARAYIL

11:00 - FR. JOHN WELCH

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2023

SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 31ST 4:30PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

7:00AM – FR. ROY PARAYIL 9:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH

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11:00AM - FR. JOHN HIGGINS

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. We would like to extend to

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR...We would like to extend to all of you our sincere wishes for a blessed 2023. We thank you for all of your kindnesses and support extended to us. Please know that we constantly pray for all you do for St. James and thanks for your cards. Fr. Roy Parayil, Fr. John Welch, Deacon Rene, and Deacon Joe.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

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[™] 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 in Honor of the Birth of Jesus.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS... This week's flower arrangement is donated in memory of Jeannette Auger by the Veilleux family. Next week's flower arrangement will be donated to the Grenier/Chretien family by Marguerte Grenier.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....12/04......\$5,743.00 St. James School Fund......\$1,760.00 12/25 - Christmas Day; 2nd Collection -Your Christmas Gift to your Parish.

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

PRAYER AT HOME; This week's Prayer will be offered by Cindy Roberts.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Schedule for December 24 & 25 10:00PM 4:00PM 5:15PM

Celebrant: Fr. Roy Parayil Fr. Higgins Fr. Roy Parayil

7:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM Celebrant: Fr. Higgins Fr. Roy Parayil Fr. John Welch

MASSES

MONDAY, December 19,

9:00AM Leo Beausoleil...by his children

Herbert Richardson...by his wife, Beverly 9:00AM

TUESDAY, December 20,

9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by husband & family

9:00AM Brian Hill...by family WEDNESDAY, December 21, Saint Peter Canisius, **Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Patrick & Michael Dragon...by Mom & Dad 9:00AM 9:00AM Catherine & Joseph Flaherty...by family

THURSDAY, December 22,

7:00AM Jeremy Gagnon...by his mother

9:00AM Sr. Anila...by Alice Sears

FRIDAY, December 23, Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00AM Richard Harrington...by Nancy Giacumbo

9.00AM Jeannette Renaud...by estate

SATURDAY, December 24,

4:00PM Priests' Intentions Priests' Intentions 5:15PM

10:00PM Priests' Intentions

SUNDAY, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

7:00AM Priests' Intentions 9:00AM Priests' Intentions

11:00AM Priests' Intentions

LASALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz In memory of David & Sophie Horvat... son, Joseph In memory of Thomas Donlon...by wife, Georgette Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Veilleux...for Christmas...by Jackie

Mr. & Mrs. Esidore Dragon...by Jackie Lanoie IMO Joseph W. Dragon...Dec. 2^{nd.} ... 38th Anniversary Arthur A. Lanoie...by Jackie Lanoie

Thomas, Patrick & Michael and Michael Dragon...

by Jackie Lanoie

George Thivierge...Merry Christmas...by wife & family Lucien & Lucienne Veilleux...by Margaret & family George & Cordelia Thivierge...by Margaret & family Clem & Doris Laperle...by Margaret IMO Izola, Roland & Lorraine Joly...by Margaret

In memory of Clarence & Cecile Lemoine...Love, JoAnn

In memory of Leo Lemoine...Love, JoAnn

In Honor of my family...Love, JoAnn

In Honor of my special friends...Love, JoAnn

2023 Masses Available

4:30PM... 3/11; 3/25; 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; 2/26; 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 was made in honor of Ed & Mary Lou Desaulnier's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Alice Sears. Thank you to Greyson Cardinal for a donation to St. James Church. Thank you to an Anonymous donor for a donation made to SOS Fund. Thank you for the donation to the SOS Fund made by Jenna LaFleur. Gerald & Kathleen Chester, Mary Jane LeBlanc, Marguerite Grenier, 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

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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.

2023 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES... WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP. THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN CHURCH FOR EXACT DATES TO PICK UP BOXES.

Saint James Knights of Columbus...Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at Quinebaug Senior Center, 69 So. Main St., Brooklyn. To sign up...www.redcrossblood.org Phone 1-800-733-2767.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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. Jam	es
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, DÉCEMBER 18th 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.

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