

# 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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## DEACON

Rene N. Barbeau, Jr.

**December 25, 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**

The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of Grace and Truth. (Jn.1:14).

Every celebration is in a way a manifestation and a proclamation of a message to others. Celebration of Christmas is an expression of the joy and gratitude towards Jesus Christ, the Lord of Love and compassion. The celebration of Christmas is also a proclamation of Jesus Christ to others. In this way we continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world and tell about the saving mission of Jesus Christ.

Christmas gives the message of hope for the humanity; that the birth of the redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will. It is a fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God is born among us human beings assuming our human nature. He and His life, along with His teachings, made a difference in the history of the world. His message of love and hope brought us to the way of salvation.

Christmas is the day of Lord's birth in which we are filled with hope and joy. It is a sacred time and a time of blessings. It is the time of renewal of faith and hope in the God of love. Christmas gives us a message of peace and brotherhood and it continues to inspire us in our lives. Our main focus at this season should be on the mystery of incarnation, the concrete act of God's Love.

We celebrate God's gift to us of his son, Jesus at Christmas. It is a gift of love, we are called to bring into the world. Jesus came among us to save us. He shows us a way to live. Even in taking on our human nature he shows us our own worth. He reminds us that we should look on each other with the same love he shows us.

I wish you all the Peace and Joy of the Blessed Christmas! May you all have meaningful celebrations of Christmas and may the new born Jesus fill our lives with his Love and Peace.

***Merry Christmas!***

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6**

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

**Gospel: John 1:1-18**

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

**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. ROY PARAYIL

**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED 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.

**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.**

**OUR NEXT HOLY HOUR WILL BE MONDAY, JANUARY 16,**  
**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 a New Year. May it be Blessed.

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS...** This week’s flower  
 arrangement is donated to the Grenier/Chretien  
 family by Marguerite Grenier. Next week’s flower  
 arrangement will be open to volunteers.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....12/04.....\$5,670.00  
 Renovation Fund..... \$1,637.00  
 1/01/23 – Solemnity of Mary; 1/01/23 –Initial  
 Offering; 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**  
**life.**

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

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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 31 & January 1st		
	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil

**MASSES**

**MONDAY, December 26, St. Stephen, The First Martyr**  
 9:00AM Philip Bessette...10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**TUESDAY, December 27, Saint John the Apostle and**  
**Evangelist**

9:00AM Jack La Garde...by wife, Lorraine  
 9:00AM Month’s Mind: Denise Albetski...by family

**WEDNESDAY, December 28, The Holy Innocents,**  
**Martyrs**

9:00AM Frances Ferron...by her family  
 9:00AM Everett O’Keefe...by Julie Ann O’Keefe Dupont  
 9:00AM Barry Harvey...13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

**THURSDAY, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave**  
**Of the Nativity of the Lord**

9:00AM Loriann Leon...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family  
 9:00AM Month’s Mind: Claire Mayo...by family

**FRIDAY, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary**  
**and Joseph**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters  
 9:00AM Cynthia Aulie...2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary...by Rita &  
 John

**SATURDAY, December 31, Seventh Day within the**  
**Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

4:30PM All of our Parishioners  
 5:15PM Blessings for the New Year  
 10:00PM Jeannette Auger...by estate

**SUNDAY, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy**  
**Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the**  
**Lord**

7:00AM Roger & Jacqueline Caron...by Pauline  
 7:00AM Edna Granger...by Alice Sears  
 9:00AM Ben Desaulnier...by family  
 9:00AM Fr. John O’Neill...by Members of St. James  
 K of C Council # 2883  
 11:00AM Gary Hebert...10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family  
 11:00AM Walter Crabtree, Sr....by Joan & Vance Carter

**LASALLETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz  
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat... son, Joseph  
 In memory of Arthur “Joe” Daigneault...by Esther & children  
 In memory of Clarence & Cecile Lemoine...by Esther &  
 family  
 In memory of Flora & Arthur R. Daigneault...by Esther &  
 family

**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**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

### 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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. Richard & Diane Allen, Carol Marchesseault, Louis & Sandra Lepine, and Robert & Gretchen Chartier in memory of David Chartier. Cheryl & Richard Veilleux in memory of Shawn Lisee.

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.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**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**  
Are you interested in a great educational experience for your child?  
**IMAGINE** a school where no grade has more than 30 students...  
**IMAGINE** a school where you have the opportunity to know the names of all the children in your child's class, and their parents...  
**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...  
**IMAGINE** a school with a focus on religious education...  
**IMAGINE** a school with convenient before and after school programs...  
**IMAGINE** this school is only minutes away in Danielson  
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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.**

**2023 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES...** are available for pick up in the Church Basement.

**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](http://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.

Parishioners who have asked for Fr. Tom Sickler's mailing address: 85 New Park Ave., Hartford, CT, 06106-2184.

**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, January 16<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**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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