

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...

On the 15th of August we celebrate the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. The feast has its significant importance among the Christians.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." This event is not explicitly mentioned in the Bible but has been a part of Christian tradition since the early centuries.

The feast symbolizes the exaltation of Mary as a unique and revered figure in Christianity. It is a day of joy, prayer, and reflection for us, as we honor the immaculate life of the Blessed Virgin and her role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout history, the Assumption has inspired art, music, and cultural expressions, becoming an integral part of our Christian heritage. The feast also serves as a reminder of the belief in the resurrection of the body and the eventual reunion of believers with God in heaven, fostering a sense of spiritual unity and devotion among the faithful.

We commemorate not only the death of Mary but also her bodily assumption into Heaven; a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

On this special feast day let us pray this same prayer with Mary. Let's be remembered that Mary is in heaven body and soul protecting and caring for us.

Wishing you all a happy and wonderful celebration of the feast of our mother.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**

After fleeing from the revenge of the King of Israel, Elijah hid in a cave, but at the command of God, he went outside and stood on a mountain. There the Lord came to him, not in the wind nor in the earthquake, but in a "tiny whispering sound."

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul is deeply pained because the Jews - in spite of everything that has been given to them - have rejected Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew vividly recounts the event of Jesus walking on the water. When the disciples see this, they are terrified, and Jesus chastises them for their fear. Peter begs Christ to let him walk on the water; he is at first brave but begins to sink and loses faith, crying out, "Lord save me!" Christ rescues him for his faltering faith.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE**

The feast will be celebrated with 9 days of Novena from September 16th – 24th. The Novena will be offered after each Mass.

On the 24th of September, on the 9th day of the novena, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette at the 11AM Mass.

There will be a Reception and Religious Appreciation Program to honor the priests, religious and deacons of our parish after the 11am Mass in the Church Hall initiated by the Vocation Committee of our Parish.

Please join us in appreciating the great works our priests, deacons and sisters.

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday – Devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague Every Wednesday at 8:30AM.

Rosary for Vocations - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.30AM.

Wednesday – Bingo in the Church Hall at 7PM.

Men's Bible Study – Fourth Monday of every Month at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Holy Hour – Every Third Monday of the Month.

Our next Holy Hour is August 21, 2023.

Vocation Committee Meeting – August 22, at 6PM

Parish Council Meeting – September 12, 2023 at 6PM

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette - September 16 - 24

La Salette Feast & Religious Appreciation -

September 24, 11AM Mass

“Fr. John O’Neill Memorial Fund

Dear Parishioners and friends,
 We all know the love Fr. John O’Neill, M.S. had for St. James School. The School had a place in his heart and he dedicated his life for the betterment of the school.
 To honor Fr. John and for the continuous support of the school we have started a fund called, “Fr. John O’Neill Memorial Fund”. A new account has been opened for this special purpose. All those who would like to support St. James School please make your check payable to St. James Church and in the memo; please specify – Fr. John O’Neill Memorial Fund.
 As of July 30th, donations have amounted to \$19,325.00.
 Thank you for your continued support, Fr. Roy

THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer for the departed soul of Paul R Parent (brother of Fr. Rene Parent)

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT... The flower arrangement for the week of 8/19 is open to volunteers. The flower donation in honor of our Holy Mother for the week of 8/26 is in honor of Paul Boire in celebration of his 96th Birthday. 8/19 –Arrangement is open to a volunteer. WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$5893.00 St. James School Debt Reduction.....\$2328.00 8/13 – School Support 8/15 – Assumption 8/20 – St. James School Debt Reduction

Schedule for August 19th and August 20th

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Louis LePine Sandra LePine Ernie Charron Diane Charron Volunteer needed (L)	John Lupien Julie Dupont Volunteer Needed (L)
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Stephen Houle Bev Richardson Volunteer Needed (L)	John Brady Michelle Brady Volunteer Needed (L)

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 envelopes

Holy Day of Obligation..... Tuesday, August 15th is the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. Masses are at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, and 6:00PM.

MASSES

MONDAY, August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

9:00AM Paul Parent, Brother of Fr. Rene Parent
 9:00AM Jane Daigle...by Mary Morgan
 9:00AM Dan Zawacki...16th Anniversary
 By the Seiferman family

TUESDAY, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00AM For protection of the unborn
 9:00AM John Gallow...by Rita
 9:00AM Month’s Mind: Gladys Ogden by family
 6:00PM For our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungary

9:00AM Michael Raheb & Elizabeth Vaughan,
 Wedding day

9:00AM Paul R. Parent (brother of Fr. Rene Parent)

THURSDAY, August 17,

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
 9:00AM Irene & Leo LaFave...by family

FRIDAY, August 18,

9:00AM Fred, Margaret & Tom Unsworth...by family
 9:00AM Richard & Charlotte Bussiere...by daughter,
 Cindy

SATURDAY, August 19, Saint John Eudes, Priest; BVM

4:30PM Pauline Carter...by a friend
 4:30PM Mary Rose Barlow...by the Panteleakos family

SUNDAY, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Elena Fox...by Mr. & Mrs. Parenteau
 7:00AM Lucille Bianchi...by family
 9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by husband & family
 9:00AM Terry Barrette...by JoAnn Barry
 11:00AM D’Ann Caron...6th Anniversary by Pauline
 11:00AM James Gilbert...Wedding Anniversary...
 by his wife

LASALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Hovat by son, Joseph

2023 Masses Available:

4:30PM... 9/30
7:00AM...10/08; 11/12; 11/19;
9:00AM...8/16; 8/21; 8/22; 8/23; 8/24; 8/25; 8/28; 8/29; 8/30;
9/05/9/06; 9/08; 9/14; 9/26; 9/27; 9/28; 9/29; 10/02; 10/3;
10/4; 10/6; 10/9; 10/11; 10/13; 10/16; 10/17; 10/19; 10/23;
10/24; 10/27; 10/30;10/31; 11/1; 11/2; 11/3; 11/6; 11/7; 11/8;
11/10; 11/14; 12/4; 12/11; 12/13;12/14; 12/15;12/28; 12/29;
2/31.
11:00AM...8/13; 9/17; 10/08; 10/29; 11/12; 12/3; 12/24;12/31.
 There are still 9AM Weekday Mass openings available for the 2023 year. Please call or place intentions in the basket. We are now taking Mass intentions for the 2024 year. Please place Mass Intentions for weekdays & weekends in the collection basket. Please include a phone number. Mass stipends are 10.00

Appointment - Best wishes to Deacon Joseph Delaney, newly Ordained Permanent Deacon who is appointed to Saint James Church, Danielson and Educational Chaplaincy.

Religious Education Teachers are needed for September 2023 – 2024 year to teach on Sundays. Please contact Bev Richardson 860-792-8054 or 860-630-0593 or call the rectory at 860-774-3900.

Please note...Lectors and Altar Servers needed...
We are in need of Lectors and altar servers for Masses on the weekend. If you are interested please contact one of our priests or deacons or you may call the rectory at 860-774-3900.

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 - The week of 8/12 and 8/19 is open to volunteers for prayers for vocations.

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 host, 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.

S.O.S...Save our School

St. James School wishes to thank Cheryl and Richard Veilleux in memory of Donna Ducat for their generous donation. The school also wishes to thank Margaret Weaver in honor of Fr. Tom's Jubilee, and Wilfred and Marilyn Streb. Thank you for your donation Ann-Marie and Wayne Terwilliger in memory of Fr. John O'Neill and any anonymous donors. We ask you to consider making a voluntary donation on the occasion of a death of a loved one (in lieu of flowers).

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
Danielson

EXPERIENCE ST. JAMES SCHOOL – 860.774.3281

CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE???WHY NOT DONATE IT????

St. James Parish in Danielson is collecting vehicles. 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 (860) 774-3900 or send fax to (860) 774-4205. Our organization helps you to eliminate the hassle in selling a car and you contribute to a great charity.

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

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION DEADLINE–

The deadline for registering for the 2023 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass is fast approaching. If you haven't yet registered and are planning to do attend this year's Mass, please do so by **Monday, August 14. This is a firm date.** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend the Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **September 10, 2023, at 2 P.M.** Register by sending the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 312, or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

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 \$10.00 for the remaining 2 drawings.

MONTHLY AWARDS: \$2,000.00 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, AUGUST 20TH, 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.

MAY DRAWING

\$1000	Michelle Weiss	34	\$25	Jean & Jeffery Hemmig	653	Door Prize:	Tammy Miner
300	Stephen Kuszaj	831	\$25	Arielle & Andrew Zadora	586	Door Prize:	Janet Shay
200	Dan Derosiers	124	\$25	Sarah & Will Nattress	802		
100	Brianna Anthony Lepore	685	\$25	Rachel Mayo	876		
50	Kayla & Justin Trant	937					
50	Judy Rzucidlo	662					

\$20.00 Winners are:

Karen Toni	561	Jeremy Nason	420
Melissa & Matthew Curry	19	Alison Veazie	655
Amanda Gruslin	390	Robert DeLuca	949
Diane Koivisto	439	Diane Veillette	927
Etta Sorel	582	Janet Shay	132

JUNE DRAWING

\$1000	Nancy Arena	723	\$25	Theresa Rzepa	603	Door Prize:	Steve Balick
300	David LaBelle	252	\$25	Mary Morgan	783	Door Prize:	Tammy Miner
200	Pamela Ferron	496	\$25	Bernard Ducat	381		
100	Charlene & Edgar Marshall	143	\$25	Shawn Reilly	365		
50	Linda Reilly	637					
50	Anna, Abigail & Amelia Leiberman	396					

\$20.00 Winners are:

Barbara & Clyde Porter	250	Donna Nason	54
Michelle Brown	386	Lisset Peckaitis	751
Stephanie & James Galloway	80	Ryan Harrelle & Jacquelyn Brennan	256
Gloria & Robert Martin	185	Jack Burke	105
Steve & Pat Tetreault	919	Jodi & John Mackie	147

JULY DRAWING

\$1000.00	David Breton	961	\$25	Emily & Adam Griffiths	666	Door Prize:	Lucille Kaczor
300.00	Joanne Wippert	746	\$25	Pamela Ferron	864	Door Prize:	Nancy Arena
200.00	Glenn Dubois Jr.	991	\$25	Cynthia L'Heureux	221		
100.00	Tony & Gillian Aguilar	137	\$25	Alicia Hopkins	115		
50.00	Melissa Slater	756					
50.00	Mark Lowell	21					

\$20.00 Winners are:

Lorraine Balick	936	Glenn Balick	476
Barbara Jasmin	779	Beverly Spink	531
Norman & Jeanne Methot	627	Brittany Reynolds	441
Ashlee & Ryan Peloquin	532	Henry Belanger	943
Brittany & William Ritter	798	Richard Sears	800

REGISTRATION FORM - SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER TODAY SO WE CAN FILL THE CLUB

S.J.S.A. 2023 THOUSAND CLUB REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEW CLUB

Your choice of number if available _____ (no guarantees)

SPONSORS NAME: _____

Please Print **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPONSOR TO JOIN THE CLUB**

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

EMAIL: _____