

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 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.

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...

The readings for this Sunday, bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world and the end of our own time. They challenge us to check whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them. Living through this month of November is an appropriate time for us to reflect more and more.

The Gospel invites us to keep the flames of our lives lit to see the Lord who is coming to us daily. The foolish virgins in the parable represent the “Chosen People of God” who were waiting for the Messiah, but shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. They took the grace for granted. The parable implies that we should attend to our Christian duties of the present moment, no begging or borrowing of grace and be prepared now rather than waiting until it is too late.

The parable teaches us that there are certain things that cannot be borrowed. We cannot borrow from others a relationship with God. We cannot borrow the holiness of others and use it for our own benefit. What we do or how we ourselves relate to God and to others is what counts. How do you keep your faith alive?

The wise virgins took enough oil to keep their torches burning. In the same way we should engage and persevere in good works of mercy and to keep our faith alive. We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared: Wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness.

God surprises us for He comes when we do not expect him. His visits go so deep that we realize that he had come, only when he has already gone away. True wisdom is to be always awake and alert, ready and prepared to meet the Lord. He is the God of surprises. We need not only to carry our lamps, our hearts, to greet the Lord when he comes but also oil – the oil of charity to keep our hearts aglow. Our hearts are the lamps. But these lamps can soon go out. They need to be replenished with the oil of charity. Charity keeps our hearts burning, keep us awake, alert and active.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Regarded as personifying God’s power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ’s return, are comforted by Paul’s assurance that those “who have died in Christ will rise first.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, “You know not the day or the hour.”

We celebrate the National Vocation Awareness Week, from November 5-11. An annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.
 La Salette Vocation prayer cards are available at all the entrances to enhance your prayers.
 Let us continue to pray for vocations.

News from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry: Our 32nd Thanksgiving Food Drive is next weekend!

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held:

Saturday	Nov. 18	10:00AM – 4:00PM At 77 Water Street
Sunday	Nov. 19	12:00PM – 4:00PM At 77 Water Street
Monday	Nov. 20	4:00PM -6:00PM At St. James Gym

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 November 20, 2023.
Vocation Committee Meeting – November 14, 2023 at 6PM

“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 for Peace in our world.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother’s Altar for the weeks of November 12th – Nov. 18th are open to volunteers.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....11/5.....\$5651.00

Haiti Collection.....\$3234.00

11/12 - Religious Retirement

Christmas flowers/Memorial Donations

11/19 – School Support

Schedule for November 18th & 19th, 2023

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Diane Charron	John Lupien Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Ralph Oriola
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson	John Brady Michelle Brady
Lector:	Adam Brindamour	

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.

MASSES

**MONDAY, November 13,
 Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

9:00AM James & Joan Kent...by family
 9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving...by John

TUESDAY, November 14,

9:00AM Dan Roberts...by Cynthia Roberts
 9:00AM Roseann Racine...2nd Anniversary...
 by Barbara Cyr

WEDNESDAY, November 15,

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00AM Jeremy Gagnon...by the Ternowchek family
 9:00AM Paul Baris...Month’s Mind...by family

THURSDAY, November 16,

Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin

9:00AM Shawn Lisee...1st Anniversary...by family
 9:00AM Edward Rozanski...by the Sisters of Adoration

FRIDAY, November 17,

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
 9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...birthday...
 by her husband & family

SATURDAY, November 18,

Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin, BVM

4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family
 4:30PM Lyndsay Jean LaCharite...by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, November 19,

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time/ Bible Sunday

7:00AM Peter Flint...by MaryAnn & Jim Weigel
 9:00AM Norma Cassettari...from all those who loved her
 9:00AM Shawn Lisee...by the Preston family
 9:00AM Robert Comtois...Month’s Mind...by family
 11:00AM Roger Caron...21st Anniversary...by family
 11:00AM John Gallow...by Rita

LASALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat, by son, Joseph
For Thanksgiving:

In memory of George Thivierge by wife, Margaret & family
 In memory of Lucien & Lucienne Veilleux by Margaret & family
 In memory of George & Cordelia Thivierge by Margaret & family
 In memory of Aunt Izola, Aunt Loraine & Uncle Roland, by niece, Margaret

2023 Masses Available:

9:00AM...11/29; 12/11; 12/13; 12/15; 12/29; 12/31.

There are still 9AM Weekday Mass openings available for the 2023 year and openings for the 2024 yr. Please call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at 10.00ea.

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 prayer for 11/12 by Pat Regan and the week of 11/18 – by Cindy. Please consider signing up.

St. James School

Good Afternoon Families,

8th Grade Fundraiser

January Calendar Raffle
\$2000+ in prizes
Drawings every day in January
\$10 per ticket
Call (860) 774-3281 or email
j.lajoie@stjamesdanielson.org

Thank you and God Bless,

Elyse McAteer

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S.O.S. Save our School...

St. James School wishes to thank all of our donors for their generous contributions to the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12

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The St James Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee Social and Winter Coat Drive Sunday November 19th in the Saint James Church Hall. Please join us for the Coffee Social after the 9AM and 11AM Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

K of C will be collecting winter coats for the less fortunate in our community, on Saturday, November 11th from 10am to 2pm and Sunday, November 19th after the 9am and 11am masses. You may also drop coats in the collection box at any time in the Church Hall until November 22nd.

Diocesan News:

Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes** on **Saturday, December 2** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by November 27 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith! Rediscover God's Unconditional Love, Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts, Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life, Experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation. For two weeks, November 28th, 30th and December 5th and 7th from 7:00-8:00pm, St. Mary parish, Coventry. Register online by emailing manichols@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 3-04. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events.

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE... A used book store and coffeeshouse 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

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.

Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

77 Water St. Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-2310

For I was Hungry and you gave me food.... Matthew 25: 35

Autumn 2023

Dear St. James Parishioners

Thanksgiving Blessings from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

Hello to all our dear friends! Yesterday in church, Jane’s beautiful voice sang out: “make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love.” As we sang along, I realized that is exactly what we will strive to do as we embark on our 33rd year of serving the needy with Thanksgiving baskets. So many beautiful memories of the children and adults helping the guests choose their items and seeing them leave with great gratitude. Every year, Thanksgiving Distribution morning starts with Father John leading us in prayer and blessing all the bountiful food. One year, Father brought down all the first graders. The volunteers joined hands as the first graders said the Our Father in loud sweet voices. It was a moment of peace, unity and serenity before we started the joyful chaos of the day. We also reminisce about the first Thanksgiving where we served 25 families in the church parking lot, to our more recent ones with up to 400 families in the school gym. All of this is done with your love, support and caring hearts for those in need. We have peace and gratitude for each of you.

We especially thank you for your generous donations:

Many Thanksgiving Turkeys, Fixins, Gift cards, Monetary donations and help serving those in need.

Last year was our first Thanksgiving Distribution without Father John for all these many years (over 30). Although our hearts were sad, we continued to gather food and make preparations to feed and nurture many hungry families. When the morning of distribution arrived, we felt a little lost. We said a quiet prayer for a sign that Father John was with us in spirit. Just as we gathered for the blessing of the food and opening prayer, led by Deacon Barbeau, a familiar face showed up. It was none other than John Penny from the Norwich Bulletin! Mr. Penny has been with us for almost every Distribution day. With him he brought the beautiful front page article and photo devoted to Father John. As he handed us a copy he said: “I thought you would appreciate this today my friends.” So very true John Penny!! Thank you! And with tears of joy, we proceeded to do what God has called us to do; and that is, to feed his needy and be instruments of His peace.

With grateful thanks and peace,

Jean M. Cyr
Director

Colleen Brignole
Financial Administrator

Melinda D. French
Assistant Director

Karen Walsh
Board member

Jennifer Litke
Food Coordinator

Jane LaFleche
Statistician

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

S.J.S A. THOUSAND CLUB

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! OUR FIRST DRAWING FOR OCT. & NOV. WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 26TH.

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