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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...*"Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"*

The roots of Christianity go far back to the intertwining of three great traditions of priesthood, prophecy, and kingship. All three are very strong in the Old Testament. And all three appear again in the New Testament. But somewhere along the way we seem to have lost the prophetic and priestly treads. And so we celebrate today the Feast of Christ the King.

We need to set our excitement within the framework of what Jesus replied when Pilate asked him if he was a King: He implied that he was a King but added that his Kingdom was not of this world. The readings today help us to understand what it means to be a true king. It is about shepherding, about gathering, about nurturing, about protecting. And there is the paradoxical application in the lives of the subjects: what we do to and for our King. Our King is not remote and above – he is imminent, among, with. Truly Jesus' kingship is not of this world. It is our greatest privilege to serve such a King as Jesus.

What is your understanding of a King? A King is someone who has power, money, fancy cars, a lot of servants, land and who dresses in expensive clothes. To show their authority they wear a crown and sit on a throne. I believe, we know the difference. And with no doubt we can say Jesus is a King who is Kind, loving, serving, humble and forgiving.

"To which king should I be loyal?" is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews and followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, "Who or what reigns in my life?" The answer determines both our present and future joy.

We have a king who has a heart. We have a king who understands. He cares for us even when he is hung on the cross. He forgives the one who says "sorry" for his or her mistakes. Let us continue to pray; "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and "pasture" all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and "God will be all in all."

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him.

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 December 18, 2023.

Monthly Holy Hour...Our next Holy Hour will be on Monday, December 18th from 7PM to 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.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, Tel: 860-456-3349 / email: aposthispano@gmail.com

“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 Sr. Doris. May she rest in peace.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother’s Altar for the week of Nov. 25-26th is donated in Thanksgiving by the Kimball family. The week of Dec. 2-3 is open to volunteers. The week of Dec. 16 – 17 is donated in memory of Rita LeBeau by the LeBeau Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING totals will be published in the next weekend

11/26 – Year End Collection

12/3 – School Support

Schedule for December 2nd and December 3rd, 2023

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Louis LePine Sandra LePine	John Lupien
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Susan Griffiths
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson	Michelle Brady John 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 27,**

9:00AM Tessie Kruchinsky...by family
9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

TUESDAY, November 28,

9:00AM Marjorie & Ed Geary...by Julie & family
9:00AM Edward Rozanski...by the Sisters of Adoration

WEDNESDAY, November 29,

9:00AM Claire Mayo...1st Anniversary...by family
9:00AM Sister Marie Doris Gamlin

THURSDAY, November 30,**Saint Andrew, Apostle**

9:00AM Edward Grab...by Linda, Charlie & Michelle
9:00AM Catherine & Joseph Flaherty...by family

FIRST FRIDAY, December 1,

9:00AM Rita Mc Cormack Grant...4th Anniversary...
by The Lapre family
9:00AM Jacques Rousseau...by Therese Rousseau

FIRST SATURDAY, December 2,**Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30PM Edward Rozanski...by the Sisters of Adoration
4:30PM Aida C. Miller...birthday...by daughter, Deeda
4:30PM Kevin Mooney, 15th Anniversary...by family

SUNDAY, December 3,**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:00AM For the Priests & Sisters of St. James...
by Tom & Julie Ann Dupont
7:00AM Patricia Nickelson...by David & Judy Rzucidlo
9:00AM Lillilan & Alphonse Bisson...by estate
9:00AM James LaBonte...by Marcia & Brian Bardin
9:00AM Betty Rondeau...by Jo Ann Barry
11:00AM Maureen Brock...by family
11:00AM Robert Gerardi...by Pete Gerardi & family

Friday, December 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7PM, 9AM and 6PM.

LASALLETTE MASSES

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

2023 Masses Available:

9:00AM...12/11; 12/13; 12/15; 12/29; 1/26; 12/27; 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 12/2-3- by the Sisters of Adoration. Please consider signing up.**

St. James School

Good Afternoon Families,

December 12th – Christmas Pageant at 6PM in Church
December 14th – St. James School Concert 6PM in Church

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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2023 ACA update: As of October 31, 2023, Saint James Parish, Danielson has donated \$32,173.07 or 87.16% of its goal, and 18.91% of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Heather D. Harris

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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.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 2 at 8:30AM. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral.

RCIA Retreat

The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team are gearing up to assist Candidates and Catechumens prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Spend the day discovering God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience God's mercy in reconciliation. The Holy Spirit Awaken Retreat for RCIA will take place on Saturday, February 24th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill from 9:30am – 5pm with Mass from 5pm to 6pm. To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ex.305.

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE... A

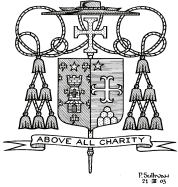
used book store and coffeehouse is now open at 103 Main Street, Danielson, CT. Hours of operation are Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10AM to 5PM. The store is closed Sunday to Tuesday, holidays and snowy days. Please patronize, promote and support our bookstore. Net profits benefit St. James School. For more info, please call 860-774-1712, (Wednesdays to Saturdays) or leave a message. God bless you all! Jim

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.

Saturday, Dec. 16 Cookie Sale and Basket Raffle

Our Lady of La Salette, Brooklyn
 Join us for our fabulous annual Cookie Sale and Basket Raffle from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 16th! This annual event sells out quickly, so you'll want to make sure to get here early.



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**MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.**

October 30, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration which began in 1974. This is a yearly celebration of Catholic Education throughout the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week for 2024 is: "United in Faith and Community."

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 28-February 3, 2024. The companion to National Catholic Schools Week is Discover Catholic Schools Week which is celebrated on November 12-18, 2023.

During these two weeks a year, Catholic schools focus on the value of a Catholic education provided to young people and their contributions to the church, communities and our nation.

Catholic school education is an investment. Families work hard to cover the expense of tuition because they value faith-filled and quality academic formation for their children. Many families rely on financial assistance, scholarship opportunities and development support in order to bridge the gap. Donors are essential to their success. Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide.

Catholic school alumni are living examples of your Catholic school product. Whether students have moved on to high school or matriculated into college, a large part of their formation and readiness was established in their prior Catholic school experience instilled in them by dedicated teachers, administrators and religious orders.

Pope Francis said, "It's in school where one learns truth, good and beauty."

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

S.J.S A. THOUSAND CLUB

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

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