

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.

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**December 3, 2023**

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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

## Religious Education Director

Mrs. Bev. Richardson

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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.

## 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 season of advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. The whole season of Advent gives great hope for our lives: It is a time of joyful and spiritual expectation, and season of grace that invites us to examine the way we live our lives and to prepare ourselves to receive the Messiah. During this time, we reflect on the significance of the Incarnation and the promise of Christ's second coming. Advent serves as a spiritual journey, encouraging us to focus on hope, peace, joy, and love as we await the arrival of the Savior.

Each Sunday of Advent is associated with a specific theme represented by a candle on the Advent wreath. The first candle symbolizes hope, the second peace, the third joy, and the fourth love. The lighting of these candles in successive weeks adds a symbolic layer to the season, fostering a sense of progress and deepening reflection.

Advent is a constant reminder to us just like an alarm clock - We hear cries "Awake! Arise!" The season of Advent stresses the necessity for awakening and arising. It is a time of fervent preparation for prayer and sacrifice. It is a season of self-awareness. It is a time when we await the child Jesus into our broken world once again.

Advent is about letting Jesus come to us. We do the letting and Jesus does the coming. Advent is a time to see our life for what it is and to acknowledge our failures. The season of Advent opens up a series of promises and contains powerful images that remind us of God's unconditional love and challenges us to wake up from our sleep.

Our main focus at this season should be on the mystery of incarnation, the concrete act of God's Love. During this journey, the Church goes through a threefold experience of loneliness, hope and watchful waiting. Even in situations of crisis and struggles we have to believe that another world is possible. It is only who can see the invisible can do the impossible. We should have a deep sense of security and assurance during our journey of faith, a journey towards a new world of love, joy and peace.

As we begin the season let us open our hearts to experience the love of God and pray that we may have the courage to cast off the darkness of our lives and put on Christ the only reality needed for our lives. *Let us 'Watch! Be prepared! And be on our guard!'*

Wishing you all a Blessed Season of Advent!  
Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023**

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> VIGIL  
MASSES,

4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

5:15PM – FR. RENE PARENT

10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

7:00AM – FR. RENE PARENT

9:00AM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

11:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH

**NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE CHURCH HALL**

Dear Parishioners and friends,

After the discussions in the finance council it was duly decided to change the rusted tables and chairs of our Church Hall and purchase new ones to help us use the hall for the programs of our parish and parish organizations.

Please consider sponsoring \$150 for a table or \$100 for two chairs. We need about 30 tables and 300 chairs.

If you find it hard to sponsor, you are welcome to make donations for the same intention.

Thank you for your continued support, Fr. Roy

**"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 Oct - 31<sup>st</sup> donations have amounted to \$20,585.00.**

**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 week of Dec. 2-3 & Dec. 9-10 is open to volunteers. The flower arrangement for the week of Dec. 16 - 17 is donated in memory of Rita LeBeau by the LeBeau Family.

The flower arrangement for the week of Dec. 23-24 is donated in memory of Jeannette Auger by her neighbors.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**.....11/19.....\$5716.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING**.....11/26.....\$4893.00

**12/8 – Immaculate Conception**

**12/10– Renovation Fund**

**Schedule for December 9th and December 10, 2023**

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Valerie Barbeau Lori Beausoleil	Julie Dupont Maggie Grenier
<b>Lector:</b>	Mike Lehman	Susan Griffiths
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Paul Boire Rosalie Boire	Denis Bessette
<b>Lector:</b>	Laurie Barrette	Stephen Houle

**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, December 4,**  
**St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Joan Kent...by family

9:00AM Harold & Sherri Hicks...by Lauren Hicks

**TUESDAY, December 5,**

9:00AM Ron Wood...by Bob Coddington & family

9:00AM Raymond Daigneault...by family

**WEDNESDAY, December 6,**

**Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

9:00AM Christopher Plasse...by Patricia Steen

9:00AM Edwin O'Hop...by his son

**THURSDAY, December 7,**

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Patricia Mathieu...9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

9:00AM For our Priests...by Cynthia Roberts

**FRIDAY, December 8,**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00AM Sister Doris Gamellin

9:00AM Aunt Sylvia Turcotte...by Rita & John Burns

9:00AM Roland & Lorraine Savoie...by Paul, Deb & Brett Savoie

6:00PM Adrienne Theroux...Month's Mind...by family

6:00PM Edward Rozanski...by the Sisters of Adoration

**SATURDAY, December 9,**

**Saint Juan Diego**

4:30PM Donald Ravenelle...by family

4:30PM Gaetane Bedard...by family

4:30PM Loretta Hegedus...11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

**SUNDAY, December 10,**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:00AM Anthony Rzucidlo...by David & Judy Rzucidlo

7:00AM For the Souls of Fr. John O'Neill & Sr. Anila...  
by the Duponts

9:00AM Francis Barry...by the Barry family

9:00AM Robert Gerardi...by Pete Gerardi & family

11:00AM Doris Gamelin...Month's Mind...by family

11:00AM Leo LaFave...by family

11:00AM Yvette & Joseph Pelletier...Christmas...  
by family

**LASALLETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz

In memory of David & Sophie Horvat, by son, Joseph

In memory of Thomas Donlon...by wife Georgette

**2023 Masses Available:**

**9:00AM... 12/26; 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Pageant at 6PM in Church**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:j.lajoie@stjamesdanielson.org)

Thank you and God Bless,

**Elyse McAteer**

Principal,

St. James School

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E: [e.mcateer@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:e.mcateer@stjamesdanielson.org)<http://www.stjamesdanielson.org>**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**

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  
**EXPERIENCE ST. JAMES SCHOOL – 860.774.3281****Diocesan News:****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](mailto:aposthispano@gmail.com)**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ex.305.**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.

*Join Us in Our Mission*

**Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023**

**National Wreaths Across America Day**

Help the Quiet Corner Veterans Support Coalition honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the Holy Cross Cemetery and the Westfield Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online or visit [WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG/CT0149P](http://WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG/CT0149P)

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**HOLIDAY SHOPPING.....****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

**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).

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**2024 S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB**

**SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2024 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, DECEMBER 17<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. THOUSAND CLUB**

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

Your Choice of number if available \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor name if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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