

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...

Last weekend we started reflecting on our preparation during the season of Advent. In the first week of Advent this year we also celebrated the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception. And in the second week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the *patroness of the Americas*.

The unheard-of news that the angel Gabriel brought to young Mary evoked several reactions in her. Mary was troubled at heart; she wondered what was in store for her. She had honest doubts. In all probability, she would not have fully grasped the explanation given. Yet, at the end of it all, she trusted. She surrendered. She bared her soul before God and said, “so let it be.”

The grace given to Mary at her conception was given to us at our baptism. The same grace can empower us to say ‘amen’ to God’s will. The Immaculate Conception reminds us of how Mary was chosen from the very beginning of her existence to be the Mother of Jesus. We are also reminded that we are all chosen by God before we are born, and God knows us, and has a plan for us. His plan for us is to be holy and immaculate like Mary. We become holy by living differently from the world that does not recognize God and his Word. We become immaculate when we are able to love without even a trace of egoism. In such a blameless love, God is reflected through us.

The apparition of our Blessed Mother in Guadalupe tells us how Jesus, as Emmanuel, and Mary his mother, want to be among us, especially among the poor, the downtrodden and the marginalized in society who have neither voice nor political or social influence.

The vision challenges us to listen to the ordinary people who do not look or act like important people and to treat them with reverence. While it is true that God loves each and every one of us, there is a special place in God’s heart for the poor and the powerless – God’s preferential option for the poor.

Take the challenge to see and serve Jesus in the poor and the broken-hearted in our communities as we continue preparing and come closer to the birth of Jesus...

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023**CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH****VIGIL MASSES,****4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL****5:15PM – FR. RENE PARENT****10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL****CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH****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

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.

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.....12/3.....\$4953.00
St. James School Support.....12/3.....\$2686.00
 12/8 – Immaculate Conception
 12/10– Renovation Fund; 12/17 – Friends of La Salette

Schedule for December 16th and December 17, 2023

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:		John Luipien Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Ralph Oriola
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL ARE INSIDE FRONT COVER OF NEW MISSAL IN CHURCH PEW.

MASSES

MONDAY, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope
 9:00AM Fr. John O’Neill...by the Sisters of Adoration
 9:00AM Miriam Borders...Month’s Mind...by family

TUESDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9:00AM Francis Barry...by John & Rita Burns
 9:00AM Mary Egan...by Vance & Joan Carter

WEDNESDAY, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 9:00AM Roland Gibeault...by family
 9:00AM Roland Archambault...by family
 9:00AM Moe & Veronica Mathurin...by family

THURSDAY, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 9:00AM Robert J. Gerardi...2nd Anniversary...by family
 9:00AM Lou Stanzione...by Barry & Cecile Stanzione

FRIDAY, December 15,
 9:00AM Frank R. Merolla...by his wife & children
 9:00AM Normandie & Brian Roberge...by family
 9:00AM Roland Archambault...
 by Mike & Judy Ternowchek

SATURDAY, December 16,
 4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family
 4:30PM Hank Comtois...9th Anniversary...by family

SUNDAY, December 17, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 7:00AM Robert Normandie, Sr....by his wife & family
 7:00AM James Bianchi...by the family
 9:00AM Rita LeBeau...by the Barry Family
 9:00AM Barbara Beausoleil...by her children
 9:00AM Walter Crabtree Sr...by Vance & Joan
 11:00AM Roland Gibeault...1st Anniversary...by family
 11:00AM Benjamin Hagan...27th Anniversary...
 by the Welshman family
 11:00AM Michael Beaulac...1st Anniversary...
 by cousins & friends

LASALLETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat, by son, Joseph
 In memory of Thomas Donlon...by his wife, Georgette

2023 & 2024 Masses Available:

2023 - 9:00AM mass available... 12/26

2024 Weekday & Weekend Mass openings are available.

Please call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at 10.00ea.

“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 - 31st donations have amounted to \$20,585.00.

Thank you for your continued support, Fr. Roy

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 Dec. 9-30 is open for prayers. Please consider signing up.

St. James School

Good Afternoon Families,

December 12th – Christmas Pageant by students in grades 5-8 at 6PM in Church. All are welcome to attend.

December 14th – St. James School Concert for all students in PK-Grade 4 at 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,

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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

Are you interested in a great educational experience for your child?

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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

2024 Christmas Calendars... Pick up your St. James 2024 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.

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

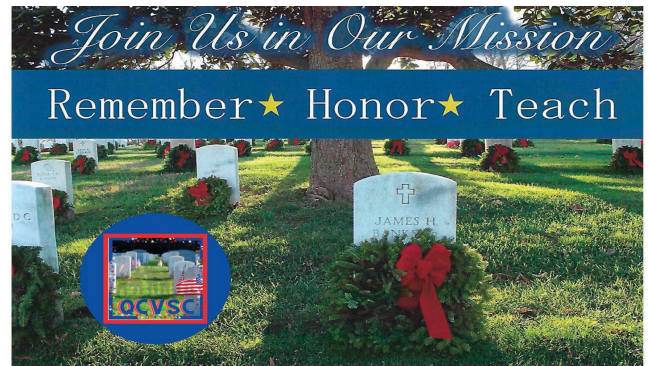
RCIA Retreat

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.

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.



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



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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. In the past 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 _____

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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 17th 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 26TH.

Your Choice of number if available _____ Sponsor name if applicable _____

Name: _____ Telephone _____

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. You can place it in the weekly collection, mail it to the rectory or give it to Kathy Hall. 860 774-7635.



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