

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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*St. James Church is staffed by  
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## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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**December 24, 2023**

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Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (*Emergencies anytime*)

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## 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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## Religious Education Director

Mrs. Bev. Richardson

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## St. James School Principal

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.

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## WEDDING

Call the Rectory at least six months prior to your wedding date. If not confirmed, one year.

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm in the church, or by appointment.

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## HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

**DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...**

“The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of Grace and Truth”. (Jn.1:14).

To follow Jesus means both to rejoice in his coming at his Nativity, as we celebrate, and continue to wait in joy and hope for the coming fullness of his reign. In the midst of familiar rituals surrounding this holy day, the words of the angel still stand out: the God of all Creation cares enough for *me*, to come to earth for *me*? Indeed, a Savior has been born for us. God has come to dwell with us. He has saved us; he is Christ and Lord.

Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus’ birth marks the culmination of God’s promises to the people of Israel and the inauguration of a new age of salvation history. Jesus promised to remain with us always as Emmanuel.

Every celebration is in a way a manifestation and a proclamation of a message to others. Celebration of Christmas is an expression of the joy and gratitude towards Jesus Christ, the Lord of Love and compassion. The celebration of Christmas is also a proclamation of Jesus Christ to others. In this way we continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world and tell about the saving mission of Jesus Christ.

Christmas gives the message of hope for humanity; that the birth of the redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will. It is a fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God is born among us human beings assuming our human nature. He and His life, along with His teachings, made a difference in the history of the world. His message of love and hope brought us to the way of salvation.

We celebrate God’s gift to us of his son, Jesus at Christmas. It is a gift of love, we are called to bring into the world. Jesus came among us to save us. He shows us a way to live. Even in taking on our human nature he shows us our own worth. He reminds us that we should look on each other with the same love he shows us and gives us a message of peace and brotherhood.

I wish you all the Peace and Joy of the Blessed Christmas! May you all have meaningful celebrations of Christmas and may the new born Jesus fill our lives with his Love and Peace.

Fr. Roy Parayil, MS



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**  
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**  
In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**  
The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, “Let it be done to me as you say.”

**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**



**WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**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 January 15, 2024.

**THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer in Honor of the Birth of Jesus.**

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...**  
 The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother’s Altar for the week of Dec. 23-24 is donated in memory of Jeannette Auger by her neighbors.

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$ 6179.00**  
 12/24 – Save Our School  
 12/25 – Christmas Day/ Second Collection – Your Christmas Gift to your Parish; 12/31 – Renovation Fund

Schedule for December 30 <sup>th</sup> and December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2023		
	4:30PM	7:00AM
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Rene Parent
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Valerie Barbeau Lori Beausoleil	John Lupien
<b>Lector:</b>	Milke Lehman	Julie Dupont
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Rene Parent
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Bev Richardson	John Brady Michelle Brady
<b>Lector:</b>	Adam Brindamour	

**The Vocations Prayer and St. Michael Prayer can be found in the inside front cover of the Missal in the pew.**

**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.

**2024 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES...ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

**MASSES**

**MONDAY, December 25, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - CHRISTMAS**

7:00AM Priest’s Intentions  
 9:00AM Priest’s Intentions  
 11:00AM Priest’s Intentions

**TUESDAY, December 26, Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

9:00AM Denise Albetski, by Daughter  
 9:00AM Laura Gay Krug...by Son, Joshua

**WEDNESDAY, December 27, Saint John, the Apostle and Evangelist**

9:00AM Philip Bessette & Gertrude...by Denis & Connie  
 9:00AM Anna Mary Whitaker...by Charles & Pamela Ferland

**THURSDAY, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

9:00AM Lou Stanzione...by Barry & Cecile Stanzione  
 9:00AM The Caron & Perreault families  
 9:00AM Barry Harvey...14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

**FRIDAY, December 29, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

9:00AM Glizabeth Kinnamon & Francis Allred...  
 by Pamela & Charles Ferland  
 9:00AM Aurore Benoit...by children  
 9:00AM Patrick Dragon...Happy Birthday in heaven...  
 By Mom & Dad

**SATURDAY, December 30,**

4:30PM Cynthia Aulie...by her loving family  
 4:30PM The Cassettari & Luchesi families...by the Panteleakos family

**SUNDAY, December 31, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

7:00AM Everett O’Keefe...by Julie Ann Dupont  
 7:00AM Peter Rzucidlo...by Judy & David Rzucidlo  
 9:00AM Charles Morin...by daughter  
 9:00AM Angoinette Thompson...by daughter  
 11:00AM The La Fave & Zadora families...by family  
 11:00AM Dora & Tom Titchen...by Linda & Pat Integlia  
 11:00AM Darnell Cate...by brother & sister-in law

**LASALETTE MASSES**

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

**2024 Masses Available**

There are 7AM, 9AM and 11AM Weekend and 9AM Weekday Mass openings available for the 2024 yr. Please call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at 10.00ea.

**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.*

**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.....**

**We would like to extend to all of you our sincere wishes for a blessed 2024. We thank you for all you do for St. James and thanks for your cards.**

Fr. Roy Parayil, Fr. Rene Parent, Fr. John Welch, Deacon Rene, and Deacon Joe.

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

Dear Parishioners and friends,  
As of December 17 we have received \$4,700 for new tables and chairs for the church hall. Thanks to all who donated generously for this particular cause.

The cost expected is about \$17,000 - \$18,000. If anyone considering to support please contact the office. Any donations are welcome. The new tables and chairs will help us to use the hall for all the programs of the parish and parish organizations.

Expected cost: \$150 for a table and \$100 for two chairs.  
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 Dec 10<sup>th</sup> the donations have amounted to \$29,705.00.  
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**

**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,  
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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.

**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

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**Diocesan News:**

**DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS**

Join us on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:15PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. The Catholic Church's sacrament of Holy Orders is a sacrament of apostolic ministry. It continues the mission that Christ entrusted to his apostles until the end of time. It includes three degrees: episcopate (*bishop*), presbyterate (*priest*), and diaconate (*deacon*). "Holy orders" means "set apart for a sacred purpose"; let's explore this purpose together. To register, please contact Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304.

**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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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!**

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

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