

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...

Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life.

On the last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast reminds us that we are part of a human family and at the same time we belong to God's family, the Church. In both these families, we have privileges and responsibilities. In both, we work out our salvation together — as women, men, and children living and working in love and peace.

Every family is called to holiness. We attain holiness when we discharge our duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the power of God by prayer. Our families become holy, only when God occupies a central role and everything is encountered there in the light of God. Mary constantly encountered God through His Word, and received guidance. Joseph was inclined to listen to God's messages. Jesus grew to be a person of prayer, fasted and observed holy days. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, and took good care of their child so that He might grow up not only to human knowledge but also as a child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary. Jesus brings holiness to us also by accepting us in His family.

Even in their holiness, Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were not exempt from suffering, and the difficulties of life. Yet they never wavered in their commitment to God or to each other. Theirs was a home where the child Jesus grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favor. Learn lessons from the Holy Family. Pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of our parish family, and for all families of the universal Church.

As we enter the New Year 2024, I wish that we will live with more dedication, more commitment to enjoy more growth and more success to come our way. The brightness of the rising sun should spread in our life more positively and bring along more chances to grow in our life. We have to walk a new path of success and work for peace in the world. We have to pray with hope to have a blessed year ahead. The time has come to gear up for new experiences, new challenges and new opportunities.

I like to remember you dear friends with gratitude for your love, prayer, support and concern for the St. James family. I wish you and your families a New Year filled with new hope for the future and pray for a meaningful, comfortable, happy and peaceful life guided by the Holy Spirit all throughout this New Year.
May God bless all our families!

Fr. Roy Parayil, MS

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3**

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



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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.

Vocations Committee Meeting – January 16th at 6PM.

Finance Meeting – January 23rd at 6PM.

Parish Council Meeting – January 25th at 6PM.

NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE CHURCH HALL

Dear Parishioners and friends,
As of December 12 we have received \$6,850.00 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

THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer for Peace in our World and St. James Parish families.

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. January is open.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$5,264.00
S.O.S. Collection -\$3,076.00
Christmas Offering.....\$6,793.00
1/01/24- Solemnity of Mary; 1/07/24 – Initial Offering

<u>Schedule for January 6 and January 7, 2024</u>		
	<u>4:30PM</u>	<u>7:00AM</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Sandra LePine Louis LePine	John Lupien
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Susan Griffiths
	<u>9:00AM</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. John Welch
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson	John Brady Michelle Brady
Lector:	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 ENTRANCES.

MASSES

**MONDAY, January 1,
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord,
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

9:00AM Ben Desaulnier...by family
9:00AM Chace John Wood...by family

TUESDAY, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

9:00AM Ella Fortin, 1st Anniversary...by family
9:00AM Patrick Dragon...3rd Anniversary...
by Mom and Dad

WEDNESDAY, January 3,

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00AM Cindy Cristofori...by Linda & Jim Byrne
9:00AM Paul Cristofori...by Linda & Jim Byrne

THURSDAY, January 4,

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00AM Frank Zak...by a friend
9:00AM Alphonse & Lillian Bisson...by estate

FRIDAY, January 5,

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

9:00AM Sr. Doris Gamlin
9:00AM Dot & Rene Beausoleil

SATURDAY, January 6,

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

4:30PM J. Robert, Gilberte & John Beaulieu...
By Norman & Jeanne Methot
4:30PM Stephen Kusza Jr...by wife, Henrietta

SUNDAY, January 7,

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM Edmond & Germaine Marois...by estate
7:00AM Arthur, Marie, & Imelda Brodeur...by estate
9:00AM Alphonse & Lillian Bisson...by family
9:00AM Francis Barry...by wife & daughter
11:00AM Joseph Pelletier...24th Anniversary...by family
11:00AM Bruce Mazzarella...by family
11:00AM Sylvina Lapre...33rd Anniversary...by the Lapre family

LASALLETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
In memory of David & Sophie Horvat, by son, Joseph
In memory of Beatrice Gumula with love, by Diane Veillette & Family
In memory of Ray Veillette Jr. by Diane at Christmas

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.

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.

“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 10th the donations have amounted to \$45,005.00.

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 – 12/30 – Bev, 1/6 – Ernie & Diane
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

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

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12

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Diocesan News:**DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS**

Join us on Tuesday, January 25th from 7 – 8:15PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Vocation- 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 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 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.

Calendar of Events for Catholic Family Services Couples’ Happy Hour

– The next two virtual Couples’ Happy Hour will be Friday, January 12, 2024, from 7-8 P.M. Make your couple relationship a priority by joining other couples for an evening that will include a presentation on a topic relevant to today’s couples. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the night’s topic. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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 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!

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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