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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...*With Christ's help we can be his light for others.*

We began the New Year with hope for the future and now we look forward for the manifestation of our God in every person, every event and everywhere in the New Year.

Scripture says that "they were overjoyed at seeing the star." The light which attracted the wise men from the East was more than natural light. The Holy Spirit drew them to seek the newborn Christ, "the true light which enlightens everyone," as St. John says, or, as Jesus would later say of himself, "I am the light of the world."

We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must *receive* Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

This great day of celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord has much to offer us on our journey of faith in this New Year 2024. The wise men saw a star rising in the heavens, and they remembered the promise of a Savior. They set out from their own country to find this newborn King.

We can start to understand their response by remembering that, in all probability, these men led comfortable lives. They were wealthy and respected. The journey they undertook was neither easy nor free of danger. Their sacrificial journey to worship the Savior even provoked King Herod, who saw the newborn Child as a threat.

The feast of Epiphany invites us to recognize our fickle minded faith, a faith that is often not so firm when we look beyond the darkness and doubt. Our shallow faith has often left us hanging with doubt, anger, resentment and unbelief. Sometimes, it has caused us to drift from the Holy Eucharist and the Church. We are left with questions that need answers. We are left with wounds that need reconciliation. Shepherds and Magi who responded to the invitation were able to have a personal experience of Jesus. They listened to the angel. They followed the star. They met Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They worshiped the Savior. They were blessed. They returned home as renewed people of hope for the future.

Like the Magi, offer Jesus our grateful use of His gifts to us: His gift of friendship, His gift of reconciliation and His gift of peace.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.



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.

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 weeks January are open.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....12/31.....\$6,786.00
Renovation Fund.....\$2,544.00
Solemnity of Mary.....\$581.00
1/07/24 – Initial Offering; 1/14 – Renovation Fund

Schedule for January 13 and January 14, 2024

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

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.

“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 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 25th the donations have amounted to \$45,005.00.

Masses

MONDAY, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00AM Michelle Grinder...by Linda & Jim Byrne
9:00AM Karen Lewis...by Linda & Jim Byrne

TUESDAY, January 9,

9:00AM Wyatt James...by his Grandparents
9:00AM Jeannette Auger...by estate

WEDNESDAY, January 10,

9:00AM Sr. Doris Gamlin...by Georgette
9:00AM Carol Wiltrout...by Mike & Judy

THURSDAY, January 11,

9:00AM Raymond Methot...3rd Anniv...by his wife

FRIDAY, January 12,

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

SATURDAY, January 13,

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, BVM

4:30PM The Rioux & Monast families...by estate
4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj..by family

SUNDAY, January 14,

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Fr. John O’Neill...by Paul Grenon
7:00AM Anita Shippee...by Alice Sears
9:00AM John Gallow...by Rita
9:00AM Rita LeBeau...by estate
11:00AM Clara Greene...by family
11:00AM Carol Iannuzzi...birthday...by husband, Vincent

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.

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 – 1/6 – Ernie & Diane. Please consider signing up.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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,

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.

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 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.

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Diocesan News... Calling All Young Adults! Ages 18-39,

Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join one of **Crossroads for Christ** seven chapters today! Meeting in the greater Hartford area, Stamford, Middletown, Mystic, New Haven, Waterbury and Watertown. For more information go to www.crossroads4christ.org or email info@crossroads4christ.org

AN INVITATION TO ALL...who would like to join the

Catholic Church or to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion as an Adult or a teenager ages 15 to 17. Contact Bev Richardson, DRE @ 860.792.8054.

PLANNING A WEDDING... Arrangements for your

marriage should be made with the Church first, as this is the most important part of your wedding day. To secure your wedding date with the church you must first have the initial interview with one of the priests and also have paid the church deposit.

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

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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!

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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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The LaSalette Fathers and Brothers are looking for a few good men to join their Community.

If interested, please call
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860-774-3900 for information.
Please consider spending
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