

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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*St. James Church is staffed by  
the La Salette Missionaries*

## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.

## SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.

## DEACONS

Rene N. Barbeau, Jr.  
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**January 28, 2024**

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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

860-792-8054

## 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.

## 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...**

This week we celebrate the Feast of Presentation of the Lord. The feast commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple, 40 days after his birth. According to the Gospel of Luke, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to fulfill their obligation of consecrating him to God with their offering. And by offering Jesus in the Temple, they conveyed to the world that Jesus belonged to God.

The feast reminds us of our consecration to God. Our consecration in Baptism is the fundamental dimension of Christian life through which we accept and proclaim, that we belong to God. Our daily life must witness to this belongingness to God.

The feast of Presentation helps us to realize the dedication and humbleness we need in life. Christ Jesus, although Son of God, makes himself humble enough to obey what the law prescribed. His solidarity with humankind was total in all respects. He also identifies himself with the lowly in choosing to make the offerings of a pair of two young pigeons. His purification ceremony and offering in the temple foreshadows his self-offering on the cross for the salvation of mankind. Like Simeon and Anna recognized him as the light of revelation, we need to recognize the savior in our midst and receive him in our lives. This is possible only if we long for him through prayer and meditation on the Word of God.

The Feast of Presentation of the Lord is also a day we remember all the religious who have dedicated their lives in serving the Lord. I feel that the core of religious life is the search for God. It is the responsibility of religious to fear and fight against; a god of the imagination and of human dreams, a god who is an idol rather than a reality calling us to growth. I realize the need of constantly consecrating myself to God in answer to His call, to seek the real God, the flame of love that burns and quenches the deepest yearnings of my heart. It is a call to grow in wisdom and grace. It is a fundamental truth of our Christian tradition that all we are and have, comes from God, as a gift.

Please don't forget to pray for all the religious who have dedicated their lives to the Lord. And let us faithfully proclaim with Simeon, "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples".

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

**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 February 19, 2024.**

**Schedule for February 3rd and February 4, 2024**

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Louis LePine Sandra LePine	John Lupien
<b>Lector:</b>	Phyllis Morrison	Susan Griffiths
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Bev Richardson	John Brady Michelle Brady
<b>Lector:</b>	Adam Brindamour	

**THE VIGIL LIGHTS...** are burning brightly in prayer for deceased parishioners of St. James.

#### **MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...**

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar for the week of January 21st is by Michael and Elizabeth Raheb. The week of January 28th is open to volunteers. The flower donation for the week of February 4th is by the Kimball family.

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....1/21.....\$4360.00**

**School Support.....\$1937.00**

1/28 - St. James School Debt Reduction;

1/28 - Super Raffle

The 2023 Annual Statements will be provided to Weekly Envelope Users upon request. The request can be placed in the collection basket or call the rectory - 860-774-3900.

**PLEASE NOTE...**The rectory office is closed on Monday. Office hours are 8:30AM to 3:30PM Tuesday thru Friday. Emergencies any time.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO.....**Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over **\$1,000.00** is given away each week. Plus there are 2 progressive games. Come try your luck! Game sales start at 6PM. All profits benefit St. James School. **Bingo workers are also needed. Please call Bob Codding @ (860) 481-9167**

#### **Masses**

##### **MONDAY, January 29,**

9:00AM Mary Rose Barlow...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family

9:00AM Edward Herndon...by John Andrian

##### **TUESDAY, January 30,**

9:00AM Sr. Doris Gamelin...by Georgette

9:00AM Joan Tice...5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...  
by the Seiferman family

##### **WEDNESDAY, January 31,**

##### **St. John Bosco, Priest**

9:00AM Mary Rose Barlow...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

##### **THURSDAY, February 1,**

9:00AM George Thivierge...7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

##### **FIRSTFRIDAY, February 2,**

##### **The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00AM Norman Turcotte...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family

9:00AM Joseph Kieltyka...53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
...by Lorraine Balick

##### **FIRST SATURDAY, February 3,**

##### **St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop, BVM**

4:30PM In Thanksgiving for favor received

4:30PM Brian Hill...by family

##### **SUNDAY, February 4,**

##### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00AM Edward Del Signore...by the Del Signore family

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill

9:00AM Francis Barry...by his wife, Jo Ann

9:00AM Frank Merolla...2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary...  
by his wife & children

11:00AM Edward Herndon...by John Andrian

11:00AM Regina Seiferman...27<sup>th</sup> Anniv...  
by the Seiferman family

#### **LASALLETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz

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

In memory of Ray & Mary Veillette...by Diane & family

#### **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.**

#### **St. James Parish news:**

Leading a parish Pro-Life committee is an opportunity to make a profound impact on the sanctity of life within our community. By taking up this vital role, you become a beacon of hope and support for those who cannot speak for themselves. Your dedication to promoting a culture of life will contribute to fostering a community that cherishes and protects the dignity of every human being, from conception to natural death. Leading a Pro-Life committee allows you to collaborate with like-minded individuals, working together to organize events, raise awareness, and provide resources that empower individuals and families to choose life. If you are interested in participating in, or leading this committee, please contact Deacon Rene Barbeau or Deacon Joe Delaney. 860-774-3900

**"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.**

**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 – Please sign up today.**

**St. James School News**

We are happy to report that our 8th grade calendar fundraiser was VERY successful. We surpassed our \$5000 goal, raising \$5505! Our thanks and appreciation to ALL of the parishioners who helped with this event.

**The winners so far are as follows:**

- January 1: Michael Bourgeois--\$100
- 2: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Burns---\$25 Stop & Shop
- 3: Melissa Gaboury---\$25 Target & \$25 Michael's
- 4: Erin Blackmar---\$50 Shell Gas
- 5: Robert Dow---\$30 Weidele's Pizza Pub
- 6: Grace Silver----Mohegan Sun Celtic Women
- 7: Dani Duran----\$100
- 8: Anne Cote----\$50 Old Navy
- 9: Ileana Delegan----\$50 Cumberland Farms
- 10: Sean Mazzarella----\$50 Target

Elyse McAteer  
Principal

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**Diocesan News:**

**Celebrate Marriage** – It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, **"Celebrate Marriage,"** will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**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.

**The Sisters of Charity will be having a Share-A-Day for girls in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 Main St. Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, Feb., 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 6:30PM. The theme is "Lent is preparing for Easter." No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or e-mail [srmariyacinta@gmail.com](mailto:srmariyacinta@gmail.com).**

**SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2024 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. Tickets are now \$45.00 for the remaining 9 drawings.

**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, January 21, 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.

**OCTOBER DRAWING**

\$1000	Debra Bessenaire	18	\$25	Nick & Elizabeth Burbine	273	Door Prize:	Michele Masse
300	Katie & Dan Roumbakis	979	\$25	Diane Landers	61	Door Prize:	Michelle Hartwell
200	Linda Therrien	333	\$25	Jaylynn & Jordan McCabe	851		
100	Beverly Spink	531	\$25	JoAnn Fortin	634		
50	Roxanne Roireau	219					
50	Kristina Cote	57					
<b>\$20.00 Winners are:</b>							
	Margaret Burridge	52		Steve Ballick	21		
	Robbin Young	718		Paulette Harwood	873		
	Carol Giambattista	186		Stephen Kuszaj	831		
	Erin Carragher	497		Robert Dragon	314		
	Luke Desaulnier	474		Morgan Beaudreault	562		

**NOVEMBER DRAWING**

\$1000	Allyson & Brian Proppe	179	\$25	Adam Griffiths	719	Door Prize:	John Holland
300	Ronald Bisson	1	\$25	Balick Grandchildren	225	Door Prize:	Lucille Kaczor
200	Peter & Lisset Peckaitis	119	\$25	Pat Sargent	28		
100	Barbara Basley	722	\$25	Kylee Mazzarella	957		
50	Cheryl Dubois	123					
50	Ted & Betty Dumaine	25					
<b>\$20.00 Winners are:</b>							
	Kristen – Stephen Houle	700		Craig Harwood	765		
	Pam Bulot	924		Mayra & Michael Blanch flower	101		
	Sarah & Ryan Gagne	289		Gert Blain	72		
	Michelle Hartwell	733		Alberta Smith	917		
	Lyndsay & John Baldwin	823		Jennifer Nason	210		

**DECEMBER DRAWING**

\$1000.00	Susan Blasi	13	\$25	Bridget Dubeau	444	Door Prize:	John Lambert
300.00	David Wilterdink	199	\$25	Michelle & Michael Costello	267	Door Prize:	Jason Burgess
200.00	Kristopher Hopkins	343	\$25	Alysha Lord	146		
100.00	Harrison Hanville	192	\$25	Aija & Michael Pelletier	889		
50.00	Douglas Barrette	370					
50.00	Linda Integlia	317					
<b>\$20.00 Winners are:</b>							
	Madeline & John Chretien	511		Nancy Arena	254		
	Erik Chester	829		Norman Pelletier	907		
	Paula Brown	60		Melissa & Eric Kapitulik	356		
	Ken & Cindy Cardinal	764		Joe & Joyce Fortin	822		
	Leo King	752		Lara & Charles Del Signore	670		

**S.J.S A. THOUSAND CLUB****PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

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

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