St. James Church

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



February 11, 2024

St. James Church is staffed by the La Salette Missionaries

PASTOR Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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

MASSES

Saturday Vigil4:30 pm
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 &11:00 am
Weekdays9:00 am
Holy Days 7:00, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Religious Education Director Mrs. Bev. Richardson 860-792-8054

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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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...

We are now embarking on our Lenten journey, which opens with the words of the Prophet Joel pointing out the path we are to follow: "Return to me with your whole heart... rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God."

Lent is a journey of return to God. How many times, in our activity or indifference, we have told him: 'Lord, I will come to you later, just wait a little... I can't come today, but tomorrow I will begin to pray and do something for others.' We do this time to time. As we begin the season of Lent and particularly on Ash Wednesday, God is speaking to our hearts. In this life, we will always have things to do and excuses to offer, but..., right now is the time to return to God.

The observance of Ash Wednesday insists that we should experience a complete conversion of heart and not simply regret for our sins. Saint Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians advises us "to become reconciled to God." There is a need to express our repentance by becoming reconciled with God daily, by asking for forgiveness.

"Return to me", Jesus says. "But where are you, Lord, so that we can return" We ask. "Look into your heart and health," he says... He waits within, in the entrails, while we seek him overseas.

Lent is not just about little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed. This is the core of Lent: asking where our hearts are directed... The ashes on our head this week will remind us that 'we are dust and unto dust we shall return...'We will always be dust, but as a liturgical hymn says, 'dust in love.' Let us pray once more to the Holy Spirit and rediscover the fire of praise, which consumes the ashes of lamentation and resignation.

During this Lenten season, when the Church calls us to somehow make this season special, we should grasp this opportunity to reflect, pray and act to make this season one of grace and mercy, doing those things that will remind us of the special love Jesus has for each one of us.

Ask yourself every day of Lent: What can I do for God today?

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday (February 14th): 7AM, 9AM and 6PM

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday - 9AM Saturday Vigil ------ 4.30 PM Sunday -----7AM, 9AM & 11AM Confessions: Every Saturday 3:45PM to 4.15PM

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 7PM

PARISH MISSION: March 10, 11 and 12 – 7PM - 8PM

CONFESSIONS:

March 23rd, Saturday - 3PM-4.30PM March 25th, Monday - 9.30AM-12PM

HOLY WEEK SERVICE

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass: March 23rd, 4:30PM Palm Sunday: March 24th at 7AM, 9AM & 11AM Holy Thursday: March 28, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7PM Good Friday: March 29, Stations of the Cross - 3PM followed by Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3.30PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: March 30, (Holy Saturday) - 8PM Easter Sunday: March 31st, 7AM, 9AM and 11AM

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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY11, 2024



Knights of Columbus Council #2883 Italian Night

Location: St. James Church Hall, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT

Saturday, February 24, 2024 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Come join us for a dinner in the church hall after the 4:30 PM Mass.

Meal consists of pasta with meatballs, sausage, salad, rolls and dessert. We would like parishioners to bring their favorite desserts to share. Water, soda and coffee will be available.

Adults and Children ages 12 and older- \$12 Children ages 5-12- \$5 Under 5 years old- Free

Take-out also available- \$12 per meal Tickets sold in advance and at the door. Cash /Credit/Debit cards will be accepted at the door. Contact Vance Carter 860-774-5232 for tickets.

Proceeds to Benefit the Parish Community

ST. JAMES PARISH CONGRATULATES MR. KEVIN PERRY AND THE DANIELSON K of C COUNCIL 2883, WHO WON THE CONNECTICUT *MEMBERSHIPS* AND EVENTS FR. McGIVNEY AWARD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

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Schedule for February 17th and February 18, 2024

Celebrant: E. Minister:	4:30PM Fr. Rene Parent Ernie Charron Diane Charron	7:00AM Fr. Roy Parayil John Lupien Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Ralph Oriola
Celebrant: E. Minister:	9:00AM Fr. Rene Parent Bev Richardson	11:00AM Fr. Roy Parayil John Brady Michelle Brady
Lector:	Adam Brindamour	

THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer for the terminally ill of our parish.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar for the week of February 24th is donated by the Rondeau family in memory of Anita Pelletier.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY OFFERING......2//4......\$6080.92

S.O.S Collection.....\$2246.00

2/11 – La Salette Seminarians

2/14 – Ash Wednesday

2/18 – Renovation Fund

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.

MASSES

MONDAY, February 12, Lincoln's Birthday John Gallow...by Rita 9:00AM Marthea Murphy...by Bev Richardson 9:00AM **TUESDAY, February 13,** 9:00AM Irene & Edward Stack...by Bev Richardson 9:00AM For Peace in our world WEDNESDAY, February 14, Ash Wednesday 7:00AM For our Priests and Religious 9:00AM Carol Wiltrout...by Mike & Judy 9:00AM Jean Toomy...by Bev 9:00AM Roderick Marion...by his wife & family 6:00PM For the Unborn THURSDAY, February 15, 9:00AM Ben Desaulnier...by family Michael Dragon...Happy Birthday in Heaven... 9:00AM By Mom & Dad FRIDAY, February 16, 9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters For the Souls in Purgatory 9:00AM SATURDAY, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 4:30PM Irene O'Hop...by son 4:30PM For Vocations SUNDAY, February 18, **First Sunday of Lent** 7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill 7:00AM Albert & Charlotte Larrow...by family 9:00AM Louis Benoit...by his children Irene O'Hop...3rd Anniversary...by son, Edwin 9:00AM Eileen Bulmer...11th Anniversary...by family 9:00AM 11:00AM Roland Codding...by family 11:00AM Louise LaBelle...by family LASALETTE MASSES In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz In memory of David & Sophie Horvat, by son, Joseph 2024 Masses Available There are 7AM. 9AM and 11AM Weekend and 9AM Weekday Mass openings available for the 2024 yr. Please

<u>Weekday</u> Mass openings available for the <u>2024 yr.</u> Please call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at 10.00ea.

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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY11, 2024

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.

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.

Final drawings for the 8th grade calendar are as follows:

Jan 23: Paul Ducat--Chop Shop Men's Haircut & Moon Majick Cafe \$25

Jan 24: Dolly Perry--\$50 Shell Gas Card

Jan 25: Marguerite Grenier--\$25 Heart & Home and \$25 Sweet Cheeks

Jan 26: Joanne Gaucher--\$25 Dunkin Donuts & \$25 Starbucks

Jan 27: Betty Tavernier--\$25 Danielson Surplus & \$25 Target

- Jan 28: Louis & Pauline Trahan--\$100 Cash
- Jan 29: Sandra Challinor--\$50 Amazon
- Jan 30: Donna Lewis--\$50 Visa
- Jan 31: Aida Bissonnette--\$100 Cash

Once again, THANK YOU for your support!!!

"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 – The week of 2/17-by Cindy

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life

On Ash Wednesday, February 14. 2024, St. James Parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 51 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

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.

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.

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., 17th 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 email <u>srmaryjacinta@gmail.com.</u>

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**, **February 11th**, **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.

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