

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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**February 18, 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

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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...**

***"The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel."***

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children through "repentance," fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and self-control.

Whole people of Noah's time were immersed in evil, and God saw that Noah alone was righteous before Him in that generation. God cleansed the earth of the wicked generation that did not obey and honor Him. Even though the people faced the flood of God's anger, the 'remnant of the flood' experienced the flooding of God's mercy. When Noah stepped out of the Ark, God gave him a reassuring promise, and made a covenant of steadfast love with all humanity. And God remained ever faithful to his word.

Mark's Gospel gives no details about the tempting of Jesus in the desert, but we know them through Matthew and Luke; there we find that Jesus holds fast to the importance of worshiping God alone. Jesus who was tempted in the desert shows us the way for us in our times. He identified with us as he endured temptations and he knows how to give us the help we need to resist the tempter. Unlike Noah's time those who were persuaded into sin, Jesus resisted the temptation to disobey God's word and to turn off God's voice. There is always the temptation to forget who God is and who we are. This does not mean we are unimportant. On the contrary, God tells us, "I, the Lord, am your God, ... you are precious in my eyes." (Isaiah 43:3-4)

Lent invites us to deepen our relationship with our God. To seek the One who is the fountain of all delights and everlasting joy. To seek to delight in him away from the temptations and distractions. How do we do this during this Lent?

1. Listen to God in the Bible: If you can, try to set aside some time every day to spend with his word that is a way to stay away from temptations. 2. Cultivate a sense of gratitude in prayer: Thank him for his blessings every day. 3. Listen and respond to others' needs: Yes, listen with your eyes and with your heart open.

Take these little spiritual challenges right in front of us, and conquer our temptations as Jesus did, by prayer and penance. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God and by listening to Him speaking to us.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**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: "LENT: TURNING TOWARD GRACE"**

**March 10, 11 and 12 - 7PM - 8PM**

**Fr. Edward J. Brown, MS, Director, La Salette Retreat Center, Attleboro, MA.**

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Every Saturday 3.45PM - 4.15PM**

**March 09th, Saturday - 3PM - 4.30PM**

**March 23rd, Saturday - 3PM - 4.30PM**

**March 25th, Monday - 9.30AM - 12PM**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICE**

**Palm Sunday Vigil Mass: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30PM**

**Palm Sunday: March 24<sup>th</sup> 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: March 30, (Holy Saturday) - 8PM**

**Easter Sunday: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.**



**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**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> is donated by the Rondeau family in memory of Anita Pelletier.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....2/11.....\$5809.00**

**La Salette Seminarians.....\$2267.00**

**2/18 – Renovation Fund 2/25 – School Support/Easter Flowers.**

**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.**

**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**

**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.**

**MASSES**

**MONDAY, February 19,**  
**President's Day**

9:00AM Norma Mooney...2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary...by family  
9:00AM Joseph Mozzer...by his daughter  
9:00AM Jeannette Auger...by her neighbor

**TUESDAY, February 20,**

9:00AM Robert Walker...by Bev Richardson  
9:00AM Sr. Priscilla Paradis...by Small Christian Community

**WEDNESDAY, February 21,**

**St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00AM Robert Langevin...by family  
9:00AM Joseph Stack...by Bev Richardson

**THURSDAY, February 22,**

**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

9:00AM Salvatore & Linda Morreale...by friends  
9:00AM Joseph Stack...by Bev Richardson

**FRIDAY, February 23,**

**St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

9:00AM For the Souls in Purgatory...by Bev  
9:00AM For the sick of our parish

**SATURDAY, February 24,**

4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family  
4:30PM For Vocations

**SUNDAY, February 25,**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

7:00AM Jerry Grenon...by family  
7:00AM Sr. Anila  
9:00AM For all married couples  
9:00AM For the Unborn  
11:00AM Carol Melanson...Month's Mind...by family  
11:00AM For vocations to the religious life

**LASALLETTE 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 call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at 10.00ea.**

**Schedule for February 24th and February 25, 2024**

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Richard Minio Claire Minio	Susan Griffiths Maggie Grenier
<b>Lector:</b>	Ernie Charron	Jullie Dupont
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Rene Parent
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Paul Boire	Denis Bessette
<b>Lector:</b>	Laurie Barrette	Stephen Houle

**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.**



**UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2024 – ST. JAMES CHURCH**

(Please add to your calendar)

**SEASON OF LENT:** February 14, 2024 – March 31, 2024**Holy Week Celebrations:** March 24 to 31, 2024**ITALIAN DINNER:** February 24, 2024 – 5.15 pm to 7 pm.

(Church Hall, by K of C)

**PARISH MISSION:** March 10, 11, and 12, 2024 – 7pm to 8pm.**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY – FAMILY EVENT:** March 16, 2024 – 5.15 pm to 6.30 pm. (Church Hall, by Vocation Committee)**MARCH FOR LIFE - HARTFORD:** March 20, 2024 – Bus leaves Danielson at 10 am, (Sponsored by K of C)**COFFEE SOCIAL:** April 21, 2024 – After the 7 am and 9 am Masses. (Church Hall, K of C)**CROWNING OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** May 5, 2024 – 9 am Mass, (CCD)**FIRST COMMUNION:** May 4, 2024 -11 am.**BLESSING OF THE BIKES:** May 11, 2024 -11am (Parking Lot, KofC)**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:** May 18, 2024 -2 pm -4 pm, (Church Hall, Vocation Committee)**MEMORIAL DAY MASS:** May 27, 2024 – 9 am. (Cemetery)**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART:** June 9, 2024 – Adoration after 11 am mass – 4 pm, Vocation Committee)**FLAG DAY:** June 14, 2024 – K of C**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY:** Every Fifth Sunday after the 9 am mass. (K of C)**FEAST OF ST. JAMES:** July 27-28, 2024**PARISH PICNIC:** July 28, 2024 -11.30 am.**LA SALETTE NOVENA AND FEAST:** September 14 - 22, 2024**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** October 5, 2024 - 11 am (Parking Lot, K of C)**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY – FR. JOHN:** October 11, 2024 - 9 am mass.**CONFIRMATION:** October 28, 2024 – 7 pm. (Bp. Michael Cote)**CLEANING****CHURCH CLEANING:** Volunteers: March 23 - 9 am to 12pm.**CHURCH CLEANING:** Volunteers: December 21 - 9am to 12pm.**SPRING CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE):** Mid-April. (K of C)**SUMMER CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE):** Mid-October. (K of C)**"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.****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**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

**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.

**St. James News:****LOVE LIFE - CHOOSE LIFE:****Connecticut March for Life:**

**At the Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, there is a rally at 12:00PM and the March is at 1:00PM. Join us by bus leaving St. James in Danielson at 10:00AM on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$15.00 per person.**

**Contact Garry, K of C: 860-617-6082 for any questions and sign-up. There will be mass at St. James on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM before going to the march. Please bring rosaries with you too.**

**Visit [marchforlife.org/Connecticut](http://marchforlife.org/Connecticut) for more information.**

**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.

**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					

**\$20.00 Winners are:**

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					

**\$20.00 Winners are:**

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					

**\$20.00 Winners are:**

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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If interested, please call  
Father Roy Parayil M.S., at  
860-774-3900 for information.  
Please consider spending  
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