St. James Church

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



February 25, 2024

St. James Church is staffed by the La Salette Missionaries

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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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...

All of us have high moments and low moments; dramatic moments of being on the top of the mountain and also depressing moments of being down in the valley. My reflection for this week goes with a top of the mountain experience for Peter, James and John as they see Jesus transfigured.

Jesus takes the three disciples with him and leads them up a high mountain. Top of the mountain experiences are never self-generated but gifted. We cannot cause but only receive them. Jesus takes the three up a high mountain where they could be alone. A certain climate of silence and solitude is necessary if we are to behold Jesus.

Jesus is transfigured, a privileged experience. Peter ruins it all by saying: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here. If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Poor Peter! He did not know that at times it is best to be quiet. There is a time to be silent and a time to speak; a time for contemplation and a time for action. Where was the need for three tents? Just one would have been enough!

At times we are like Peter. When the Lord gives us moments of deep intimacy and ecstasy instead of resting in and relishing them we want to be up and doing!

The transfigured glory of Jesus strengthens us in this holy season of Lent and reminds us that we are not alone, but in the company of Jesus. We should ask him to grant us the strength and courage we need in our lives.

The holy season of Lent speaks to our daily struggles and sorrows, showing how the answer to all life's troubles is found in Jesus Christ. By spending time in prayer and meditation we will discover all that is true, good and beautiful in our faith.

God makes a grand promise of hope and prosperity to those who will live by faith. We must never allow ourselves to forget that He handed over His beloved Son for us. As he is the heart of the Scriptures, he must be at the heart of our faith, our way of life in our continued Lenten journey.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

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. Ted Brown, M.S, 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 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: March 30, (Holy Saturday) - 8PM Easter Sunday: March 31st, 7AM, 9AM and 11AM

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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 March 18, 2024.



Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph!

When: March 16, 2024 Where: St. James Church Basement Time: Following the 4:30 P.M mass <u>DADS/FAMILIES:</u> Join us as we Honor St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus, carpenter, and Patron of All Fathers!

* All families will enjoy a pizza supper, learn about why you should have St. Joseph in your "tool box" as you raise your family! *Model your carpentry skills like St. Joseph as you build a wooden craft project with your child! (ALL ARE WELCOME.) We expect this event to last about 60-75 minutes.

Sign up here for this new event!

Family Name:

Number of people attending: ______ Number of children who will make a craft_____ RETURN THIS FORM TO ST.JAMES SCHOOL, or the church offertory basket by: March 9th to help us order adequate food. This activity is sponsored by the Vocation Committee.

THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer for the elderly in our nursing homes.

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. March is open to volunteers.

WEEKLY OFFERING......2/18......\$5183.00 Renovation Fund......\$2329.00 2/25 – School Support/Easter Flowers. 3/03 – 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.

SIGN-UP- SHEET FOR WEEK OF PRAYER AT HOME

The sign-up sheet for a week of prayer at home for 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. Please consider signing up today. Week of 3/16-Cindy.

Schedule for March 2nd and March 3rd, 2024

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

MASSES

MONDAY, February 26, 9:00AM George Roberts Jr....by Cindy

9:00AM Debra Bernier...by Linda Pacheco TUESDAY, February 27,

9:00AM Evelyn Larrow...by family

9:00AM Sr. Doris Gamelin

WEDNESDAY, February 28,

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters 9:00AM Fr. Joe Whalen

THURSDAY, February 29,

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

9:00AM Lillian & Alphonse Bisson...Estate

FIRST FRIDAY, March 1,

World Day of Prayer

9:00AM Ed Desaulnier...15th Anniversary...by family

- 9:00AM William Lucchesi...by Godson
- 9:00AM Joyce Rust...by family

FIRST SATURDAY, March 2,

- 4:30PM Donald Ravenelle...by wife & family
- 4:30PM Albert Langlois...by the Charron family

SUNDAY, March 3,

Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:00AM Mona & Dick Radei...by family
- 7:00AM Arthur, Marie & Imelda Brodeur...by family
- 9:00AM Francis Barry...by the Barre family
- 9:00AM Christopher Alves...5th Anniversary...by family
- 11:00AM Rita LeBeau....by family
- 11:00AM C. Joseph Seiferman...7th Anniversary.... by the Seifferman 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 <u>Weekend and 9AM</u> <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. <u>Mass days available</u>:

7AM - 3/10; 3/17; 3/24; 3/31; 4/07; 4/14; 4/21; 5/5; 5/12; 5/19; 6/2; 6/9; 6/16; 6/30; 7/7; 7/14; 8/4; 8/11; 8/18; 8/25; 9/8; 9/15; 9/22; 9/29

<u>9:00AM</u> - 3/4; 3/5; 3/6; 3/8; 3/11; 3/12; 3/13; 3/14; 3/19; 3/21; 3/22; 3/25; 3/26; 3/27; 3/31; 4/1; 4/2; 4/3; 4/4; 4/5;4/8; 4/10; 4/11; 4/14; 4/15; 4/16; 4/17; 4/18; 4/21; 4/22; 4/23; 4/24; 4/25; 4/26; 4/28; 4/29; 4/30; 5/1; 5/2; 5/3; 5/6; 5/7; 5/8; 5/9; 5/10;5/13; 5/14; 5/15; 5/20; 5/22

<u>11:00AM</u> – 3/10; 4/7; 4/14; 4/21; 4/28; 5/5; 5/19; 5/26; 6/2; 6/3; 6/9; 6/23; 6/30; 7/14; 7/21; 8/4; 8/11; 8/18; 8/25; 9/15

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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) 2ND 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 February 18th the donations have amounted to \$54,350.00

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ACA News:

The final total for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank you very much Saint James Parish,

Danielson for your generous donations in the amount of \$32,548.07 which was 88.18% of your goal. Throughout 2023 **18.93%** of your parishioners donated and each donation made gave support to the diocesan ministries. We are very happy to report that all the generous donations made to the 2023 brought our total to \$2,626,115.69. While this did fall slightly short of our \$2, 700, 000.00 goal it is truly a testament to all the hard work and generosity that our parish communities continue to show. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. Our new 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family" campaign is set to begin, and the first letter should be arriving soon. For more information or to donate, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go

online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Heather D. Harris

Campaign Manager Office of Development The Diocese of Norwich 331 Main Street, Floor 2 Norwich, CT 06360-5836 Phone: 860.886.1928 ext. 111 https://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/

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 20th. 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 20th at 9:00AM before going to the march. Please bring rosaries with you too.

Visit marchforlife.org/Connecticut for more info.

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2024 CLUB

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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, MARCH 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.

OCTOBER DRAWING \$1000 Debra Bessenaire 300 Katie & Dan Roumbakis 200 Linda Therrien 100 Beverly Spink 50 Roxanne Roireau 50 Kristina Cote	18 979 333 531 219 57	\$25Nick & Elizabeth Burbine273Door Prize:Michele Masse\$25Diane Landers61Door Prize:Michelle Hartwell\$25Jaylynn & Jordan McCabe851\$25JoAnn Fortin634
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\$20.00 Winners are: Madeline & John Chretien Erik Chester Paula Brown Ken & Cindy Cardinal Leo King	511 829 60 764 752	Nancy Arena 254 Norman Pelletier 907 Melissa & Eric Kapitulik 356 Joe & Joyce Fortin 822 Lara & Charles Del Signore 670

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