

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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the La Salette Missionaries*

## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.

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**March 17, 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

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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...

"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Jesus is the seed that will die so others might have life, the grain of wheat that will be crushed and made into bread that feeds us. We see his life emptied on the cross. We see his life broken and shared on the altar.

This is the last week of lent. Lent is about a change of heart and let us get ready to enter Holy Week. Where do we go to have our stony hearts turned once more into hearts of flesh? We go to Jesus, who lifts us up so the Father can write on our hearts not with ink, but with the blood of the Son.

Lent is a time to seek Jesus. Today's Gospel opens with a scene where some Greeks came to worship in the temple seeking Jesus by approaching Jesus' disciples, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." They were already in the Temple and still searching for an encounter with God! This is what the Gospel tells us today. The sacred we seek is not in stones, nor in the beauty of the building and land. The sacred we seek is in the heart of every person. That is why when we allow the sacred to shine forth in us, everything we touch, everything we do, and everything we plan becomes sacred because of us.

The sacredness of the heart of each person makes our community sacred. It can happen only by our willingness to fall on our knees with humility and goodwill to serve others, to share what we have, and to allow our roots to go deeper into our relationships. Just as Jesus became the "*Promised Messiah of Glory*" and the "*Conquering Son of Man*" by offering his life for others, we, too, if we would come to Heaven, must die to self by loving obedience, spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

Let us seek the Lord everywhere, let us be aware of the sacredness in our hearts and in our neighbors. Touch them with love because we have been touched by God's love and mercy.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

**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**

**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**

**CEMETERY NOTICE...** Please remove all winter boxes, pots and other decorations from Holy Cross, St. James and St. Joseph's Cemeteries by March 24, 2024. All boxes and decorations left on the lots after this date will be removed and disposed of.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

### 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.**

### UP-COMING EVENTS

**HOLY HOUR: March 18, 2024 - 7 pm to 8 pm.**

**CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: March 23 - 9 am to 12pm.**

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: April 07, 2024 – 3 pm.**

**SPRING CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-April.**

**HOLY HOUR: April 15, 2024 - 7 pm to 8 pm.**

**COFFEE SOCIAL: April 21, 2024 – After the 7 am and 9 am Masses.**

**THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer for Fr. Rene Parent, for the recovery**

### MARIAN SHRINE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

**The flower arrangement donations for the Blessed Mother's is open to volunteers.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....3/10.....\$ 4,847.00**  
3/10-17-ACA; 3/24 – Palm Sunday, Rice Bowl, School Endowment

**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.

### Schedule for March 23rd and March 24th, 2024

	4:30PM	7:00AM
<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	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Paul Boire	Denis Bessette
<b>Lector:</b>	Laurie Barrette	Stephen Houle

### Diocesan News:

**All our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES

**MONDAY, March 18,**  
**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Donald Boston...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...by family

9:00AM Sharon Davignon...5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
...by Bobby & Ann Marie

**TUESDAY, March 19,**  
**Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

9:00AM For the Departed Souls of St. James Parish

**WEDNESDAY, March 20,**

9:00AM Harold C. Coddington...by family

9:00AM Herb Richardson...by Bev

**THURSDAY, March 21,**

9:00AM Catherine Ondisco...by her family

9:00AM Kenneth & Dagmar Banks...by niece, Karolyn

**FRIDAY, March 22,**

9:00AM John Gallow...by Rita

9:00AM For Vocations

**SATURDAY, March 23,**

4:30PM Genevieve Piotrowski...16<sup>th</sup> Anniv... by family

4:30PM Our Priests and Religious

**SUNDAY, March 24,**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:00AM Gerry Grenon

7:00AM Peace in our world

9:00AM John S. Rutkowski...by his daughter

9:00AM Anger & Berdell Families

...by Richard & Vi Anger

11:00AM Umer Thibodeau...6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

11:00AM Edwin O'Hop...by his son

### 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 call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at 10.00ea. Mass days available:**

**7AM –** 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

**9:00AM –** 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

**11:00AM –** 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

**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

**The Pourings and Passages Book store made a donation of \$30,000 to the St. James. Thanks to Mr. James S. Weigel and all the volunteers who wholeheartedly work for our School. May God bless you all!**



**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

**MARCH FOR LIFE - HARTFORD:** March 20, 2024 – Bus leaves Danielson at 10 am, (Sponsored by K of C)

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** April 07, 2024 – 3 pm.

**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 February 18th the donations have amounted to \$54,350.00**

**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.

**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.**

**Annual Catholic Appeal News:**

**2024 ACA Commitment Weekend**

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family". From ministry to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain and difficult times have increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card or envelope in the collection basket or you may visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) or call (860) 886- 1928 to donate. Thank you and God Bless.

**St. James School News**

Week 3 (2/25-3/2) Holiday Raffle winners!

25-Feb \$50 Maria Hernandez

26-Feb \$20 Rudy Desabota

27-Feb \$20 Jim Tingle

28-Feb \$20 Tracy Barry

29-Feb \$20 Tony Thibodeau

1-March \$20 Beverly Richardson

2-March \$20 Kristen DeRobbio

**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 info.**

**Saint James Spring Super Raffle**

To: Friends of St James

From: Fr Roy Parayil, Joe & Kerri Beaudreault

Subject: Annual Super Raffle In honor of Fr John O'Neill

The Spring Super Raffle is here again. This Spring Super Raffle will take on the same format as last year's raffles. We will base the prizes off the number of tickets sold. If 200 tickets are sold, we will have prizes of \$5000, 2000, 1000, 500, and 500. As a bonus we will have an additional two more prizes at \$250 each. If we sell less than the 200 tickets, we will still give away 50% of the collected proceeds to our winners. If we sell more than 200 tickets prizes will increase based on our 50% margin. We will still have our famous 50/50 raffle as well. Those tickets will be sold at \$10 each or six for \$50. We will have two 50/50 pots with two winners. The drawing will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 Mass in the Church Hall.

All proceeds will be used for our tuition assistance program. Your name or business name will be placed into our drawing. The more tickets you have, the more times your name will be placed into the drawing.

**Please send your completed choice back to St. James Parish no later than April 3rd.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your choice below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Circle \$1000 (Ten Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Deacon's Circle \$500 (Five Tickets for the grand prizes and Five 50/50 Tickets)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors Circle \$250 (Two Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Patrons Circle \$100 (One Ticket for the grand prizes)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Students Circle \$50 (Six 50/50 Tickets)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Benefactors Circle \$10 (50/50 Tickets)

\*\* Please include another piece of paper if you have multiple names you wish to have on your tickets\*\*.

12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT 06239 Make checks payable: St James Church

Thank you again for supporting St James Parish and School.

Any questions or concerns please contact Joe & Kerri Beaudreault or St James Rectory.

Joe # 860-428-0277 Kerri # 860-377-0214 St James Rectory# 860-774-3900

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**The LaSalette Fathers  
and Brothers are looking  
for a few good men to  
join their Community.**  
If interested, please call  
Father Roy Parayil M.S., at  
860-774-3900 for information.  
Please consider spending  
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