

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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January 19, 2025

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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

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860-792-8054

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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...

There are two places in the Bible where we find the phrase, "Do whatever he tells you." The first in Genesis 41:55, when during the famine in Egypt the people are told, "Go to Joseph and do whatever he tells you." The second is in today's Gospel, when Mary tells the servants at the wedding feast to do whatever Jesus tells them.

The miracle at the wedding in Cana reminds us that God's timing is always perfect. When faced with challenges, trust that God's plan unfolds in ways we may not anticipate.

Mary's simple request to Jesus led to a miracle. The Mother of Jesus took the initiative, drawing his attention to the embarrassing situation of the wedding party, about to run out of wine, and overriding his objection that this was none of their business.

Just as Mary interceded for the couple, she intercedes for us. Turn to her in times of need, knowing her maternal care is a source of grace. The water turned into wine symbolizes God's ability to transform scarcity into abundance. When we offer our limitations to Him, he can turn them into something extraordinary. Like the servants' obedience played a crucial role in the miracle, our faith is strengthened when we act in obedience to God's will, even when we don't fully understand His plan.

The best wine brought joy to the wedding celebration. In a world seeking happiness in fleeting pleasures, remember that true and lasting joy is found in a relationship with Christ. Like the miracle revealed Jesus' glory to His disciples we must allow His transformative power to shine through our life, so that others may witness the glory of God in our actions and word.

"Invite Jesus and Mary to remain with you in your homes" when you feel shortages in your family lives. Follow Mary's instruction, "*Do whatever He tells you*". Just as Jesus filled the water jars with wine; fill the empty hearts around you with love. Pray for God's daily miracles!

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

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 Jan. 20th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED...If you would like to become an altar server please call the rectory... 860-774-3900.

Schedule for January 25th and January 26th, 2025

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Richard Minio Claire Minio	Susan Griffiths Maggie Grenier
Lector:	Ernie Charron	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Paul Boire Sisters	Denis Bessette Peter Gerardi
Lector:	Marshall Hudon	Stephen Houle

Please pick up your 2025 Church Collection Envelopes near the front entrances to the Church.

MASSES

MONDAY, January 20,
Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

9:00AM Joan Tice...5th Anniversary...
 by Tom & Gail Seiferman

9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by estate

TUESDAY, January 21,
Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:00AM George Roberts...by family

9:00AM Sick of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, January 22,
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

9:00AM Vocations

THURSDAY, January 23,
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

9:00AM Dan Roberts...by family

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, January 24,
Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00AM The Kokoszka family...by Lorraine Balick

9:00AM For the victims and families of the fires in California

SATURDAY, January 25,
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

4:30PM Richard LaBelle...by the Thurlow family

4:30PM Vocations

SUNDAY, January 26,
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family

7:00AM Fr. Joseph Whalen

9:00AM Barbara Sajek...7th Anniversary...

By Tom & Gail Seiferman

9:00AM For Peace in our World

11:00AM Heidi Nicholson...by Mom

11:00AM Carol Melanson...1st Anniversary...by family

LASALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat, by son, Joseph
 In memory of Lawrence & Gloria Clark and Edmond and
 Agnes Lefrancois...by daughter

2025 Masses Available

7AM: 2/02; 2/09; 2/16; 2/23; 3/02; 3/09; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/13

9AM: 1/27; 1/29; 1/31; 2/3; 2/4; 2/5; 2/6; 2/9; 2/11; 2/12; 2/13; 2/14; 2/16; 2/17; 2/20; 2/23; 2/24; 2/25; 2/26; 2/27; 2/28;

11AM: 2/02; 2/09; 2/16; 2/23; 3/02; 3/09; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30

4:30PM 2/01; 2/08; 2/22; 3/01; 3/08; 3/22; 3/29; 4/12; 4/19
 Please call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in the basket at \$10.00ea.

WEEKLY OFFERING:Jan. 5th.....\$6207.00
Initial Offering:Jan. 5th.....\$2358.00
 Jan. 19th –School Support; Jan. 26 – Super Raffle & St. James School Debt Reduction.

Spend some time with Jesus...Holy Hour is Monday, January 20th 7PM – 8PM with the rosary at 6:40PM

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Marian Altar for the month of January is open to volunteers. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2025 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – January 26 –February 1, Special Mass on January, 26, 2025 at 11am.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: February 01, 2025 - 5.15pm in the Church Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 04, 2025

SEASON OF LENT: March 04, 2025 – April 20, 2025

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY – FAMILY EVENT: March 22, 2025 – 5.15 pm to 6.30 pm. (Church Hall, by Vocation Committee)

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: Every Fifth Sunday after the 9 am mass. (K of C)

PARISH MISSION: March 30, 31 & April 01, 2025 - 7pm to 8pm.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: April 12, 3pm – 4.15pm, April 14, 9.30 am to Noon.

VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE: April 08, 2025, 6-8pm

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS: April 13 – April 20, 2025

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: April 27, 2025 – 3pm

FIRST COMMUNION: May 3, 2025 -11 am.

CROWNING OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: May 4, 2025 – 9 am Mass, (CCD)

BLESSING OF THE BIKES: May 10, 2025 -11am(Parking Lot, KofC)

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: May 10 2025 -2 pm -4 pm, (Church Hall, Vocation Committee)

150th ANNIVERSARY OF ST.JAMES SCHOOL: May 18, 2025, 11am Mass

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: May 26, 2025 – 9 am. (Cemetery)

GRADE 8 GRADUATION MASS: June 6, 2025

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: June 15, 2025

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 22, 2025 –Adoration after 11 am mass – 4 pm, Vocation Committee)

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: June 27, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: June 29, 2025, After the 9 am mass.

FEAST OF ST. JAMES: July 26-27, 2025

PARISH PICNIC: July 27, 2025 -11.30 am.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: August 31, 2025, After the 9 am mass.

LA SALETTE NOVENA AND FEAST: September 13 - 21, 2025

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 4, 2025 - 11 am (Parking Lot, K of C)

3rd ANNIVERSARY – FR. JOHN: October 11, 2025 - 9 am mass.

CONFIRMATION: October, 2025 – 7 pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: November 30, 2025, After the 9 am mass.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 06, 2025

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Bus trip to La Salette –: December, 2025

CLEANING

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: April 12 - 9 am to 12pm.

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: December 20 - 9am to 12pm.

SPRING CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-April. (K of C)

SUMMER CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-November. (K of C)

The Franciscan University School of Spiritual

Direction is offering an Open House for those interested in training to be certified Spiritual Directors at their satellite program in CT. **Open House:** 7PM, January 30, 2025 at the Immaculate Conception Center (600 Liberty Hwy, Putnam, CT). For more information, please call 860-928-7955.

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.

Eastern Europe Spiritual & Cultural Tour-2025

Father Ben will be hosting a trip to Poland, Austria, Croatia, and Bosnia from Sept. 7th through Sept. 19, 2025. The cost per person is \$3975 Double occupancy- Tips included. Contact Father Ben at 860-481-2880 or by email: bvinjoe@gmail.com if interested.

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 January 3, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$76,360.00.



Knights of Columbus Council #2883
Italian Night

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

Saturday, February 1, 2025 5:00PM – 7:00PM
Benefit St. James School – Catholic Schools Week

Come join us for a Pasta 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- \$15
Ages 5-12 yr. old - \$10
Under 5 years old- Free
Take-out also available - \$15

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekend of January 25th and 26th.

Tickets sold in advance and at the door.
Cash /Credit/Debit cards will be accepted at the door. Contact Grand Knight Kevin Perry 860-428-3817 for more information.

Proceeds will be donated to the Father John O'Neill Memorial Fund which benefits St. James School (in recognition of Catholic Schools Week).

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 Jan. 25th – is by Lisa Sarant. Please consider signing up.

The Vigil Lights...are burning brightly for the victims of the fires in California and their families.

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

CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE?
WHY NOT DONATE IT????

St. James Parish in Danielson is collecting vehicles. The St. James Organization will give you a written appraisal of your car which may be used as a tax-deductible charitable donation. All monies will be used for the St. James Renovation Fund or for the St. James Scholarship Fund. Inquiries may be made by calling (860) 774-3900 or send fax to (860) 774-4205. Our organization helps you to eliminate the hassle in selling a car and you contribute to a great charity.

Academy of the Holy Family Open House: Saturday, February 8, 2025 (Snow Date – Feb. 22nd) 10:00am – 12:00pm 54, W. Main Street, Baltic, CT.
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The Knights of Columbus held a Free Throw Championship in St. James Gym for boys and girls, ages 9-14 on Sunday, Jan. 12th. It was a great success as we had 29 children participate. At right is a group photo of the participants and the St. James Council Knights.

Philip Kiley
Knights of Columbus
St. James Danielson Council 2883



Christmas Gift

Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift, God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year. But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas.

Year - End Giving

Every organization has a program called Year End Giving. Most parishes follow this lead. You are welcome to contribute all through the month of December and January. We will have a second collection (Year End) at the Christmas Masses this year to help the future programs and renovations of our parish.

An Investment in Your Parish

For many years, our Catholic parishes have benefitted from the enormous contributions and dedication of religious men and women (priests, brothers and sisters) who have given their entire lives in the service to parishes, schools, dioceses and many other Church ministries. Now, our Catholic Church and educational ministries are even broader and serve more people than ever before despite the decline in the numbers of religious. Many dedicated lay people now staff these programs and must be compensated with just and living wages. Your Christmas and year end gift is an investment in these quality programs.

Celebrate the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season. A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to make during the year. Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and assist St. James to attain its spiritual and programmatic goals; serving God's people and His Church here on earth.

You may please use the Year-End envelopes found at each entrance to the church.
Thank you.
Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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