

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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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.

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...

The Beatitudes!

The true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them. Contrary to popular belief, wealth, health, power, and influence are not the sources of true happiness. The word “beatitude” means “blessedness” in a double sense: both enjoying God’s favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness.

Jesus challenges conventional notions of happiness by pronouncing blessings on the poor, hungry and grieving. He shifts our focus from external circumstances to an inner joy that can transcend difficulties, reminding us that God’s comfort sustains us.

Jesus presents a paradoxical view of blessings, contrasting worldly expectations. He shows that God’s favor is not limited to comfort or abundance. Blessings also extend to those who face struggles, teaching us to see God’s grace even in challenging times. The woes Jesus mentions warn against relying solely on worldly success and pleasure. When we become self-sufficient and disconnected from God, we risk missing out on His deeper blessings and becoming spiritually impoverished.

Jesus warns against becoming too comfortable in our wealth or status as it can blind us to the deeper realities of God’s kingdom. True wealth is found in the riches of God’s kingdom. The earthly possessions may provide temporary satisfaction, but they pale in comparison to the enduring treasures of love, grace and eternal life that God offers to all who seek Him.

Let us remain vigilant in our pursuit of righteousness and justice. Let us align our lives with God’s vision of justice, mercy, and compassion for all. By following Jesus’ example of humility and service, let us participate in the realization of God’s kingdom on earth, and there every person will be valued and cherished as a beloved child of God.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

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 Feb. 17th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

Schedule for February 22nd and February 23, 2025

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

MASSES

MONDAY, February 17,
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Presidents' Day

- 9:00AM Joseph Mozzer...by his daughter
- 9:00AM Jeannette Auger...by her neighbors

TUESDAY, February 18,

- 9:00AM Albert & Charlotte Larrow...by family
- 9:00AM Irene O'Hop...4th Anniversary...by Edwin
- 9:00AM Roland Codding...by family

WEDNESDAY, February 19,

- 9:00AM Norma Mooney...3rd Anniversary...by family
- 9:00AM Salvatore & Linda Morreali...by friends

THURSDAY, February 20,

- 9:00AM Salvatore & Linda Morreali...by friends
- 9:00AM Sr. Priscilla Paradis...by Small Christian Community

FRIDAY, February 21,

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00AM Robert Langevin...by his wife
- 9:00AM Salvatore & Linda Morreali...by friends

SATURDAY, February 22,

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

- 4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family
- 4:30PM Gary Walker...12th Anniversary...by his wife
- 4:30PM Christopher M. Guari...by family

SUNDAY, February 23,

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
- 7:00AM For Priests, Deacons and Sisters of our Parish
- 9:00AM Wilfred Dy & Elmiere Malebranche Dy
- 9:00AM Alphonse & Lillian Brisson...by Estate
- 9:00AM Pauline Audette...by family & friends
- 11:00AM Lynn Champoux...1st Anniversary...by Donna
- 11:00AM Anita Pelletier...by the Rondeau family
- 11:00AM Robert LeBlanc...by family

LASALLETTE 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: 3/02; 3/09; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/13; 4/20; 5/04
 5/11; 5/18; 6/01; 6/08; 6/15; 6/22; 6/29; 7/06; 7/13; 7/20; 7/27

9AM: 2/24; 2/25; 2/26; 2/27; 2/28; 3/03; 3/04; 3/05; 3/06;
 3/07; 3/10; 3/11; 3/12; 3/13; 3/14; 3/17; 3/18; 3/19; 3/21; 3/24;
 3/25; 3/26; 3/27

11AM: 3/02; 3/09; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/06; 4/13; 5/04; 5/18;
 5/25; 6/01; 6/08; 6/15; 6/22; 6/29; 7/06; 7/13; 7/20

4:30PM: 3/01; 3/08; 3/22; 3/29; 4/12; 5/03; 5/10; 5/17
 Please call the office at 860-774-3900 or place intentions in
 the basket at \$10.00ea.

WEEKLY OFFERING 2/09. \$3216.00
La Salette Seminarian 2/09. \$1577.00
Feb. 16th – Renovation Fund
Feb. 23rd – School Support

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Marian
 Altar for Feb. 15th is for Anita Pelletier by the Rondeau
 Family. The rest of the month of February is open.
 Please consider donating a flower arrangement in
 memory of a loved one.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2025 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

- SCOUT SUNDAY:** February 23, 2025 - 9AM Mass
- 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 28, 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)

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.

Scout Sunday: February 23rd – 9AM Mass.

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 February 11, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$76,480.00.

Diocesan News:

On Thursday, February 20, 2025, come join in praying a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at Most Holy Trinity, Pomfret, from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarian and those in the process of applying to the Diocese.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 1 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

The final total for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank you very much **Saint James Parish, Danielson** for your generous donations in the amount of **\$33,218.57** which was **92.67%** of your goal. Throughout 2024 **18.64%** of your parishioners donated and each donation made gave support to the diocesan ministries. 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!**

Diocesan Women's Conference ~ Please join women from the diocese for the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference entitled *Dinner with Jesus* **March 19, 2025**, at the Great Neck Country Club in Waterford. Lisa Irish, author, bereavement chaplain, and both a spiritual and retreat director, will be the featured speaker at this year's conference speaking on the topic *How Are We the Image of Christ*. Tickets for the conference, which includes dinner, are \$70 and still available. To register, go online at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

Pope Francis and his Intention for February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



MANY THANKS – The members of Knights of Columbus St James Council #2883 would like to thank everyone who supported our Pasta Dinner in observance of Catholic Schools Week. We raised \$1117 which will be donated to the Father John O'Neill Memorial Fund for the support of St. James School.

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 Feb. 15th – Cindy. The week of March 01 is by the Sisters. Please consider signing up.

The St. James School Calendar raffle will run from Valentine's Day through Easter, with over 9 weeks of drawings ranging from \$20 daily, \$50 on Sunday's, \$100 on select holidays, and \$250 on Valentine's Day and Easter.

Please fill out the yellow slips in the church or email Monique Sanborn at mlgrant16@gmail.com with any questions.

Please turn in your forms by Monday, February 10. Thank you for your continued support of St. James School!

St. James School News: Calendar winners:

January 11...Jennifer Boutin---\$50 VISA
 January 12...Jennifer Messinger---\$50 Mr. Z's
 January 13...Ashley Robert---\$50 Exhale LLC
 January 14...Rolanda Charron---\$25 4 Z's
 January 15---Patricia Rand---\$75 in Scratch Tickets
 January 16---Nicole Larose---\$25 Shell Gas
 January 17---Jeanne Methot---\$25 DD & \$15 Starbucks
 January 18---Peter Gerardi---\$50 "The 99"
 January 19---Alexander Pearl---\$50 The Courthouse
 January 20---Liz Cochrane---\$50 Amazon
 Stay tuned for the last group.....

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. Since 2020 this raffle has proven very successful. We have been able to give our school over \$100,000. The Spring Raffle will have the same format as last year's. Prizes will be based off the number of tickets sold. If we sell 200 tickets, we will have prizes of, \$5000, \$2000, \$1000 and two \$500. We will still have our famous 50/50 Raffle as well. The drawing will take place March 15th after the 4:30 mass in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

Please send your completed choice back to St. James Parish no later than March 12th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please mark your choice below:

- ____ Pastor Circle \$1000 (Ten Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)
- ____ Principal Circle \$750 (Seven Tickets for the grand prizes and Seven 50/50 Tickets)
- ____ 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. ****

Make checks payable to St James
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Thank you again for supporting St James 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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If interested, please call Father Roy Parayil M.S., at 860-774-3900 for information. Please consider spending a weekend with the LaSallettes.

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