

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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August 31, 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

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Catherine Reed

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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...

September is so special to all those who love our Blessed Mother. In the first half of September, we usually celebrate three feasts of our Blessed Mother. Her birthday is on the 8th of September, her Most Holy name on the 12th, and her Sorrows on the 15th. We also prepare ourselves for the Feast of our Lady of La Salette with 9 days of Novena. The special novena from the 13th to the 21st will help us to seek her intercession in our day-to-day lives.

It is always a joyful moment to celebrate a birthday. Most especially when it comes to the celebration of our Heavenly Mother. It is the birthday of an ordinary woman who was chosen, and freely consented, to become the mother of an extraordinary Divine Child. The feast of the Most Holy name of Mary is celebrated four days after her birthday is celebrated. It honors Mary, Mother of God, as blessed and encourages us all to pray for her intercession to deepen our love of Christ and our relationship with the Lord.

The memorial feast of our lady of sorrows reminds us of the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. The feast invites us to reflect on the suffering of Mary, as she stood at the foot of the cross. The feast commemorates Mary's deep sorrow and unwavering faith amidst the pain of witnessing her beloved son's crucifixion, emphasizing her role as the compassionate and sorrowful mother of all humanity. The feast provides an opportunity for us to find inspiration in Mary's example of enduring suffering with grace and trust in God's divine plan.

The Apparition of our Blessed Mother at La Salette on September 19, 1846, was a call to conversion. It is so inspirational for all those who desire the conversion of their hearts. Mary invites us as she invited Maximin and Melanie saying, *"Come near, my children, be not afraid; I am here to tell you great news."* The invitation she gave us was to uplift us to a life of conversion. She asked us to submit ourselves to her Son, Jesus and not to forget the suffering she has taken to comfort us.

I pray that this 9 days of novena to our Lady of La Salette helps us to be close to our Blessed Mother and through her to her Son, Jesus. At the close of the nine days of novena, on the 21st we will gather as St. James family and celebrate the feast with a light lunch in the church hall after the 11 am mass.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 every Wednesday night

Men's Bible Study – Fourth Monday of every Month at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Holy Hour – Every Third Monday of the Month. Next Holy Hour: September 23rd at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer for Students, Parents and Staff of St. James School.

UP-COMING EVENTS – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

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 – 4.30 mass.

CONFIRMATION: October 28, 2025 – 7 pm. Bishop Reidy

Schedule for September 6 and September 7, 2025

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

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar for the week of 8/16 is by the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 8/23 – by Bev; 9/20 – Sisters of Adoration. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one.

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 August 26, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$81,807.00.**

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.

Please consider signing up. The week of 8/30 – Lisa; 9/13 – Cindy; 9/27 – Bev.

**Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!**

On Sunday, August 17, 2025, Cullen Nauroth and Roman Nauroth, sons of Nicholas & Cassandra Nauroth, were baptized. Madelyn Markley, daughter of

Joe & Chloe Markley was also baptized on August 17th. May the love & grace of God always be with these children. Congratulations!

MASSES**MONDAY, September 1,
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Labor Day**

9:00AM Richard Sears...by Alice & family
9:00AM Leonide & Clara Tetreault...by Anne Desabota

TUESDAY, September 2,

9:00AM Terry Frost...by Catley
9:00AM Veronica Mathjurin...by family

**WEDNESDAY, September 3,
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor
of the Church**

9:00AM Raymond Methot...by his wife
9:00AM For All Catholics who seek reconciliation
9:00AM John & Marie O'Keefe...in Remembrance of
of their Wedding Anniversary... by family

THURSDAY, September 4,

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory...by a parishioner
9:00AM George Bessette...Anniversary & Birthday
...by his wife

FIRST FRIDAY September 5,

9:00AM Marc David Kaczor...1st Anniv...by family
9:00AM Normand Roberge...by family

**FIRST SATURDAY, September 6,
Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30PM Anita Shipppee...by Alice Sears
4:30PM Stanley, Marie & Peter Haim...the Guari family

**SUNDAY, September 7,
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00AM Robert Langevin...by his wife
7:00AM Robert Lamontagne...52 Anniv... by Pauline
7:00AM Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Cecile LeBeau...
by Jane Radei
9:00AM James Labonte...by Marcia & Brian Bardin
9:00AM Charlene Moore...3rd Anniv...by Richard Moore
11:00AM Yvette Pelletier & son, Wilfred...Happy Birthday
...by family
11:00AM Thomas Goulet...9 Anniv...by Tess Goulet

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 \$10.00 each

7AM: 9/21; 10/05; 10/19; 10/26; 11/09; 11/16; 11/23; 11/30;
12/07; 12/14.

9AM: 9/08; 9/09; 9/10; 9/11; 9/12; 9/17; 9/18; 9/19; 9/23;
9/24; 9/28; 9/29; 9/30; 10/01; 10/02; 10/03; 10/06; 10/08;
10/09; 10/10; 10/13; 10/14; 10/16; 10/17; 10/21; 10/22; 10/23;
10/30; 10/31; 11/03; 11/04; 11/06; 11/07; 11/10; 11/12;
11/13; 11/14; 11/17; 11/18; 11/19; 11/21; 11/25; 11/28; 12/01;
11AM: 9/14; 9/21; 9/28; 10/05; 10/12; 11/9; 11/16; 11/30;
12/07.

4:30PM: 9/13; 10/04; 10/25; 11/01; 11/08; 11/15; 11/22;
12/20; 12/27.

WEEKLY OFFERING - 8/17 - \$5153.00, 8/24 - \$5014.00

Renovation Fund: 8/24- \$2414.00

8/31 – National Combined Collection and
Solemn Novena/Our Lady of La Salette.

9/07 – St. James School Campaign Collection

Crying Room...the room in back of the church is available to parents who may need it for you and your children.

St. James Parishioners and St. James School Parents:

If you would like to receive Weekly Offering envelopes for the coming year of 2026 please let us know. We will be updating our order soon. Please put your name on the envelope and & env. # if you know it. Call the rectory 860 – 774-3900 or fill out form below and drop in collection basket.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

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SJS Teaching Vacancies

St. James School is seeking to fill the following vacancies for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

****After-school Program Aide****

****Spanish Teacher (part-time)****

****Substitute Teachers****

****Computer Teacher (part time)****

Applications and references accepted by Email to:

Catherine Reed, Principal

Send to: c.reed@stjamesdanielson.org

Visit NorwichDiocese.org/Employment to view all of the open jobs in the diocese.

Religious Education news: RCIA/OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin in October. We welcome all who would like to know more about their faith to come to our OCIA classes. We welcome all baptized Catholics who have not received the first Holy Communion or the sacrament of Confirmation to be a part of this program to join our classes. Contact: Bev Richardson at 860-630-0593. Please announce who you are and leave your phone number.

Catholic Elementary School Collection**“Faith for the Future”**

Dear Parishioners:

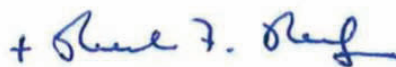
I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful spring and shared the excitement of welcoming Pope Leo XIV, the first American pope. I write to you today to ask for your help with our upcoming Catholic Elementary School Collection, appropriately titled “Faith for the Future” to be held September 6/7. Since the future lies in the hands of our children, I hope that each of you will prayerfully consider donating to this important collection. Our schools rely on all of us for financial support to continue exceptional faith-based education.

As Dr. Gail Kingston, our Superintendent of Schools has said, “The generous financial support from the Faith for the Future Campaign (in-pew collection) has been essential to sustain our diocesan elementary schools. The mission of our schools is to educate students in a faith-based Catholic environment that instills respect, academic excellence, inclusivity, and morality. This educational experience gives students the opportunity to become good Catholics and upstanding citizens, as they actively participate in their church communities and minister to the needy. Thank you for your generosity.”

Please know that money received in parishes with schools and parishes yoked with parishes with schools shall be given directly to the affiliated parish school. All monies collected in the Middletown deanery shall be given directly to St. John Paul II School. All other monies collected will be sent to the Diocesan Finance Office and, with my approval, disbursed in accordance with each school's need.

Together, we have the duty to give our children the best foundation possible, so they leave our schools educated, polite, respectful, and faithful young adults. It is vital that we do everything we are able, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to keep our schools strong and able to fulfill their sacred mission. I thank you in advance for your kindness and shall keep you in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich

“La Salette Laity”

On September 19, 1846, Mary at La Salette reminded us of our Christian duties. She deeply lamented the lack of enthusiasm for the gospel that was so prevalent among her people. And invited us to conversion through prayer, penance and zeal.

In the Jubilee year 2000, Pope John Paul II acknowledged the significance of the apparition in promoting faith and devotion and emphasized the call to conversion and reconciliation as central messages. He supported the relevance of La Salette messages in our spiritual life by highlighting the importance of prayer and encouraged the faithful to reflect on the social and moral issues raised by the vision. And finally, he recognized Mary as a mediator and intercessor in the messages of La Salette.

Dear parishioners and friends, you have been very close to La Salette missionaries for the past 130 years since our arrival at St. James. The La Salette missionaries from France started our ministries at Danielson in 1895; 25 years after the establishment of St. James Parish.

La Salette missionaries all over the world have priests, brothers, sisters and La Salette Laity/Associates ministering to the spiritual needs of the faithful. Wherever the missions are established, the missionaries always had a support team called La Salette laity or associates working with them. Years ago, Fr. John O'Neill, M.S. established a group called “Friends of La Salette” at St. James. The group was very dedicated and supported our ministries. But all other La Salette parishes had a group called La Salette Laity. To unify with the formal name used in North America, starting this September the group will be called “La Salette Laity”.

I know that some of you are not familiar with the La Salette missionaries. But I believe everyone in the parish and school should know about the missionaries who dedicated their lives for this St. James Parish and School and their missions all over the world.

Starting this October, we are establishing the La Salette Laity in our parish. The plan is to have classes on the La Salette apparition, history, foundation, message and spirituality every month till next September in 2026. The goal is to form the members and establish a dedicated group of La Salette Laity who are close to our blessed mother and supports the La Salette missionaries and their missions through prayer.

All are welcome to join and learn more about our Blessed Mother and her message at La Salette. Please fill in the form below to register your name. The classes will be held on 1st Tuesdays of every month, 6pm to 6.40pm.

Thank you, Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

LA SALETTE LAITY

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2025 CLUB

We appreciate your support. All proceeds benefit St. James School. Please sponsor new members so we can fill the club. OUR NEXT DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, AT 8:30AM IN THE CHURCH HALL. Kathy Chester and JoAnne Wippert are in charge of records for the club. You can call the rectory: 860-774-3900 or email: sjs1000club@stjamesdanielson.org.

AUGUST 2025 WINNERS:

\$1000.00	Christopher & Kayla Dumas	818
300.00	James Ducat	485
200.00	Christine Hinds	235
100.00	Tracie Craig	813

\$50.00	Bruce Bousquet	144
\$50.00	Rita La Belle	796

\$20 Winners are:

Susan Rousseau	407
Keith Thurlow	41
Nick Mazzarella	541
Scott & Danielle Corneau	183
Joan & John Lambert	153

\$25.00 Winners are:

\$25	Steven Thomas	528
\$25	Joel Ratel	383
\$25	Brian & Allyson Proppe	179
\$25	Jake Beaudreault	748

Door Prize: Glenn Dubois
John Lambert

\$20.00 Winners:

Sharon Bousquet	341
Michelle Lehoux	643
Ed Perry	570
Derek & Korey Seney	107
Gary Baker	246

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