

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...



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.

We do not know from the Gospels the exact date of Mary's birth. However, we have celebrated it on September 8th since the 7th century. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar – the Birth of Jesus, the Birth of John the Baptist and the Birthday of Mary.

Mary's birth is linked to our lives, through the Son whom she mediated and through whom she became our Mother as well. We honor Mary because God *has done great things for her* (Lk 1:49), by choosing her as the mother of Jesus His Son, by filling her with His Holy Spirit, by making her the embodiment of all virtues and by allowing her to become the most active participant with Christ, her son, in our redemption.

Mary was the daughter of Saints Ann and Joachim. They prayed that God would bless them with a child, and He rewarded their faithfulness with a daughter set apart to be the mother of the Son of God. Because of this, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace.

Mathew's genealogy vividly weaves the ancestry of Jesus, tracing His lineage through generations. Mary, a pivotal figure in this lineage, is testament to God's providential plan. As we celebrate Mary's birth, let us reflect on the intricate ways God weaves His plan through generations, inviting us to find our place in the ongoing story of redemption.

Mary's birth is a gateway to God's intimate presence. As we honor Mary, let us recognize her unique role in bringing forth Emmanuel, reminding us that God is intimately present in our lives. Through Mary, God becomes accessible, approachable, and personally involved in human experience.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

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 15th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

VIGIL LIGHTS... the sick of our parish.**UP-COMING EVENTS – ST. JAMES CHURCH**

(Please add to your calendar)

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: November 30, 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 13 and September 14, 2025

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Sisters	Julie Dupont Maggie Grenier
Lector:	Mike Lehman	Susan Griffiths
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
E. Minister:	Sisters	Denis Bessette Peter Gerardi
Lector:	Marshall Hudon	Stephen Houle

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar for the week of 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 9/13 – Cindy; 9/27 – Bev.

Religious Education News:

Religious Education begins on September 21st at 8:05AM in St. James School.

All students going to public school or home schooled are welcome to join our program. For more information call Bev Richardson. It is important to leave your name and phone number.

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

MASSES

**MONDAY, September 8,
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
9:00AM Peace in our world

**TUESDAY, September 9,
Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

9:00AM Patrick & Michael Dragon...by Mom & Dad
9:00AM Loretta Hegedus...by family

WEDNESDAY, September 10,

9:00AM James & Joan Kent...by family
9:00AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, September 11,

9:00AM Sister Josepha Kruchinsky, MSMG
9:00AM Vocations to Religious Life

FRIDAY September 12,

The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory...by a parishioner
9:00AM Sick of our parish

SATURDAY, September 13,

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family
4:30PM Fr. Joseph Whalen

SUNDAY, September 14,

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul
7:00AM Sheila Manning...by the Rzcuidlos
9:00AM John Burns...by his children
9:00AM Francis Barry...by family
9:00AM Edward Rosansoki...by the Sisters
11:00AM St. Anthony for favor received...by Rose Normadie
11:00AM Souls in Purgatory

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: 9/17; 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: 9/21; 9/28; 10/05; 10/12; 11/9; 11/16; 11/30; 12/07.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING - 8/31...see next week's bulletin
9/07 – St. James School Campaign Collection and Super Raffle; 9/14 – Renovation Fund

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

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.

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

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 3-12

Are you interested in a great educational experience for your child?

IMAGINE a school where no grade has more than 30 students...

IMAGINE a school where you have the opportunity to know the names of all the children in your child's class, and their parents...

IMAGINE a school where the values of RESPECT & COMMUNITY SERVICE are part of the curriculum...

IMAGINE a school where athletic programs and other extra-curricular activities thrive...

IMAGINE a school with a focus on religious education...

IMAGINE a school with convenient before and after school programs...

IMAGINE this school is only minutes away in Danielson
EXPERIENCE ST. JAMES SCHOOL – 860.774.3281

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)****

****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.

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

A Sacred Day for Brotherhood, Witness, and Grace

Waterbury, CT — The Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference invites Catholic men to gather for a transformative day of faith, fellowship, and renewal on Saturday, September 27th, 2025, at a new location, Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT. Doors open at 7:30am, with the event beginning promptly at 8:30am and concluding with Vigil Mass.

This year's theme, "2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope," celebrates the Jubilee Year with dynamic talks, Eucharistic procession, Adoration, Saints' reliquary procession, an opportunity for Confession and dozens of Exhibitors. Lunch is included. The conference is organized in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Hartford, Diocese of Bridgeport, and Diocese of Norwich.

The event features an impressive lineup of speakers:

- **Dr. Ray Guarendi**, a Catholic father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, and host of *The Dr. Is In* on over 440 stations. Dr. Ray brings over 40 years of experience, combining humor and practical wisdom to empower families to grow in faith and strength.
- **Father Anthony Federico**, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Ordained in 2019, Fr. Anthony's inspiring story—leaving behind a career at ESPN—has sparked a vocations revival in Connecticut, with over 100 men beginning their discernment journey.
- **Michael O'Neill**, the world's leading expert on Marian apparitions and creator of *MiracleHunter.com*. Michael's EWTN series and radio show, *The Miracle Hunter*, shares the power of miracles and the saints, inspiring Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith and witness to God's wonders.
- **Father Jason Brooks LC**, a priest with a deep passion for the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Leading the Regnum Christi Detroit Healing Ministry, Fr. Jason helps men experience profound spiritual healing and empowers them to live boldly in Christ.

The day concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, uniting men in prayer and brotherhood and featuring a homily by Diocese of Norwich, Bishop Richard Reidy.

For more information and tickets, visit www.ctcatholicmen.org.

Contact:

Ken Santopietro

Director, Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

Email: info@ctcatholicmen.org

Website: www.ctcatholicmen.org

“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