

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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September 14, 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

Mrs. Bev. Richardson

860-792-8054

St. James School Principal

Catherine Reed

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

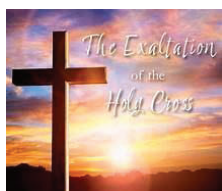
Call the Rectory at least six months prior to your wedding date. If not Confirmed, one year.

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...

Today, September 14th, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast is celebrated for two reasons: (1) to understand the history of the discovery and recovery of the True Cross and (2) to appreciate better the importance of the symbol and reality of Christ's sacrificial love.

The origins of this feast can be traced back to the 4th century when Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, is said to have discovered the True Cross during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The finding of the cross is a symbol of hope, redemption, and victory over death, resonating deeply within us.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross serves as a reminder of the sacrificial love of Christ and his triumph over sin and death through his crucifixion and resurrection. This feast highlights the paradoxical nature of the cross - an instrument of suffering transformed into a symbol of triumph and redemption.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross holds a special place in our hearts as it captures the core message of Christianity – the transformative power of selfless love and the ultimate triumph of light over darkness. It serves as a reminder of the lengths to which God's love goes to redeem humanity and offers a chance for us to draw strength, inspiration, and spiritual renewal from the symbol of the cross.

Jesus in the Gospel, refers to Himself being lifted up, mirroring the image of the bronze serpent. This lifting up, the crucifixion, becomes the means of salvation, inviting all to look to Him for eternal life. The Gospel underlines God's universal love, expressed through the gift of His Son. The cross becomes a sign of that limitless love, calling us to embrace the cross in our lives and to love one another selflessly.

Let us embrace the cross in our lives, finding hope and redemption in the sacrificial love of Christ and challenge us to find meaning in our own crosses. May the cross be a constant reminder of God's boundless love.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9**

The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form - obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As today's first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the Son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.

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 20 and September 21, 2025

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Sisters Diane Charron	John Lupien Julie Dupont
Lector:	Ernie Charron	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
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 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.; 10/11- Eileen

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 15,
Our Lady of Sorrows**

9:00AM Deb LaPointe...by her husband, Butch
9:00AM Gary Gallow...by his mother, Rita

**TUESDAY, September 16,
Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

9:00AM Joseph Larrow...by family
9:00AM Pauline Carter...by Vance & Joan

**WEDNESDAY, September 17,
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
9:00AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, September 18,

9:00AM For all of our Holy Priests...by parishioner
9:00AM Vocations to Religious Life

**FRIDAY September 19,
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

9:00AM Fr. LaCours...by Cindy
9:00AM Sick of our parish

**SATURDAY, September 20,
Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

4:30PM Ted Bernier...by Nancy Bernier
4:30PM Doris & Eugene Larrow...by family

SUNDAY, September 21,

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill
7:00AM Vocations
9:00AM Dorothy Porter...12th Anniv...by Clyde & Barbara Porter
9:00AM Alphonse & Lillian Bisson...by estate
11:00AM Raymond Perreault...birthday...by Monique Perreault
11:00AM George Roberts...by Cindy

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

In memory of Raymond Traversa...by Delores

In memory of Thomas Papa...by Delores

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: 9/23; 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: 9/28; 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 – 9/07. \$5797.00

St. James School Campaign Collection ..\$2360.00

9/14 - Renovation Fund; 9/21 – School Support

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.

Diocesan News:

2025 ACA update: As of August 29, 2025, **Saint James Parish, Danielson** has donated **\$31,267.98** or **88.30%** of its goal, and **17.79%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2025. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Heather D. Harris
Diocese of Norwich

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.

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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)****

****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.

Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

77 Water St. Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-2310

For I was Hungry and You gave me food....

Summer 2025

Dear Father Roy and Faithful Parishioners,

We, New Englanders sure do appreciate the summer breezes after a hearty winter! Here at Friends of Assisi we remain as busy as ever feeding and comforting our people in need, thanks to your generous support. Although hunger remains a concern here in the Quiet Corner, it is one that many are committed to, even during these summer months.

We love summer for many reasons. We love the farmers coming to the back door with the beautiful fruits of their labor; healthy too, just what our guests need. We love the sunshine on our guests as they wait for food, soaking up the vit D. They just seem happier and more light hearted. They are always excited to receive produce and the produce vouchers, enjoying the Farmers Market experience. Additionally, they are filled with gratitude, calling out: "Thank you so much for being here, we don't know what we would do without you!"

And we don't know what we would do without you, our donors, thoughtfully by our side, sharing and caring.

We especially thank you for many visits with bags of groceries!

This past week, we were incredibly blessed to attend the Killingly- Brooklyn Rotary farewell awards & check presentation ceremony. The Rotary has been faithfully serving the Killingly/Brooklyn area for nearly a century. They treated us to a beautiful dinner and then presented Friends of Assisi and other charitable organizations with generous donations. We were truly humbled to be honored among so many amazing volunteers.

With deep appreciation to everyone for your faithful support,
Jean M. Cyr Melinda D. French Jennifer Litke
Director Assistant Director Food Coordinator

Colleen Brignole Karen Walsh Jane LaFleche
Financial Director Board Member Stasisician

“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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