ST. JAMES CHURCH

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November 16, 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:

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...



There is a famous passage in the book of Deuteronomy where Moses says: "See, I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the

curse. Choose life!"

Today's Gospel, and the first reading, too, present a similar choice, this time between fear and hope. Jesus describes a coming time of trial in which "they will put some of you to death" and concludes: "By your perseverance you will save your lives." The seeming contradiction is resolved by understanding that there is life as we know it and there is Life that is fuller, deeper.

Jesus predicts the temporal instabilities that will precede the end times. Jesus urges endurance in faith despite persecutions and Jesus assures us that adversity is an opportunity to witnessing.

Today's challenges can be disheartening, but Christ encourages us not to be alarmed, assuring us that He is with us through every trial. Our faith may be tested, but it is in these challenges that our perseverance becomes a testimony to the enduring power of Christ's love. In times of trial, our actions, fueled by faith, can be a powerful testimony to the hope that resides within us, pointing others towards Christ.

We are reminded to be vigilant in our faith, recognizing that God's justice will prevail. For many of us today, the challenge is to return to faith itself. Our faith is not passive; it calls us to engage actively in our daily lives, contributing positively to the world around us. Resuming religious practices is a good start, but if faith is not there, the practices may soon be abandoned. For many, I believe faith is still alive. Faith involves renewing choices. The obvious choice of life/death or hope/fear.

As we navigate uncertainties, let us trust in God's plan. The end is not a cause for fear but an invitation to trust in the Lord's providence, knowing that our ultimate security rests in His unchanging love.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.

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 at 6:30PM. Men's Bible Study – Fourth Monday of every Month at 7PM in the Church Hall.

La Salette Laity Classes – Every First Tuesday of the Month at 6PM

Holy Hour – Every Third Monday of the Month. Next Holy Hour: November 17th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

UP-COMING EVENTS – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)
SUMMER CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-November. (K of C)

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: November 30, 2025, After the 9 am mass. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 06, 2025 – 8am to 11am CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Bus trip to La Salette: December 13, 2025 CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: December 20 - 9am to 12pm. CHRISTMAS MASSES: December 24TH – 4.00pm, 5.15pm and 10pm, December 25th 7am, 9am and 11am.

VIGIL LIGHTS are burning brightly for the homeless. Pray the rosary for them.

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar for the weeks in November are open. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one. 11/29 – In memory of the Kimball family.

Schedule for November 22 and November 23, 2025

4:30PM 7:00AM
Celebrant: Fr. Roy Parayil Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister: Richard Minio Susan Griffiths
Claire Minio Maggie Grenier

Lector: Ernie Charron Julie Dupont

9:00AM 11:00AM
Celebrant: Fr. Rene Parent Fr. John Welch
E. Minister: Sisters Denis Bessette

Peter Gerardi

Lector: Marshall Hudon Stephen Houle

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 11/15 – Cindy; 11/29 – Lisa; 12/06 – Sisters of Adoration

Please pick up your 2026 Church Collection Envelopes near the front entrances to the Church.



News from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry:

Autumn in New England 2025

How blessed we are with the beauty of the season as the trees transform into a vibrant show a color. Here at Friends of Assisi Food Pantry we are busy preparing for our 35th Annual Thanksgiving Distribution. We sure hope you will join Our Food Drive: Saturday, November 22nd, 10 to 4 and Sunday, November 23rd, 12 to 3 @ 77 Water St. (Home of Friends of Assisi) Monday, November 24th, 3 to 6 @ the St James Gym.

Wish List: Apples, broth, gravy, box potatoes, canned yams, rolls, squash, carrots, sweet potatoes, pickles & olives, monetary donations, and grocery store cards.

Thank you for caring 860-774-2310 Directorfoodpantry@gmail.com

CEMETERY NOTICE...Please remove all summer boxes, pots and other summer decorations from Holy Cross, St. James and St. Joseph's cemeteries by November 30th

MASSES MONDAY, November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters Pierette McCartney...by Georgette Donlon Monica Brown...24th Anniversary...by family 9:00AM 9:00AM TUESDAY, November 18, **Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,** Apostles; Saint Rose Phillipine Duchesne, Virgin 9:00AM Ankiewicz & Rajner Families...by John 9:00AM Joan & Paul Maceachern...by Julie 9:00AM Robert Dragon... by Members of the Knights of Columbus Čouncil 2883 WEDNESDAY, November 19, 9:00AM William Lucchesi...by his Godson 9:00AM Mass for the Holy Spirit...by Paul THURSDAY, November 20, Tessie Kruchinsky...by her family John Codding...by family 9:00AM 9:00AM Sister Doris Ğamélin...37th Anniv. of her 9:00AM Religious profession...by Marion **FRIDAY November 21,** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00AM Tammy Baum...by Paul 9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters 9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by estate SATURDAY, November 22, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Walter Crabtree Sr...39th Anniv... 4:30PM and Vance Carter.....by Joan 4:30PM Loraine Maihlot...M/M...by family 4:30PM Raymond Balick...By Glenn Balick & family SUNDAY, November 23,

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
7:00AM Sr. Anila...by the Rzucidlo family
7:00AM Marian Waterman...Month's Mind

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9:00AM Patrick & Michael Dragon...by Mom & Dad 11:00AM Fr. LeCours...birthday...by Ann & Wayne Terwilliger

11:00AM Peter Stahecki...by Bob Codding
11:00AM Bob Dragon...by Peter Gerardi

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: 11/30; 12/07; 12/14.

<u>9AM:</u> 11/30; 12/09; 12/10; 12/1112/15; 12/16; 12/16; 12/17;

12/18; 12/29; 12/30; 12/31

11AM: 11/30; 12/14; 12/21.

2026 Calendars...Pick up your St. James 2026 Calendar. Please take one home. They can be found at the entrances to the Church. Our Sincere thanks to Steve Bernardo, owner of Tillinghast Funeral Home.

REJOICE IN HOPE

"THE NIGHT IS FAR GONE, THE DAY IS AT HAND"

La Salette Christmas Festival of Lights

Though the world is filled with beauty, we also carry the weight of uncertainty, division, and weariness. And yet, Christmas arrives, quietly and powerfully, with St. Paul's invitation: "Rejoice in hope" (Rom 12:12). This hope isn't rooted in our circumstances, but in God's promise made flesh in Christ, our hope, light and peace.

St. James Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, in this "Jubilee Year of Hope"

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Time: Bus leaves St. James Parking lot at 2pm and returns at 8pm. (Limited seats only) What you pay: \$25 per person



No Entry fee!

Last date to register: December 7, 2025.

Food & Snacks will be available for purchase at La Salette Cafeteria.

Special Attractions: Display of over a Million Christmas Lights, La Salette National Shrine, La Salette Facsimile, Rosary Pond, Chapel of Lights, Gift Shop, Judea, Jerusalem, and Galilee at the Time of Jesus and International Crèche Museum - North America's 3rd largest, with 2000 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries.

BUS TRIP TO LA SALETTE SHRINE "FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS"

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Please call the parish (860 774 3900) or School office (860 774 3281) to Register or fill this form and place it in the collection basket.

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NUMBER OF TICKETS_____

PHONE NUMBER

Diocese News:

2025 ACA update: As of October 31, 2025, **Saint James Parish, Danielson** has donated **\$33,012.98** or **93.23%** of its goal, and **18.45%** 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

Office of Development, The Diocese of Norwich

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration which began in 1974. This is a yearly celebration of Catholic Education throughout the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week for 2026 is: "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic Schools educate the whole person mind, body and soul. It is based on Pope Francis's words, "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive."

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 25-January 31, 2026. The companion to National Catholic Schools Week is Discover Catholic Schools Week which is celebrated on November 16- 22, 2025.

During these two weeks a year Catholic schools focus on the value of a Catholic education provided to young people and their contributions to the church, communities and our nation. Parents and guardians are the first teachers of their children. Catholic school communities acknowledge the crucial role that they play. Teachers, staff, administrators, students, parents and guardians ignite the torch of faith by assimilating faith and culture into everyday life.

Catholic school education is an investment. Families work hard to cover the expense of tuition because they value faith-filled and quality academic formation for their children. Many families rely on financial assistance, scholarship opportunities and development support in order to bridge the gap. Donors are essential to their success. Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide.

Catholic school alumni are living examples of your Catholic school product. Whether students have moved on to high school or matriculated into college, a large part of their formation and readiness was established in their prior Catholic school experience instilled in them by dedicated teachers, administrators and religious orders.

Pope Francis said, "Catholic education gives soul to the world."

With every best wish, I am

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

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

"For I was Hungry and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25: 35)

Autumn 2025

Dear Reverend Roy Parayil & Friends at St. James Church

Thanksgiving Blessings from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

Hello to all our dear friends! Can you believe we are busy preparing for our 35th Thanksgiving Distribution? It seems like yesterday that we were running around in the rectory basement up and down the stairs to the parking lot wondering how we would feed 25 families? Now here we are all these years later in our dear little home on the corner, where we witness many miracles! And we are just amazed by the grace we are given and patience as we serve our guests that are struggling. We see many more homeless people and although this situation could be challenging, we then remember; this person is someone's son or daughter, or brother or sister. What if that was our brother or sister, how would we want them to be treated? So, we serve them a sandwich and a drink. They quickly grab it, tearing the wrapper off and hungrily devour it while trying to say thanks at the same time.

How is it that our hearts hurt yet have joy at the same time? Hurting for the sadness but joyful for our faithful volunteers and dear caring donors that make this possible.

We especially thank you dear friends for <u>Food and groceries throughout the summer and September 2025.</u> Each morning when we open, the faithful volunteers and the guests gather together in prayer for hope, for peace and for gratitude for our Ministry. As we continue to prepare for our 35th Thanksgiving distribution day, we are once again grateful to St. James School, as they open their hearts and their gym for this exciting day of giving. We know Father John would be so very proud of us all, for he was with us from the very beginning.

This past Thanksgiving Distribution 2024, we started the morning with the blessing of the food and opening prayer by Father Roy. Then Deacon Rene Barbeau gave a very heartfelt tribute to the volunteers we have recently lost including Fr. John O'Neill and our volunteers; Robert Aulie (Melinda's Dad), Steve William and our most recent loss, Bingo Lady extraordinaire, volunteer and dear friend Kathy Hall. Deacon Rene's words brought tears yet gave us encouragement for the blessings the volunteers and countless others have been to Friends of Assisi Food Pantry for all these many years.

We thank you all as we continue to carry on, knowing we can all do this together!!

With grateful thanksgiving

Jean M. Cyr Colleen Brignole Melinda D. French Karen Walsh Jennifer Litke Jane Laffleche Director Financial Administrator Assistant Director Secretary Food Coordinator Statistician

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2025 - 2026 THOUSAND CLUB

October is the time to register for the new 1000 Club. There are 12 drawings, October through September. The first drawings will be held on November 16th for the months of October and November. Dues are \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to St. James 1000 Club and are tax deductible. If you are already a member, please consider buying a ticket and sponsoring another member. All proceeds benefit St. James School. Monthly awards total \$2000.00 per month consisting of twenty awards. Sponsors receive 10% of the first through six awards. You do not need a sponsor to join. Sponsors are those who sign up a member and are responsible for collecting their dues. A person must be a member before they can sponsor anyone.

An application for membership is below. Please include name, address, phone number and address. If you request a number and it is available, we will try to accommodate you. When sending in money, please place it in an envelope marked 1000 Club. You can place it in the weekly collection or mail it to the rectory at 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. 06239. Drawings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 8:30AM in the church hall. We welcome your attendance at these drawings. If you have any questions, please contact us at SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org or call the rectory at 860-774-3900.

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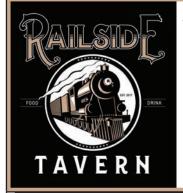


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