

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...

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"

Today we are presented with an apparent paradox – a king on a cross. Christ's kingship is revealed in self-sacrifice and humility. His crucifixion is the ultimate expression of love and redemption for all humanity. Despite the mockery Christ endured on the cross, He responded with mercy and compassion. Even in His suffering, He welcomed the repentant thief into paradise, exemplifying the boundless mercy of our King.

We need to set our excitement within the framework of what Jesus replied when Pilate asked him if he was a King: He implied that he was a King but added that his Kingdom was not of this world. Truly Jesus' kingship is not of this world. It is our greatest privilege to serve such a King as Jesus.

What is your understanding of a King? A King is someone who has power, money, fancy cars, a lot of servants, land and who dresses in expensive clothes. To show their authority they sit on a throne. I believe we know the difference. And with no doubt we can say Jesus is a King who is Kind, loving, serving, humble and forgiving.

"To which king should I be loyal" - is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews and followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, "Who or what reigns in my life?" The answer determines both our present and future joy.

Christ the King invites us to participate in His kingdom, characterized by mercy, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. As we honor Christ as the King, let us acknowledge His reign in our hearts and lives. His kingship challenges us to align our values, actions, and priorities with the kingdom of love and justice.

We have a king who has a heart. We have a king who understands. He cares for us even when he is hung on the cross. He forgives the one who says "sorry" for his or her mistakes. Let us continue to pray; "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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: **December 15th 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 Friends of Assisi and all volunteers. 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 29 and November 30, 2025 | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| | 4:30PM | 7:00AM |
| Celebrant: | Fr. Roy Parayil | Fr. Roy Parayil |
| E. Minister: | Sisters | John Lupien Maureen Mann |
| Lector: | Mike Lehman | Julie Dupont |
| | 9:00AM | 11:00AM |
| Celebrant: | Fr. John Welch | Fr. Rene Parent |
| E. Minister: | Bev Richardson | John Brady Michelle Brady |
| Lector: | Adam Brindamour | Laurie Barrette |

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 11/29 – 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
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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 24,**
St. Andrew Dong-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
9:00AM Claire Grant, 2nd Anniv...by the Lapre family
9:00AM Peter Stahecki...by family
9:00AM Baby Levanto...by Linda & James Byrne
- TUESDAY, November 25,**
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
9:00AM Fr. LeCours...by Alice Sears
9:00AM Vance Carter...by K of C Council Members #2883
- WEDNESDAY, November 26,**
9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
9:00AM Vance Carter...by the K of C Council Members
- THURSDAY, November 27,**
Thanksgiving Day
9:00AM Jeremy Gagnon...by the Ternowchek family
9:00AM John & Marie O'Keefe...by family
9:00AM Vance Carter...by Frank & Mary Ann Jodaitis
- FRIDAY, November 28,**
9:00AM Barry Harvey...by family
9:00AM Catherine & Joseph Flaherty...by family
9:00AM Marjorie & Edward Geary...by Julie
- SATURDAY, November 29,**
Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30PM Tom & Dora Titchen...& Month's Mind for...
Pat Integlia...by Linda Integlia
4:30PM Rita Knapp...92nd Birthday...by Phyllis Morrison
4:30PM Vance Carter...by the Pirt family
- SUNDAY, November 30,**
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:00AM Sr. Anila...by the Rzucidlo family
7:00AM Stephen & Anna Szarkowicz...by family
9:00AM John Burns...by the Berard family
9:00AM Rita LeBeau...by estate
11:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau & Mark & Judy Daigneault
by the Preston family
11:00AM Jessica Shuckerow...Birthday...
love, Mom & Dad

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 & 2026 Masses Available \$10.00 each

- 7AM:** 12/07; 12/14.
9AM: 12/09; 12/10; 12/11/12/15; 12/16; 12/16; 12/17;
12/18; 12/29; 12/30; 12/31
11AM: 12/14; 12/21.

WEEKLY OFFERING – 11/16. \$5607.00
St. James School – 11/16 \$2662.00
11/23 – Renovation/Painting Project Fund; 11/30 – Year End Collection. Please mark amount of your donation on your envelopes.

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.

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center's 2025 Christmas exhibit highlights seasonal traditions, customs, and celebrations. "The Spirit of Christmas," is open now through February 1, 2026, featuring art and crèches from across the globe. The McGivney Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven. Admission and parking are free. For more information: michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

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 November 12, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$83,422.00.

Wednesday Night Bingo... Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over \$1,000.00 is given away each week. Plus there are 2 progressive games. Come try your luck! Game sales start at 6:30PM. All profits benefit St. James School. Bingo workers are also needed. Call Bob Codding @ 860-481-9167.

CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE??? WHY NOT DONATE IT????

St. James Parish in Danielson is collecting vehicles. The St. James Organization will give you a written appraisal of your car which may be used as a tax-deductible charitable donation. All monies will be used for the St. James Renovation Fund or for the St. James Scholarship Fund. Inquiries may be made by calling (860) 774-3900 or send fax to (860) 774-4205. Our organization helps you to eliminate the hassle in selling a car and you contribute to a great charity.

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 in your message.

Diocesan News:

Join us on December 11th at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich at 6:30pm for a Holy Hour with Bishop Reidy. The Holy Hour will include an Advent reflection by Bishop Reidy. People of all ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Following the Holy Hour, please join us in writing Christmas cards for the patrons of St. Vincent De Paul Place in Norwich.

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"

947 PARK STREET, ATTLEBORO, MA

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.

NAME _____

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
 Phone: 860.886.1928 ext. 111

1000 CLUB NEWS

Hello Everyone!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has joined the **New 2025-2026 1000 Club!**
We had 2 drawings today. Congratulations to the following winners!

OCTOBER 2025

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|---------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| \$1,000 | Norm Johanson #411 | \$20 | Mickey Whittenburg #703 |
| \$300 | Jennifer Tussing #36 | \$20 | Marcia & Brian Bardin #320 |
| \$200 | James Gallow Jr. #873 | \$20 | Lisa Skellinger #774 |
| \$100 | Bridgette Dubeau #272 | \$20 | Alicia Justice #397 |
| \$50 | Christopher & Ashley Mann #438 | \$20 | Christopher Laime #89 |
| \$50 | Brenda Marshall #369 | \$20 | Michael Lehman #838 |
| \$25 | Diane Barrette #455 | \$20 | Austin Gruttadauria #186 |
| \$25 | Lenore Gundmonson #270 | \$20 | Henry Belanger #943 |
| \$25 | Joyce Chenette #161 | \$20 | Colleen Michon #914 |
| \$25 | Jason Kirkconnell #809 | \$20 | Aaron & Kerry Leiberman #266 |

Door Prize #1 Michelle Hartwell Door Prize #2 John Lambert

NOVEMBER 2025

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|---------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| \$1,000 | Chaim Gewirtzman #546 | \$20 | Lorraine Balick #936 |
| \$300 | John Yolda #53 | \$20 | Joe & Kerry Beaudreault #5 |
| \$200 | Robert Deluca #949 | \$20 | Richard Ouellette #173 |
| \$100 | Joseph & Ashley Makowski #673 | \$20 | Sandra Harakaly #34 |
| \$50 | Rose Bousquet #475 | \$20 | Henry Belanger #943 |
| \$50 | Michelle Barbeau #714 | \$20 | Jill Exley #201 |
| \$25 | Stephanie Lee #776 | \$20 | Dean & Katie Roumbakis #979 |
| \$25 | Eunice Bastek #707 | \$20 | Brian & Amy Sweet #469 |
| \$25 | Anthony & Brynne Thibodeau #204 | \$20 | Rita LaBelle #233 |
| \$25 | Jason Verraneault #339 | \$20 | Donna Rawson #638 |

Door Prize #1 Janet Shay Door Prize #2 Michelle Masse

Several people have inquired if memberships could be bought for Christmas presents. Tickets are still available and if you are interested in purchasing one, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can get your membership card to you in a timely manner.

Our next drawing will be on December 21 at 8:30 AM in the church basement. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.com

Joanne & Kathy

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