

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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November 30, 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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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 PASTOR



The season of advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. The whole season of Advent gives great hope for our lives: It is a time of joyful and spiritual expectation, and season of grace that invites us to examine the way we live our lives and to prepare ourselves to receive the Messiah.

We begin the season with the blessing of the Advent Wreath and the lighting of the first candle which represents hope. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

The season of Advent stresses the necessity for awakening and arising. St. Paul writes, "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep... The day is at hand." If you have ever tried to stay awake when you are tired, you know it is not just an act of the will. You took means to stay awake: moving around, doing some work, engaging in a conversation.

Advent is about letting Jesus come to us. We do the letting and Jesus does the coming. It is a time of fervent preparation in prayer and sacrifice. It is a season of self-awareness. It is a time when we await the child Jesus into our broken world once again.

Our focus at this season should be on the mystery of incarnation, the concrete act of God's Love. The pilgrim Church moves with hope and during this journey, the Church goes through a threefold experience of loneliness, hope and watchful waiting. Even in situations of crisis and struggles we have to believe that another world is possible. It is only who can see the invisible that can do the impossible. We should have a deep sense of security and assurance during our journey of faith, a journey towards a new world of peace, joy and love.

In today's Gospel, the Lord likens his coming to that of a flood or a thief. His advent is something of a surprise. Are we prepared for that day of surprise? As we begin the season let us open our hearts to experience the love of God and pray that we may have the courage to cast off the darkness of our lives and put on Christ the only reality needed for our lives.

Wishing you all a Blessed Season of Advent!

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

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)

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 December are open. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one.

Schedule for December 6 and December 7, 2025

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	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. Roy Parayil
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; 12/13 – Cindy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

December La Salette Laity Classes – Will be on Tuesday, December 9th at 6PM.

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

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.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

VIGIL MASSES,

4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

5:15PM – FR. RENE PARENT

10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7:00AM – FR. RENE PARENT

9:00AM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

11:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH

MASSES

- MONDAY, December 1,**
9:00AM Ruth Bonneau...by family
9:00AM Vance Carter...by Margaret Thivierge
- TUESDAY, December 2,**
9:00AM Jacqueline Walker...by family
9:00AM Walter Crabtree Sr...by Vancet Joan
- WEDNESDAY, December 3,**
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
9:00AM Kevin Mooney...17th Anniversary...by family
9:00AM Jean Marcello Caruso...by Julie
- THURSDAY, December 4,**
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00AM Evalou Lafferty...by Georgette Donlon
9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
9:00AM James & Joan Kent...by family
9:00AM E. C. La Belle...birthday...by family
- FRIDAY December 5,**
9:00AM Ron Wood...by Small Christian Community
9:00AM Scott Sanborn...by Ian Sanborn & family
- SATURDAY, December 6,**
Saint Nicholas, Bishop
4:30PM Donald Ravenelle...by family
4:30PM Christopher Plasse...by Patricia Steen
4:30PM Edwin O'Hop...108th Birthday...by Edwin Jr.
- SUNDAY, December 7,**
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:00AM Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Cecile LeBeau
...by Jane Radei
7:00AM Sr. Anila...by the Rzucidlo family
7:00AM William Bass...by the Rzucidlo family
9:00AM Patricia Mathieu...11th Anniversary...by family
9:00AM Maureen Brock...by family
11:00AM Edna Lavallee...by Peter & Claire Lavallee
11:00AM Norma Cassetari...by the Cassetari & Lucchesi families
11:00AM Anita Ducat...by Barry & Cecile Stanzione

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

2025 Mass openings left:

9AM: 12/08; 12/09; 12/10; 12/11; 12/15; 12/16; 12/16; 12/17; 12/29; 12/30; 12/31.

11AM: 12/14; 12/21.

2026 Mass Openings:

7:00AM: 1/04; 1/11; 1/18; 1/25; 2/01; 2/08; 2/15; 2/22; 3/01

9:00AM: 1/01; 1/05; 1/06; 1/07; 1/08; 1/09/11; 1/12; 1/13

11:00AM 1/04; 1/118; 1/25; 2/01; 2/08; 2/15; 2/22; 3/01; 3/08

4:30PM 1/24; 1/31; 1/07; 2/14; 2/21; 2/28; 3/07; 3/14; 3/21

WEEKLY OFFERING – 11/23 – See next week's bulletin.

11/30 – Year End Collection. 12/07 – School Support.

Please mark amount of your donation on your envelopes.

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.

SJS Teaching Vacancies

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

****Kindergarten Teacher****
 Full-time - Salaried Position
 Start date: January 6, 2026

****Spanish Teacher (part-time) ****
 St. James School in Danielson is currently seeking a part-time Spanish teacher for grades 4 through 8, the classes meet twice a week. This is a salaried position through the school year.

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

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.



**Breakfast with Santa
 And Shopping Extavaganza**

Ages 12 and up: \$12.00
 Ages 4 – 11: \$7.00
 Digital Photos: \$5.00
 December 6, 2025
 8AM – 11AM
 St. James Church Hall

Tickets must be purchased in advance
 For Tickets: Email
SJSParentGroup@stjamesdanielson.org
 or call 860-942-4948.

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.

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 _____



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

On Sunday, November 16, 2025, Daisy Berthiaume, Scott Lehrer and Eden & London Jewell were baptized.

May the love & grace of God always be with these children. Congratulations!

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.

Christmas Gift

Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift, God’s gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year. But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas. We will have a second collection at the Christmas Masses this year to help the future programs and renovations of our parish.

Year - End Giving

Every organization has a program called Year End Giving. Most parishes follow this lead. You are welcome to contribute all through the month of December and January for this special cause which will help make an investment for our parish.

An Investment in Your Parish

For many years, our Catholic parishes have benefitted from the enormous contributions and dedication of religious men and women (priests, brothers and sisters) who have given their entire lives in the service to parishes, schools, dioceses and many other Church ministries. Now, our Catholic Church and educational ministries are even broader and serve more people than ever before despite the decline in the numbers of religious. Many dedicated lay people now staff these programs and must be compensated with just and living wages. Your Christmas and year end gift is an investment in these quality programs.

Celebrate the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season. A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you’ve wanted to make during the year. Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and assist St. James to attain its spiritual and programmatic goals; serving God’s people and His Church here on earth.

You may please use the Year-End envelopes found at each entrance to the church.
Thank you.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

Enclosed is My Year End Donation to St. James

NAME _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

IN MEMORY OF _____ AND _____

1000 Club Winners

\$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 Leiberan #266

October 2025

\$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

November 2025

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

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

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