

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



*St. James Church is staffed by  
the La Salette Missionaries*

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## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.

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## SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.

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## DEACON

Joseph P. Delaney

**December 7, 2025**

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**Rectory Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (*Emergencies anytime*)

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## 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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## Religious Education Directors

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508-615-1621

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## St. James School Principal

Catherine Reed

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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.

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## WEDDING

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

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm in the church, or by appointment.

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## HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

## DAYDREAMS OF PASTOR

**Immaculate Conception**

The unheard-of news that the angel Gabriel brought to young Mary evoked several reactions in her. Mary was

troubled at heart; she wondered what was in store for her. She had honest doubts. In probability, she would not have fully grasped the explanation given. Yet, at the end of it all, she trusted. She surrendered. She bared her soul before God and said, “so let it be.”

One may argue that the grace of the Immaculate Conception enabled her to respond the way she did. But are we very different? The grace given to Mary at the conception was given to us at our baptism. The same grace can empower us to say ‘amen’ to God’s will.

Prayer is a dialogue. God speaks; we listen. We speak; and God listens. Prayer begins and ends with God for he alone must have the first and the last word. God speaks to Mary proposing his plan to her, assuring her not to be afraid. That is the assurance we get at prayer. We must not be afraid because nothing is impossible to God. Mary remains open to God’s will. This is what prayer must do: make us ready to do his will even when his will remains mysterious. What a wonderful illustration of prayer we see in the encounter between angel Gabriel and Mary!

Just like any mother who wants her children to inherit or acquire all her good qualities, our Immaculate and holy Heavenly Mother wants us to be holy and pure children.

The Immaculate Conception reminds us of how Mary was chosen from the very beginning of her existence to be the mother of Jesus. We are also reminded that we are all chosen by God before we are born, and God knows us, and has a plan for us. His plan for us is to be holy and immaculate like Mary. We become holy by living differently from the world that does not recognize God and his Word. We become immaculate when we are able to love without even a trace of egoism. In such a blameless love, God is reflected through us. It is a challenge. Let us resolve to do our best to be the kind of person, that God knows and wants us, to be.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> – 4.00pm, 5.15pm and 10pm, December 25<sup>th</sup> 7am, 9am and 11am.

**VIGIL LIGHTS are burning brightly for the Elderly in our Nursing Homes. 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 13 and December 14, 2025

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Rene Parent
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Sisters	Julie Dupont Maggie Grenier
<b>Lector:</b>	Mike Lehman	Susan Griffiths
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Sisters	Peter Gerardi Denis Bessette
<b>Lector:</b>	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 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 30<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2025****CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>****VIGIL MASSES,****4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL****5:15PM – FR. RENE PARENT****10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL****CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>****7:00AM – FR. RENE PARENT****9:00AM – FR. ROY PARAYIL****11:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH**

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for 4:30PM & 9:00AM Masses. Please consider partaking in this beautiful ministry for our parish. Call the rectory 860-774-3900.

**MASSES****MONDAY, December 8, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00AM Jeannette Auger...by estate  
9:00AM John Gallow, Jr...by his wife, Rita  
9:00AM Brian Hill...by his family  
6:00PM Souls in Purgatory...by a parishioner

**TUESDAY, December 9, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

9:00AM Loretta Hegedus...13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family  
9:00AM Dan Roberts...by family

**WEDNESDAY, December 10,****Our Lady of Loretto**

9:00AM Vance Carter...by Margaret Thivierge  
9:00AM Claire Charron...15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by family

**THURSDAY, December 11,****Saint Damasus I, Pope**

9:00AM Ella Fortin  
9:00AM Pat Integlia...by Gail & Thomas Seiferman

**FRIDAY December 12,****OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

9:00AM Roland Gibeault...by family  
9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters  
9:00AM Gary Gallow...by his mother, Rita

**SATURDAY, December 13,****Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

4:30PM Raymond Daigneault...birthday...by family  
4:30PM Norma Cassettari...by her Niece  
4:30PM Norma Panteleakos...by family

**SUNDAY, December 14,****THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:00AM James Bianchi...by family  
7:00AM Sr. Anila...by the Rzucidlo family  
7:00AM Anthony & Peter Rzucidlo...by the Rzucidlos  
9:00AM Gloria Tollins...5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...by Cathy  
9:00AM John Burns...by family  
9:00AM Francis Barry...Happy Birthday...by family  
11:00AM Yvette & Joseph Pelletier...Christmas...  
by family  
11:00AM Robert Gerardi...4<sup>th</sup> Anniv...by the Gerardi  
family...Peter & Kathleen  
11:00AM Robert Gaudette...Month's Mind...by family

**LASALLETT 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: 12/15; 12/16; 12/16; 12/17; 12/29; 12/30; 12/31.**

**11AM 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. . . . . \$5235.00**

**12/07 – School Support; 12/08 – Immaculate Conception; 12/14 – St. James School Debt Reduction.**

**Please mark amount of your donation on your envelopes.**



**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](mailto:c.reed@stjamesdanielson.org)

Visit [NorwichDiocese.org/Employment](http://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](mailto:SJSParentGroup@stjamesdanielson.org)

or call 860-942-4948.

**PAINTING AND RENOVATION PROJECT**

To complete the painting and renovation project in the church needs 80-85 thousand dollars. The project will begin in February 2026 and will be completed before the Holy Week. As of November 30<sup>th</sup> we have received \$24, 512. Thank you for your generosity. Please make sure you're making a special donation for this project before February 2026.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Lehr 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 Coddington @ 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

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