# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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St. James Church is staffed by the La Salette Missionaries

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.

### SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.

### **DEACON**

Joseph P. Delaney

December 14, 2025

Website: stjameschurchdanielson.com

Phone: 860-774-3900 Email: stjames parish@yahoo.com

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 Directors**

Mary E. McMahon-Chappell

508-615-1621

Marcia Bardin

860-634-3915

### 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.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...



Advent is a season of waiting. As we wait, our hope in the Lord can increase and our faith can grow stronger. We experience God's goodness and love during advent. Even our struggles can be an opportunity for God to

work in our lives.

We are midway through Advent as we await the coming of Jesus. This third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and it is to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior.

John's messengers had a question: "Are you the one?" John the Baptist, a man of profound faith, questioning whether Jesus is the awaited Messiah. It's a reminder that even the strongest in faith may face moments of doubt and uncertainty. Jesus responds not with words but with actions. He points to the signs and wonders – the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleaned, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news preached to them. These actions are the very fulfillment of messianic prophecies. Jesus' answer can be summed up in one word: "Yes!"

As we journey through Advent, waiting for the celebration of Christ's birth, we, too, may have questions and uncertainties. Yet, like John, we are called to look at the signs around us – the love, compassion, and hope found in Christ's teachings.

John's humility shines through as he acknowledges that he is not worthy to carry Jesus' sandals. In our lives, embracing humility allows us to recognize the greatness of God's love.

As we light the third Advent candle, let us rejoice in the hope that Christ has come, bringing salvation, and that in our waiting, we are part of a kingdom that surpasses all human anticipation.

May this Advent joy sustain us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

### Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

### Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

### **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.

Fifth Sunday Rosary – Fifth Sunday of every month after the 9 am mass

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)

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: January 18, 2026 - after 7 and 9 am masses CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK: January 25-31, 2026 - Special Mass on January 25, 2026 at 11am.

### VIGIL LIGHTS are burning brightly for all of our parishioners during this Advent Season.

### 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. January 10, 2026 –In Memory of Renald Chretine by Maggie Grenier.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Schedule for December 20 and December 21, 2025

4:30PM 7:00AM
Celebrant: Fr. Roy Parayil Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister: Ernie Charron Julie Dupont

Lector: Phyllis Morrison Julie Dupont

9:00AM 11:00AM

**Celebrant:** Fr. John Welsh 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 12/13 – Cindy; The week of 12/20 – Lisa.

Please pick up your 2026 Church Collection Envelopes near the front entrances to the Church. We have 63 boxes of envelopes left to be picked up.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2025**

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH VIGIL MASSES,

4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL 5:15PM – FR. RENE PARENT 10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

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.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

At Quinebaug Valley Senior Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, Wednesday, December 17th 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: QVSC to schedule an appointment.

#### MASSES MONDAY, December 15, 9:00AM Ella Fortin...by family 9:00AM Wilton Kinnamon...by C & P Ferland Holy Hour with rosary at 6:40pm. 7:00pm TUESDAY, December 16, 9:00AM Pierette McCartney...by G. Donlon 9:00AM Jane & Simonin...by Linda Byrne WEDNESDAY, December 17, Vance Carter...by the Pirt family 9:00AM 9:00AM Pat Integlia...by Linda 9:00AM Ruth Bonneau...for healing...by family THURSDAY, December 18, 9:00AM Souls in Purgatory...by a parishioner 9:00AM Rita LeBeau...by estate Louise Gates...for healing...by family 9:00AM FRIDAY December 19, 9:00AM Melvin Davis...by Small Christian Community 9:00AM Michael & Christine Guari...by family 9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by estate SATURDAY, December 20, 4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family 4:30PM Merry Christmas...by All Cassettari & Luchessi **Families** 4:30PM Leroy Ducat...10 yr. Anniversary...by Barry and Cecile Stanzione

### 4:30PM Aldo & Wanda Cassetteri...by children & Grand-

### SUNDAY, December 21, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul
7:00AM Everett O'Keefe...by Julie Ann Dupont
7:00AM Patricia Nickelson...by the Rzucidlo family
9:00AM Maurice Dion, Sr...by family
9:00AM Benjamin Hagan...29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...
by the Welshman family
9:00AM Alphonse & Lillian Bisson...by estate
11:00AM Edna Lavallee...by Peter & Claire Lavallee

children

11:00AM Frank Merolla...Birthday...by his wife & children 11:00AM Joseph & Angela Collison...by family

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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: 12/30; 12/31.

2026 Mass Openings:

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

### **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.

### **DECEMBER 14, 2025**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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 December 9, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$83,922.00.

### 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.

### Grateful Thanks from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

What a Wonderful World

I see pies of pumpkin and rolls of white,

Cases of Apples so pretty and bright,

And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

The boxes of stuffing, piled high in the sky,

The smiles on the donors at the Thanksgiving drive by.

I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do

But they're really saying I love you.

We see guests so joyful with their turkeys and pies

Volunteers filling cars with fresh vegetables, oh my.

And we may have seen some guests with tears,

For our Thanksgiving baskets have lessened their fears.

And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world.

Thank you to our St. James Parishioners for helping to making our world wonderful!

### **Diocesan News:**

2025 ACA update: As of November 29, 2025,

Saint James Parish, Danielson has

donated \$33,137.98 or 93.58% of its goal, and 18.78% 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!

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ASH WEDNESDAY: February 18, 2026 – Masses at 7am, 9am and

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY - FAMILY EVENT: March 21, 2026 - 5.15 pm to

6.30 pm. (Church Hall, by Vocation Committee)

PARISH MISSION: March 22, 23 & 24, 2026 - 7pm to 8pm.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: March 21 & 28, 3pm - 4.15pm, March 30 - 9.30 am to Noon.

VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE: April 08, 2026, 6-8pm

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS: March 29 - April 05, 2026

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: April 12, 2026 - 3pm** 

SPAGHETTI DINNER: April 25, 2026 – 5.15 pm, after the 4.30 mass

FIRST COMMUNION: May 2, 2026 -11 am.

CROWNING OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: May 3, 2026 - 9 am Mass,

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: May 09, 2026 -2 pm -4 pm, (Church Hall, Vocation Committee)

GOLDEN JUBILEE (50) OF ORDINATION - Fr. Rene Parent: May 17,

2026, 11am Mass

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: May 25, 2026 – 9 am. (Cemetery)

**GRADE 8 GRADUATION MASS: June 5, 2026** CORPUS CHRISTI: June 7, 2026 - Adoration after 11 am mass - 4 pm. Vocation Committee) FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: June 12, 2026

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: June 21, 2026 after the 9am mass

**FEAST OF ST. JAMES: July 25-26, 2026** PARISH PICNIC: July 26, 2026 -11.30 am.

**INTERNATIONAL LA SALETTE LAITY DAY: September 10, 2026** LA SALETTE NOVENA AND FEAST: September 12 - 20, 2026

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 3, 2026 - 11 am

(Parking Lot, K of C)

4<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY – FR. JOHN: October 11, 2026 CONFIRMATION: October 26, 2026 – 7 pm. **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 05, 2026** 

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - Pilgrimage to La Salette -: December 12,

2026

### **CLEANING**

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: March 28 - 9 am to 11pm. CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: December 19 - 9am to 12pm.

SPRING CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-April. (K of C) SUMMER CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-November. (K of C)

### Phone Numbers of Persons In charge – Please contact

St. James School: Catherine Reed - 860-774-3281 Religious Ed: Mary Chappell – 508-615-1621 Religious Ed: Marcia Bardin - 860-634-3915 OCIA: Bev Richardson - 860-792-8054

K of C: Shawn Whiston - 860-382-5897 Vocation Committee: Dn. Joseph Delaney – 860-319-9536

La Salette Laity: Marcia Bardin -860-634-3915 Altar Servers: Ernest Charron - 860-614-5096 **Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Griffiths – 860-774-0321** Lectors: Sue Griffiths/ Ernest Charron - 860-774-0321

/860-614-5096

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **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 I	is My Year End Donation to St. James
NAME	_ Amount Enclosed
Address	_
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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 Leiberman #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
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\$25	Anthony& Brynne Thibodeau#204	\$20	Rita LaBelle #233
\$25	Jason Verraneault #339	\$20	Donna Rawson #638

November 2025

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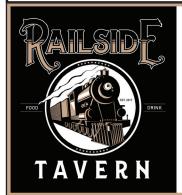


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