

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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December 21, 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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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.

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...



"The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of Grace and Truth". (Jn. 1:14).

Every celebration is in a way a manifestation and a proclamation of a message to others. Celebration of Christmas is an expression of the joy and gratitude towards Jesus Christ, the Lord of Love and compassion. Christmas promises so much, because it promises God. For, in assuming human flesh, Christ reveals his intention to take us to himself. The celebration of Christmas is also a proclamation of Jesus Christ to others. In this way we continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world and talk about the saving mission of Jesus Christ.

Christmas gives the message of hope for humanity; that the birth of the redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of goodwill. It is a fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God is born among us human beings assuming our human nature. He and His life, along with His teachings, made a difference in the history of the world. His message of love and hope brought us to the way of salvation.

Christmas is the day of the Lord's birth in which we are filled with hope and joy. It is a sacred time and a time of blessings. It is the time of renewal of faith and hope in the God of love. Christmas gives us a message of peace and brotherhood, and it continues to inspire us in our lives. Our focus at this season should be on the mystery of incarnation, the concrete act of God's Love.

We celebrate God's gift to us of his son, Jesus at Christmas. It is a gift of love; we are called to bring into the world. Jesus came among us to save us. He shows us a way to live. Even in taking on our human nature he shows us our own worth. He reminds us that we should look on each other with the same love he shows us.

I wish you all the Peace and Joy of a Blessed Christmas! May you all have meaningful celebrations of Christmas and may the newborn Jesus fill our lives with his Love and Peace.

Fr. Roy Parayil M.S

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

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: **January 19th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.**

UP-COMING EVENTS – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

CHRISTMAS MASSES: December 24TH – 4.00pm, 5.15pm and 10pm, December 25th 7am, 9am and 11am.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: January 11, 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 Fr. Roy, Fr. Rene, Fr. John and Deacon Joe 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.

Schedule for December 27 and December 28, 2025

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Richard Minio Claire Minio	Susan Griffiths Maggie Grenier
Lector:	Ernie Charron	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Jeff Gerardi 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 12/20 – Lisa.

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****NEW YEAR AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD****JANUARY 1, 2026****7:00AM – FR. RENE PARENT****9:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH****6:00PM – FR. RENE PARENT****WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR...**

We would like to extend to all of you our sincere wishes for a blessed 2026. We thank you for all of your kindnesses and support extended to us. Please know that we constantly pray for all you do for St. James and thanks for your cards.

Fr. Roy Parayil, MS, Fr. Rene Parent, MS, Fr. John Welch, MS, and Deacon Joe.

MASSES**MONDAY, December 22,**

9:00AM Tammy Baum...by Paul
9:00AM Lucien & Lucienne Veilleux...Merry Christmas...
by Margaret & family

**TUESDAY, December 23,
Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

9:00AM Ted Bernier...by Nancy Bernier
9:00AM George Thivierge...Merry Christmas...
by Margaret & family

WEDNESDAY, December 24,

4:00PM Priest's Intentions
5:15PM Priest's Intentions
10:00PM Priest's Intentions

**THURSDAY, December 25,
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

7:00AM Priest's Intentions
9:00AM Priest's Intentions
11:00AM Priest's Intentions

FRIDAY December 26,**Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
9:00AM Catherine & Joseph Flaherty...by family

SATURDAY, December 27,**Saint John, Apostle**

4:30PM Renzo & Leo Cassettari...by their niece
4:30PM Maria Lucchesi...by Norma
4:30PM Richard LaHaie...1st Anniv...by his wife & family
4:30PM Past & Present Priests of the Parish...by Guari
family

SUNDAY, December 28,**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
7:00AM Roger & Jacqueline Caron...by Pauline
7:00AM William Bass...by the Rzucidlo family
9:00AM John & Marie O'Keefe...by family
9:00AM Paul Spakowski...1st Anniversary...
by the Balick family
9:00AM Barry Harvey...16th Anniversary...by family
11:00AM Marie Paulina...by Barbara & Bill Whitford
11:00AM John LaGarde...16th Anniversary...by Lorraine
11:00AM Pat Hourihan...by Arlene & Becky

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:**

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; 1/11; 1/12; 1/13
11:00AM: 1/04; 1/11; 1/18; 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 – See next week's bulletin**12/21 – Friends of La Salette****12/25 - Christmas; 12/28 – Save Our School****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 30th 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.

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 11, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$83,972.00.

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.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS.....

The 8th grade class will be having the CALENDAR RAFFLE for their fund raising activity. It was very successful last year and several parishioners were winners. The cost is \$10 and the value of the calendar is over \$1600 in gift cards/cash.

These make great gifts for stocking stuffers or for the person you want to give a little something to but is always difficult to buy for.....or just for yourself!

We will place some in the pews weekly, you may call the school (860-774-3281) or send an email to:

j.lajoie@stjamesdanielson.org

IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR BETTER HALF?

Give the gift of retreat!

Couples Retreat - Pilgrims of Hope

February 13-15, 2026

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT

Explore our theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, together.

Holy Family's annual Couples' Retreat includes our Gourmet Valentine's dinner and offers an opportunity to step back from the chaos of everyday life and grow in love, with God and with one another.

For more information or to register for retreat

visit holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/couples or call our registrar Ted at 860.760.9705.

ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS...

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LECTOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, COLLECTOR OR USHER, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE... 860-774-3900.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST: January 11, 2026 - after 7 and 9 am masses

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK: January 25-31, 2026 - Special Mass on January 25, 2026 at 11am.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 18, 2026 – Masses at 7am, 9am and 6pm.

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, (CCD)

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)

4th 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

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 _____

Pro-Life Pilgrimage to the 2026 March For Life in Washington, DC

Join our Bishop in representing our Norwich Diocese by peacefully and joyfully witnessing to the sanctity of all human life, and the beauty and dignity of every human person. We begin with a Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM (Everyone is welcome to attend). We travel overnight via Deluxe Motor coach and in the morning attend the National Prayer For Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.. Our next leg leads us to the National Mall, with a little free time to visit the Smithsonian Museums if desired (see the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, & Bill of Rights, for our Nation's 250th Birthday!), followed by the March For Life Rally with National Pro-Life speakers, Clergy and politicians speaking on the defense of the unborn and the upholding of their legal and constitutional rights. Then we participate in the largest, peaceful Pro-Life Demonstration in the World with hundreds of thousands Marching up Constitutional Avenue For Life, passing Congress and ending at the Supreme Court. And in this 24 hr. + sacrifice, we bond together to help rebuild a 'Civilization of Life and Love' in our Country, praying for an end to abortion, and the change of hearts. **Cost is \$ 55**, graciously subsidized by our Diocesan Knights of Columbus Councils, Parish Guilds, and caring individuals. For further information and to register pls. call Alvania, Office of Evangelization & Discipleship Ministry, at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 atejada@norwichdiocese.net Registration with credit/debit card payments can be made at bit.ly/VANCO

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