

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...



On the last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast reminds us that we are part of a human family and at the same time we belong to God's family, the Church. In both these families, we have privileges and responsibilities. In both, we work out our salvation together — as women, men, and children living and working in love and peace.

The Holy Family asks us to listen attentively to God's direction, trusting that His guidance leads us away from harm and towards safety. It teaches us to rely on divine providence, recognizing that God's guidance may lead us through unexpected paths. Every family is called to holiness. We attain holiness when we discharge our duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the power of God by prayer. Our families become holy, only when God occupies a central role and everything is encountered there in the light of God.

Joseph's role as a protector emphasizes the importance of watchful care within families. As guardians of our homes, we are challenged to emulate Joseph's vigilant love, ensuring the well-being and safety of our loved ones. The Holy Family shows us the virtue of obedience to God's will. It shows us the need to cultivate a spirit of mutual respect and strengthens our bond and deepens our faith journey together.

Strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favor. Learn lessons from the Holy Family. Pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of our parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph let us navigate life's challenges with faith, trust, and unwavering commitment to following God's guidance.



We enter the New Year 2026 with hope and aspirations for a better future. Hope is a high motivator and facilitates success in one's endeavors. Hope involves having goals and working towards realizing them. Hope calls for determination and commitment. Hope is the conviction of having a meaningful future despite obstacles and choosing the path to make that future real. I wish that we live with more dedication, more commitment to enjoy more growth and more success.

I like to remember you dear friends with gratitude for your love, prayer, support and concern for the St. James family. I wish you and your families a New Year filled with new hope for the future and pray for a meaningful, happy and peaceful life guided by the Holy Spirit all throughout this New Year.

May God bless all our families!

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

THE HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

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.**

VIGIL LIGHTS are burning brightly for a Peace-filled New Year for St. James Parish.

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.

Please pick up your 2026 Envelope boxes at entrance to the church.

There will be **NO BINGO** December 24th and December 31st.

Schedule for January 3 and January 4, 2025

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Louis LePine Sandra LePine	John Lupien Maureen Mann
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Susan Griffiths
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson Sisters	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 12/20 – Lisa.

WISHING YOU 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.

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 16, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$85,422.00.

MASSES**MONDAY, December 29,
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**

9:00AM Aurore & Louis Benoit...by daughter, children & family
9:00AM Patrick & Michael Dragon...by Mom & Dad
9:00AM Janet Simonin...by Lynda Byrnes

TUESDAY, December 30,

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory
9:00AM For the Sick of our Parish

**WEDNESDAY, December 31,
Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

9:00AM Lionel Parent
9:00AM Debra Smith...by Betti Sheldon

**THURSDAY, January 1,
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord,
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Day and World Day of Peace**

7:00AM Lionel Parent
9:00AM Ben Desaulnier...by family
6:00PM Peace in our World

FRIDAY January 2,**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

9:00AM Joan Kent...3rd Anniversary...by family
9:00AM Patrick Dragon...4th Anniv...by Mom & Dad
9:00AM Wanda L. Cassettari...by family

SATURDAY, January 3,**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

4:30PM Marie Paulina...1st Anniversary...by family
4:30PM Vance Carter...by Paul

SUNDAY, January 4,**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul Grenon
7:00AM Stephen & Anna Szarkowicz...by family
7:00AM Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Cecile LeBeau...
By Jane
9:00AM John Burns...by Arlene LeBeau
9:00AM Bruce Mazzarella...by family
11:00AM Joseph & Angela Collison...by family

LASALLETTES 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

La Salette Mass intentions will be \$10 starting January 1st, 2026

2026 Mass Openings: Mass Intentions: \$10.00 each

7:00AM: 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 1/18; 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

**NEW YEAR AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER
OF GOD - JANUARY 1, 2026 - MASSES AT 7AM,
9AM AND 6PM.**

WEEKLY OFFERING 12/14/25. \$4266.00
12/28 – Save Our School; 1/01 – Solemnity of Mary
1/04 – Initial Offering; 1/11 – Renovation/Painting Project
Please mark amount of your donation on your envelopes.

Ice Skating with the Bishop

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with Bishop Richard Reidy!

Monday - January 19, 2026 • 1:30–3:30 PM at Rose Garden Ice Arena, Norwich. The Cost is \$10, skate rentals are available for \$3 or you bring your own. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/VANCO> or contact **Alvania Tejada** at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or email atejada@norwichdiocese.net

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

Diocesan News:

The Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis will end on Epiphany. Special graces, called Indulgences, are available to pilgrims at Saint Patrick Cathedral. On Sunday, January 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. we will have Adoration and pray the Liturgy of the Hours along with confessions so the faithful may have one last opportunity to participate in the Holy Year graces. Please join Bishop Reidy and our priests on Epiphany at the Cathedral. Please see the Diocesan website, www.norwichdiocese.org, for more details.

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.

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UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

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 _____

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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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