

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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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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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...



We began the New Year with hope for the future and prayed for a meaningful, comfortable, happy and peaceful life guided by the Holy Spirit. And now we look forward for the manifestation of our God in every person, every event and everywhere in the New Year.

This great day of celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord- manifestation of the Lord- has much to offer us on our journey of faith in this New Year 2026. The wise men saw a star rising in the heavens, and they remembered the promise of a Savior. They set out from their own country to find this newborn King.

We can start to understand their response by remembering that, in all probability, these men led comfortable lives. They were wealthy and respected. The journey they undertook was neither easy nor free of danger. Their sacrificial journey to worship the Savior even provoked King Herod, who saw the newborn Child as a threat.

The feast of Epiphany invites us to recognize our fickle minded faith, a faith that is often not so firm, to look beyond the darkness and doubt. Our shallow faith has often left us hanging with doubt, anger, resentment and unbelief. Sometimes, it has drifted us from the Holy Eucharist and the Church. We are left with questions that need answers. We are left with wounds that need reconciliation.

Shepherds and Magi who responded to the invitation were able to have a personal experience of Jesus. They listened to the angel. They followed the star. They met Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They worshiped the Savior. They were blessed. They returned home as renewed people of hope for the future.

I think there is something special God asks of us. It is our responsibility to find what it is. The feast of Epiphany should help us to do so. Let us, like the Magi, offer Jesus our grateful use of His gifts to us: His gift of friendship with others by leading them to Jesus through our exemplary lives of Christian charity in action; His gift of reconciliation with God by presenting our sins of omission and indifference; and His gift of peace by seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: **Matthew 2:1-12**

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

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.

La Salette Laity Class for the month of January is cancelled.

Schedule for January 10 and January 11, 2026

Celebrant:	4:30PM	7:00AM
E. Minister:	Fr. Rene Parent Richard Minio Claire Minio	Fr. Rene Parent Julie Dupont Maggie Grenier
Lector:	Mike Lehman	Susan Griffiths
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent Jeff Gerardi Sisters	Fr. John Welch 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.

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 December 23rd we have received \$28,162. 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, January 5,****Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:00AM Wyatt James...by family
Peace in our World

TUESDAY, January 6,**Saint Andre Bessette, Religious**

9:00AM Arthur, Marie & Imelda Brodeur...by family
Philip & Gertrude Bessette...by Denis & Connie Bessette

WEDNESDAY, January 7,**Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

9:00AM Fr. Joe Whalen
William Conway...3rd Anniversary...
by the McLeod family

THURSDAY, January 8,

9:00AM John Gallow Jr....by Rita Gallow
Sick of the Parish

FRIDAY January 9,

9:00AM Bob Normandie, Jr...by family
Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 10,

4:30PM Donald Ravenelle...by family
Pauline Carter...by Frank & Mary-Ann Jodaitis
Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family

SUNDAY, January 11,**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill
Souls in Purgatory
9:00AM Raymond Methot...5th Anniversary...by his wife
Etienne LaBelle...by family
11:00AM Gary Walker...by Jane Walker
Joseph A. Pelletier...26th Anniv... by family
Charlotte Boudreau...by family

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

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 1/11/8; 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 12/21/25 \$5523.00

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.

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

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: January 11, 2026 – After 7am and 9am 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, 2026CLEANING**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

Knights of Columbus Council #2883
Location: St. James Church Hall,
12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT
Sunday, January 11, after the
7AM and 9AM Masses

Come join us for Join in the Saint James Church Hall! Breakfast includes Pancakes with Maple Syrup, Sausage, Juice and Coffee

Donations AcceptedDiocesan 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.

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

December 2025 1000 Club Winners

\$1,000	Christine Hinds #235
\$300	Karen Danielson #992
\$200	Claire & Dan Rogan #182
\$100	Michelle Lehoux #643
\$50	Karen Dufresne #536
\$50	Jesse Rich & Sarah Jewell #218
\$25	Michele Masse #753
\$25	Gary & Christina Bulmer #844
\$25	Jeffrey & Liz Williams #45
\$25	Burton Chase #559
\$20	Alysha Lord #146
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\$20	Mark Koziol #677
\$20	Christopher & Emily Nowosadko #169
\$20	Ryan & Amanda Lajoie #253
\$20	Diann Ouellette #358
\$20	Nathan Coderre #81
\$20	Ernest & April Lamothe #366
\$20	Keith Pasay #198
\$20	Emily Macnamara #500

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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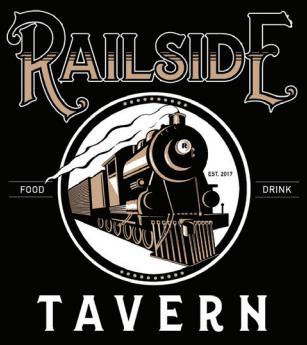
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