

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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January 11, 2026

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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...

*Baptism of Our Lord*

The Baptism of Jesus is the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. At the Baptism of Jesus, the Father shows Jesus as His Son to the nations. With this feast of the baptism of Jesus, the Christmas season comes to an end.

Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his mission and public ministry. By this event of baptism, Jesus is consecrated and commissioned by the Father, empowered and anointed by the Spirit who descends on him in the form of a dove. His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus.

Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. It was a moment of conviction about His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and that His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant."

At baptism the Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. This was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.

Dear Friends, the baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, to live as the children of God in thought, word and action, to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies, to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; and finally to grow daily in intimacy with God.

The baptism of Jesus calls to mind our own baptism. Like Jesus we too are consecrated and commissioned; we too are anointed and empowered by the Spirit; we too become children of God. Let us be reminded that it is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, and to renew our Baptismal promises.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurian to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

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 families of St. James Parish.**MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...**

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar for the weeks in January are open. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one. January 24, 2026 –In Memory of Marguerite Galarneau by Margaret Grenier; 1/31 - In Memory of the Kimball Family.

Please pick up your 2026 Envelope boxes at the rectory.

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

Schedule for January 17 and January 18, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant: E. Minister:	Fr. Roy Parayil Ernie Charron Diane Charron	Fr. Rene Parent John Lupien Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant: E. Minister:	Fr. Roy Parayil Bev Richardson Sisters	Fr. Rene Parent 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 1/17-Cindy; 2/14 Cindy.

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 31st we have received \$29,422.00. 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 31st, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$100,472.00.

Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey – 2026

Father Ben will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Paul to Greece and Turkey from August 24th to September 4th 2026. The pilgrimage will include stops at sacred sites in Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Patmos, Heraklion, Santorini, Kalambaka, Veria, Thessaloniki, Kavala and Alexandroupolis. The pilgrimage will then continue on to Istanbul before our return to the USA.

The cost for this pilgrimage is \$4275 per person/double occupancy – tips included. We hope you will join us. The deposit (\$500/person) for this trip is due on February 15th, so please mark your calendars. For more information please contact Father Ben Vinjoe at (860) 481-2880.

MASSES**MONDAY, January 12,**

9:00AM Fr. John O'Neill
Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

TUESDAY, January 13,

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00AM Jeannette Rounds...by family
Lucien Veilleux...Birthday...by Margaret

WEDNESDAY, January 14,**Feast Day of the Infant Jesus of Prague**

9:00AM Sister Doris Gamelin
Marie Patrius...by Katie Murphy

THURSDAY, January 15,

9:00AM Roderick Marion...2nd Anniversary...by his wife
Sick of the Parish

FRIDAY January 16,

9:00AM The Rioux & Monast families...by family
Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 17,**Saint Anthony, Abbot**

4:30PM Richard Turner...9th Anniv...by the Desaulnier family
Janet Descoteaux...31st Anniv...by the Lapre family
Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family

SUNDAY, January 18,**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00AM Joyce Nadeau...3rd Anniversary...by family
Albina Parent...by family
9:00AM Philip Larow...by family
Rita LeBeau...by family
11:00AM Roland & Lorraine Savoie...by family
Rene & Dorothy Beausoleil

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: 1/25; 2/01; 2/08; 2/22; 3/01; 3/15; 3/29; 4/12; 4/19; 4/26; 5/17; 5/31; 6/14; 6/21; 6/28; 7/05; 7/12; 8/02; 8/16; 8/23

9:00AM: 1/19; 1/20; 1/21; 1/22; 1/23; 1/26; 1/29; 1/30; 2/02;

11:00AM: 2/01; 2/08; 2/15; 2/22; 3/01; 3/08; 3/15; 3/22; 3/29

4:30PM: 1/24; 1/31; 2/07; 2/14; 2/21; 2/28; 3/07; 3/14; 3/21

WEEKLY OFFERING 12/28/25 \$4851.00

Christmas Offering 12/25 \$6073.00

1/11 –Renovation/Painting Project; 1/18 School

Support

Please mark amount of your donation on your envelopes.



The Feast Day of the Infant of Prague is January 14th.

Devotion to the Infant of Prague is held every Wednesday, at 8:30AM. There will be prayer cards and medals available the morning of January 14th for the Feast Day.

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 Accepted

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

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
\$20	David & Carol Cournoyer #425
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\$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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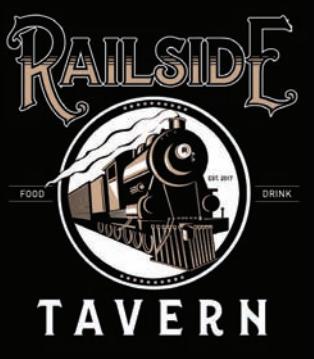


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