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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...

John the Baptist was born with a special mission: to prepare the way of the Messiah. Although John was not familiar with Jesus as the Messiah yet, the Holy Spirit worked through him, he was then able to recognize Jesus and to testify, Jesus is the Son of God. He proclaims: "There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world".

The Gospel passage presents three themes today, namely, the witness John the Baptist bears to Jesus, the revelation and identification of Jesus as the "Lamb of God," and the call to discipleship.

We may choose to accept John's testimony in today's Gospel as a personal and corporate call from God to us to become witnesses to the Lamb of God. The Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we grow by Faith to become witnesses for Him. And bearing witness to Christ is an active, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance.

This is one great lesson from John the Baptist: When we do our mission, we always know where we stand. We work in the vineyard to give glory to God, not to get attention for ourselves. Like John, we need to recognize the presence of Jesus in our midst. We can only do this through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We have to live and die like the Lamb of God. How can we live like the Lamb of God? It's by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives obeying the Christ's commandment of love; It's by appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in His Church; And It's by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments.

How can we die like the Lamb of God? By sharing our blessings of health, wealth and talents with others. By bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering. And by offering our sufferings for the salvation of souls and as reparation for our sins.

Today, make a promise - that we may become witness to the Lamb of God.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

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 24 and January 25, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Richard Minio	Susan Griffiths
	Claire Minio	Maggie Grenier
Lector:	Ernie Charron	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Jeff Gerardi	Denis Bessette
	Sisters	Pete 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 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 January 13th we have received \$36, 055.00. 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 19,**

9:00AM Joan Tice...by Tom & Gail Seiferman
Souls in Purgatory...by a parishioner

TUESDAY, January 20,**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr****Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by family
Peace in our world

WEDNESDAY, January 21,**Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

9:00AM Charles J. Seiferman...by Tom & Gail Seiferman
For our sick parishioners

THURSDAY, January 22,**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

9:00AM For the Unborn children
For the lonely and homeless people

FRIDAY January 23,**Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr****Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**

9:00AM Regina Seiferman and
C. Joseph Seiferman...
by Tom & Gail Seiferman

SATURDAY, January 24,**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

4:30PM Clarence Lapre...18th Anniv...by the Lapre family
Gerry Grenon...by Paul
Fr. John O'Neil...by Paul

SUNDAY, January 25,**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
9:00AM John Burns, Jr....by children & grandchildren
9:00AM Conrad & Marie Ange Turcotte & family...
by the Burns family
11:00AM Joseph Lapre...birthday...by the Lapre family
John W. Morris & Aurelian Kemp...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

In memory of Alice Girard...by Dolores Delude

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

2026 Mass Openings: Mass Intentions: \$10.00 each

7:00AM: 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: 1/29; 2/03; 2/04; 2/05; 2/09; 2/10; 2/11; 2/12; 2/13;

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

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

WEEKLY OFFERING 1/11/26 \$5927.00

Renovation Fund 1/11/26 \$6633.00

Thank you for your support!

1/18 School Support; Mass Intentions;

1/25 – St. James School

Debt Reduction

Please mark amount of your donation on your envelopes.

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

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:

jlajoie@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**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 7:30PM (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 hundreds of thousands Marching up Constitutional Avenue For Life, passing Congress and ending at the Supreme Court. And in this 24hr. + 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 please call Alvania, Office of Evangelization & Discipleship Ministry, at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 atejada@norwichdiocese.netRegistration with credit/debit card payments can be made at bit.ly/VANCOThe Diocese of Norwich is hosting an indoor rock climbing event! February 7th at the Central Rock Gym in Glastonbury, CT. All families and people of all ages are invited to attend. Climbing will be from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. The cost for the event is FREE. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please email msweeney@norwichdiocese.net.

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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SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2025 - 2026 THOUSAND CLUB

October is the time to register for the new 1000 Club. There are 12 drawings, October through September. Dues are \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to St. James 1000 Club and are tax deductible. If you are already a member, please consider buying a ticket and sponsoring another member. All proceeds benefit St. James School. Monthly awards total \$2000.00 per month consisting of twenty awards. Sponsors receive 10% of the first through six awards. You do not need a sponsor to join. Sponsors are those who sign up a member and are responsible for collecting their dues. A person must be a member before they can sponsor anyone.

An application for membership is below. Please include name, address, phone number and address. If you request a number and it is available, we will try to accommodate you. When sending in money, please place it in an envelope marked 1000 Club. You can place it in the weekly collection or mail it to the rectory at 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. 06239. Drawings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 8:30AM in the church hall. We welcome your attendance at these drawings. If you have any questions, please contact us at SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org or call the rectory at 860-774-3900.

1000 Club sign-up...

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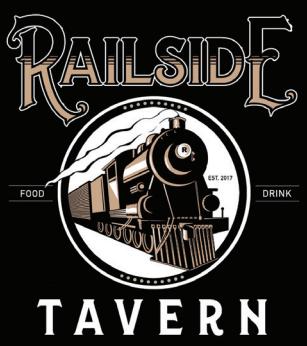
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