

# 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

## Religious Education Directors

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508-615-1621  
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## St. James School Principal

Catherine Reed  
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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



The year 2025 was another good year for St. James. The great celebration of the feast of St. James and the Parish Picnic was a great time for us as a parish family to come together and share our joys. The presence of the travelling Relic of St. Andre Bessette at St. James was a time for everyone to venerate the saint, pray through his intercession and to learn about his life and ministry.

The nine days of Novena concluding with the feast of Our Lady of La Salette and the parish day celebration was another memorable event. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school and the first visit of our newly ordained bishop, Bishop Richard Reidy will ever be remembered. The weeklong celebration was concluded with the Eucharistic celebration and reception. The program was organized very well by our parish council and the school staff, students and parents. Thank you all for being part of this historical event.

The parish mission was a great success, which helped our family to stay together and prepare for the great feast of Easter. I cannot forget the talks of Fr. William Kaliyadan, M.S., (Provincial Superior of La Salette Missionaries, North America) and his great reflections and personal stories. Another highlight of the year was the St. Joseph's Family event, in which the parents and children enjoyed the time with prayer, socializing and activities for the families and the Mother's Day celebration for all the mothers/ladies to get together to pray, exchange rosaries and share their joy as one family.

The veneration of Saints' relics on All Saints Day (November 01) was a great experience for many. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the dedicated life of the saints and to pray for their intercession. The feast of 'Corpus Christi' with a day of adoration, the feast of the Sacred Heart, the celebration of Divine Mercy, crowning of the blessed mother, and fifth Sunday rosaries were some other spiritual renewal programs we had in the year.

We also had the blessing of the pets organized by Knights of Columbus and other social events like the Italian dinner, pancake breakfast, breakfast with Santa and many others. I thank the Parish council, Finance council, Vocation committee, and K of C for all the time they have spent preparing for all these events.

The pilgrimage/bus trip to the National Shrine of our Lady of La Salette in the 'Year of Hope' with 45 people and seeing the Christmas lights was loved by the group. I am sure their experience of seeing over a million lights and the Crèche Museum will stay with them forever.

The establishment of La Salette Laity and the monthly classes for the group keep our spiritual life strengthened and our devotion to our blessed mother.

We celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion of our 25 children from the School and Religious Education. We also celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 30 young adults from the parish and school. Thanks to the teachers from the school and Religious Education for preparing the children to receive the sacraments.

There were many celebrations at St. James School that were also memorable. I thank the principal and the staff for all that they do for the better future of St. James School and the hundreds of volunteers that keep St. James School on the high level of excellence.

The Memorial Day mass in the cemetery was well attended and was an opportunity for us to pray for our beloved. We celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> death anniversaries of Fr. John O'Neill, M.S and Sr. Anila SABS and in 2025 we saw many of our wonderful parishioners and friends go home to God. Let us continue to remember all those special people in our prayers. May they all rest in peace!

We were able to complete the re-pointing of the church and sealed it during the year. Many other renovations and improvements continued within the Church, School, Rectory, and Convent throughout the year. I know it was possible only with your support. And we continue to need your support to finish the new painting and renovation project inside the church which begins this week.

I take this opportunity to thank two special people who retired from their ministries this year. Deacon Rene Barbeau, who was a great supporter of our parish and school for 24 years, retired from the active ministry due to health reasons. Let us continue to pray for his good health. Bev Richardson, who was our Religious Education director for 22 years. Her dedicated service in helping our children in their faith journey will always be remembered. She continues to serve leading the OCIA program.

I also take this opportunity to thank Fr. John Welch, Fr. Rene Parent, Deacon Joe, Reverend Sisters and office staff for their continued dedication to St. James. Thanks a million to the Trustees, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Vocation Committee, La Salette Laity, School Board, School Parents Group, Teachers, Religious Education, Men's Bible Study Group, O.C.I.A., Baptism Prep, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Knights of Columbus, The Altar Boys and Girls, The Music Ministry, The Collection Counters, The Maintenance Group, The Development Committee, The Endowment Committee, The St. James Athletic Association, The Friends of Assisi, The Friends of La Salette, St. James School Finance Committee, The Pourings & Passages, The Craft Group,

The Bingo Workers, Cemetery staff, 1000 Club, 150 Club, 200 Club, Car donations, Golf Tournament and the Raffle Committee. Thanks to all our Sponsors and Benefactors and all who support St. James. Thank you, all dear parishioners, staff, friends and volunteers for your continued generosity.

I firmly believe that the most important thing that keeps us united is our prayer, Eucharist, Monthly Holy Hour and the many other liturgies. Thanks to all for your participation and dedication. Let us continue to pray together and work together this New Year.

*May God bless us all!*

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

#### Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”

#### 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.**

#### 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; 2/14 – In Memory of Anita Pelletier by the Rondeau family.

#### Schedule for January 31 and February 1, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant: E. Minister:	Fr. Roy Parayil Louis LePine Sandra LePine	Fr. Rene Parent John Lupien Maureen Mann
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Susan Griffiths
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Celebrant: E. Minister:	Fr. Roy Parayil Bev Richardson Sisters	Fr. John Welch 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 2/14 Cindy; the week of 2/28 – The Sisters of Adoration.

#### PAINTING AND RENOVATION PROJECT

To complete the painting and renovation project in the church needs 80-85 thousand dollars. The project will begin on January 27, 2026 and will be completed before the Holy Week. As of January 20th we have received \$41,055.00. 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.

**VIGIL LIGHTS are burning brightly for St. James School, Staff, families and students during Catholic Schools Week January 25 – 31.**



**FEBRUARY 2026 PRO-LIFE MASS**

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT, on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Please join our celebrant, Rev. Walter Nagle, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Breakfast and fellowship following Mass.

**The Diocese of Norwich** is hosting an indoor rock climbing event! February 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:msweeney@norwichdiocese.net).

**Diocesan News... A Mass for Young Adults with Bishop Reidy...**

All young adults of the Diocese of Norwich are invited to attend Mass with Bishop Reidy at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, Storrs, CT 06268, Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM. Reception to follow.

**From the Diocese...** If your marriage has become distant, troubled, stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. We hold 3 weekends per year and the next Retrouvaille weekend is January 30 - February 1, 2026 in Windsor, CT. For information, call confidentially 860-837-0447, email [Connecticut-WMass@retrouvaille.org](mailto:Connecticut-WMass@retrouvaille.org) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for information and registration.

**CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE??WHY NOT DONATE IT??**

**St. James Parish in Danielson is collecting vehicles. The St. James Organization will give you a written appraisal of your car which may be used as a tax-deductible charitable donation. All monies will be used for the St. James Renovation Fund or for the St. James Scholarship Fund. Inquiries may be made by calling (860) 774-3900 or send fax to (860) 774-4205. Our organization helps you to eliminate the hassle in selling a car and you contribute to a great charity.**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, so please mark your calendars. For more information, please contact Father Ben Vinjoe at (860) 481-2880.

**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

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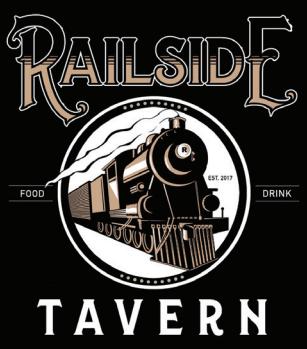
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