

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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February 1, 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...

Presentation This week we celebrate the Feast of Presentation of the Lord / the world day for Consecrated Life.



The feast commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. Mary and Joseph took Jesus to fulfill their obligation of consecrating him to God with their offering. And by offering Jesus in the Temple, they conveyed to the world that Jesus belonged to God.

The feast reminds us of our consecration to God. Our consecration in Baptism is the fundamental dimension of Christian life through which we accept and proclaim, that we belong to God. Our daily life must witness to this belongingness to God. We are God's Temple - Jesus must be present and be presented in this temple for all to see.

The feast of Presentation helps us to realize the dedication and humbleness we need in life. Like Simeon and Anna recognized him as the light of revelation, we need to recognize the savior in our midst and receive him in our lives. This is possible only if we long for him through prayer and meditation on the Word of God.

As consecrated individuals, we are called to reveal Christ to others. But to do so, we must first experience a deep 'temple moment' – a personal and transformative encounter with God. Only then can we become true instruments of His love and salvation.

I am happy to be a consecrated religious for the past 28 years and I feel that the core of religious life is the search for God. It is the responsibility of religious to fear and fight against; a god of the imagination and of human dreams, a god who is an idol rather than a reality calling us to growth. I realize the need of constantly consecrating myself to God in answer to His call, to seek the real God, the flame of love that burns and quenches the deepest yearnings of my heart. It is a call to grow in wisdom and grace. It is a fundamental truth of our Christian tradition that all we are and have, comes from God, as a gift.

Let us re-consecrate ourselves to God, renewing our commitment to His mission and express our deepest gratitude to consecrated men and women for their devotion, commitment and selfless love.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that "the reign of God is theirs."

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 -Small Christian Community every Thursday at 1PM. Please call to join – 860-481-9167.

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: **February 16th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.**

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

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 February 7 and February 8, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Richard Minio	Julie Dupont
Lector:	Claire Minio	Maggie Grenier
	Mike Lehman	Susan Griffiths
	 9:00AM	 11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Jeff Gerardi	Denis Bessette
Lector:	Sisters	Peter Gerardi
	Marshall Hudon	Stephen Houle

PAINTING AND RENOVATION PROJECT

Parishioners and Friends,
The Painting and Renovation project of the Church has already started and hope to complete all the works before the Holy Week. As of January 25th we have received \$92,375.00. Thank you for your generosity. It was a surprise to me that we were able to collect the amount needed before we started the project. Now I request your special prayers for the completion of the project.

We will continue with our regular Renovation Fund collections for the future day today repairs and renovations of the Church, Rectory and Convent.

My \$ 50,000.00 request on the first day was not a joke! One of our parishioners came to me with the 50,000.00 check. Even though he is not expecting me to say his name. I think I should say this. Mr. Edwin O'Hop, thank you. And all parishioners and friends thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

Special Announcements – Church Painting

*Painting and Renovations of the church will take 6 to 8 weeks, and all the church services will be held in the church hall. The hall is beautifully arranged and we also have lift chairs to go down to the hall.

*Baptisms and Funerals will be held as usual. Please call the office for more details about our facility in the church hall.

*Funerals with caskets will be at Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn, it will be arranged by our parish office.

*Saturday confessions (3.30pm-4.15pm) will be held at the Rectory, Please use the Ramp and the Front Door.

*All foods for the food pantry should be brought directly to the Food Pantry at Water Street.

*Bingo is cancelled until further notice.

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.

MASSES

MONDAY, February 2,

The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

9:00AM Marie LaBelle...by family
George Thivierge...9th Anniv...by Margaret

TUESDAY, February 3,

Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

9:00AM John Gallow, Jr...by his wife
Fr. LaCours...by Cindy

WEDNESDAY, February 4,

9:00AM Joseph Kielyka...55th Anniv..by Lorraine Balick
Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

THURSDAY, February 5,

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00AM Anthony Szimanouskas...by family
Barbara Sajek...by Tom & Gail Seiferman

FRIDAY February 6,

Saint Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00AM James & Joan Kent...by family
Raymond Balick...by wife & family

SATURDAY, February 7,

Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30PM Vance Carter...by Paul
Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul
Sr. Anila

SUNDAY, February 8,

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00AM Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Cecile LeBeau
by Jane Radei
Peace in our World
9:00AM John Burns, Jr...1st Anniversary...by family
Ruth Seiferman...by Tom & Gail Seiferman
11:00AM Frank Merolla...4th Anniv...by his wife and
children
11:00AM Laurel Ducat...6th Anniv...by her husband,
James and daughters, Melissa & Erica

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: 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; 8/30; 9/13; 9/20

9:00AM: 2/09; 2/10; 2/11; 2/12; 2/13; 2/16; 2/19; 2/22; 2/23

11:00AM 2/08; 2/15; 2/22; 3/01; 3/08; 3/15; 3/22; 3/29; 4/05

4:30PM 2/14; 3/07; 3/14; 3/21; 3/28; 4/5; 5/30; 6/06; 6/13

WEEKLY OFFERING 1/18. \$4187.00

WEEKLY OFFERING 1/25. \$4436.00

St. James School Support . . 1/18. \$2680.00

St. James School Debt. 1/25. \$2307.00

2/01 – Save our School; 2/08 – La Salette Seminarians;

2/15 – Renovation/Painting Fund.

News from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

The pantry will be collecting new blankets and quilts for the months of January and February to help keep our needy warm during the cold months. Thank you Mrs. Balick for starting this tradition many years ago, and continuing it.

Thank you to all our St. James friends for your kindness throughout the year. May you always be blessed for being a blessing to others.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH**(Please add to your calendar)****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)**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.....

As you know, our 8th grade class did the calendar raffle again as their big fundraiser for the year. I am very happy to report that the sales this year were awesome.....\$7290!!!! This amount will more than cover the cost for their class trip and will also provide funds for a couple of other things.

Thank you so much to all of you who purchased a calendar (or more than 1).....

The following are the winners for the first 10 days.....I will update the list every 10 days:

Jan 1.....Justin Trant....\$100 cash

Jan 2.....Suzanne Bulmer \$50 from Bath & Body Works

Jan 3....Ken Davidson Black Pond Brews....\$50

Jan 4....Carol Montpelier...\$50 The Courthouse

Jan 5....Jessica Rawson....\$25 M's Boutique

Jan 6....The Delaney's...\$20 Leona's Bakery and 420 Roblox

Jan 7....Chris & Patti Burke....Elan Hair Salon Gift Basket

Jan 8....Samantha Vadéboncoeur....Sweet Peas \$25 and Bear Hand's \$25

Jan 9....Craig Lefler....\$50 NY Pizza

Jan 10....Joe Debella....Bear Hand's Brewing...\$50

1000 CLUB WINNERS – JANUARY 2026

Door Prize #1 Roseanna Deaume

Door Prize #2 Kathy Chester

\$1000 Christopher Laime #89

\$300 Joanne Wippert #8

\$200 Jim Weigel #460

\$100 Susan Thibodeau #522

\$50 David Weaver #140

\$50 Crystal Duquette #103

\$25 Rudolph Rondeau #244

\$25 Chris & Elyse McAteer #513

\$25 Catherine Nicholson #359

\$25 Keith Thurlow #41

\$20 Tammy Loghry #352

\$20 Cynthia L'Heureux #221

\$20 Ron & Charlotte Litke #111

\$20 Riley Noren #610

\$20 Bernard Chenette #261

\$20 Donna LaCasse #287

\$20 Don Yelle #763

\$20 Paul & Eileen Szelag #483

\$20 Adam Griffiths #719

\$20 Christine Hinds #235

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 1st at 7:00PM. Reception to follow.

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 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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

On Friday, February 13, 2026 come join in praying a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Mary, Norwich, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for those in the process of applying to the Diocese.

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.

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.

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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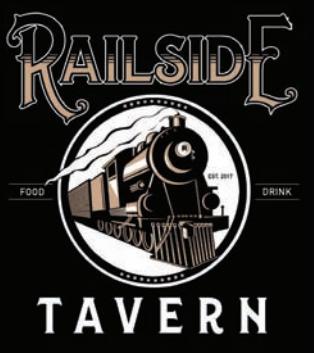
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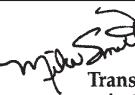
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