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February 8, 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

Religious Education Directors

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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...

February 11th marks the anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Bernadette. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times and showed herself to Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes.

On March 25, she said to her: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then, Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary took place in Lourdes, the image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been widely copied and reproduced in shrines, homes, and in garden landscapes. Marian devotion has since steadily increased and a large church was built at the site that has become a major site of religious pilgrimage in the coming years.

What was the message of her apparition? It is a message that is nothing other than that of the Gospel. God comes to tell us that he loves us – this is the heart of the Message of Lourdes, and he loves us as we are with all our successes but also with all our wounds, our weaknesses and our limitations.

Mary stresses the importance of personal conversion, prayer and charity. Our Lady appeared with a rosary hanging from her right arm. She invited Bernadette to pray the rosary with her. The need for prayer in our lives is very well stressed by our Blessed Mother in all her apparitions. The spiritual message is that of personal conversion. Mary said, "Penance, penance, penance, pray for sinners." By penance we understand conversion. Conversion in the Church, as we learn from Christ, involves turning our heart towards God and towards others.

On this world day of the sick, we remember the struggles of those who are sick. Mary's journey was marked by suffering, from the moment she said "yes" to God's call. Yet, she persevered, knowing that the Lord was with her. In her silence, she found the meaning of suffering. In our own struggles, we may feel alone, but Mary reminds us that God is always near. Let us seek to understand the mystery of suffering and find hope in God's presence.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10**

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

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.**

ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS...

Please consider having an arrangement for our main Altar in memory of a loved one.

The flower arrangement 2/01 is In Memory of the Kimball Family; The flower arrangement for 2/14 – In Memory of Anita Pelletier by the Rondeau family.

S.O.S. Save of our School...

St. James School wishes to thank all of our donors for their generous contributions to the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund.

We ask you to consider making a voluntary donation on the occasion of a death of a loved one (in lieu of flowers) or on the occasion of a happy event; e.g. wedding or anniversary (in lieu of flowers). "Save Our School" envelopes are at the entrances to the church.

Schedule for February 14 and February 15, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Ernie Charron	John Lupien
	Diane Charron	Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson	John Brady
	Sisters	Michelle Brady
Lector:	Adam Brindamour	Laurie Barrette

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 \$100,572.00.

MASSES

MONDAY, February 9,

9:00AM George Roberts...by Cindy
Departed Priests of our Parish

TUESDAY, February 10,

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

9:00AM Vance Carter...by Joan
John & Dot Regan...by family
Robert Steen...by Patricia

WEDNESDAY, February 11,

Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

9:00AM Stephen Sears...by Elizabeth
Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, February 12,

Lincoln's Birthday

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
Michael Trudeau...by his Aunt

FRIDAY February 13,

9:00AM Craig Stimmel...by family
Rita Le Beau...by family

SATURDAY, February 14,

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family
Rebecca Rich...by Tina Desabota
Wanda Cassetta...by children

SUNDAY, February 15,

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul Grenon
Stephen & Anna Szarkowicz...by family
9:00AM Patrick & Michael Dragon...by Mom & Dad
Ben Desaulnier...by family
11:00AM Anita Pelleter...by Michelle Brown
Debra Smith...by Betti Sheldon

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: 2/16; 2/19; 2/22; 2/23; 2/24; 2/25; 2/26; 3/01; 3/02

11:00AM 2/22; 3/01; 3/08; 3/15; 3/22; 3/29; 4/05; 4/12; 4/19

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

WEEKLY OFFERING. 2/01. \$6147.00

2/08 – La Salette Seminarians;

2/15 – Renovation/Painting Fund.

The 2025 Annual Statements will be provided to Weekly Envelope Users upon request. The request can be placed in the collection basket.

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.**HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS:** March 29 – April 05, 2026**VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE:** April 08, 2026, 6-8pm**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.....

Here are the next round of Raffle winners:

January 11.....Diane Barrette....\$100 Visa gift card

January 12.....Jessica Norris....\$25 Target & \$25 Starbucks

January 13.....Theresa Murphy.....\$25.....TJ Maxx

January 14....Jen Blake...Luxe & Nature Wellness Gift Basket & \$25 gift card

January 15....Tina Banks....\$150 Anya Restaurant

January 16...Jake Racicot...\$25 Amazon & \$25 Mr. Z's

January 17....Kevin St. Jean.....\$50 Friendly's Spirits

January 18....Melissa Long....\$50 85 Main St.

January 19... Michelle Dahlstrom...\$25 Baker's Dozen

January 20....Dolores Delude-Kimball...\$30 Sawdust Coffee & Dessert Bar

Marriage Retreat Day: "God Chose You for Me"

Married couples are invited to a one-day retreat presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, focused on deepening the spirituality of Matrimony.

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Pastoral Center, Bloomfield

\$ \$60 per couple (includes coffee, lunch & materials)

Register: archdioceseofhartford.org/godchoseyouforme

Info: Valerie St. Jean, 860-541-6491 ext. 2678

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

ATTENTION: Due to the painting project of St. James Church, next month's drawing will be on Sunday, February 15, 2026 in the church basement at **8:15 AM**. **PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGE IN TIME**. All are welcome to attend.

We still have open numbers in the club. If you know someone who would like to join, please contact us at

SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org or call the St. James Rectory at 860-774-3900.**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.

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.

Saint James Spring Super Raffle

To: Friends of St James
 From: Fr Roy Parayil, Joe & Kerri Beaudreault
 Subject: Annual Super Raffle In honor of Fr John O'Neill

The Spring Super Raffle is here again. Since 2020 this raffle has proven very successful. We have been able to give our school over \$100,000. The Spring Super Raffle will have the same format as last year's. Prizes will be based off the number of tickets sold. If we sell 200 tickets, we will have prizes of, \$5000, \$2000, \$1000 and two \$500. We will still have our famous 50/50 Raffle as well. The drawing will take place **March 7th** after the 4:30 mass. All are welcome to attend.

Please send your completed choice back to St. James Parish no later than March 4th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please mark your choice below:

- Pastor Circle \$1000 (Ten Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)
- Principal Circle \$750 (Seven Tickets for the grand prizes and Seven 50/50 Tickets)
- Deacon's Circle \$500 (Five Tickets for the grand prizes and Five 50/50 Tickets)
- Board of Directors Circle \$250 (Two Tickets for the grand prizes and Ten 50/50 Tickets)
- Patrons Circle \$100 (One Ticket for the grand prizes)
- Students Circle \$50 (Six 50/50 Tickets)
- Benefactors Circle \$10 (50/50 Tickets)

** Please include another piece of paper if you have multiple names you wish to have on your tickets. **

Make checks payable to St James
 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT 06239.

Thank you again for supporting St James School.

Any questions or concerns please contact Joe & Kerri Beaudreault or St James Rectory.

Joe # 860-428-0277 Kerri # 860-377-0214 St James Rectory# 860-774-3900

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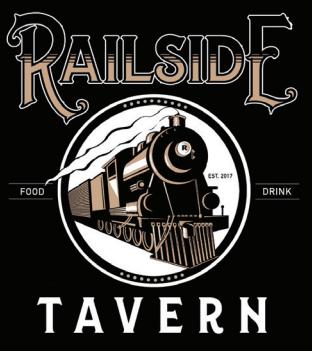
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