

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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February 15, 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...



The observance of Ash Wednesday insists that we should experience a complete conversion of heart and not simply regret our sins. Saint Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians advises us “to become reconciled to God.” There is a need

to express our repentance by becoming reconciled with God daily, by asking for forgiveness.

“Return to me”, Jesus says. “But where are you, Lord, so that we can return” We ask. “Look into your heart and health,” he says... He waits within, in the entrails, while we seek him overseas.

Lent is not just about little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed. This is the core of Lent: asking where our hearts are directed... The ashes on our head this week will remind us that ‘we are dust and unto dust we will return...’ We will always be dust, but as a liturgical hymn says, ‘dust in love.’ Let us pray once more to the Holy Spirit and rediscover the fire of praise, which consumes the ashes of lamentation and resignation.

Every Lent, we think about things we should give up. We think about the temptations we should resist, the devils we should conquer, and the evils we should overcome. As Jesus was confronted and challenged in the desert by the devil, we too are particularly challenged or diminished. So, the question we should ask ourselves about this lent is not what we can give up. Instead, it is what we can do more for God?

As we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, let’s remember that our almsgiving, prayer and fasting are precious to our loving Father in heaven. He delights in those moments of close friendship and does not want them spoiled. So, let’s do them quietly, without making any fanfare, for him, and for him alone: for our Father in heaven *who sees in secret*.

Loving Father, bless this holy time of Lent. Through it may we come to know you more intimately and to serve our brothers and sisters more generously. Amen.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

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 canceled until Easter.

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.**

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 18th – Masses 7AM, 9AM, 6PM

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday - 9AM

Saturday Vigil ----- 4.30 PM

Sunday ----- 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

Confessions: Every Saturday 3:45PM to 4.15PM

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 7PM

PARISH MISSION:

March 22nd, 23rd and 24th – 7PM - 8PM

Fr. Rosanno Soriano, M.S, Assistant Rector, La Salette Shrine, Attleboro, MA.

CONFESSIONS:

Every Saturday 3.45PM - 4.15PM

March 21st Saturday - 3PM – 4:15PM

March 28th Saturday - 3PM - 4.15PM

March 30th Monday - 9.30AM - 12PM

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-to-day repairs and renovations of the Church, Rectory and Convent.

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 canceled until further notice.

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 21 and February 22, 2026

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

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 16,
President's Day**

9:00AM Brian Hill...Birthday...by family
Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, February 17,
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

9:00AM Tim & Betty Regan...by family
Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
Gary Johnson...1st Anniversary...by family

WEDNESDAY, February 18,

Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Rita LeBeau...by family
Sick of the Parish
9:00AM Albert & Charlotte Larrow...by family
Roland Coddling...by family
Irene O'Hop...5th Anniversary...by Edwin
6:00PM Maurice Labrecque...by family
Arthur, Marie & Imelda Brodeur...by family

THURSDAY, February 19,

9:00AM Norma Mooney...3rd Anniversary...by family
The Rioux & Monast families...by family

FRIDAY February 20,

9:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau...by estate
Sr. Priscilla Pardis...by Small Christian
Community

SATURDAY, February 21,

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:30PM Robert Langevin...by family
Gerry Grenon...by Paul
Joyce Rust...by family

SUNDAY, February 22,

First Sunday of Lent

7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
Albina Parent...by family
9:00AM Karen Toni...by a friend
Lillian & Alphonse Bisson...by estate
11:00AM Lynn Champoux...2nd Anniv...by her sister
Robert LeBlanc...by family
Jeannette Preston...Month's Mind...by family

LASALLETTE 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: 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: 2/23; 2/24; 2/25; 2/26; 3/01; 3/02

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

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

WEEKLY OFFERING.2/08. \$3,402.00

2/15 – Renovation/Painting Fund. 2/18 – Ash Wednesday

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

ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS...

Please consider having an arrangement for our main Altar in memory of a loved one. The flower arrangement for 2/08 – In Memory of Barry Harvey by Colleen. The flower arrangement for 2/14 – In Memory of Anita Pelletier by the Rondeau family.

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: April 12, 2026 – 3pm

FIRST COMMUNION: May 2, 2026 -11 am.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: May 2, 2026 – 5.15 pm, after the 4.30 mass

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

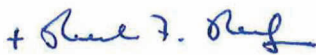
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A Thank you from the Bishop

Dear Father Parayil and Parishioners:

Thanks to your generosity, Saint James Parish contributed \$33,742.98 to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, 95.29% of your goal, with 19.00% of parishioners participating. On behalf of those we serve, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generous gifts to the 2025 One Faith, One Family Annual Catholic Appeal. Please know that you and your families remain in my prayers, and I humbly ask that you keep me in yours. May God continue to pour out His blessings upon you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

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 2/28 – The Sisters of Adoration.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS.....

Here are the last round of the calendar winners....and again, many thanks for supporting us---the 8th grade class.

January 21.....Jessica Rawson....Underdog Cross Fit--3 free classes

January 22....Stephanie MacFarland....\$25 Starbucks & \$25 Courthouse Grill

January 23 - Jake Desjardins....\$45 Soapy Paws Grooming

January 24 - Anne Marie Desobota....\$50

January 25 - Anne Cote....\$50 Texas Roadhouse

January 26 - Charlene Marshall...\$25 Black Dog Bar & Grill

January 27 - Vanessa Roy....\$25 Two Dogs Coffee House

January 28 - Tom Masso...\$50 Pamper Your Pup

January 29 - Cathy Goulet-\$25 Walmart& \$20 Main St. Gelato

January 30 - Donna Casco.....\$25 Panera Bread

January 31 - Mike Pelletier....CT National Golf for 4 w/cart

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.

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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