

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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February 22, 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...



Lent begins with the Temptations of Christ in the desert. Some people wonder why Christ is being tempted with food, power, and even idolatry fits into his saving mission. The answer comes easily. In his humility, Christ shows that we do not surrender to the attractions that occupy sinful deeds. In other words, for the Christian believer, ‘evil need never triumph’. Other people wonder how sin could tempt God. After all, God is all good and sin misses the good. The human nature of Christ makes him able to recognize whatever attractiveness a sinful proposal contains. And divinity prevents Him from sinning against the good.

There is always a call in us to listen to God’s voice. This first Sunday of Lent Jesus warns us to be watchful, for the devil seeks to distract us from God. We have two ears and one mouth, reminding us to listen more and speak less. But often, we forget to listen to God’s voice.

Temptations work differently with us. We experience attractions to things that fall short of any reasonable measure. Still, temptations of whatever kind should not frighten us. We have Christ who conquered Satan and who joins us to His victory in the desert. Though Satan is powerful and highly intelligent, he is no match for the grace of God. By uniting ourselves to Christ, we are strengthened to resist all that Satan and his demons throw at us. Victory over temptation is not achieved by our own strength but through Christ’s grace, which He freely offers to all who trust in Him.

During this Lenten season, we will encounter two voices: God’s and the devils’. Our fidelity to Christ depends on which voice we choose to listen. Jesus faced this dilemma, being torn between the devil’s flattery and God’s affirmation to His identity as the blessed Son.

During this Lent we should listen to God’s voice in every experience. We should discern His whisper amidst the noise of the world. Then we will choose the Way of the Cross, not the way of the world. By committing ourselves to listening to God’s voice we will know our true identity as beloved children of God.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore.”

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

LAW OF FASTING = On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. One full meal, two lighter meals, no eating between meals –binds those 18 to 59 years of age

LAW OF ABSTINENCE = No meat allowed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of lent. Binds those 14 years and older

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. We have received \$92,775.00. Thank you for your generosity. 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 28 and March 1, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Sisters	John Lupien Maureen Mann
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Susan Griffiths
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson Sisters	John Brady Michelle Brady
Lector:	Adam Brindamour	Laurie Barrette

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 23,
Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

9:00AM Salvatore & Linda Morreale...by friends
Dawn Ferland...by family

TUESDAY, February 24,

9:00AM Louise LaBelle...by her sister
Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, February 25,

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
Stephen Sears...by Alice

THURSDAY, February 26,

9:00AM Dan Roberts...by family
Debra Bernier...by Linda Pacheco

**FRIDAY February 27,
Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Richard Laviquier...1st Anniversary...by family
Rita LeBeau...by family

SATURDAY, February 28,

4:30PM Pat Integlia...by his wife, Linda
Ro Jeanne Doege...1st Ann...by a friend
Wanda & John Rutkowski...by family

**SUNDAY, March 1,
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:00AM Lillian & Alphonse Bisson...by estate
Jeannette Auger...by estate

9:00AM Ed Desaulnier...17th Anniversary...by family
Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
Irene & Edward Stack...by family

11:00AM Arthur, Marie & Imelda Brodeur...by estate
Vocations to Religious Life

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: 3/15; 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: 3/02; 3/03; 3/04; 3/05; 3/06; 3/10; 3/11; 3/12; 3/13; 3/16; 3/17; 3/18; 3/24; 3/25; 3/26; 3/27; 3/30; 4/06; 4/07; 4/08

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. 2/15. \$5,123.00

Renovation Fund 2/15 \$2,426.00

2/22 – School Support; 3/01 - Renovation Fund.

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. 2/14 - In Memory of Anita Pelletier by the Rondeau family. 3/21 – In Memory of Cecile Galarneau by Marguerite Grenier and family.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

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 / 860-614-5096

1000 CLUB WINNERS – JANUARY 2026

- \$1000 Michelle Wilson #28
- \$300 Carol & Norman Pelletier #284
- \$200 Carrie Benoit #7
- \$100 Margaret Burrige #31
- \$50 Alice Sears #487
- \$50 Wendy Martel #678
- \$25 Joel Ratel #383
- \$25 Ian & Monique Sanborn #806
- \$25 Garry Beausoleil #579
- \$25 Pauline Reali #69
- \$20 Trevor & Cydney Cardinal #821
- \$20 Mary Jane Burke #709
- \$20 Kelley Rochefort #11
- \$20 Tracie Craig #813
- \$20 Rose Bousquet #475
- \$20 Karen Clarke #597
- \$20 Jeff Fortin #504
- \$20 Maggie Grenier #64
- \$20 Sarah & Preston Nattress #141
- \$20 Veeral & Rula Patel #188
- Door Prize #1 Lucille Kaczor
- Door Prize #2 Donna Nason

ATTENTION: Due to the painting project of St. James Church, next month's drawing will be on Sunday, March 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.



**ST. JAMES CHURCH
VOCAATION COMMITTEE
PRESENTS...**

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SHOWDOWN
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026 AFTER**

THE 4:30PM MASS AT ST. JAMES SCHOOL CAFETERIA

*A NIGHT OF FAMILY, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP IN
HONOR OF THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH*

All are welcome to this free event!

**BIBLE TRIVIA NIGHT
PIZZA, POPCORN, & PRIZES!**

Sign up by March 16th, 2026



Family Name: _____

Number of people attending: _____

**RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. JAMES SCHOOL, OR
THE CHURCH OFFERTORY BASKET.**

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; 3/14 – Cindy..

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

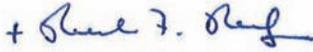
January 30 - Donna Casco.....\$25 Panera Bread

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

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

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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