

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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*St. James Church is staffed by
the La Salette Missionaries*

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March 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

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508-615-1621

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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...



This Sunday, we encounter a thirsty crowd and a thirsty woman at the well. Jesus offers living water, satisfying not just physical thirst but spiritual longing. The crowd grumbles against God, while the woman rejoices at finding the source

of eternal water.

Like the Israelites, we often murmur against God when our prayers are not granted. The Samaritan woman represents us all, carrying our old water jars, seeking to satisfy our thirst. But these old jars – authority, power, possessions – can never satisfy us. Jesus offers us a different way. He invites us to leave these jars behind and let Him fill our hearts.

To return to an authentic relationship with the Lord we need to return to ourselves and understand who we really are. The woman was hiding herself by being at the well at midday, when it would be deserted. But when she was being discovered, she went to proclaim the truth in the town where she was previously living in shame – even forgetting her water jar at the well, as if earthly concerns had given way to the joy of being known and loved by Jesus.

The living water Jesus desired to give her was the spiritual gift of grace to renew and refresh her soul. His divine eyes enabled Him to see her spiritual hunger, and His compassion filled Him with a desire to free her from her many burdens.

This opens the way for us to see the reality of our sins. We cannot run away from our past, we have to confront it, understand it, confess it and receive the living water of mercy. The holier we become, the more clearly, we will see even the smallest sins we have committed.

Lent is given to us to abandon all the masks under which we have buried our face and to recover our identity. When we humbly allow God’s mercy to touch us, we come out of our hiding and carry us into the world with peace and joy.

Let us surrender our thirst to Him, and may He satisfy it with His living water.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God’s sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, “Give me this water, sir...”. Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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 old

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 March 14 and March 15, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Ernie & Diane Charron	John Lupien Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. John Welch
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, March 9,
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

9:00AM A Special Intention...by a parishioner
Stephen Sears...by Alice

TUESDAY, March 10

9:00AM Vance Carter...by Joan
Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, March 11,

9:00AM James Hicks...by family
Vocations to Religious Life

THURSDAY, March 12,

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
For the Sick of the Parish

FRIDAY, March 13,

9:00AM Delvina Larrow...by family
Dorothy & Charles Whitaker...by family

SATURDAY, March 14,

4:30PM Vance Carter...by Paul
Phyllis Gudeahn...birthday...by family

SUNDAY, March 15,

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00AM Robert Langevin...by family
Peace in our World

9:00AM John W. Burns, Jr...by his wife, Rita
Edward McMahon...by a friend

Elaine & Eddie Rzezniakiewicz...by the Burns
Family

11:00AM Irene & Gerald Bessette...by Ann-Marie and
Wayne Terwilliger

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

In memory of Paula Magao by the Kimball family

**La Salette Mass intentions will be \$10 starting January 1st,
2026**

2026 Mass Openings: Mass Intentions: \$10.00 each

7:00AM: 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; 9/27; 10/04;

9:00AM: 3/16; 3/17; 3/18; 3/24; 3/25; 3/26; 3/27; 3/29; 3/30;

4/06; 4/07; 4/08; 4/09; 4/13; 4/14; 4/15; 4/16; 4/17; 4/20; 4/21;

11:00AM 3/29; 4/05; 4/12; 4/19; 5/03; 5/10; 5/17; 5/24; 5/31

4:30PM 3/21; 3/28; 4/11; 5/02; 5/30; 6/06; 6/13; 6/20; 7/04

WEEKLY OFFERING3/03 \$4717.00

Renovation Fund 3/03 \$2148.00

3/08 – Save our School; 3/15 – Easter Flowers and

ACA Collection

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. 3/21 – In Memory of Cecile Galarneau by Marguerite Grenier and family.

PLANNING A WEDDING...Arrangements for your marriage should be made with the Church first, as this is the most important part of your wedding day. To secure your wedding date with the church you must first have the initial interview with one of the priests and also have paid the church deposit.

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

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.

3/14 – Cindy.

2026 ACA News:

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2026 ACA, *One Faith, One Family*, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. [The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 14/15, 2026.](#) Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for 4:30PM & 9:00AM Masses. Please consider partaking in this beautiful ministry for our parish. Call the rectory 860-774-3900.

St. James School News: Thank you to the families and friends that donated to the calendar raffle. It was a huge success this year raising over \$8,000 for the school.

Saturday	14-Feb	\$250	Will Conforti or Contorti
Sunday	15-Feb	\$50	Chris Champagne
Monday	16-Feb	\$100	Holly Deffley
Tuesday	17-Feb	\$20	Erica Barbeau
Wednesday	18-Feb	\$100	Danielle Palazzi
Thursday	19-Feb	\$20	Kathy Chester
Friday	20-Feb	\$20	Melissa Slater
Saturday	21-Feb	\$20	Donna D'Andrea
Sunday	22-Feb	\$50	Paul Cantelli
Monday	23-Feb	\$20	Anne Cote
Tuesday	24-Feb	\$20	Jessica Lefebvre
Wednesday	25-Feb	\$20	Alicia Lambert
Thursday	26-Feb	\$20	Sean Grant
Friday	27-Feb	\$20	Roberto Melanson
Saturday	28-Feb	\$20	Allyson and Brian Proppe

1000 CLUB NEWS

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
VOCATION 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.**

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH – PRO-LIFE MASS & BUS TRIP TO STATE CAPITOL.

This year’s Connecticut March for Life will be the biggest pro-life advocacy event in our State’s history! Join us in The Support of Life from conception to natural death. Our Message of love for unborn children and their mothers will be seen and heard by every member of the legislature and across the State! Cost of trip is \$20 per person.

Details of State Capitol bus trip and Application are available on tables in Church Hall

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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