

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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March 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...



Lazarus became ill and died; his sisters are devastated. Jesus arrives at their home at a time when it seems too late. Before the reality of Lazarus's death, Jesus weeps. Yet, before the power of Jesus' love, death loses its power and Lazarus is brought back to life.

We could relate ourselves to Martha. At times we don't understand and we question the Lord. This is often followed by a graced act of faith: *Yes, Lord you are the Christ, the Son of God.* In other moments, we are like Mary, falling silent in worship before Jesus. There are also places in our heart where we feel like Lazarus, dead and in tomb. Jesus' invitation and command – *Lazarus, come out!* – is also for us.

Jesus perfectly understands everything we experience. His deep empathy for our suffering and His joy when we rise with His grace show us how intimately He knows us. God became one of us in every way, sharing in our human condition-though without sin-so we might share in His divinity.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus host Jesus in their home and he brings the fullness of his divinity and his sacred humanity. Whenever we invite Jesus into our lives, our home, he comes. He enters into the places where we need his friendship, love and mercy. He holds nothing of himself back and he calls us back to life. So, ponder His humanity and let His closeness draw us to Him, giving us a share in His divine life.

Jesus' words to Lazarus's mourners echo through the ages: "Remove the stone." What stones are holding us back? What prejudices, bad habits, worries, or unhealthy attitudes are imprisoning us?

We are tempted to cling to darkness because we feel comfortable with it. But Jesus calls us to step into the light, no matter how difficult it may seem. He invites us to emerge from our self-made graves and break the chains that bind us. Will we allow Jesus to roll away the stones that hold us captive?

Heavenly Father, I welcome you into my heart, and into my home. I welcome your mercy and your saving presence in my life.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

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: **April 20th 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

HOLY WEEK SERVICE

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass: March 28th, 4:30PM

Palm Sunday: March 29th at 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

Holy Thursday: April 2nd, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7PM

Good Friday: April 3rd, Stations of the Cross - 3PM followed by Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3.30PM

Easter Vigil: April 4th, (Holy Saturday) - 8PM

Easter Sunday: April 5th, 7AM, 9AM and 11AM

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

Schedule for March 28 and March 29, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Rene Parent
E. Minister:	Ernie & Diane Charron Sisters	John Lupien Maureen Mann
Lector:	Mike Lehman	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil
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 March 17, 2025, the donations have amounted to \$101,072.00.**

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.

Pope Leo's Intention for the Month of March:

For disarmament and peace
 Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."



St. James Church will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on April 12th at 3 PM.

MASSES

- MONDAY, March 23,**
Saint Turibius of Movegrovejo, Bishop
 9:00AM Catherine Ondisco...by her family
 Genevieve Piotrowski...by Tom & Gail Seiferman
- TUESDAY, March 24,**
Saint Oscar Romero Bishop and Martyr
 9:00AM William Whitiker, Sr...by family
 Souls in Purgatory
- WEDNESDAY, March 25,**
The Annunciation of the Lord
 9:00AM Scott Normandie...by family
 Vocations to Religious Life
- THURSDAY, March 26**
 9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
 Roland & Lorraine Savoie
- FRIDAY, March 27,**
 9:00AM Loretta Bartlett...by family
 Sister Doris Gamelin
- SATURDAY, March 28,**
 4:30PM The Rioux & Monast Families...by estate
 The Kuszaj family...by family
- SUNDAY, March 29,**
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
 Fr. Joseph Whalen
 9:00AM Rita LeBeau...by family
 Jeannette Rounds...by family
Fifth Sunday Rosary at 9:45 am after Mass
 11:00AM Barbara Beausoleil...by family
 Debbie Mertz...by a friend

PARISH MISSION - MARCH 22nd, 23rd and 24th 7 - 8PM

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: 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: 3/24; 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 4/05; 4/12; 4/19; 5/03; 5/10; 5/17; 5/24; 5/31
4:30PM 4/11; 5/02; 5/30; 6/06; 6/13; 6/20; 7/04

WEEKLY OFFERING. . . . See next week's bulletin.
3/22 – Renovation Fund; 3/29 - Palm Sunday, Rice Bowl, Endowment 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.

CEMETERY NOTICE...Please remove all winter boxes, pots and other decorations from Holy Cross, St. James and St. Joseph's Cemeteries by March 29, 2026. All boxes and decorations left on the lots after this date will be removed and disposed of.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: March 28 - 9 am to 11pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: March 29, 2026 - after the 9 am mass.

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)

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: May 31, 2026 - after the 9 am mass.

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.

3/28 – Sisters of Adoration.

2026 ACA News:

As the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal “One Faith, One Family” continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable our ministries to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian needs to many. Pledge envelopes are located on the tables in the Church Hall or you may visit:

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment or call (860)886-1928 for alternative ways to give. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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.

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
Sunday	1-Mar	\$50	Daniel Petre Sr.
Monday	2-Mar	\$20	Holly Deffley
Tuesday	3-Mar	\$20	Mary Ann Weigel
Wednesday	4-Mar	\$20	Jim Siekerski
Thursday	5-Mar	\$20	Angie Milestone
Friday	6-Mar	\$20	Meylinda Burton
Saturday	7-Mar	\$20	Marguerite Grenier

CONGRATULATIONS! TO OUR ST. JAMES SCHOOL SPRING SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS FOR MARCH 7, 2026:



\$5000 – Wayne Logee

\$2000 – Paul Grenon

\$1000 – Linda Integlia

\$500 - Roland Lupien

\$500 - Lillian Laime

50/50 Winner:

\$500 - Ben Todd

Thank you to all who participated in this raffle.

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.



Wishing Fr. Roy a Happy and Blessed Birthday on his birthday, March 26th.

Happy Birthday, Fr. Roy!

CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE???WHY NOT DONATE IT????

St. James Parish in Danielson is collecting vehicles. The St. James Organization will give you a written appraisal of your car which may be used as a tax-deductible charitable donation. All monies will be used for the St. James Renovation Fund or for the St. James Scholarship Fund. Inquiries may be made by calling (860) 774-3900.

1000 CLUB NEWS:Congratulations to the following winners of the St. James School 1000 Club!MARCH 2026

\$1000 Stephen & Alexandra Robin #858
 \$300 Cary Marcoux #557
 \$200 Michael & Rosemarie Payne #639
 \$100 Sharon Koziol #899
 \$50 James Pulliam #611
 \$50 Phillip & Corrine Kenyon #697
 \$25 Mary Ann Weigel #42
 \$25 Lenore Gudmundson #270
 \$25 Judy Ternowchek #689
 \$25 Marcia Farquhar #624
 \$20 Cindy Greene #237
 \$20 Christine Guari #825
 \$20 Etta & Norman Sorel #582
 \$20 Brittany Reynolds #441
 \$20 Kim Hitchcock #502
 \$20 Eileen Duval #786
 \$20 Lenore Gudmundson #928
 \$20 Ben Desaulniers #257
 \$20 Marcia & Matti Huhta #727
 \$20 Gwen Wilson #459

Door Prize #1 Kathy Chester
 Door Priza #2 Marcia Fortin

Our next drawing will be on Sunday, April 19, 2026 in the church basement at 8:30 AM. 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.

Hoping everyone has a wonderful Easter!!

Joanne & Kathy

Blood Drive:

Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens Center 69 S. Main St., Brooklyn will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 8th from 12 to 5p.m. Blood supplies are at extremely low levels making the need even more dire at this time. We hope that you would be willing to make an announcement at your services and or post our flyer.

We appreciate your support in making our drives successful.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sophie Charron Director/QVSCC

Diocesan News:

Annulment Workshop ~ If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren't quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, consider attending this informational workshop Tuesday, April 21st from 7-8:30 P.M. at St. Mary's Church, 45 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT. Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Vocations Director, who has worked with the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will be there to answer questions and explain the numerous aspects of the annulment process. For more information, contact Liza Roach at 860-848-2237, Ext 305.



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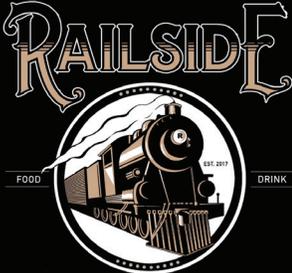
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If interested, please call
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860-774-3900 for information.
Please consider spending
a weekend with the LaSallettes.

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