

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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March 29, 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...



Palm Sunday combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering. Jesus is recognized by the crowd as the one who comes in the name of the Lord, before whom they shout 'Hosanna.' Later the crowd clamors for his crucifixion.

By celebrating Palm Sunday every year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

In the sweeping drama of the Passion – amid betrayals, lies, cruelty, horror, and final triumph of Christ – one thing is certain: Jesus commands every second. Reading the entire Passion narrative, as we do on Palm Sunday and again on Good Friday, we see unmistakably that Jesus – God himself – is in charge. His authority is our surety.

In his trial before Pilate, Jesus could have defended himself right away by announcing his identity. Instead, by his silence, he prompts Pilate to ask the ultimate question: *whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.* When Jesus answers, *You have said it so,* he turns it back on Pilate, actually to pronounce the words of truth. Jesus does go on to declare that the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power and will come on the clouds of heaven – but it is Pilate, the very man who condemns him, whom Jesus in his authority appoints to declare the truth of Christ.

Jesus' Passion is a powerful reminder that our struggles and hardships are opportunities for growth. As we journey through Holy Week, let us focus on the value that God gives us, not the world. Let our struggles and hardships help us sanctify ourselves, not just go through it. Like Jesus, let us ride into the challenges of life with joy, determination, and faith.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust in your authority and to be confident that even in life's most difficult moments, we can be sure that you are taking care of us.
Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son 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:

April 20th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

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

Confessions: March 30th Monday - 9.30AM - 12PM

Holy Thursday: April 2nd, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7PM, Nocturnal Adoration from the conclusion of Mass to 10PM.

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

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.

Schedule for April 4 and April 5, 2026

	8:00PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Louis & Sandra LePine	John Lupien Maureen Mann
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 March 17, 2025, the donations have amounted to **\$101,072.00.**

CHRISM MASS

This year, His Excellency, Bishop Richard F. Reidy, Bishop of Norwich, invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**

MASSES

**MONDAY, March 30,
Monday of Holy Week**

9:00AM Kevin Mooney...by family
 Louise LaBelle...by Helene LaBelle
 Thivierge & Veilleux families...Happy Easter...
 by Margaret

9:30AM - 12N...Confessions

**TUESDAY, March 31,
Tuesday of Holy Week**

9:00AM Irene Crabtree...1st Anniversary...by Joan Carter
 Leonard & Alice Shepard...by Mary Morgan

10:30 AM...Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

**WEDNESDAY, April 1,
Wednesday of Holy Week**

9:00AM Ben Desaulnier...by family
 Matthew Alsfeld...by Tom & Gail Seiferman

THURSDAY, April 2,

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00PM Priest's Intentions
Adoration after the Mass - till 10.p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 3,
Good Friday**

3:00PM Stations of the Cross
 3:30PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 Priest's Intentions

**SATURDAY, April 4
Holy Saturday**

8:00PM Easter Vigil
 Priest's Intentions

SUNDAY, April 5,

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul Grenon
 Jacqueline Caron...by her mother
 Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Cecile LeBeau...
 by Jane Radei

9:00AM The LaBelle & Tetreault families...by family
 Sebastian Porter...by Clyde & Barbara Porter

11:00AM Kerry Brown...by family
 Michael Trudo...by Helene LaBelle

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 3/15 \$ 4639.00

WEEKLY OFFERING 3/22 \$ 5040.00

Renovation Fund 3/22 \$ 3233.00;

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.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: 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.



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 3PM

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE...

A used book store and coffeehouse is now open at 103 Main Street, Danielson, CT. Hours of operation are Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10AM to 5PM. The store is closed Sunday to Tuesday, holidays and snowy days. Please patronize, promote and support our bookstore. Net profits benefit St. James School. For more info, please call 860-774-1712, (Wednesdays to Saturdays) or leave a message. God Bless you all! Jim

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. Here is the updated calendar raffle winners:

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
Sunday	8-Mar	\$50 Bristelle Terry
Monday	9-Mar	\$20 Holly Deffley
Tuesday	10-Mar	\$20 Kathy Chester
Wednesday	11-Mar	\$20 Karen Cantrell
Thursday	12-Mar	\$20 Allen Forte
Friday	13-Mar	\$20 Lori Goulston
Saturday	14-Mar	\$20 Mark Prime
Sunday	15-Mar	\$50 Jaapdevries
Monday	16-Mar	\$20 Patty SanAntonio
Tuesday	17-Mar	\$100 James St. Jean
Wednesday	18-Mar	\$20 Allyson and Brian Proppe
Thursday	19-Mar	\$20 Sean Grant
Friday	20-Mar	\$20 Anthony Thibodeau Jr.
Saturday	21-Mar	\$20 Donna D'Andrea

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.

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.

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
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- \$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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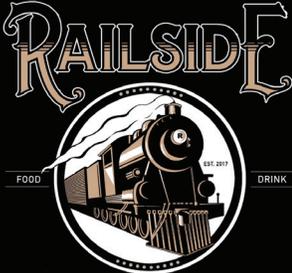


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