

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

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

## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.

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**April 26, 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

## Religious Education Directors

Mary E. McMahon-Chappell

508-615-1621

Marcia Bardin

860-634-3915

## St. James School Principal

Catherine Reed

860-774-3281

## 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...



On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It invites us to recognize the universal reach of God's love, appreciate the diversity within the community of believers and listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Jesus declares Himself the gate for the sheep. When we acknowledge God's presence in our hearts, we will be empowered to touch the hearts of others, share His love, and our words will pierce the deepest recesses of their souls. Like Jesus, when purpose fuels our passion, we will push through every obstacle, overcome every challenge, and endure every hardship.

The gate of God's love is always open, welcoming all with open arms. It is an invitation to enter, receive, and experience the transformative power of His love. The gate is open - come as you are and be loved.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for vocations. Jesus' followers are those who hear His voice. To recognize Jesus' voice is to respond to the call of grace, trust in His teachings, and follow into the fullness of life He offers. Hearing His voice emphasizes the personal and intimate relationship between the Good Shepherd and His sheep, illustrating the need for attentive listening in our spiritual journey. Only by humbly admitting our need for His guidance can we allow Him to lead us to green pastures and salvation.

Jesus assures us that His sheep will never perish and provides a profound sense of security, assuring us that our eternal destiny is safeguarded in the hands of the Good Shepherd. Jesus promises to give His sheep eternal life, which is not a distant future reality but a present possession for us who follow the Shepherd faithfully.

*Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to hear and respond to Your gentle voice. May we, as Your beloved sheep, follow You with trust and joy.*

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

**Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheep gate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

**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 has re-opened as of 4/08.

**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:

**May 18th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.**

**EASTER SEASON PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Almighty, and ever-living God, we, your Church, celebrate your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. We pray for those you have raised up for priestly ministry, who share the joy of the resurrection and the living sacrifice of Christ. Bless them with new life as they proclaim the Good News of Christ, our great High Priest. Bestow your Holy Spirit on them, lead us all to follow Christ our Way, our Truth, our Life. Let us join the Angels and Saints around the throne of the Lamb singing Alleluia! Now and for eternity. Hear us as we pray, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

**MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...** The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar is open for the month of April & May. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one. 5/09 – In memory of Elizabeth Rondeau by children.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for the completion of the painting and renovation project. As planned, we were able to get back to the church for the Holy Week celebrations.



My special appreciation goes to all of you and for your generous donations, cooperation and for your patient waiting.

I would like to give you an update of our project:

**Donations received \$ 94,630.00**

**Expenses:**

- Painting the church – 49,590
- Flooring & repositioning the pews– 33,155
- Carpeting the entrance to the church – 3,541
- Total: 86,286.00**
- Electrical (New LED bulbs and fitting) – 10,736.04
- Book holders for the pews – 2437.50
- Total: 13,173.54**

**Grand Total: 99,459.54**

**Schedule for May 2nd and May 3, 2026**

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Rene Parent	Fr. Rene Parent
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Louis LePine Sandra LePine	John Lupien Maureen Mann
<b>Lector:</b>	Phyllis Morrison	
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
<b>E. Minister:</b>	Bev Richardson Sisters	John Brady Michelle Brady
<b>Lector:</b>	Adam Brindamour	Laurie Barrette

**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.

**MASSES**

**MONDAY, April 27,**

9:00AM Denise Desaulnier Freeland...5<sup>th</sup> Anniv...by family  
Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, April 28,**

**Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest**

9:00AM Denise Desaulnier Freeland...by family  
Wanda & Dennis Rukowski...21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
...by family

**WEDNESDAY, April 29,**

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Jim and Joan Kent...by family  
Peace in our world

**THURSDAY, April 30,**

**Saint Pius V, Pope**

9:00AM Allen Hill...by family  
Sick of our parish

**FIRST FRIDAY, May 1,**

**Saint Joseph the Worker Friendship Day**

9:00AM Linda Renaud & Connie Leveille  
Ernest Charron Sr...by family

**SATURDAY, May 2,**

**Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

4:30PM Daniel Hicks...by family  
Vocations to Religious Life

**SUNDAY, May 3,**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:00AM Joyce Nadeau...by family  
Stephen & Anna Szarkowicz...by family  
Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Ceile LeBeau...  
by Jane Radei

9:00AM Elaine Rzeknikiewicz...by the Burns family  
Joseph Stack...by Bev

11:00AM Paula Magao...by Wayne & Jason Magao  
William Dunn...by Lynda Byrne

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**2026 Mass Openings: Mass Intentions: \$10.00 each**

**7:00AM:** 5/17; 6/14; 6/28; 7/19; 8/30; 9/13; 9/20; 10/11; 10/18  
**9:00AM:** 4/27; 4/28; 4/29; 4/30; 5/01; 5/02; 5/05; 5/07; 5/11; 5/12; 5/13; 5/14; 5/15; 5/18; 5/19; 5/22; 5/26; 5/27; 5/28; 5/29; 6/01; 6/02; 6/03; 6/04; 6/05; 6/08; 6/09; 6/10; 6/11; 6/15; 6/16  
**11:00AM:** 5/03; 5/10; 5/17; 5/31; 6/07; 6/14; 6/21; 6/28; 7/05; 7/12; 7/19; 8/02; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30; 8/13; 9/20; 9/27; 10/11; 4:30PM: 5/02; 5/30; 6/06; 6/13; 6/20; 7/04; 7/11; 7/25; 8/15;

**WEEKLY OFFERING. . 4/12 . . . . . \$5967.00**

**Weekly Offering . . . . .4/19 . . . . . \$4868.00**

**Renovation Fund . . . . . 4/19 . . . . . \$2470.00**

**4/26 – School Support, Novena of Masses;**

**5/03 – Renovation Fund; 5/10 – Father’s Day Memorial Donation.**

**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)

**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.**GRADE 8 GRADUATION MASS:** June 5, 2026**CORPUS CHRISTI:** June 7, 2026 –Adoration after 11 am mass – 4 pm, Vocation Committee)**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART:** June 12, 2026**FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:** June 21, 2026 after the 9am mass**FEAST OF ST. JAMES:** July 25-26, 2026**PARISH PICNIC:** July 26, 2026 -11.45 am.**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY:** August 30, 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. 4/18 – by Cindy, Lisa; 4/25 – by Sisters of Adoration.

**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 April 10, 2026 the donations have amounted to \$101,122.00.



DEAR PARISHIONERS,  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN  
**FATHER RENE PARENT, M.S.**  
AS HE CELEBRATES THE

**50th**  
**Anniversary**

*OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION*

Jubilee Mass at 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

St. James Church, Danielson, CT

Followed by a Luncheon in church hall

**Vigil Lights are burning brightly for...** Peace in our world and ending the war in the Middle East.



**Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!**

**Eleanor Eaton, Amicia Bulmer, Layla Garcia, Anthony Garcia and Zoe Granger.**

**May the love & grace of God always be with these children. Congratulations!**

*Planting Seeds of Faith and Hope*



Mother's Day  
celebration sponsored  
by Vocation  
Committee.

Please join us for our Annual Ladies' Event (with Coffee/Tea and desserts)

Date: May 9, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Please bring an annual starter plant for Our Lady's Garden. A baked dessert (e.g. muffins, cookies, etc.) would be appreciated (optional).

Sign up and return your completed slip in the collection basket (or call the rectory) before Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring a starter plant... yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring a dessert .....yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Knights of Columbus Council**

**#2883**

**Pasta Dinner**

**In Memory of Vance Carter**



**Location: St. James Church Hall,  
12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT  
Saturday, May 2, 2026, 5:15 – 7:00 PM**

**Come join us for a dinner in the church hall after the 4:30 Mass. Meal consists of pasta with meatballs, sausage, salad, rolls and dessert.**

**Water, soda and coffee will be available.**

**Adults and Children ages 12 and older- \$15**

**Children ages 5-12- \$10**

**Under 5 years old- Free**

**Take-out also available- \$15 per meal**

**Tickets sold in advance and at the door.**

**Credit/Debit cards will be accepted at the door.**

**Tickets may be purchased Rectory. Tuesday thru Friday  
10AM to 3PM. 860-382-5897**

**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

**Congratulations to the following winners of the St. James School 1000 Club!**

APRIL 2026

- \$1000 Matthew & Alexis Dionne #248
- \$300 Donald Costello #447
- \$200 David & Joan Duignan #374
- \$100 Arlene Renaud #450
- \$50 Lenore Gudmundson #896
- \$50 Wilfred Blanchard #884
- \$25 Justin & Kayla Trant #937
- \$25 Jean Maas #15
- \$25 Kevin & Elizabeth Coderre #529
- \$25 Joyce Kuchy #978
- \$20 Lenore Gudmundson #511
- \$20 Cory & Jessica Hanley #180
- \$20 Courtney Poirier #372
- \$20 Carol Gardner #478
- \$20 Rita LaBelle #346
- \$20 Gary Grenier #258
- \$20 Lukas Kocan #769
- \$20 Bernard Ducat #381
- \$20 Ashlee Peloquin #885
- \$20 Stephen Kuszaj #831

Door Prize #1 Steve Balick

Door Prize #2 Pam Janetatos

Our next drawing will be on Sunday, May 17, 2026 in the church basement at 8:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.

Just a reminder that the St. James Memorial Golf Tournament will be held next month on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Hardell at 860-933-2555 or email [cbhardell@gmail.com](mailto:cbhardell@gmail.com)

We still have open numbers in the club. If you know someone who would like to join, please contact us at [SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org) or call the St. James Rectory at 860-774-3900.

Joanne & Kathy

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.



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and Brothers are looking  
for a few good men to  
join their Community.**  
If interested, please call  
Father Roy Parayil M.S., at  
860-774-3900 for information.  
Please consider spending  
a weekend with the LaSallettes.

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