

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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the La Salette Missionaries*

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August 2, 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

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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...

If we desire a Tabor experience, we must be willing to ascend to the top - moving away from the noisy valleys of our lives. The journey to the mountain's peak is not easy; it requires effort, perseverance, and determination. But the experience on top is breathtaking. However, the journey doesn't end at the summit. The descent is as just as important, for it is in the descent that we bring the wisdom, insights and experiences gained at the top back to the world below.

This week on August 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This solemn occasion commemorates the transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The story describes how Jesus, in the presence of his disciples Peter, James, and John, underwent a transformation, with his appearance becoming radiant, and Moses and Elijah appearing beside him. This moment symbolizes the divine nature of Jesus and his role as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

The Feast holds immense spiritual significance for us. It serves as a powerful revelation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, strengthening our faith and providing reassurance of his divine nature. The event highlights the interconnectedness of the Old and New Testaments, as Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets respectively, affirm Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

The Feast also carries profound spiritual teachings. It serves as a reminder to us to seek transformation and illumination in our own lives, striving to grow closer to God and to reflect His divine light to the world. The radiant transfiguration of Jesus call s upon us to experience a similar transformation in our hearts and minds, transcending earthly concerns and embracing the divine presence in our lives.

The Feast reaffirms His divine nature and role as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. As a faith community we commemorate this sacred feast and are reminded of the divine light that shines within us and are called to reflect this light to the world around us through our actions and devotion to the Lord.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-3

With great enthusiasm and fervor, God urges his people to come to him and to accept the gifts he extends to them.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In words that are both stirring and courageous, Paul exclaims that nothing will separate him and his followers from the love of Christ--neither trial--nor persecution--nor death.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew gives us a straightforward and convincing account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Because the crowds following Jesus were hungry, he took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, and gave them to the crowds. Although the people numbered about five thousand, there was still food remaining.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: August 30, 2026, After the 9 am mass.

INTERNATIONAL LA SALETTE LAITY DAY: September 10, 2026

LA SALETTE NOVENA AND FEAST: September 12 - 20, 2026

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 3, 2026 - 11 am

(Parking Lot, K of C)

4th ANNIVERSARY – FR. JOHN: October 11, 2026

CONFIRMATION: October 28, 2026 – 7 pm.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026: Veneration of Saints' Relics, 7 am to 12 pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: November 29, 2026, After the 9 am mass.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 05, 2026

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Pilgrimage to La Salette: December 12, 2026

CLEANING

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers: December 19 - 9am to 12pm.

SPRING CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-April. (K of C)

SUMMER CLEAN UP (OUTSIDE): Mid-November. (K of C)

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

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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.

8/01- The Sisters;8/09 –The Charrons.

Schedule for August 8th and August 9, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Cathryn Merolla Sisters	Julie Dupont Maggie Grenier
Lector:	Mike Lehman	Susan Griffiths
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John Welch
E. Minister:	Jeff Gerardi Sisters	Denis Bessette Peter Gerardi
Lector:	Marshall Hudon	Stephen Houle

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar is open for the month of August. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one; 8/01 - 56th Wedding Anniversary.by Sue Griffiths.

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 – Bingo every Wednesday night

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:

August 17th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Mary, Baltic, Friday, August 14, 2026 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MASSES**MONDAY, August 3,**

9:00AM Raymond Balick...6th Anniv...by his wife & children
Vocations to Religious Life

TUESDAY, August 4,**Saint John Vianney, Priest**

9:00AM Fr. Rene Parent...by the Sisters of Adoration
Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, August 5,**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

9:00AM James & Joan Kent...by family
Peace in our world

THURSDAY, August 6,**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
Arthur, Marie & Imelda Brodeur by family

FIRST FRIDAY, August 7,**Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs,****Saint Cajten, Priest**

9:00AM Fr. John O'Neill & Sr. Anila...by the Sisters
For the sick of our parish

SATURDAY, August 8,**Saint Dominic, Priest**

4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by Jane Radei
Jane Daigle...by Alice Sears
Fr. John O'Neill...by Aunt Alice

SUNDAY, August 9,**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul Grenon
Stephen & Anna Szarkowicz...by family
Joseph & Anne Boligan...by the Boligan family

9:00AM John Gallow, Jr...by his wife, Rita
Francis Barry...by family

11:00AM Mildred Daigneault...Month's Mind...by family
James Gilbert...7th Anniversary...by family
Clarice LaPerle...by her husband
Cecile Trahan...birthday...by Mark Trahan

LA SALETTE 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

2026 Mass Openings: Mass Intentions: \$15.00 each

7:00AM: 8/30; 9/13; 9/20; 10/11; 10/18

9:00AM: 8/02; 8/03; 8/04; 8/05; 8/10; 8/11; 8/17; 8/18; 8/19; 8/20; 8/21; 8/23; 8/25; 8/26; 8/27; 8/28; 8/31; 9/01; 9/02; 9/03.

11:00AM: 8/02; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30; 8/13; 9/20; 9/27; 10/25; 11/08; 11/15; 11/29; 12/13;

4:30PM: 9/05; 9/19; 10/03; 11/07; 11/21

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please... remember to complete the envelope with amount you are giving. It's a big help to our Money Counters.

WEEKLY OFFERING . . 7/26. \$5010.00

8/02 – St. James School Debt; 8/09 – School Support

8/15 – Assumption of Mary; 8/16 – Save our School.

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE... A used bookstore 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

Religious Education

Register now for Religious Education 2026-2027 and be part of St. James Parish community!

Our Faith Formation Program supports children and families as they grow in faith and become more connected to parish life in a caring and encouraging environment. Now is the perfect time to sign up and reserve your child's place for the upcoming year.

Registration forms are at the entrances to the Church, and the forms can be placed in the collection basket.

Welcome – all new and returning students.

SJS Teaching Vacancies

St. James School is seeking to fill the following vacancy for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

**** Middle School Math & Science Teacher**

Applications and references accepted by email to:
Catherine Reed, Principal
Send to: c.reed@stjamesdanielson.org

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EXPERIENCE ST. JAMES SCHOOL – 860.774.3281

BECOME A CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: The Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam CT, in partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, is offering a two-year certification program for those who would like to serve as Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during a two-week winter training session each year. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our program to begin accompanying others on their journey of faith. Application materials can be found at: immaculateconceptioncenter.org. For questions, please email: admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org or call: 860-928-7955.

Thank you and God bless!

Kayla McGovern, Assistant
Immaculate Conception Center
860-928-7955 " Administrative Assistant

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 or send fax to (860) 774-4205. Our organization helps you to eliminate the hassle in selling a car and you contribute to a great charity.

**Prayer for the 180th anniversary
La Salette Apparition (1846-2026)**

Our Lady of La Salette, reconciler of sinners, you came to call us back to your Son, with tears of love and words of hope. Help us to come closer to Jesus Christ, to receive His Word that enlightens and consoles, and to live lives of conversion and faith. Teach us to be witnesses of reconciliation, in our communities and in the world. Guide us during this time of preparation, That we may celebrate this anniversary With renewed hearts and joyful spirits. We entrust ourselves to your care, now and always. Amen.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Strengthen your marriage this summer through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at Holy Family Retreat Center from August 28–30, 2026. This residential experience offers couples an opportunity to reconnect, reflect, and deepen their relationship with one another and with God. Space is limited and filling quickly. For more information or to register, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at (860) 337-2447 or visit <https://www.mectw.org/applyWeekend.php>

RETRouvaille OF CT

If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love in the first place. Our next Marriage Workshop Weekend is September 18-20, 2026 in Windsor, CT. Contact us today for information or to register: helpourmarriage.org or (860) 837-0447.

Steve & Cheryl Thomas
Community Outreach Couple
Retrouvaille of CT and Western MA
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Wednesday Night Bingo... Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over \$1,000.00 is given away each week. Plus there are 2 progressive games. Come try your luck! Game sales start at 6PM. All profits benefit St. James School. Bingo workers are also needed. Please call Bob Coddington @ 860-481-9167.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed. The 9:00AM Sunday Mass and 4:30PM Saturday Mass have openings. Please call the rectory if you are interested in partaking in this ministry. Call the rectory - 860 -774-3900 or call Ernie Charron at 860-614-5096.

The diocese held two informational meetings introducing our **NEW Ministry-Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors**, which takes place in "on site" in convalescent, healthcare, and assisted living facilities.

We are looking for people who can donate ½ an hour/twice a month to be a Divine Mercy Ministry leader. The location would be at a facility that you choose and is convenient for you. All materials and training will be provided.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry please contact Andrea Hoisl 860-848-2237, ext. 203 or ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net.

Andrea D. Hoisl
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Family Hike with Bishop Reidy at Wachusett Mountain

Join Bishop Reidy for a Family Hike at Wachusett Mountain on Saturday, August 8th. This moderate hike features scenic views and approximately 1,000 feet of elevation gain, making it suitable for those who are comfortable hiking on uneven terrain. Check-in begins at 9:30 AM, with the hike departing promptly at 10:00 AM. Participants should bring a packed lunch, water, and appropriate footwear. The hike will conclude by approximately 2:30 PM. Space is limited. Please register by completing the form at <https://bit.ly/HIKEWACHUSETT> (CASE SENSITIVE WITH THE END ALL CAPITALS- hit enter and wait 8 seconds for ad to pass) or by calling Liza Roach at 860-848-2237 ext. 305. We look forward to hiking with you!

Liza Roach
Family Life Minister
Evangelization & Discipleship Ministry
(860)848-2237 ex.305
331 Main Street Floor 2
Norwich, CT 06360

ST. JAMES SCHOOL - OPENINGS FOR PRE-K CALL TODAY – 868-774-3281 SPACE IS LIMITED

- FULL DAY PRE K & 4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAMS
- PRE-K - 8
- FAITH BASED, MASS ATTENDANCE
- STRONG ACADEMIC PROGRAM
- READING, MATH AND SPEECH INTERVENTION,
- FULL TIME NURSE
- WEEKLY SPECIALS: ART, MUSIC, P.E., COMPUTER, SPANISH LIBRARY
- FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE
- EXTENDED DAY UNTIL 5:30 PM
- TUTORING AVAILABLE
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Congratulations to the following winners of the St. James 1000 Club!

JULY 2026

\$1000	Wilfred & Heather Blanchard #59
\$300	CNN Appraising #164
\$200	Tristan Dubois #888
\$100	James & Casey Hardell #826
\$50	Susan Sanbourn #412
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\$20	Lenore Gudmundson #265
\$20	Jarrod & Kathleen DiZazzo #406
	Door Prize #1 Joan Lambert
	Door Prize #2 Lorraine Balick

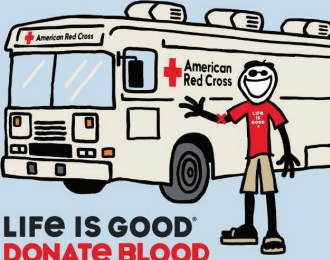
Our next drawing will be on Sunday, August 16, 2026 in the church basement at 8:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.

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 is enjoying their summer!
Joanne & Kathy

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