

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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August 23, 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...

August 22 – Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast was established by Pope Pius XII in 1954, at the conclusion of the Marian Year; its date was set on May 31; later this feast was transferred to a week after the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Mary is Queen by grace. She is full of grace, the highest in the category of grace, next to her Son. She is Queen by singular choice of God the Father. If a mere human can become King or Queen by choice of people how much greater a title is the choice of Father Himself!

The Queenship of Mary is very closely associated with the dogma of her Assumption into heaven. Catholic tradition holds that once Mary, the Mother of God was assumed into heaven at the end of her earthly life, she was then crowned as Queen of both Heaven and Earth to reign alongside her Son, the King.

The Queenship of Mary is a title that reflects Mary's unique role in the kingdom of God. Her queenship is not one of power or domination but of service and surrender. Whenever we reflect on Mary's queenship, we are reminded that true greatness is not measured by earthly standards but by our willingness to serve and love.

What does it mean to be truly great in God's eyes? In a world that prizes recognition, success, and honor, Jesus offers a radically different vision – one that exalts the lowly and humbles the proud. Jesus always approaches us with divine charity and a desire for our conversion. Jesus makes it clear that his words are for every generation and lasting teaching offering timeless guidance for every soul striving for holiness.

Understanding Mary as Queen-Mother explains her important intercessory role in the Christian life. So, we should approach our Queen-Mother with confidence, knowing that she carries our petitions to her Son. We are called to surrender ourselves to God's love and will, and become instruments of His mercy and compassion, and one day share in Mary's queenship, reigning with Christ in the kingdom of heaven.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

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

OCTOBER 17 & 18 – Gifts from Jerusalem on display after the masses.

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: December 19 - 9am to 12pm.

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

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

[Vigil Lights are burning brightly for the victims of the earth quake in Columbia.](#)

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.

8/22 – Lisa; 9/05-Lisa; 9/20-Cindy; 10/03-Sisters.

Schedule for August 29th and August 30, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
E. Minister:	Sisters Catherine Merolla	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

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.

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: **September 21st 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.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Anne with Bishop Reidy and a traditional New England Meal at Publick House Historic Inn, Tuesday, September 15th, Sturbridge, MA. by Deluxe Dattco motorcoach. Cost for the day, is \$90 per person. Contact Diocese of Norwich – 860-887-9294 – Fr. Brian Maxwell, organizer.

MASSES**MONDAY, August 24,
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

9:00AM The Whitaker family...by the Ferland family
Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, August 25,
Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

9:00AM Ernest & Claire Charron...by family
The Earthquake victims of Columbia

WEDNESDAY, August 26,

9:00AM Sr. Doris Gamelin
Vocations to Religious Life

THURSDAY, August 27**Saint Monica**

9:00AM Rene & Dorothy Beausoleil
Peace in our world

FRIDAY, August 28,**Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00AM Fr. Rene Parent
The sick of the parish

**SATURDAY, August 29,
The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

4:30PM Patricia Sayles...by family
Paula Magao...by Paul Grenon

SUNDAY, August 30,**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00AM Sr. Anila...by the Rzucidlo family
William (Bill Nadeau)...by Robert & Linda Kerr
Joseph Woyasz...16th Anniversary...by family

9:00AM Joyce Ricci...by the Boligan family
Walter A. Rojcewicz, Sr...by children
& grandchildren

11:00AM Joseph & Yvette Pelletier...Wedding Anniversary

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: 9/13; 9/20; 10/11; 10/18; 10/25; 11/01; 11/08; 11/15; 11/22; 11/29; 12/06.

9:00AM: 8/31; 9/01; 9/02; 9/03; 9/04; 9/08; 9/09; 9/11; 9/14; 9/16; 9/17; 9/18; 9/21; 9/22; 9/23; 9/24; 9/28; 9/29; 9/30; 10/01; 10/02; 10/04; 10/05; 10/06; 10/08; 10/09; 10/12; 10/13; **11:00AM:** 9/20; 9/27; 10/25; 11/08; 11/15; 11/29; 12/13;12/27

WEEKLY OFFERING . . 8/16. \$5545.00

8/23 – Renovation Fund; 8/30 – Solemn Novena in Honor of Our Lady of LaSalette; 8/30 – National Combined Collection.

2026 ACA update: As of July 29, 2026, **Saint James Parish, Danielson** has donated **\$25,637.96** or **73.55%** of its goal, and **12.56%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2026. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Heather D. Harris

Office of Development

The Diocese of Norwich

Religious Education

Register now for Religious Education 2026-2027 and be part of St. James Parish community! Classes begin September 20th.

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:

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

ST. JAMES SCHOOL – OPENINGS FOR PRE K- GRADE 8; CALL TODAY – 860-774-3281

- *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
- *TOURS AVAILABLE

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.

Marshall Hudon is in Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. Please keep him in your prayers.**Mailing Address:**

Marshall Hudon
Rother House 335
South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

AN INVITATION TO ALL...who would like to join the Catholic Church or to receive the Sacraments of **Confirmation** or **Holy Communion** as an Adult or a teenager ages 15 to 17. Class begins on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 7pm – 8:30PM in the church hall. The class is also known as the **OCIA**. Contact **Bev Richardson**, @ 860.630.0593.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH 9 DAYS OF NOVENA, STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO 20.**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.

Malta & Sicily Pilgrimage – 3-night extension to Rome
Our Lady of LaSalette Church along with Father Ben will be hosting a 10 days and 8 nights trip to Malta & Sicily on April 18-27, 2027. The cost of the trip will be \$3800. double occupancy. Places that will be visited will be Valletta in Malta, Island of Gozo, and Syracuse, Catina, Zafferana Etnea, Palermo Monreale and Cefalu in Sicily. A Rome 3-night trip excursion is offered for an additional cost of \$750. Contact Fr. Ben Vinjoe at 860-481-2880 or by email - bvinjoe@gmail.com for more information.

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>

PARISH UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE: The Weekly Offering Envelope list will be submitted to the printer October 1st, for printing of 2027 envelopes. If you wish to have envelopes or change of info please complete form or call the rectory 860.774.3900.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION...if you are new to the Parish or have not yet registered we welcome you. Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket so our records can be updated.

PARISH UPDATE

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Check one: ☐ I am a new parishioner
☐ I have an address correction to make
☐ I would like to receive weekly envelope

From the Diocese of Norwich:

August 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well, enjoying the blessings of summer. I am writing to invite you to participate in the upcoming *National Combined Collection*, which will be held in our parishes on the weekend of **August 29 & 30, 2026**. This annual collection supports several important initiatives: the **Catholic Communications Campaign**, the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, **Catholic University of America**, and **Peter's Pence**.

As St. Paul reminds us, "*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*" (2 Corinthians 9:6). I encourage you to reflect on these words as you prayerfully consider your support for those in need both here at home and around the world.

The **Catholic Communications Campaign** helps bring the message of the Gospel to people across the U.S. and beyond. Half of the funds raised stay right here in the Diocese of Norwich, supporting local projects like the *Four County Catholic*. Your contribution helps expand access to faith-filled media and encourages deeper spiritual connection.

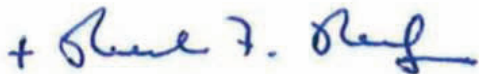
The **Retirement Fund for Religious** supports the aging members of religious orders; sisters, brothers, and priests, who have devoted their lives to serving the Church. Many of them now face challenges due to inadequate retirement funding and rising health care costs. Your generosity provides critical resources for their medical care, housing, and daily needs.

Your gift to **Catholic University of America**, the only university in the U.S. established by the country's bishops and chartered by the Vatican, supports the education and formation of future leaders; lay, religious, and clergy, rooted in Catholic tradition.

Finally, the **Peter's Pence** portion of this collection helps our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, to carry out the mission of the Church, keeping it strong and able to extend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in need.

As always, I thank you for your generous support of your parish and for considering a gift to this vital collection. You remain in my prayers with deep gratitude.

In Christ's peace,



Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich

Norwich Diocesan Council of Women**Day of Reflection****Guest Speaker – Teresa Jorgenson****Mass and Lunch with Bishop Richard Reidy****Saturday, September 19, 2026 at St. Andrews Church and Hall – Colchester.****Cost for the day, incl. lunch is \$40...due by 9/12.****Please make checks payable to:****NDCCW and mail to: Judy Pappagallo, 79 Lafayette St., Norwich, Ct. 06360 (860) 303-4977.****There are flyers at the entrances to the church.**

Congratulations to the following winners of the St. James 1000 Club!
AUGUST 2026

\$1000	Carolyn Courtemache	#984
\$300	Nancy Arena	#723
\$200	Irene Roy	#379
\$100	Caroline & Sarah Nattress	#88
\$50	Paul Radzik	#982
\$50	Richard Dore	#999
\$25	Jean Cyr	#550
\$25	Donna Rawson	#638
\$25	Michelle Wilson	#28
\$25	Gary Baker	#246
\$20	Charlotte Doyle	#877
\$20	Marcia DaSilva	#945
\$20	Connie Post	#375
\$20	Christopher Albee	#267
\$20	Michael & Mayra Blanchflower	#101
\$20	Arlene Rosa	#435
\$20	Brenda Huber	#316
\$20	Paul & Melanie Swantek	#368
\$20	Susan Blasi	#13
\$20	Kathleen Methot	#405
	Door Prize #1	Sue Griffiths
	Door Prize #2	Pat Pelletier

Our next drawing will be on Sunday, September 20, 2026 in the church basement at 8:30 AM.
All are welcome to attend.

Next month's newsletter will not be published until Wednesday, September 23rd.

It's hard to believe that September will be the last drawing for the 2025-2026 SJS 1000 Club!!
New registration will begin in October.

Joanne & Kathy

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**The LaSalette Fathers
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for a few good men to
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Father Roy Parayil M.S., at
860-774-3900 for information.
Please consider spending
a weekend with the LaSallettes.

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