

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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the La Salette Missionaries*

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August 30, 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...*Greeting and Warm Welcome!*

Dear Parents and Students,

As the new school year begins on Monday, August 31st, I extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. It brings us immense joy to reunite with our returning students and to welcome new faces into our St. James family. I hope this year will be filled with growth, learning, and wonderful experiences for all.

Dear parents, this school year should become a year of opportunities for your children to explore, learn, and develop. I am sure that our faculty members are committed to providing a well-rounded education that prepares your children for the journey ahead. At St. James, we have a nurturing environment essential for the holistic development of your children. We make sure that every child receives the support they need. Our doors are always open to address your concerns, answer your questions, and work together to create a positive learning experience.

St. James celebrates the uniqueness that each student brings to the school and we have a committed staff to foster an inclusive atmosphere where all children feel valued, respected, and understood. As we embark on this new school year, I am sure the staff in our school will join me in letting you know that we consider it a privilege to play a role in your child's educational journey. Together, as parents, teachers, and students, we will create a vibrant and enriching experience that lays the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Let us work hand in hand to ensure that this year will be a year of growth and friendship with meaningful accomplishments.

Dear students, I welcome you as you begin this exciting journey of a new school year! Whether you're stepping into our halls for the first time or returning as familiar faces, we're thrilled to have you here.

As you walk through our doors, embrace the challenges and discoveries that lie ahead, for they are the stepping-stones to your growth. Let kindness and determination guide you through this remarkable journey. Make sure that you make new friends that help your dreams come true.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

Fr. Tom G. Sickler, M.S. (79)

Dear Parishioners,
Father Tom, a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette, died on Friday, August 21, 2026.

Fr. Tom Sickler was ordained a Priest at St. Joseph Church in Fitchburg, MA. The priestly ministry he began in St. Joseph parish, Fitchburg was extended to the parishes in Nashua, NH, Hartford, CT, Jewett City, CT Westfield, MA and St. James Church, Danielson, CT. He also served as pastor of St. Joseph Church in Fitchburg, MA and of Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn, CT.

In his letter to the Romans St. Paul writes; "Christ's gift of himself brought grace and life". Fr. Tom followed these words as a La Salette religious missionary priest and brought grace and life to the people whom he served.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, August 28th at Missionaries of La Salette House, in Hartford at 10:30 am. The burial in Kingston, New York on Saturday, August 29th.

Let us remember the words of Our Lord "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me... I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am, you also may be. You know the way that leads to where I go." Let us pray for Fr. Tom that he may complete the journey to heaven...

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

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****MASSES****MONDAY, August 31,**9:00AM Fr. Tom Sickler
Souls in Purgatory**TUESDAY, September 1,****World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**9:00AM Richard Sears...by family
Barbara Beausoleil...by family**WEDNESDAY, September 2,**9:00AM Terry Frost...by Cathy
Vocations to Religious Life**THURSDAY, September 3,****Saint Gregory, the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**9:00AM Raymond Methot...by his wife
Peace in our world**FIRST FRIDAY, September 4,**9:00AM Fr. Rene Parent...by Kathleen Flaherty
The sick of the parish**FIRST SATURDAY, September 5,****Saint Teresa of Calcutta****Blessed Virgin Mary**4:30PM Linda Renaud...by Robert and family
Norma Cassettari...by her niece
Wanda & Aldo Cassettari...by the Panteleakos family**SUNDAY, September 6,****THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**7:00AM Robert Lamontagne...53rd Anniv...by Pauline
Mona & Dick Radei & Sr. Cecile LeBeau...
by Jane Radei9:00AM Ronald Rainey...1st Anniversary...by family
Linda Tetreault...birthday...by Richard Moore
Charlene Moore...4th Anniversary...by Richard11:00AM Pete & Kathy Gerardi...50th Wedding Anniversary
Yvette Pelletier & Son, Wilfred...birthdays...
by family**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:** 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 . . 8/23 . . . See next week's bulletin.****8/30 – Solemn Novena in Honor of Our Lady of LaSalette;****8/30 – National Combined Collection; 9/06-Renovation Fund.****MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...**

The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar is open for the month of September. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Anne with Bishop Reidyand 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.**Schedule for September 5th and September 6, 2026****4:30PM****E. Minister:** Sisters**Lector:** Phyllis Morrison**7:00AM**

John Lupien

Maureen Mann

Susan Griffiths

9:00AM**E. Minister:** Bev Richardson

Sisters

Lector: Adam Brindamour**11:00AM**

John Brady

Michelle Brady

Laurie Barrette

Vigil Lights are burning brightly for Fr. Tom Sickler.**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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.**

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**

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>

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.

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: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

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
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\$25	Michelle Wilson #28
\$25	Gary Baker #246
\$20	Charlotte Doyle #877
\$20	Marcia DaSilva #945
\$20	Connie Post #375
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\$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

Wolf Den Hike with Bishop Reidy

Youth and Family Event with Bishop Reidy hosted by Deanery I: A Hike to the Wolf Den at Mashamoquet Brook State Park, 276 Mashamoquet Road, Pomfret, CT. Friday, September 11th 2026, from 4-8pm: Families are invited to pack a picnic dinner to enjoy in the stone pavilion and any lawn games they enjoy. The Bishop arrives for 5:00pm, and around 5:30pm, we will then be read the story of Israel Putnam hunting the last she-wolf in CT by a LaSalette parishioner. The group will next embark on a hike to the wolf den completing a loop about 3 miles (some moderately challenging sections). Meanwhile, family members not hiking may light the fireplaces in the stone pavilion getting ready to roast marshmallows and make smore's when the Bishop and hiking group return. We are in need of the following - volunteers, marshmallows, roasting sticks, smore's ingredients (graham crackers, chocolate), citronella candles (12 tables), bundles of wood. To register, ask questions or to volunteer, please contact Rebecca Swagger-LaBonte: (860) 377-0387.

Liza Roach, Family Life Minister 860-848-2237 ex/ 305

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Faith For The Future

Catholic Elementary School Collection

September 12th & 13th, 2026

School Goals

- Meets high academic standards
- Supports Catholic faith-based values & morals
- Provides our students the opportunity to grow academically & spiritually



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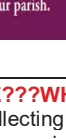
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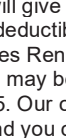
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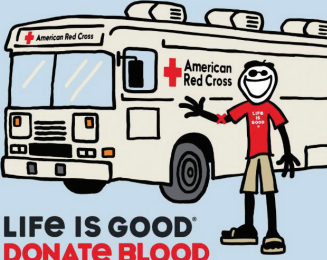
If you are not in church for the in pew collection, you may still drop off your donation at your parish.

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.

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860-774-3900 for information.
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a weekend with the LaSallettes.

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