

ST. JAMES CHURCH

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



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

PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.

DEACON

Joseph P. Delaney

September 6, 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...



Mary's Birth – A Gift to the World!

It is always a joyful moment to celebrate a birthday. Most especially when it comes to the celebration of our Heavenly Mother. It is the birthday of an ordinary woman who was chosen, and freely consented, to become

the mother of an extraordinary Divine Child.

We do not know from the Gospels the exact date of Mary's birth. However, we have celebrated it on September 8th since the 7th century. Tradition tells us that Mary was born in a humble setting, and her birth was seen as a gift from God to her parents Saints Joachim and Anne, who had long prayed for a child. God rewarded their faithfulness with a daughter set apart to be the mother of the Son of God. Because of this, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace.

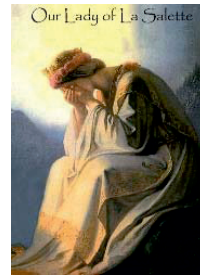
This feast reminds us of the extraordinary role Mary plays in our salvation story. Born without sin, God chose Mary to bear His Son, Jesus. Her yes to the angel Gabriel's announcement changed the course of human history.

Mary's birth is linked to our lives, through the Son whom she mediated and through whom she became our Mother as well. We honor Mary because God *has done great things for her* (Lk 1:49), by choosing her as the mother of Jesus His Son, by filling her with His Holy Spirit, by making her the embodiment of all virtues and by allowing her to become the most active participant with Christ, her son, in our redemption.

Mary's birth is a reminder that our lives have purpose and meaning. Like Mary, we are called to say yes to God's plan, to trust in His goodness, and to surrender to His will. In a world torn apart by division, hatred, and selfishness, we need mothers like Mary – mothers who embody love, compassion, and selflessness.

Mary's birth is a gateway to God's intimate presence. As we honor Mary, let us recognize her unique role in bringing forth Emmanuel, reminding us that God is intimately present in our lives. Through Mary, God becomes accessible, approachable, and personally involved in the human experience.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



The feast will be celebrated with 9 days of Novena from September 12th – 20th. The Novena will be offered after each Mass.

On the 20th of September, on the 9th day of the novena, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette.

Lunch with Fr. John in the Church Hall on September 20th after 11am Mass.

As we celebrate the 180th Anniversary of La Salette Apparition, we also thank Fr. John E. Welch, M.S. for his 29 years of ministry at St. James Church.

Please join us in celebrating the feast, appreciating Fr. John for his love and ministry, and wishing him all the best as he moves to La Salette Retirement House in Hartford on October 01, 2026.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

Schedule for September 12th and September 13, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
E. Minister:	Sisters	Julie Dupont Maggie Grenier Susan Griffiths
Lector:	Mike Lehman	
	9:00AM	11:00AM
E. Minister:	Jeff Gerardi Sisters	Denis Bessette Peter Gerardi
Lector:	Marcia Bardin	Stephen Houle

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 Nepal.

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; 9/26 -Lisa;10/03-Sisters.

Recruitment – Membership Drive



St. James Parish Knights of Columbus
Council #2883

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Saturday, September 26, 2026, 4:30PM Mass

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 7, 9, and 11AM Masses

Meet Council members & discuss K of C membership

Free coffee & donuts after the 9:00AM Mass.

Recruitment-Membership Coordinator, Peter Gerardi,

@ (860) 377-1068 or email @ my3sons76@charter.net

MASSES

**MONDAY, September 7,
Labor Day**

9:00AM Robert Langevin
Sister Alice (Lucille Levesque 24th Anniv...by family

**TUESDAY, September 8,
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest,

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
Vocations to Religious Life

THURSDAY, September 10,

9:00AM Vance Carter...birthday...by Joan
Peace in our world

FRIDAY, September 11,

9:00AM Sister Josepha Kruchinsky, MSMG...by her family
The sick of the parish

**SATURDAY, September 12,
The Most Holy Name of Mary, BVM**

4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj...by family
John Burns, Jr...by children & grandchildren
Mignonne & Fred Tourtellotte & family...
by the Burns family

SUNDAY, September 13,

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul Grenon

Fr. Tom Sickler

9:00AM John W. Burns...by Rita

Lillian & Alphonse Bisson...by estate

Francis Barry...by family

11:00AM Clarice LaPerle...by her husband

Fr. Rene Parent...by Paul Grenon

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

9:00AM: 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 \$6,040.00

**9/06-Renovation Fund & Super Raffle; 9/13- St. James
Elementary School Campaign.**

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. 8/22/26 - IMO Richard Grenier by Marguerite Grenier.

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.

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.

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Charity Golf Tournament

Join us for the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 18, 2026, at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course - Ranked #2 in Connecticut-Golfweek's Best Courses You Can Play! Register on-line at www.outreachtohaiti.org or call the office (860)800-3601. Your gift supports our Diocesan Mission in Haiti helping to provide Medical and Healthcare Services, Food and Nutritional Supplements, and Education Sponsorships and many other programs. Check-in is 11AM. Golf, lunch and dinner are included in the great price of \$200. Come as a foursome or make new friends by joining one. All activities are held outdoors in a beautiful setting. Can't come? Please consider sponsorship of a Tournament Tee. Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

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

**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.

Last weekend the [Combined Collection for World Charities](#) which supports Catholic Relief Services, The Campaign for Human Development, aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Christianity in the Holy Land was conducted. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extra envelopes are available (state the place where the envelopes can be found). Your support for these needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection box or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you.

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.

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Faith For The Future

Catholic Elementary School Collection

September 12th & 13th, 2026



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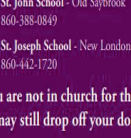
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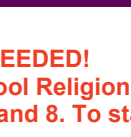
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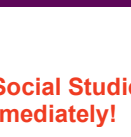
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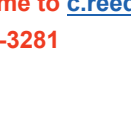
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860-442-1720



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School Goals

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

Catholic Elementary School Collection

This September 12th and 13th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will be an in-pew collection. Appropriately titled, Faith for the Future, the collection recognizes that our future is dependent upon our children receiving the best education possible. Our 9 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment providing exceptional academic, social and moral growth, preparing our children to become the future leaders of our church and communities.

All funds collected at our parish will stay here for our school. Thank you for helping to ensure the continued success of St. James School. We truly appreciate your support.

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
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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 smores 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.

TEACHER NEEDED!

**Middle School Religion and Social Studies Teacher
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