

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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

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October 18, 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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860-634-3915

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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...

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. This occasion, set aside to remember the Church's mission and her call to evangelize, is not just a reminder of our historical roots but also a call to every one of us to live our missionary identity in concrete and practical ways.

Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts. Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment *"with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit"*. The theme *"One in Christ, united in mission"* requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.

The Pope calls us to allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, *"to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation"* and reflect on being one in Christ and united in mission.

In response to Christ's call, the missionaries all over the world leave their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it. The mission for all requires commitment. I still remember a missionary priest preaching our retreat years ago. The whole theme of the retreat was to "fulfill your commitment" as a religious missionary priest. Yes, generous dedication is a visible expression of our commitment. Every Christian is called to share the responsibility and take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel and by fulfilling it.

The Church is missionary by her very nature. She continues the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation Christ offers to those who believe in him. We are faithful to the nature of the Church to the degree that we love and sincerely promote her missionary activity. We are responsible for keeping alive a vibrant missionary spirit.

This weekend, our second collection is for the missions. Your generosity will always be a support, and your partnership will surely strengthen the commitment and passion of the missionaries.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."



It is with an abundance of gratitude in my heart that I write these few lines to you, our dear parishioners. I want to thank the young people in

the school who wrote me notes upon my leaving St. James.

Believe me, when I tell you that I have really enjoyed my long time here at St. James Parish.

God bless you dear parishioners who have been so responsive to me in my precious time here with you.

I will be always grateful to the children in the school who wrote to me on different occasions.

I will be praying for all of you.

God bless you all!

Love and prayers,

Fr. John

Fr. John's mailing address:

Fr. John E. Welch, M.S.

Missionaries of La Salette

85 New Park Ave.

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Schedule for October 24th and October 25, 2026

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

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:

October 19th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Please add to your calendar)

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

ST. JAMES PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**SAFE ENVIRONMENTS TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT****Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training**

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training. This training is monitored by the **Office for Safe Environments (OSE)**

In addition, this training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school. **It contains important information about keeping our children and youth safe.**

The Diocese of Norwich offers training through Praesidium. It is online and provides all training and updates needed. On a very limited basis the other training is **"Called to Protect."** This is very limited in person training available for those with limited computer access. You must contact the OSE office to see if this is available. **Praesidium** online is available and the preferred training at this time. For more information about in-person training availability, contact the **OSE**.

The **OSE** can be contacted to provide adult programs for parents, parishioners and all interested in keeping our youth safe, such as Setting Boundaries. A convenient time can be arranged.

Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

MASSES

MONDAY, October 19,
Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

9:00AM Fr. Rene Parent
Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, October 20,
Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

9:00AM Mary Posiadala...by Wayne Logee
Kathleen Hall...by Small Christian Community

WEDNESDAY, October 21,

9:00AM Julia Szimanouskas...by her family
Peace in our world

THURSDAY, October 22,

Saint John Paul II, Pope

9:00AM Daniel & James Hicks...by family
The sick of our parish

FRIDAY, October 23,

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

9:00AM Fr. Rene Parent...by Alice
Vocations to Religious Life

SATURDAY, October 24,

Saint Anthony Marh Claret, Bishop; Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30PM Robert Carter...by family
Henry Plantier, Jr...by family
Rita Kane...by family

SUNDAY, October 25,

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
REFORMATION DAY

7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
Vocations to Religious Life

9:00AM John Burns...by his wife
Desiree A. Brooker...1st Anniversary...by family
Sophie Zawacki...by Tom & Gail Seiferman
Henry Methot...27th Anniversary...by Kathie
11:00AM Roger Champoux...6th Anniv...by his daughter
Irene LaFave...20th Anniversary...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: 11/01; 11/08; 11/15; 11/22; 11/29; 12/06.

9:00AM: 10/26; 10/27; 10/28; 10/30; 11/02; 11/03; 11/04; 11/05; 11/06; 11/09; 11/10; 11/11; 11/12; 11/15; 11/16; 11/17; 11/18; 11/19; 11/26; 11/27; 11/29; 11/30; 12/01; 12/03; 12/10; 12/11; 12/14; 12/15; 12/16; 12/17; 12/18; 12/21; 12/22; 12/27.
11:00AM: 11/08; 11/15; 12/27.

WEEKLY OFFERING. .. 10/11 \$5618.00

Oct. 18th – Mission Combined Collection;

10/25 - Fuel & Heat

**Gifts from Jerusalem...**

Carved olive wood carvings which support vulnerable Catholic Christian communities in the Holy Land will be available to purchase after masses this weekend at the main entrance to the church.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Diocese of Norwich Mission Combined Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray this message finds you well and enjoying the crisp, refreshing days of autumn. I am writing to invite you to support our upcoming Mission Combined Collection, which will take place in all parishes during the weekend of October 17 - 18, 2026. This special appeal unites four important national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Through the Mission Combined Collection - supporting the Church in Latin America, World Mission, Black and Indian Missions, and Catholic Home Missions - we are given a unique opportunity to extend Christ's love and hope to people both near and far. These efforts help our brothers and sisters live with greater dignity, grow in faith, and experience the joy of knowing Jesus. Every personal encounter with Christ begins with the Gospel message, the Word of God, and the living witness of faithful discipleship. Your generosity helps make that encounter possible for those facing economic and political challenges, whether they live in our own country or across the world.

By our Baptism, we are all called to share in the Church's mission and to spread the Gospel as witnesses of Christ's love. While we may not be able to serve personally in remote mission territories or in communities burdened by poverty, our prayers and gifts allow us to be present in spirit, joining with missionaries who bring compassion, hope, and the presence of Jesus to every corner of the world.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the Mission Combined Collection. Please use the gift envelopes you have received (extras available in your church) and return them to the collection basket during Mass the weekend of October 17 - 18, 2026. I am deeply grateful for your generosity. Together, we continue Christ's mission and share His love with those most in need.

May God bless you abundantly and watch over all whom you hold dear.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich

La Salette Laity

Dear friends,

After attending classes on the La Salette apparition, history, foundation, message and spirituality, our La Salette Laity made their commitment on September 20th this year.

If anyone couldn't attend the classes in the past year and are interested in learning about La Salette, you are welcome to begin classes starting in November. The classes will be held in the Church Hall on 1st Tuesdays of every month from 6 pm to 6.40 pm. All are Welcome.

Thank you, Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

77 Water St. Danielson, CT 06239 860-774-2310
directorfoodpantry@gmail.com

For I was Hungry and You gave me food... Mathew 25: 35

The summer wind came blowing in from across the sea...

Dear Fr. Roy and Friends at St. James Church,

Summer Blessings from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry! I'd have to say that summer is one of our very favorite seasons at the pantry. We love summer for many reasons. We love the farmers coming to the back door with the beautiful fruits of their labor; healthy vegetables, just what our guests need. They often tell us about their health concerns, and it gives us joy to provide them with wonderful nutrition. We love the sunshine on our guests as they wait for food, soaking up the vit D.

Many years ago, we applied for a grant from Jewett City, Hometown Bank and we were blessed to start our Produce Voucher program which we have been able to continue for many years. The guests love the Farmers Market experience, and the Farmers appreciate that we can reimburse them with our grant.

Here at Friends of Assisi, we remain as busy as ever feeding and comforting our people in need, thanks to your generous support. Although hunger remains a concern here in the Quiet Corner, it is one that many are committed to. We don't know what we would do without you, our donors, faithfully by our side, sharing and caring.

We especially thank you for:

Many visits with groceries and monetary donations

Along with the Produce Voucher program, we are also able to provide diapers and wipes for our babies and toddlers. Many years ago, I recall a dad, his name was Cliff. He had three girls, 2 toddlers and a baby. You may remember him riding around the town on his bike with a little cart attached for his little girls to sit in. Well, you can imagine he was quite overwhelmed. So, when he came to the pantry, we helped him change the babies. One day while changing the baby, we realized that he was using a pillowcase for her diaper. Cliff had run out of diapers...and money. Well, that remained in my mind for many years and that memory later became the catalyst for the diaper portion of the generous grant!

Another nice summer tradition is when Community Gardens brings us produce, they also bring wildflowers. When that happens, we can choose a guest that seems to need a bit of encouragement, and we give the flowers to them. It's so nice to see their eyes light up with this unexpected, lovely gift.

These are but a few of the wonderful generosity and miracles that are bestowed upon us, so that we all may continue to kindly serve those in need.

With much appreciation for your faithful support,

Jean M. Cyr Director

Perhaps you or someone you know needs a Thanksgiving Basket, please let them know.

Registration for Thanksgiving 2026 will take place @ the Killingly Library: Friday Nov. 6th 9:00am -11:30am.

(Please bring Id and proof of Address)

*Please follow the new guidelines to prevent crowding.

By Last name A-L (9:00-10:15) L-Z (10:15- 11:30)

Ph: {860-774-2310} Email: directorfoodpantry@gmail.com

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE ST. JAMES SCHOOL 1000 CLUB**OCTOBER IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW 2026 - 2027 SJS 1000 CLUB!**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who purchased a membership last year in support of St. James School. A special thanks to our dedicated "sponsors" who helped grow the club by recruiting additional members and collecting their dues! If you were a previous member, we hope you will join us again by purchasing a ticket and sponsoring another member. With only **1000 tickets available**, every membership makes a difference. **The best part? All proceeds benefit St. James School!** Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have been able to contribute **\$45,000 to the school over the past two years!**

DUES: Annual membership is \$60 or \$5 per month. Checks should be made payable to **St. James 1000 Club**. Membership dues are tax-deductible.

MONTHLY AWARDS: \$2190 is awarded each month from October 2026 through September 2027.

1..... \$1000

2..... \$300

3..... \$200

4..... \$100

5..... \$50

6..... \$50

7 through 10 \$25

11thru 20 \$20

2 door prizes.... \$10 each (Must be present at drawing to win)

SPONSOR AWARDS: 1..... \$100

2..... \$30

3..... \$20

4..... \$10

5..... \$5

6..... \$5

SPONSORS: Sponsors receive 10% of the first through sixth awards. A sponsor is a member who recruits additional members and is responsible for collecting their dues. A person **MUST** be a member before sponsoring anyone. Members may not sponsor themselves and two people may not sponsor each other.

DRAWINGS: Drawings are held on the third

Sunday of each month at 8:30 AM in the church basement. Our first drawing will be held on **November 15, 2026**, covering the months of October and November. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these drawings. You might even win one of the door prizes!

An application for membership is provided below. Please include your email to receive a monthly newsletter listing all the winners. If you request a number and it is available, we will try to accommodate you. When submitting money, please place it in an envelope marked 1000 Club. You may place it in the weekly church collection or mail it to: St. James Church, 12 Franklin St., Danielson, CT 06239

If you have any questions, please contact us at SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org or call the rectory at 860-774-3900.

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for a few good men to
join their Community.**
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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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