

# ST. JAMES CHURCH

12 FRANKLIN STREET - DANIELSON, CONNECTICUT 06239



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

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## PASTOR

Rev. Roy Parayil, M.S.

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## SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. John E. Welch, M.S.

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## DEACON

Joseph P. Delaney

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**October 25, 2026**

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**Rectory Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (*Emergencies anytime*)

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## 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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## Religious Education Directors

Mary E. McMahon-Chappell

508-615-1621

Marcia Bardin

860-634-3915

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## St. James School Principal

Catherine Reed

860-774-3281

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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.

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## WEDDING

Call the Rectory at least six months prior to your wedding date. If not Confirmed, one year.

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm in the church, or by appointment.

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## HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

**DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...*****Love of God and love of neighbor...***

Jesus shares that the greatest commandments are love of God and love of neighbor. Our Christian life is orientated toward others and love for others flows from God's love. God gives us specific instructions for how we are to treat others: to love them as we love ourselves. This is possible only after we learn to allow God to love us. The love we receive from God will naturally overflow into how we treat others.

Love is the foundation of our relationship with God and others. Love is the greatest law. Loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbor as ourselves, is the foundation of all other laws. As Blessed Fulton J. Sheen once said, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." He also said, "Love is the answer to every problem."

We struggle with personal challenges, strained relationships, and a world torn apart by hate and violence. The solution is love. Love is not just a feeling or an emotion; it is a choice. It is the decision to put the needs of others before our own, to forgive when we have been hurt, and to show compassion and kindness to those around us.

There is an inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbor, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does our life bear witness to these two great commands? Does our daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? We must hollow God's name not only with our lips, but also with our heart, soul and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people – especially those hardest to love and show them the dignity and charity in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven.

Let us see these commands, not as a burden, but as the joy and direction of our life, and live them with full fidelity.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Sibi Micheal Edakkara, MS, from the La Salette Matha Province in India, is assigned temporarily to our St. James Parish.

Fr. Sibi was ordained to the priesthood on January 30, 2012. Over the years, he has served as an Associate Pastor, Vocation Director, Secretary to the Provincial Superior, Seminary Rector and Treasurer. Fr. Sibi has also ministered five years at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in France. Those years of ministry in France helped him to immerse in French culture and language. Let us welcome Fr. Sibi to St. James and wish him all the best in his ministry.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of every month from 6 pm to 6.40 pm. All are Welcome.

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

**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: **November 16th at 7pm with rosary at 6:40PM.**

**UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2026 – ST. JAMES CHURCH**

(Please add to your calendar)

**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

*The Vigil Lights are burning brightly for Pope Leo XIV for the restoration of his health and strength during recovery.***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.

**Schedule for October 31st and November 1, 2026**

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

**MASSES****MONDAY, October 26,**9:00AM Ben Desaulnier...33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary...by family  
Souls in Purgatory**TUESDAY, October 27,**9:00AM Alice Coddling...by family  
John Szimanouskas...by family**WEDNESDAY, October 28,****Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**9:00AM Ethel Coddling...by Roberta & Samantha  
Gulailie & Joseph Smesters...by family**7:00PM Confirmation with Bishop Reidy****THURSDAY, October 29,**9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters  
James Kowalyszyn...by the St. James family**FRIDAY, October 30,**9:00AM Thomas Donlon...by his wife  
Vocations for Priests & Religious Life**SATURDAY, October 31,****Blessed Virgin Mary**4:30PM Shirley Grenier...34<sup>th</sup> Anniv...by the Terwilliger family  
David Weaver...by family  
Michael Eugene Lajeunesse...by John Brannigan**SUNDAY, November 1,****ALL SAINTS DAY****NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS**7:00AM Fr. John O'Neill...by Paul Grenon  
Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life9:00AM Donald Blanchette...by Jeff Gerardi  
Charles & Hannah Kane...by family  
Jacqueline Walker...by family11:00AM John Gallow, Jr...by his wife  
Claire Laperle...by her husband**LA SALETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick &amp; Adelyn Bodenschatz

In memory of David &amp; 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:** 11/08; 11/15; 11/22; 11/29; 12/06.**9:00AM:** 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; 11/27.**WEEKLY OFFERING. .. 10/18 ..... \$5102.00****Oct. 25th - Fuel & Heat; Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day; Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day.**

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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

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Diocese of Norwich

2026 ACA update: As of October 9, 2026, **Saint James Parish, Danielson** has donated **\$26,815.09** or **76.93%** of its goal, and **15.59%** 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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

**Heather D. Harris** Executive Director  
Office of Development, The Diocese of Norwich

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.

10/31 – Lisa; 11/07 – Sisters; 11/14 – Cindy

11/21 – Ed & Adelle Robinson; 11/28 – Lisa.

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. October 31<sup>st</sup> In memory of Richard Grenier – Birthday – by the Grenier family.

Saint James School Positions:

**Saint James Cafeteria kitchen help needed. Flexible hours. Responsibilities include prepping food which includes the Serve Safe Course – 4 hrs. Please call 860-774-3281 to set up an interview.**

**St. James School part-time temporary Custodian position: Hours are 1:30PM to 6:00PM. Please call 774-3281.**

**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. Classes are 7pm – 8:30PM in the church hall. The class is also known as the **OCIA**. There are online classes available. Contact **Bev Richardson, @ 860.630.0593.**

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 8:30 am. Please join our celebrant, Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

*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,

|             |                    |                         |
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| Jean M. Cyr | Melinda French     | Colleen Brignole        |
| Director    | Director Assistant | Financial Administrator |

|                  |                |              |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Jane LaFleche    | Jennifer Litke | Karen Walsh  |
| Food Coordinator | Board Member   | Statistician |

**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](mailto:SJS1000Club@stjamesdanielson.org) or call the rectory at 860-774-3900.

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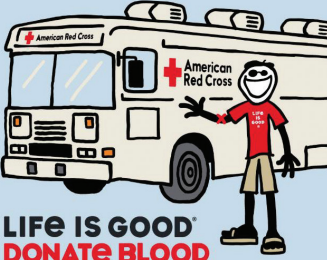
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