St. James Church

12 Franklin Street - Danielson, Connecticut 06239



St. James Church is staffed by the La Salette Missionaries

Pastor
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November 8, 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…

The readings for this Sunday bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world and the end of our own time. They challenge us to check whether we are ready for these events and how we prepare for them. Living through this month of November is an appropriate time for us to reflect more.

The Gospel invites us to keep the flames of our lives lit to see the Lord who is coming to us daily. The foolish virgins in the parable represent the "Chosen People of God" who were waiting for the Messiah but shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. They took grace for granted. The parable implies that we should attend to our Christian duties of the present moment, no begging or borrowing of grace and be prepared now rather than waiting until it is too late.

The wise virgins took enough oil to keep their torches burning. In the same way we should engage and persevere in good work of mercy and keep our faith alive. We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared: Wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness.

God surprises us for He comes when we do not expect him. His visits go so deep that we realize that he had come, only when he has already gone away. True wisdom is to be always awake and alert, ready and prepared to meet the Lord. He is the God of surprises. We need not only to carry our lamps, our hearts, to greet the Lord when he comes but also oil – the oil of charity to keep our hearts aglow. Our hearts are the lamps. But these lamps can soon go out. They need to be replenished with the oil of charity. Charity keeps our hearts burning, keeps us awake, alert and active.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Regarded as personifying God's power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ's return, are comforted by Paul's assurance that those "who have died in Christ will rise first."

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, "You know not the day or the hour."

The Vigil Lights are burning brightly for our new temporary priest, Fr. Sibi Micheal Edakkara, M.S. Welcome!

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)

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: November 29, 2026, After the 9 am mass.
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 05, 2026
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – La Salette Pilgrimage: 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

"CHRIST, LIGHT OF PEACE"

NOVEMBER 21, 2026 - JANUARY 3, 2027

Experience the beauty, joy, and wonder of La Salette's Christmas Festival of Lights, where more than **1,000,000 lights** transform the Shrine into a welcoming celebration of faith, hope, and peace.

Inspired by this year's theme, **"Christ, Light of Peace,"** the festival invites families and visitors of all ages to encounter the true meaning of Christmas.

St. James Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2026.

Time: Bus leaves St. James Parking lot at 2pm and returns at 8pm. (Limited seats only)



What you pay: $25 per person

No Entry fee!

Last date to register: December 6, 2026.

Food & Snacks will be available for *purchase* at La Salette Cafeteria.

Special Attractions: Display of over a Million Christmas Lights, La Salette National Shrine, La Salette Facsimile, Rosary Pond, Chapel of Lights, Gift Shop, **Judea, Jerusalem, and Galilee at the Time of Jesus and** International Crèche Museum - North America's 3rd largest, with 2000 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries.

BUS TRIP TO LA SALETTE SHRINE "FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS"

947 PARK STREET, ATTLEBORO, MA

Please call the parish (860 774 3900) or School office (860 774 3281) to Register or fill this form and place it in the collection basket.

NAME_____

NUMBER OF TICKETS_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

Schedule for November 14th and November 15, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
E. Minister:	Ernie Charron	John Lupien
	Diane Charron	Julie Dupont
Lector:	Phyllis Morrison	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	**11:00AM**
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson	John Brady
	Marilyn Streb	Michelle Brady
Lector:	Adam Brindamour	Laurie Barrette

La Salette Laity

Dear friends, Welcome to the classes on the La Salette apparition, history, foundation, message and spirituality: 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.

MASSES

MONDAY, November 9,
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9:00AM Sylvia Sirrene…by Butch
Wanda Halinski…by family

TUESDAY, November 10,
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
9:00AM Sister Doris Gamelin…3rd Anniv…by her sister
Vocations for Priests & Religious Life

WEDNESDAY, November 11,
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
9:00AM Jim Normandie
Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, November 12,
Saint Josaphat, Bishop
9:00AM Susan Larkins Bessette…by Alice
Peace in our world

FRIDAY, November 13,
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving…by John
James & Joan Kent…by family
All Guari children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren…by family

SATURDAY, November 14,
Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30PM Stephen & Henrietta Kuszaj…by family
Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
Roseanne Racine…by Barbara Cyr

SUNDAY, November 15,
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:00AM Monica Brown…25th Anniversary…by her family
Rene & Dorothy Beausoleil
9:00AM Robert Gaudet…1st Anniversary…by family
William & Carrie Reddick…by family
11:00AM Roger Caron…24th Anniversary…by family
Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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: 11/22; 11/29; 12/06.
9:00AM: 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: 12/27.

WEEKLY OFFERING…. 11/01 ..... $6196.00
Nov. 8th – Christmas Flower Offering.
Nov. 15th – School Support

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.

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 November. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one.

Saint James School Positions:
Saint James Cafeteria kitchen help needed.
Part-time position. 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.**

CEMETERY NOTICE…Please remove all summer boxes, pots and other summer decorations from Holy Cross, St. James and St. Joseph's cemeteries by November 30th

Congratulations to the Fall Super Raffle Winners:
$5000 - Matt Desaulnier
$2000- David & Sue Griffiths
$1000 - Peter Mann
$500 - David LaBelle
50/50 Winner:
$500 - Norman Methot
Thank you to all who supported this raffle.

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.

Discernment Day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia
For single Catholic women, ages 16-30. Saturday, November 14, Providence. Contact Us at vocoffice@op-tn.org or www. nashvilledominican.org.

Young Men's Discernment Retreat for men ages 18-45 Discerning any vocation, Saturday, November 21st, 8:30AM – 5:30PM. Speakers are: Fr. Jeff Ellis, Vocation director, Diocese of Norwich; Very Reverend Ryan Conners, Rector, Our Lady of Providence Seminary; Elena Niese, Focus. Concluding with Vigil Mass celebrated by: Archbishop Christopher Coyne, Archdiocese of Hartford, Bishop Richard Reidy, Diocese of Norwich. There is a free Catered Lunch.

St. James School News:
The 8th graders will soon be starting their fundraiser for their class trip. Since the GIFT CARD CALENDAR has been so successful, we are doing that again. We are assembling all of the gift cards now and the calendars should be ready by Thanksgiving and will be on sale until January 1.
They will be $10....no price increase, and remember they make great stocking stuffers or for the person you want to give a little something to.... or even for yourself!
The St. James parishioners have always been so supportive so we thank you!

CAN'T SELL THAT AUTOMOBILE? WHY NOT DONATE IT!
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 the rectory at 860- 774- 3900.

Dear Friends of St. James School,

For the past eleven years, Pourings and Passages Bookstore on Main Street in Danielson has been raising money for St. James School with all monies raised after expenses donated to this cause. In recent years, a significant increase in our operating expenses (rent, utilities, cleaning, insurance, supplies, etc.) has hampered our ability to raise enough money to sustain our current yearly contribution to our school ($25,000). Unless we have a significant increase in sales, that contribution will regrettably be reduced next May.

As proprietor of the bookstore, I am asking you to make Pourings and Passages one of your frequent shopping stops. In addition to 25,000+ gently used books, we also stock greeting cards, religious articles, jigsaw puzzles, household items, collectibles, framed prints and photographs, music, movies, toys and games, and great gift items. Through the generosity of Sister Lesley and the St. James Craft Group, we also sell their beautiful handmade jewelry and seasonal crafts. We can truly be your one stop books and gifts store!

Pourings and Passages Bookstore is open Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm (closed Sunday to Tuesday, most federal holidays, and very snowy days). Our telephone number is 860-774-1712. Please help us make the Christmas shopping season and all the days in the new year "one for the books!" By doing so, you give our students the greatest gift of all: the funds to support their education and thus secure for them a very bright future! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless you all!

Jim Weigel, Parishioner and Proprietor, Pourings and Passages Bookstore

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.

		SPONSOR AWARDS:	
1……	$1000	1……	$100
2……	$300	2……	$30
3……	$200	3……	$20
4……	$100	4……	$10
5……	$50	5……	$5
6……	$50	6……	$5
7 through 10	$25		
11thru 20	$20		

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

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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