St. James Church

12 Franklin Street - Danielson, Connecticut 06239



St. James Church is staffed by the La Salette Missionaries

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November 22, 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…



"Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. In a world where kings are often associated with power, wealth, and domination, Christ the King stands in stark contrast. While earthly kings reign with an iron fist, Christ reigns with a gentle touch. While they seek to expand their kingdoms through conquest, Christ expands His kingdom through love and sacrifice.

Earthly kings are often surrounded by wealth and luxury, while Christ was born in a humble manger and died on a cross. They seek to elevate themselves above their subjects, while Christ humbled Himself to become one of us. And yet, despite these apparent weaknesses, Christ is the King of kings, the Lord of lords.

Today we need to reflect and try to understand what it means to be a true king. It is about shepherding, about gathering, about nurturing, about protecting. And there is the paradoxical application in the lives of the subjects: what we do to and for our King. Our King is not remote and above – he is imminent, among, with. Truly Jesus' kingship is not of this world. It is our greatest privilege to serve such a King as Jesus.

What is your understanding of a King? King is someone who has power, money, fancy cars, a lot of servants, land. To show their authority they wear a crown and sit on a throne. I believe, we know the difference. And with no doubt we can say Jesus is a King who is Kind, loving, serving, humble and forgiving.

"To which king should I be loyal?" is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews and followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, "Who or what reigns in my life?" The answer determines both our present and future joy.

We have a king who has a heart. We have a king who understands. He cares for us even when he is hung on the cross. He forgives the one who says "sorry" for his or her mistakes.

Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and "pasture" all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and "God will be all in all."

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him.

The Vigil Lights are burning brightly for the Staff and Workers from our St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry.

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: **December 21st 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.

Phone Numbers of Persons In charge – Please contact
St. James School: Catherine Reed – 860-774-3281
Religious Ed: Mary Chappell – 508-615-1621
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La Salette Laity: Marcia Bardin -860-634-3915
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"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) to Register or fill this form and place it in the collection basket.

NAME_____

NUMBER OF TICKETS_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

Schedule for November 28th and November 29, 2026

	4:30PM	7:00AM
E. Minister:	Ernie & Diane Charron Sisters	John Lupien Maureen Mann
Lector:	Mike Lehman	Julie Dupont
	9:00AM	**11:00AM**
E. Minister:	Bev Richardson Marilyn Streb	John Brady Michelle Brady
Lector:	Adam Brindamour	Laurie Barrette

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

Please pick up your 2027 Church Collection Envelopes near the front entrances to the Church.

MASSES

MONDAY, November 23,
Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
9:00AM Joseph & Delvina Larrow…by family
Peter Stahecki, Jr….by Bob Codding
Repose of the Souls of K of C Members Council #2883

TUESDAY, November 24,
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
9:00AM Jeremy Gagnon…by the Ternowcheck family
Peter Stahecki…by family

WEDNESDAY, November 25,
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
9:00AM Fr. LeCours…by Alice Sears
Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters

THURSDAY, November 26,
Thanksgiving Day
9:00AM The Thivierge & Veilleux Families…
Happy Thanksgiving…by Margaret and family

FRIDAY, November 27,
9:00AM Bruce Macklin…by family
Fr. Rene Parent

SATURDAY, November 28,
The Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30PM Pasquale Integlia & Tom & Dora Titchen…by family
David Weaver…by family
Thomas J. Lee & Lydia M. Lee…Anniversary… by Lynda & Jim Byrnes

SUNDAY, November 29,
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:00AM Sheila Manning…by the Rzucidlo family
Souls in Purgatory
9:00AM Dan Roberts…by family
John & Mary Phelan…by Monique
11:00AM Elizabeth Rondeau…by Rudy Rondeau & children
LaFave & Zadora families…by family
Norma Cassettari…by David & Darlene
Ed & Claire McMahon…by Steven & Mary Chappell

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
In honor of Danny D. for a speedy recovery…by JoAnn

2026 Mass Openings: Mass Intentions: $15.00 each
7:00AM: 11/29; 12/06.
9:00AM: 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 . . .11/08 . . . . . $5327.00
WEEKLY OFFERING. . . 11/15 . . . . . $4766.00
Nov. 22nd – Renovation Fund; Nov. 29th – Year End Collection

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.

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

K of C Winter Coats Collection Box in the Church Hall. Please consider donating good used winter coats. A good way to assist those in need in our local community.

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 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. We thank you!

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 from 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 Book Store

MARIAN SHRINE ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT…
The flower arrangement for the Blessed Mother's Altar is open for the month of December. Please consider having an arrangement for Our Blessed Mother's Altar in memory of a loved one.

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.

1000 Club News:
Hello Everyone!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined the new 2026-2027 1000 Club! We had 2 drawings today. Congratulations to the following winners!

October 2026
$1000 Ed Perry #570
$300 Cary Krupa #953
$200 Cheryl Dubois #123
$100 Danielle Parden #974
$50 Rita Spear #195
$50 Jesse Rich & Sarah Jewell #218
$25 Rita Spear #38
$25 Caroline & Sarah Nattress #88
$25 Lexi Mazzarella #646
$25 Kenneth & Aubrie Viera #660
$20 Kim Hitchcock #502
$20 Mike & Ariel Williams #583
$20 Steven & Cassandra Garcia #812
$20 David & Stacey Smith #456
$20 Paula Goyette #857
$20 Lucinda Lambert-Hutchinson #717
$20 Margaret Thivierge #319
$20 Shannon Bryda #956
$20 Phyllis Morrison #361
$20 CNN Appraising Inc. #318
Door Prize 1 Michelle Masse
Door Prize 2 Pat Pelletier

NOVEMBER 2026
$1000 Donna Nason #212
$300 Ryan & Ashlee Peloquin #532
$200 Gina McNulty #516
$100 Rob DeLuca Jr. #128
$50 Banks & Chester #327
$50 James & Casey Hardell #826
$25 Ana Russo #600
$25 Bernadette Bertorelli #32
$25 Louisa Bunker #315
$20 Charlene & Robert DeLuca #67
$20 Wally Hill #112
$20 Pauline Marshall #488
$20 Faith Coderre #81
$20 Steve Balick #524
$20 Aaron & Kerry Lieberman #266
$20 Gail Lemay #578
$20 Brian Barbeau #467
$20 Pauline Mahon #129
$20 Stephen & Ashley Sorel #560
$20 Patrica Gingras #222
Door Prize 1 Rosanna Deaume
Door Prize 2 Kathy Chester

Several people have inquired if memberships could be bought for Christmas presents. Tickets are still available and if you are interested in purchasing one, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can get your membership card to you in a timely manner. Membership will cost $50 for the remainder of the year.

Our next drawing will be on December 20 at 8:30AM in the Basement. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at SJS1000Club@danielson.com

Joanne & Kathy

Autumn in New England

77 Water St. Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-2310

For I was Hungry and You gave me food…. Matthew25: 35

How Blessed we are with the beauty of this season, as the trees transform into a vibrant show of color.

Here at Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, we are busily preparing for our 36th Annual Thanksgiving Distribution. We sure hope you will join our food drive!!

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 12 – 3 at 77 Water Street (Home of Friends of Assisi) Monday, Nov. 23rd, 3 – 5:30 at St. James Gym

Wish List

Apples, Box Mashed potatoes, Broth
Canned Yams, Gravy, Pickles & Olives
Rolls, Squash & Turnips, Sweet Potatoes
Grocery Store Gift Cards, Monetary Donations

Thank you so much!
860-774-2310
directorfoodpantry@gmail.com

Dear Father Roy and St. James Friends,
Thanksgiving Blessings from Friends of Assisi Food Pantry

Hello to all our dear friends! It is that beautiful time of year again; Autumn in New England. As we drive down country roads, the leaves gracefully flutter down, the colors are stunning, and the homes proudly display magnificent mums and plump pumpkins. There is a lovely sense of serenity, and we are grateful for this beautiful season in New England.

As we begin to prepare for our 36th Thanksgiving, we take a minute to reflect upon the past Thanksgivings. Many may remember our first distribution in the parking lot of the St. James Rectory so many years ago. It was over 36 years ago that we started in a tiny little basement room in the rectory with Father John O'Neill's blessing. (Rest in peace.) A few years later we moved right down the road and rented from Clay Hooper the little building on the corner. Moving forward, we bought the building and later with the help of Dan Santos CPA and a very large stack of paperwork, we were able to obtain our 501C3 tax exempt. What a journey it has been! Throughout these many years, we have witnessed miracles in our dear little building, so we started calling it the building of miracles. Another miracle we see each day is the devotion and generosity of our faithful donors for all these many years.

We especially thank you dear donors for: **food and monetary donations**

We remember one day when we ran out of peanut butter. (a main staple in the boxes) Our volunteers in the backroom were concerned: "now what will we do, we have no Peanut Butter to put in the boxes?" Within five minutes of their worry, a donor came to the back door with 24 jars of peanut butter, the same number of clients we served that morning!!

Along with the many miracles, we've faced many challenges. We had burst pipes one winter with massive flooding from upstairs.

Most recently our food coordinator arrived this past Monday morning only to find a river in the front room and a hole in the ceiling, from the driving rain and wind!! But as always; God provides through our generous donors, and we are looking forward to a new roof to start our renovations.

We also are looking forward to serving our neighbors in need of a bountiful Thanksgiving Basket, in keeping our tradition of 36 years.

We are grateful to each of you for your encouragement in helping to keep us strong enough to face challenges, yet kind enough to treat our people with dignity and grace.

Gratefully,

Jean M. Cyr	Melinda D. French	Colleen Brignole	Karen E Walsh	Jane LaFleche	Jennifer Litke
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