

DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY HOUR...Our next Monthly Holy Hour will be Monday, December 16th. Rosary begins at 6:40PM.
In Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus freely gives us the graces we need in our lives. The graces we need for our families, vocations, jobs, special intentions, for our church and school, decrease in crime, for Catholics to return to the Faith.

-----SOS...SAVE OUR SCHOOL...
St. James School wishes to thank all our Anonymous Donors and Gerald & Kathy Chester and Raymond & Lorraine Balick in memory of Victoria Grandelski for their generous donations 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.**

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12
Are you interested in a great educational experience for your child?
IMAGINE a school where no grade has more than 30 students...
IMAGINE a school where you have the opportunity to know the names of all the children in your child's class, and their parents...
IMAGINE a school where the values of **RESPECT & COMMUNITY SERVICE** are part of the curriculum...
IMAGINE a school where athletic programs and other extra-curricular activities thrive...
IMAGINE a school with a focus on religious education...
IMAGINE a school with convenient before and after school programs...
IMAGINE this school is only minutes away in Danielson
EXPERIENCE ST. JAMES SCHOOL - 860-774-3281

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2020 THOUSAND CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

Your choice of number if available _____

SPONSOR'S

NAME: _____

Please Print: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPONSOR TO JOIN THE CLUB.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ST.** _____ **ZIP** _____

Email: _____

COATS FOR KIDS...The St. James Knights of Columbus are collecting used coats for our Annual Coats for Kids winter coat give away. We have a box in the church basement where you may donate your used coats.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE....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: _____

Check one: I am a new parishioner

I have an address correction to make

I would like to receive weekly envelopes

The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held on December 2 – 4 2019. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. **Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.**

Rosary Crusade....America Needs Fatima to "Keep Christ in Christmas." A public square rosary rally will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 12 Noon outside the front entrance of Our Lady of La Salette Church, 25 Providence Rd. Brooklyn, CT. Due to inclement weather the event will be cancelled. For more info call: Marilyn or Willie Streb @860-774-0880

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 in and try your luck! Game sales start at 6PM. All profits benefit St. James School. Bingo workers are also needed. Please call Bob Codding @ (860)481-9167.

PLANNING A WEDDING... Arrangements for your marriage should be made with the Church first, as this is the most important part of your wedding day. To secure your wedding date with the church you must first have the initial interview with one of the priests and also have paid the church deposit.

HELPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS...Give food to the needy by Leaving your non perishable items in the food baskets at the church. See Fr. John O'Neill or Lucille if you would like to help in a monetary way. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE...The rectory office is closed on Monday. Office hours are 8:30AM to 3:30PM Tuesday thru Friday.

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Emergencies anytime.

fund or for the St. James Scholarship fund. Inquiries may be made by calling the rectory at 860. 774.3900

Ride Needed: Any Parishioner that can bring residents from Maple Court to attend mass on Sunday please call Rachelle at 860-207-9446.

MASSES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2,

9:00 Kevin Mooney...10th Anniversary...family
9:00 Richard Fortin...Arthur & Doris Laprade

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 Anita Laprade...Charles Laprade
9:00 Ed & Marilyn Perry...a friend

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Virginia & Rene LaForce...Birthdays...Theresa Parent
9:00 Daniel Ferron...wife, Pam

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5,

9:00 Leonie Bernier...29th Anniversary...Son, Romeo
9:00 Ron Wood...Bob Codding & family

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

9:00 Patricia Mathieu...5th Anniversary...family
9:00 Christopher Plasse...Patricia Steen

FIRST SATURDAY, SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

4:30 Parishioners
4:30 Donald Ravenelle...Family
4:30 Rose Radei...Richard

SUNDAY, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 John Gallow...wife, Rita
7:00 Henry & Alma Mazzarella...family
9:00 Carol Whiteley...son & family
9:00 Arlene Roy...The Boligan family
11:00 Jason Boulay...parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Boulay
11:00 William Methot...Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Methot

LASALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
In memory of David & Sophie Horvat...Son, Joseph
In memory of Raymond Gendreau...wife, Pierrette
In memory of Clarence Lemoine...Love, JoAnn
In memory of Heather Mongeau...Dolores Delude
In memory of Helen Bernier...Esther Daigneault
In memory of Clarence Lemoine...43 anniv...love, Esther

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS...This week's flower arrangement is in Thanksgiving by Dolores. Dates that are still open 12/7, 2/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 8/23 and 9/6. IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A DATE, Call @ 860.774.3900.

VIGIL LIGHTS...The Vigil Lights are burning brightly in prayer this week in honor of the La Salette Missions.

WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$
Second Collections.....12/01 – Year End Collection; 12/08 - Immaculate Conception – School Support; 12/15 - Renovation Fund.

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

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday, December 4,
7:00PM Bingo in the church hall
Thursday, December 5,
5:00PM USJB Meeting in the convent

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AND RECUPERATING.
Our Priests visit the hospital regularly. Please have the hospital or a loved one call the rectory 860-774-3900. Names of the sick & recuperating submitted to the rectory will be placed on the altar and remembered during mass.

******News from our Parish Office...Our parish Bulletin is now part of the St. James School website. Please feel free to go to www.stjamesdanielson.org to view the Parish Bulletin on the St. James School website.**

A celebration of THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be held Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, CT. 6:30PM – Rosary & Confessions; 7:00PM a Eucharistic Celebration with the Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich as Principal Celebrant.

Mass Intentions...We are now booking Mass Intentions for 2020, if you wish to schedule a Mass Please write out all the names of your loved ones and put these names and your phone number, with a check in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. We will do our best to accommodate your wishes. Unless you are homebound we will not accept Mass intentions over the phone (Sorry) Also Mass intentions must all be in writing. Mass Stipends are \$10.00 each. Thank You for your understanding.

2020 Masses Available
7:00AM... 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/16, 2/23,3/1,3/8,3/15, 2/22,
9:00AM.....1/6, 1/8, 1/12, 1/14, 1/15, 1/19, 1/20, 1/21, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24, 1/26, 1/27, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6,
11:00AM...1/5,1/12, 1/19,2/2,2/9, 2/16,2/23,3/1,3/8, 3/15,3/22, and 3/29.
Please place Mass Intention in the collection basket. Please include a phone number. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each.

MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF LASALETTE
REMEMBER OUR LADY OF LASALETTE...true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for us on Calvary. Remember also the care you have taken to keep us faithful to Christ, your son. Having done so much for your children, you will not now abandon us. Comforted by this consoling thought, we come to you pleading, despite our infidelities

and ingratitude. **VIRGIN OF RECONCILIATION**...do not reject our prayers but intercede for us, obtain for us, the grace to love Jesus above all else. May we console you by living a holy life and so come to share the eternal life Christ gained by his Cross. Amen.

OUR LADY OF LASALETTE... Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR... Arthur John Grisham has written a hilarious little book entitled *Skipping Christmas*. Judging from the people who have told me that they have read it, it seems that it has almost become a classic. It is the story of a couple whose home is now empty. Their child has gone off to college and so they decide to leave home for Christmas. The novel revolves around their trying to avoid all the work that goes into preparing and celebrating Christmas as a social, rather than a truly religious, event.

I am writing this letter to you for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, when the secular machinery that drives Christmas, namely commerce, will be in full gear. Since it is so short but so significant a time, I want to warn you not to miss Advent. Or worse still, please do not skip Advent!

What am I trying to say? It takes a great deal of focus, energy and effort to keep from getting pulled in to the whirlwind that precedes the feast of the birth of our Savior. You know this as well as I do. The "good" parts of getting ready for Christmas that can flow from love and faith, such as getting gifts and sending cards to loved ones, are swept away by the "bad" parts: the countless expectations that fall upon us from the culture of materialism. What then can one do to stand against the rising tide of getting and spending? It is great to give gifts and celebrate with parties but never forget the reason for the season.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Advent did not emerge in the early church as the antidote to the absolute worldliness that we know today. But it did derive from Jesus' teaching that the world around us is in fact passing away. He promised to come again to save those who remained faithful to Him. We do not know the day or time set for His coming. But Christians at that time were enjoined to live in the world with their hearts set on another world. Christians today are still so encouraged. So, please don't skip Advent. It offers you shelter and peace in the beautiful readings of the Scriptures and in prayers and rituals (e.g./ the Advent wreath. Pageants, Advent Candles) that appeal to the heart's deepest longing to live for something more than what the world can offer.

Join us for Mass on Sunday, even on a weekday, and take time during the week to read Scripture and pray. Join us for our two Christmas Pageants. Seek peace in God's mercy through

The Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the spirit of giving remember those in need such as the Year End Campaign

There are so many ways to keep focused on the Lord as we await his coming. So, whatever you do, please don't skip Advent...or Christmas!

MARY'S DREAM

I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about.

The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents

were not for our Son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel look. Oh, it was beautiful.

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate some one's birthday if they didn't know Him?

I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration, He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at His own celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream, How terrible Joseph, if it had been real.

DAYDREAM II...20 little ways to get into the Christmas Spirit and feel like a child again.

1. Don't schedule yourself too tight this month. Before making an appointment, ask yourself, "Can this wait until after the Holy Days?"
2. Personalize your Christmas cards with a handwritten note.
3. Throughout the holiday season give your family the gift of a sweet disposition.
4. Take the entire family to select the Christmas tree. Choose one that's a little too big.
5. Put your Advent Schedule on the refrigerator and please cross them off as you joyfully complete them.
6. Introduce a child to the wonder of snowflakes. Chill a dark sheet of construction paper; then examine the flakes with a magnifying glass as they land on the paper.
7. Smile at all the salesclerks.
8. Take a decorated miniature Christmas tree to someone in the hospital or a nursing home.
9. Before going to bed on Christmas Eve, read about the birth of Jesus in Luke, Chapter 2, by candlelight.
10. Create a special place of honor for the Christmas card from the farthest away.
11. Don't wait until just before Christmas to wrap the gifts; wrap them as you purchase them.
12. Attend a children's Christmas pageant. Sit up front.
13. Enjoy a couple of meals illuminated only by the Christmas tree.
14. Bake Christmas cookies while a Johnny Mathis Christmas album plays in the background.
15. Do not worry!
16. Offer to run Christmas errands for an elderly friend or relative.
17. Buy a tree ornament for each of your children. Choose one that represents an event that was important to the child in this past year.
18. Answer your phone by saying, "Merry Christmas".
19. Have an advent wreath in your home. Light the candle today.
20. Doing the Scholarship Program gets me in the Christmas Spirit. Three Christmas cheers for the Friends of

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La Salette.

days.
Call 860-774-1712 (Wednesdays to Saturdays) or leave message. All proceeds benefit St. James School. God bless you all. Jim

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE...A
used book store and coffee house at 183 Main Street, (Second floor of Gerardi Insurance Services). Hours of operation are Wednesday to Saturdays, 10AM to 5PM. The store is closed Sunday to Tuesday, holidays and snow

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule for December 7 and 8, 2019

	4:30PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant	Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. Tom Sickler	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy
Lectors	Joe Delaney	Susan Griffiths	Jim Weigel	Lorraine LaGarde
Eucharistic Ministers	Sisters	Rose Normandie	Volunteer	Volunteer

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas and Year End Giving is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift, God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Christmas of course, celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and years end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and years end. A Catholic Gift of Faith.

An Investment In Your Parish

For many years, our Catholic parishes have benefitted from the enormous contributions and dedication of religious men and women (priests, brothers and sisters) who have given their entire lives in the service to parishes, schools, dioceses and many other Church ministries. Now, our Catholic Church and educational ministries are even broader and serve more people than ever before despite the decline in the numbers of religious. Many dedicated lay people now staff these programs and must be compensated with just and living wages. Your Christmas and year end gift is an investment in these quality programs.

Year - End Giving

Thanks for all you do. Every organization has a program called Year End Giving. Most parishes follow this lead. Here at St. James, many people and corporations send us a Christmas Gift. For the past 20 years people have asked us to send them a reminder to remember St. James at Christmas. This year we will be using our bulletin space to say thanks and recommend the following. We will have a second collection at the Christmas Masses. We have the largest attendance of the year and it will help our debt. Some former parishioners continue to remember St. James Parish and St. James School. We could use the extra help at Christmas. We will remember (your loved ones in a Christmas Novena of Masses. (From Christmas to the Epiphany).

Why do we need a year end collection? Each year, St. James School has been short \$75,000.00. This collection will help us break even. For parishioners who contribute every week, this note is just for your information. But there will be a voluntary collection and it will take place on Christmas, a Day of Gifts. It will be the second collection. You may use the Year-End envelopes found at each entrance to the church. Thanks again.

Enclosed is My Year End Donation to St. James

NAME _____ Amount Enclosed _____
 Address _____
 City, State, _____ Zip Code _____
 IN MEMORY OF _____ AND _____

May the Lord bless you and your families in the months ahead

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October Drawing

\$1000 Donna Chevrette	489	\$25 Jacquelyn & Ryan Harrelle	256	Door Prize:	Donna Nason
300 Jason & Mary Cacciapuoti	96	\$25 Patricia Magao	216	Door Prize:	Rachelle Lapoint
200 Bridget Bessenaire	468	25 David Rzuclidlo	519		
100 Sara & Derek Wesalowski	692	25 Luke Desaulnier	474		
50 Henry & Brenda Sorel	576				
50 Paul Brycki	494				

\$20.00 Winners are:

Charles Laprade	615	Aron & Kerry Leiberman	266
Deb St, Jean	815	Rita Lavola	487
Ernest Salvias	921	Denise Aubin	789
Denise Auger	166	Claire & Dan Rogan	182
Jackie Pellerin	197	Margaret Burrridge	200

November Drawing

\$1000 Jeremy Nason	420	\$25 Danielle Pacheco	133	Door Prize:	Lucille Kaczor
300 Rolannd Malboeuf	743	\$25 Ron & Kelly Pelletier	380	Door Prize:	Robert Bernier
200 Mike & Tristan Dubois	888	25 Michael Masse	753		
100 Pamela Ferron	496	25 Amber & Iszach Desjardins	263		
50 Judy Ternowchek	689				
50 Joanne Whippert	698				

\$20.00 Winners are:

Ann Marie & David Izzo	872	Anselmo & Karen Toni	598
David LaBelle	162	Fran's Grandchildren	554
Chris Albee	932	Kyle & Jennifer Napierata	341
Denise Albetski	571	Mary Hay	349
Melissa & Dana Whiteley	243	Wilfred Racicot	784

**Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 8:30AM
in the church hall. If you have any questions concerning dues etc. Please call Kathy Hall (860) 774-7635.**