



## Mark Your Calendar

**HOLY HOUR...**Our next PM Holy Hour will be on Monday, February 17, from 7PM to 8PM with the rosary 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...

We wish to thank Vivian Reddy for her very generous donation to St. James School and Church. We also wish to thank Marjorie Kurgan for her very generous donation to St. James Church.

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

**RESERVE THIS DATE FOR THE "150" CLUB...AND THE 50/50 RAFFLE...**The ANNUAL MEETING of the "150 Club" patrons will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM at St. James School. Regular patrons will receive special invitations in the mail. We are always signing up new patrons. If you wish more information or want to be on a list of new patrons simply call the rectory. **860.774.3900.**

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION...**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: \_\_\_\_\_

I.D. Number if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- ☐ I am a registered parishioner of St. James  
☐ I have an address correction to make  
☐ I am moving from the parish

**LENTEN PLANS....**We are preparing for Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 26. Please tell us your suggestions on what you would like to see happen here at St. James? Please let us know. Thank you, Fr. John

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS...**GRACIOUS GOD, WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND COMPASSION. YOU GAVE US YOUR SON, JESUS, TO BE OUR SHEPHERD WHO CALLS US AND GUIDES US ALONG THE PATH OF LIFE. MAY WE BE ATTENTIVE TO HIS VOICE IN OUR WORLD AND DISCERN HOW WE MAY FOLLOW JESUS. BLESS ALL WHO LISTEN TO YOUR CALL AND RESPOND OPEN HEARTEDLY TO YOUR INVITATION. MAY THE CHURCH BE BLESSED WITH AN INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE, WITH GRATITUDE WE OFFER OUR PRAYER.

**MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE...**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 LA SALETTE...** Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

**POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE...** **POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE...** A used book store and coffeehouse is now open at 183 Main street (corner of Academy and Main Streets, second floor of Gerardi Insurance Services). **Hours of operation are Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10AM to 5PM.** The store is closed Sunday to Tuesday, holidays and snowy days. Please patronize, promote and support our bookstore. It supports the students and staff of St. James School. Thank you for your ongoing support and God bless you all! Store phone number 860-774-1712, (Wednesdays to Saturdays) or leave a message. Thank you for your understanding and continuing patronage of our store. God bless you all! Jim

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Saint James Knights of Columbus will be having our famous Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, February 16, after the 7AM and 9AM Masses in the Church basement. All are welcome and there is NO CHARGE. A great way to warm up on a chilly February morning!

**MASSES****MONDAY, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

9:00 Robert Steen...Patricia Steen  
9:00 Madeliene Wells...estate

**TUESDAY, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes**

9:00 Virginia La Force...Daughter, Theresa Parent & family  
9:00 Anita Laprade...husband, Charles

**WEDNESDAY, February 12,**

9:00 Michael Mulligan...Tom Seiferman  
9:00 Edward Stack...Bev Richardson

**THURSDAY, Feb. 13,**

9:00 Dorothy Beausoleil...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...family  
9:00 For Those in Need

**FRIDAY, Feb. 14, Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop**

9:00 Ernest & Dorothy Lapre...45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
...The Lapre family

9:00 Jeannette Auger...estate

**SATURDAY, February 15, BVM**

4:30 Parishioners  
4:30 Ben Desaulnier...family  
4:30 Raymond L. Bernier...wife & family

**SUNDAY, Feb. 16, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00 Leonard Bissonette...3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary...family  
9:00 Emma Kuchta...Birthday...Kathryn & Karen  
9:00 Paul Bessenaire...Peter & Debra Bessenaire  
11:00 Elaine Rzeznikiewicz...Terri & Austin Cedio  
11:00 Helen Bernier...Irene O'Hop

**LA SALETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adekyn Bodenschatz  
In memory of David & Sophie Horvat...son, Joseph

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS...**This week's floral arrangement is donated in honor of Phil Normandie's Birthday. Next week's floral arrangement will be donated in honor of Anita Pelletier by the Rondeau family. Dates that are still open, 2/29, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 8/23 and 9/6. **IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A DATE, CALL @ 860.774.3900.**

**VIGIL LIGHTS...**are burning brightly this week in Prayer for Sr. Mary O'Neill, Happy Birthday!

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$5,925.00**  
**School Support.....\$2,642.00**  
**Second Collection; 2/09 – S.O.S. – Save our Schools; 2/16 – La Salette Seminarists; 2/23 – Renovation Fund; 2/26 – Ash Wednesday.**

**2019 Annual Statements will be provided to Weekly Envelope Users upon request. Request can be placed in the collection basket.**

**2020 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES...**can be picked up at the main entrances to the Church. If you do not have envelopes and would like them there is a sign-up sheet and blank boxes for 2020.

**ST. JAMES SCHOOL HOLIDAY RAFFLE** Drawings begin on February 14<sup>th</sup> and will end on Easter Sunday. There will be 8 ½ weeks of daily drawings ranging from \$20 daily, \$50 on Sundays, \$100 on selected holidays and \$250 on

**Valentine's Day and Easter! Family and friends can purchase tickets for just \$20 per entry.**

**PARISH EVENTS****Wednesday, February 12,**

7:00PM Bingo in the Church Hall

**Sunday, February 16,**

**Knights of Columbus Free Pancake Breakfast after the 7AM & 9 AM masses.**

8:30AM 1000 Club Drawing in Church Basement

**Monday, February 17,**

7:00PM Holy Hour with Rosary at 6:40PM.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**"150 CLUB" ANNUAL MEETING...Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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.**

**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.

**TENTH ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE...**The Friends of Assisi are collecting new blankets from January 12<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>. **NEW** blankets may be brought to the church or the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry on Water Street.

**860-774-2310. "Blessed are the Merciful" Mat. 5:7**

**News from Friends of Assisi...**Happy New Years' dear wonderful and generous St. James parishioners! Thank you so much for your faithful support throughout Thanksgiving and the past year. With your help we were able to take care of over 400 families at Thanksgiving, which totals 1,089 adults, children and seniors.

We thank you in advance for the new blankets that will keep many warm. Also special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for renovations throughout the fall. Thanks to all for being a blessing to those in need. We are in the process of doing our thank yous, if you are in need of a letter for your taxes sooner contact us 774-2310 or [directorfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:directorfoodpantry@gmail.com). Gratefully, Jean Cyr, Mindy French and all the volunteers.

**2020 Masses Available**

**7:00AM...**2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/05; 4/12; 4/19

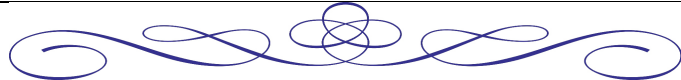
**9:00AM.....**2/17, 2/19, 2/24, 2/25, 2/27, 2/28, 3/03, 3/04, 3/05

**11:00AM...**3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 04/05, 04/19, and 04/26. **Please place Mass Intention in the collection basket. Please include a phone number. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each. Please include a phone number.**

**PURCHASE YOUR 2020 "1000 CLUB" TICKET TODAY. OUR NEXT DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> SEE APPLICATION ON PAGE 4 OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN.**

**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.



**DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...** Lucille at the Rectory answers the phone. The caller asks, "what Mass does Fr. John have this Sunday?" She always asks "which Fr. John?": the caller says: "I am looking for the Fr. John who tells sports stories". The person is coming to St. James and he is hoping to hear some stories on both faith and sports.

Some people have a great devotion to their sports teams. We cannot call my sister-in-law, Nell during U-CONN Girls Basketball games; she is busy. Many ask who is winning faith or sports? There is room for both. I not only preach about faith and sports but hope and sharing and getting along. My daydream columns usually include sports. Sports teams have huge followings. Think Red Sox Nation and all the St. James teams!!! U-CONN girls. I always hear a few cheers when I mention the N.Y. Yankees. Every year at St. James we have a Mass for Ted Williams.

There is no shortage of religion in sports. Witness Tim Tebow's genuflections, David Ortiz's raised index fingers to the heavens, Phil Jackson saying Zen prayers, A U-CONN football Coach saying "you need Jesus in the huddle; faith and sports go together like peanut butter and jelly." Say a prayer.

March Madness is coming. Who invented basketball in 1891? We all know it was James Naismith. But no one knows that he was a Presbyterian Minister. At the same time the Y.M.C.A.'s built gyms for basketball followed by worship sessions.

Religion can learn from sports. The sports teams I admire are really organized and have a plan for the future. I learned at an early age (economics 101 at Boston College) you need money to run a sports program and a church and a school. The pastoral plan is service. The St. James team lost seven "starters" over the past two years including, Fr. LeCours, Fr. Scott, Fr. Elson, and Fr. Joe. Yet we kept our regular schedule including one Mass a day, four Masses on the weekend, 100 Baptisms a year, and many funerals.

We took a page from the sports general managers; we talked Fr. Tom out of retirement and he is our go-to man on weekends. Although we are a veteran team, Fr. John Welch and Fr. John O'Neill have been with La Salette since the 1940's. We just added Fr. Roy.

Our church sponsors the number one school in New England and we use all the good things from the world of sports to promote it.

The major colleges give scholarships to their gifted athletes. We at St. James do not call them scholarships but we use the Diocesan term "tuition assistance" to every student whose family goes to church and volunteers. We at St. James School, when we select a teacher, they have to promise to work as a team, a winning team, all for the same purpose.

People from around the state, especially my Jewish friends, ask "how can you support a major catholic school without any outside help?" The Fr. John answer is we not only support St. James School but we are global. We support two great catholic schools in India! Wow!

#### 10 days to remember; please draw up your own list...

The five best days from the world of faith...

1. My Baptism Day - August 1935, Sacred Heart in Bridgeport.
2. My Ordination Day - May 26, 1962, Ipswich, MA.
3. Private visit and Mass with Pope John Paul II, September, 1982, Rome.

4. Bringing my classmates (all priests) to the mountain of La Salette for a month's retreat in September, 1985.

5. Appointed Pastor of St. James, June 27, 1991, Danielson.  
**Footnote:** five special days to remember from the world of faith in the eyes of Fr. John O'Neill.

#### The five days to remember from the world of sports in the eyes of Fr. John O'Neill...

1. Fifty-five years ago La Salette won the State Championship in high school basketball. Class S, 1964.
2. Fifty-five years ago La Salette (Altamont, N.Y.) won the College Championship in softball, N.C.A.C. Championship. Fr. John O'Neill was coaching and Fr. Tom played 2<sup>nd</sup> base. October, 1964.
3. Thirty-one years ago this April, Fr. John O'Neill ran the Boston Marathon, wearing his Boston College uniform.
4. Fifty five years ago, Fr. John O'Neill was elected President of a College Sports Conference, the N.C.A.C. in Albany, N.Y.
5. Fr. John O'Neill went to his first N.C.E.A. College Basketball Championship. North Carolina vs. Georgetown in New Orleans in 1982.

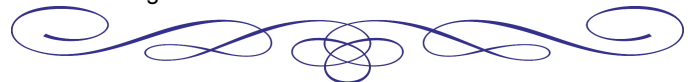
And we ask "where does the time go?" and we ponder what great memories. Sports and religion teach us about life and the goodness we experience.

I leave you with a quote I enjoyed. We need both faith and sports. In 1898 the Reverend Washington Gladden called sports "A means of Grace and a training ground for a Godly life."

Attendance at sporting events seems on the rise. Fifty years ago just three out of ten considered themselves sports fans in the U.S.A. By 2018 the percentage was six out of ten. Back at St. James Church, church attendance is the highest in the last twenty years and St. James School is now number one in enrollment. **Let us all play ball and pray. Amen**

#### Another 25 onliners...

1. Read the Daydream Column every week.
2. Be good to yourself every day.
3. Pray every day.
4. Read a spiritual book.
5. Visit **Pourings and Passages** 183 Main St.
6. Buy a "1000 Club" ticket A.S.A.P.
7. Plan your dream vacation down to the last detail.
8. Call your three sisters.
9. Go for a walk every day.
10. Clean your room.
11. Enjoy yourself.
12. Learn how to apologize.
13. Spend an entire day without plans.
14. Write down what you want to achieve.
15. Give more.
16. Learn to be still.
17. Keep a diary to measure your progress.
18. Welcome our many new parishioners.
19. Go on a cruise. Stand on the deck and toast the sunset.
20. Write a friend a heartfelt letter.
21. Be patient.
22. When you reach a goal, celebrate.
23. Record your hopes and wishes for the months ahead.
24. Get plenty of rest and relaxation.
25. Be willing to sacrifice.



**Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule for February 15th and 16th, 2020**

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. Tom Sickler	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil
<b>Lector</b>	Marc Kuffrey	Ralph Oriola	Bob Sisko	Ann Aulerich
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sisters	Rose Normandie	Rosalie Boire, Wanda Ben Joan Cyr	Steve Beottcher Sisters

**2020 S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB**

THE 2020 "1000 CLUB" REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY, ONLY \$40.00 FOR 8 MONTHLY DRAWING. THE NEXT DRAWING FOR THE NEW CLUB WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th AT 8:30AM IN THE CHURCH HALL. PLEASE SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER SO WE CAN FILL THE CLUB! VERY IMPORTANT AS WE ARE CLOSE TO NOT MAKING A PROFIT DUE TO LOW MEMBERSHIP.

**MONTHLY AWARDS: \$2,000** in awards are given away each month...20 awards monthly, 240+ chances to win.

You do not have to be present at the drawings to win the regular prizes.

<b>Prize 1 -</b>	\$1,000.00 (Sponsor wins \$100)	<b>Prize 2 -</b>	\$300.00 (Sponsor wins \$30)
<b>Prize 3</b>	200.00(Sponsor wins \$20)	<b>Prize 4 -</b>	\$100.00 (sponsor wins \$10)
<b>Prize 5 &amp; 6</b>	50.00 (Sponsor wins \$5)	<b>Prizes 7 thru 10</b>	\$25.00
<b>Prizes 11 thru 20</b>	\$20.00		

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please inform Kathy Hall (860)774-7635 of any address changes. Kathy is the "keeper of the records".

**SPONSORS:** Sponsors receive 10% of the first through sixth awards, this is in addition to the regular awards.

Sponsors are those who sign up a new member and are responsible for collecting their dues if the new member chooses to pay monthly. A person CANNOT sponsor him/herself. Two people CANNOT sponsor each other. We encourage sponsors to attend the drawings to pick up membership cards and/or winnings for the people they have sponsored.

**December Drawing**

<b>\$1000</b>	Becca Zachow	315	<b>\$25</b>	Ella Fortin	444	<b>Door Prize:</b>	Kathy Hall
<b>300</b>	Barbara Basley	722	<b>\$25</b>	Lenore Gudmundson	357	<b>Door Prize:</b>	Joanne Wippert
<b>200</b>	Riley & Matthew Noren	452	<b>25</b>	Marie Priestthey	575		
<b>100</b>	Mary Jane Burke	709	<b>25</b>	Gina McNulty	516		
<b>50</b>	Joseph Beaudoin	732					
<b>50</b>	Jennifer & Christopher Knight	869					

**\$20.00 Winners are:**

Esmerelda & Devon Thornton	654	Pauline Ayers	852
Amanda Grasin	232	Cathryn Markley	310
Samantha & Aron Vadeboncoeur	116	Dolores Delude	418
Chris & Cody Smith	754	Richard Brooks	970
Susie & Patrick Bernado	190	Larry & Joseph DiBella	915

**January Drawing**

<b>\$1000</b>	Jennifer & Christopher Knight	869	<b>\$25</b>	Craig Lagano	763	<b>Door Prize:</b>	Pat Pelletier
<b>300</b>	Karen & John Reis	688	<b>\$25</b>	Yaned Perez	833	<b>Door Prize:</b>	Donna Nason
<b>200</b>	Charlotte & Ron Litke	111	<b>25</b>	Lucille Bernier	12		
<b>100</b>	Lori Michailides	548	<b>25</b>	Leigh & Gregory Anderson	#82		
<b>50</b>	Fr. John O'Neill	539					
<b>50</b>	Edna Granger	248					

**\$20.00 Winners are:**

JoAnn Fortin	634	Michelle & Aaron Nichols	645
Kevin & Patricia Ryan	825	Jennifer Jasmin	402
Helene LaBelle	961	Janice Cacciapuoti	596
Kerri Hall	131	Kristen Langlois	715
Lara & Charles DelSignore, Sr	870	Rita Gallow	58

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 8:30AM in the church hall. If you have any questions concerning dues etc. Please call Kathy Hall (860) 774-7635.

**2020 ST. JAMES 1000 CLUB REGISTRATION FORM - SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER TODAY**

Your choice of number if available \_\_\_\_\_ (no guarantees)

**SPONSORS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPONSOR TO JOIN THE CLUB**

Please Print

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

City / Town

State

Zip code

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_