

HOLY HOUR...Our next PM Holy Hour will be on Monday, January 20, 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...**
St. James School wishes to thank the following for their very generous donations to the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund.
John & Cheryl Boland in memory of Scott Walls, Rich & Barbara Ives, Stephen Kacerik, Jr, Irene Crabtree, Francine Lee, and Paul & Janet LeBlanc in memory of Martha Bonneville.
We also wish to thank **John Buoncristiani for his generous donation to the 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

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: _____

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
- I would like to receive weekly envelopes

Please note: It is mandatory to be a registered parishioner who uses the envelopes to qualify for any St. James School Subsidy or Diocesan High School Subsidy. Records are reviewed quarterly. Policy is strictly enforced.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR...We would like to extend to all of you our sincere wishes for a blessed 2019. We thank you for all of your kindnesses and support extended to us. Please know that we constantly pray for you each day throughout the year! Thank you for all you do for St. James and thanks for your cards. **Fr. John O'Neill, Fr. John Welch, Fr. Tom Sickler, Fr. Roy and Deacon Rene.**

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.

2020 Calendars...Have you picked up your St. James 2020 Calendar? Please take one home. They can be found at the entrances to the church. Sincere thanks to **Steven W. Farner, owner of Smith & Walker Funeral Home, and the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home** for supplying St. James Church with these calendars.

Wednesday Night Bingo...Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over **\$1000.00** is given away each week. Come 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.

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. (Fridays until 7PM).** 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

2019 "YEAR END CAMPAIGN" will continue throughout the month of January... this is the time of the year that many of you make donations to your favorite charities, organizations and churches. Thank you in advance for your generosity. This is the time we play "catch" up in our deficit.

Name _____

Address _____

- Enclosed is my year end donation to St. James Church. Use it where it is needed the most.
- Enclosed is my Annual Gift to my Church.

Thanks to all those who made special contributions to the Parish & School during the Christmas Season.

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

MASSES

MONDAY, January 6, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

9:00 Vivian Fede...1st Anniversary...family
9:00 Month's Mind: Elaine Rzeznikiewicz

TUESDAY, January 7, Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

9:00 Sylvina LaPre...29th Anniversary...Lapre Family
9:00 Carol Iannuzzi...Birthday...husband

WEDNESDAY, January 8,

9:00 Ed & Marilyn Perry...a friend
9:00 Pauline Carter...family

THURSDAY, January 9,

9:00 Patricia Comtois...1st Anniversary...by family
9:00 Charles & Beatrice Fortin...Charles Laprade

FRIDAY, January 10,

9:00 Rich Turner...family
9:00 Anita Griggs...1st Anniversary...by family

SATURDAY, January 11,

4:30 Parishioners
4:30 Raymond L. Bernier...Lorraine & Sonia
4:30 Albert Larrow...6th Anniversary...Alice & family

SUNDAY, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

7:00 Paul & Mary Coutu...JoAnn Bissonnette
7:00 A special intention...John & Monique Phelan
9:00 Robert Desrochers...wife, Barbara
9:00 Leroy Ducat...Bernie Stanzione
11:00 Helen Bernier...Terry Sypek & Bob St. Onge

LA SALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
In memory of David & Sophie Horvat...son, Joseph
In memory of John Gallow...by wife, Rita
In memory of Yvonne Bissonnette...daughter, Pierrette
In memory of Joseph Dragon, Love, Jackie
In memory of Art Lanoie, Love, Jackie
In memory of George Thivierge, Love, Jackie
IN memory of Lucien & Lucienne Veilleux...Love, Jackie

2020 Masses Available

7:00AM... 1/26, 2/2, 2/16, 2/23,3/1,3/8,3/15,
9:00AM....1/19, 1/24, 1/26, 1/31, 2/2, 2/3, 2/5,
11:00AM...1/5, 1/19; 2/2, ,2/9, 2/16, 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. Please include a phone number.

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.

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.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS... This week's arrangement is donated in memory of Bobby Normadie...Anniversary. Next week's arrangement will be donated in memory of **Dot Beausoleil's Birthday.**

VIGIL LIGHTS...are burning brightly this week in Prayer for **The St. James Craft Group.**

WEEKLY OFFERING.....10,049.00
Christmas Offering..... 6,020.00
Second Collection; 1/05 – Initial Offering; 1/12 – Renovation Fund; 1/19 – School Support; 1/26 – St. James School Debt Reducion.

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday, January 8,
7:00PM Bingo in the Church Hall

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.

THANK YOU... for contributing to the biggest collection of the year. **The Year End Collection.** Please refer to the church bulletin for details for your **Christmas Gift and Year End Giving.**

2020 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES...can be picked up in the church hall following all weekend Masses. If you do not have envelopes and would like them there is a sign-up sheet and blank boxes downstairs. You may also pick up a box of blank envelopes for 2020.

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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 dedicate their lives to you. Strengthen them in their vocational commitment. Inspire women and men to recognize your call and to 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

ST. JAMES CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Dear St. James Parishioners:
Thank you for your support in sales, crafts and supplies to help make our recent craft fair a success enabling us to present a check to the school for \$6,600.00! Wishing all of you a blessed holiday season!
The St. James Craft Group

ST. JAMES CHURCH DEFIBRILLATOR

Thank you to the Catholic Financial Life, Union St. Jean – Baptiste, Chpt. 52 for donating \$1200.00 to purchase a defibrillator for our church.

PURCHASE YOUR 2020 "1000 CLUB" TICKET TODAY. OUR NEXT DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 19th SEE APPLICATION ON Page 4 OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN.

going on.

DAYDREAMS OF THE PASTOR...The Daydreams Column offers 100 suggestions for an interesting life.

1. Read the Daydream Column every week.
2. Be good to yourself every day.
3. Pray every day.
4. Read a spiritual book.
5. Attend the daily Mass.
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. Fr. LeCours' 73rd anniversary, as a priest on February 3rd.
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.
26. Write a letter to God.
27. Spend more time with your family.
28. Seek the higher road.
29. Be flexible.
30. Long walk...part of the Gift.
31. Stop blaming others.
32. Try a new sport - e.g. golf or tennis.
33. Be sure you will be at the St. James Shoot-Out.
34. Volunteer at St. James, and the Assisi Food Pantry.
35. Send flowers.
36. Vow to live within your means.
37. Pray for the Unborn and Christian unity.
38. Be a good neighbor.
39. Sing in Church. (Our Sisters really can sing.)
40. Have happy thoughts.
41. Say things softly.
42. Replace terror with humor.
43. Eat more vegetables and fruits.
44. Rediscover the goodness in yourself.
45. Learn to say: I am sorry.
46. Learn to say: Please help me, God.
47. Learn to say: I love you.
48. Look for hidden rewards.
49. Give three cheers to the St. James Construction Firm!
50. Volunteer for Bingo.
51. Compliment a member of your family every day.
52. Donate your books to Pourings and Passages.
53. Thank God every day.
54. Always remember in prayer the LaSalette Missionaries and the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
55. Attend Church.
56. Cheer for St. James in the basketball tournaments.
57. June 11, 2020 will be the 120th Anniversary of St. James Church.
58. Make a day of recollection or a retreat.
59. Buy a "150 Club" ticket.
60. Clean out your closets.
61. Pray for our First Communion Candidates on their big day.
62. Look for God in those around you.
63. Find inspiration in others.
64. Cultivate a sense of wonder.
65. Post a family calendar to keep everyone aware of what is

66. Remember the St. James School Endowment Drive.
67. Please attend the Confirmation Ceremony in the Fall.
68. Go to a basketball game and cheer for your favorite team. (Note to Fr. John, please go easy on the referees).
69. Buy "50/50" Raffle tickets.
70. Ask the question...What is the best part of me that no one else sees? What can I do to show it?
71. Make a list of the 25 things you want to complete before you die.
72. Volunteer to do some Religious Education teaching.
73. Forgive someone who has wronged you.
74. Do an anonymous good deed. Thanks for being so generous at Christmas and the Year End Collection.
75. Stop talking about your neighbor; in other words don't criticize.
76. Schedule time for daily reflections.
77. Exercise your soul.
78. Send your friends, postcards.
79. Write down your goal of where you want to be in 5 years in your career and in your personal life.
80. Learn how to meditate.
81. Learn how to daydream.
82. Keep a journal to count all of your blessings.
83. Attend the Parish Holy Hour.
84. Take your best friend out to a great lunch.
85. Write a letter to your favorite teacher.
86. Work less and laugh more.
87. Let go and let God!
89. Vow to stand up for yourself.
90. Visit your loved ones at Holy Cross Cemetery.
91. Invite a friend to Church.
92. Hug more.
93. Attend Home-School Association Meetings.
94. Contribute to your Church every week.
95. Don't forget the St. James S.O.S. Project in your will.
96. Remember St. James in your will.
97. Donate your old car to St. James.
98. Pray for your own vocation.
99. I asked myself, will people read and follow these suggestions? Well last year, we were looking for U-Conn tickets and people responded generously so #99 of last year, "Looking for U-Conn tickets" is replaced with "Don't forget to thank people for their kindness."
100. Plan on attending Church on Sunday to thank God for the blessings of life.

DAYDREAM II... "2019" saw so many of our loved ones go home to heaven. All of them spent their first Christmas in Heaven. The following Daydream is dedicated to all the members of our families who have died...

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below. With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow, the sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sound of music cannot compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above, I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, Love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories that Jesus told.

Please love each other as the Father said to do, for I cannot

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

count the blessings or love He has for you, so have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear, remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule for January 11th and 12th, 2020

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

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 _____

INMEMORY OF _____

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

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