

**Our Lenten Schedule**

**Daily Mass:** Monday through Friday - 9AM  
**Mass on all Saturdays during Lent** at 7.30AM  
**Saturday Vigil** ----- 4.30 PM  
**Sunday** -----7AM, 9AM & 11AM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Every Saturday  
 3.45PM to 4.15PM  
**Mission for three days:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
 March 16, 17 and 18, from 7PM to 8PM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** On Monday, April 06,  
 9AM to 4:30PM  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be held on every Friday  
 during Lent at 7PM and Stations of the Cross by St. James  
 School Students on Fridays -- March 13, March 20, and April 3  
 at 1PM. **All are Welcome.**

1. **LAW OF FASTING** = On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.  
 One full meal, two lighter meals, no eating between meals –  
 binds those 19 to 59 years of age  
 2. **LAW OF ABSTINENCE** = No meat allowed on Ash  
 Wednesday and all Fridays of lent. Binds those 14 years and  
 older.

**HOLY HOUR...Our next Holy Hour will be on Monday,  
 March 16, 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 all our Anonymous Donors and Denise  
 Altbetski for their very 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**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 1, 2020**

**First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

We begin the season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, sacrifice  
 and good works. It is not just a time to shift gears and remember,  
 but to allow the saving work of Jesus to take place in our hearts.  
 Do I see the need for the abundant grace of Jesus in the world  
 today? Am I able to move from what is around me needing  
 salvation in Jesus, and see my own personal need for His saving,  
 His amazing grace? I begin my Lenten journey in a serious  
 way, asking that the next few weeks will find me caring for my  
 soul, my spiritual life, the spiritual well being of others, my  
 children. I ask forgiveness for what I have done and what I have  
 failed to do. Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and  
 death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will  
 bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast  
 and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give  
 evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil  
 saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord  
 your God; Him alone shall you adore.”

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**CALLING FOR THE ST. MICHAEL PRAYER...** In our nation  
 the US Bishops seek the intercession of St. Michael the  
 Archangel to ‘Defend us in Battle’. Invoking the archangel to  
 defend us in battle is particularly relevant. “In modern times,  
 perhaps we have been lulled into complacency about the  
 power of evil,” said Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford, CT in  
 a letter to priests calling for recitation of the St. Michael Prayer  
 after every Sunday and weekday Mass. Please join us in The  
 St. Michael Prayer which will be recited after all of the Masses.  
 The prayer is in our Missalette on page 295.

**ST. MICHAEL PRAYER**

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our  
 defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O  
 Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust  
 into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the  
 world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Loving and generous God, it is You who call us by name  
 and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the love and  
 service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us  
 the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.  
 Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ’s  
 mission of love and justice. Bless St. James Parish by  
 raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our  
 families and friends who will serve Your people as Priests,  
 Deacons, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Ministers. Inspire us  
 to know You better and open our hearts to listen to Your  
 call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without  
 ceasing for us who have recourse to 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.

**MASSES**

**MONDAY, March 2,**

9:00 Ed & Marilyn Perry...A Friend  
 9:00 Christopher M. Guari...7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...family

**TUESDAY, March 3, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

9:00 Christopher Alves...1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...family  
 9:00 Maurice Labrecque...Birthday & Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, March 4, Saint Casimir**

9:00 Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters  
 9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Pelletier family  
 ...by family

**THURSDAY, March 5,**

9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Pelletier family  
 ...by family

9:00 In Thanksgiving...Theresa Labbe

**FIRST FRIDAY, March 6,**

9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Pelletier Family  
 ...by family

9:00 Dorothy Frechette...Robert Catania

**FIRST SAT., March 7, Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

7:30AM -For the St. James "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee"  
 4:30PM -Parishioners  
 4:30 Donald Ravenelle...family  
 4:30 Raymond Perreault...wife & family

**SUNDAY, March 8, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:00 Roger Lamontagne...Pauline  
 7:00 The Anger & Bardell families...Richard & Vi Anger  
 9:00 Michael Davis...19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...family  
 9:00 Peter & Fannie Sinagra...Jules & Cathy D'Agostino  
 11:00 Natalie Charbonneau-Lariviere...  
 by Albert Charbonneau and Doris Boston  
 11:00 Kevin P. Mazzarella...family

**LA SALETTE MASSES**

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz  
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat...son, Joseph  
 In memory of John Gallow...wife, Rita  
 In memory of Lawrence Clark... wife  
 In memory of M/M Edmond Lefrancois...daughter  
 In memory of Walter Arruda...Joan Cyr

**During the Season of Lent we will be having a 7:30AM Mass on Saturdays. If you would like to submit a Mass intention, place your mass intention in the collection basket or call the rectory 860.774.3900. Please include Name, Phone, and Mass Stipend.**

**MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS...**The week of March 7<sup>th</sup> flower arrangement will be donated in memory of Alexa Elizabeth Williams & Scott Walls...by family. Dates that are still open, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 8/23 and 9/6. **IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A DATE, CALL THE RECTORY @ 860.774.3900.**

**VIGIL LIGHTS...**are burning brightly this week in Prayer for Paul Grenon...Happy Birthday! And for all the Scouts from St. James.

**WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$5,487.00**  
**Renovation Fund.....\$2,303.00**  
 Second Collection; 3/01 – School Support, Easter Flowers;  
 3/08 – Renovation Fund; 3/15 – S.O.S. – Save our Schools.

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 NOW BE PICKED UP AT THE RECTORY. If you do not have envelopes, we can give you a box**

**of blanks for 2020.**

**PARISH EVENTS**

**8:30AM Infant Jesus of Prague Devotion...**  
**Every Monday at 8:30AM in the Church.**  
**Wednesday, March 4,**  
 7:00PM Bingo in the Church Hall  
**Thursday, March 5,**  
 5:00PM USJB Meeting

**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.

**2020 Masses Available**

**7:00AM...** 4/05; 4/12; 4/19; 4/26;5/3;5/10; 5/17; 5/31; 6/7;6/14;6/21; 7/5; 7/12; 7/26; 8/2; 8/9; 8/16; 8/23; and 8/30  
**9:00AM.....**3/22, 3/27, 3/29, 3/30, 4/01 4/02; 4/06; 4/07; 4/08 ; 4/12; 4/13; 4/14; 4/15; 4/16; 4/19; 4/20; 4/22; 4/23; 4/26; 4/27; 4/28; 4/29; 4/30; 5/1; 5/10; 5/19; 5/20; 5/22; 5/23; and 5/27.  
**11:00AM...**04/19, 5/3; 5/31; 6/7; 6/14; 6/21; 6/28; 7/5; 7/19; 7/26; 8/2; 8/9; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30; 9/6; 9/13; 9/20; and 9/27..**Please place Mass Intention in the collection basket. Please include a phone number. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each. Please include a phone number.**

**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.

**ST. JAMES SCHOOL HOLIDAY RAFFLE** Drawings began 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.

**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 FORM**

**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

**DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR... Champions find opportunity to learn in defeat...**In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States. Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with adversity throughout his life. He failed in business twice and went bankrupt; his mother died; he lost eight elections; his fiancée died; he suffered a nervous breakdown.

Lincoln could have given up many times, but he didn't. Instead, he became one of the greatest presidents in history.

Champions – in games and in life – are those who have learned to cope with defeat. Every disappointment, each mishap, holds the seed of tomorrow's good fortune. Problems can be great opportunities in disguise.

Who can tell what wonderful things are in store for you after tribulations? If you look long and hard enough, you will see the seed of good and turn your adversity into a positive situation.

"Through any stressful event, determine which elements you have control over and which you do not," "If an adverse circumstance does happen, modify the negative feelings you have with positive messages."

Your mind is a great tool. Try thinking your way through the problem with calm persistence. Thomas Edison once said the only reason we need a body is to carry the brain around. You have power over almost all conditions in your life.

When a problem strikes, we tend to react emotionally, rather than think about it. But when the mind is calm, without strong emotions overpowering it, it can deliver rational solutions.

"The positive thinker knows that there is always an idea which will lead to a solution of the problem." "Believe that problems do have answers and can be overcome."

To every disadvantage there is corresponding advantage. Difficulties can enhance a person's insights, strengths and wisdom.

Defeat? What is it? Nothing but a little education and the first step to something better. "The only people who never fail are those who never, ever try," "Be a player in life, not just a spectator."

Adversity can be your greatest teacher. We sometimes learn very little from our successes, but when we are pushed and tormented we can acquire great knowledge.

It is how we react to our misfortunes that determines the course our life will take. If you want to prosper, you must first learn to live with failure. Let the tears you shed cleanse your eyes so you can see the truth. Then, muster your forces, sharpen your skills, keep on plugging and in the end, **WIN!**

Regardless of where you are on this continuum, setting goals for yourself can be motivation. But these goals need to be realistic. The following list includes attainable resolutions which can improve the quality of our life and those around you:

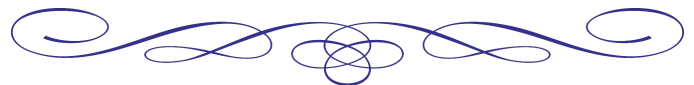
1. Resolve to **LAUGH MORE**. Laughing actually releases chemicals in the blood stream that boost the immune system. The average person laughs only three times per day.
2. Resolve to **PLAY MORE**. Be more childlike in

your quest for enjoyment. The average toddler laughs at least 50 times a day.

3. Resolve to **TAKE YOUR HEALTH SERIOUSLY**. Physical, mental and spiritual balance takes effort. Give yourself a check-up in these areas.
4. Resolve to **TAKE YOURSELF LESS SERIOUSLY**. Mistakes are inevitable. Consider them as learning experiences, not as reasons to deflate our self-esteem.
5. Resolve to **RELAX**. Spend time with family and friends, take a walk, soak in a bubble bath, do whatever relaxes you. Find a way to recharge your battery.
6. Resolve to **BE MORE POSITIVE**. Spending time worrying about situations over which you have no control is a waste of energy. Focus on positive thoughts and actions.
7. Resolve to **SHARPEN YOUR LISTENING SKILLS**. Listen and focus on not just the content of other people's messages, but on the feelings behind those messages.

#### Now for some more one liners.....

1. If it is to be, it's up to me.
2. Take a smile from someone else and pass it on.
3. There is no right way to do wrong.
4. Temper gets you into trouble. Pride keeps you there.
5. He who laughs, lasts.
6. Lost time is never found again.
7. The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.
8. If you want to be heard, whisper!
9. The really happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery when on a detour.
10. Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.
11. It is the little difference in each of us that is the big difference.
12. One good thing you can give and still keep is your word.
13. A smile is the most important thing you can ever wear.
14. Frogs have it easy -- They eat what bugs them.
15. A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure.
16. Today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday and it did not happen.
17. The road to success is always under construction.
18. Beware of the half truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half.
19. Worry is like a rocking chair; no matter how much you rock, you get nowhere.
20. Too much time is wasted by some people in telling us how busy they are.



**Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule for March 7th and March 8th, 2020**

	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. Tom Sickler
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Delaney	Susan Griffiths	Rel. Ed. Gr. 5	Lorraine LaGarde
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sisters	Rose Normandie	Sisters	Volunteers

**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 \$35.00 FOR 8 MONTHLY DRAWINGS. THE NEXT DRAWING FOR THE NEW CLUB WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15 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.

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

**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**

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

\$1000 Jennifer & Christopher Knight	869	\$25 Craig Lagano	763	<b>Door Prize: Pat Pelletier</b>
300 Karen & John Reis	688	\$25 Yaned Perez	833	<b>Door Prize: Donna Nason</b>
200 Charlotte & Ron Litke	111	25 Lucille Bernier	12	
100 Lori Michailides	548	25 Leigh & Gregory Anderson #82		
50 Fr. John O'Neill	539			
50 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, March 15, 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**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **City / Town** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code**

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