

DAYDREAMS OF A PASTOR...**The Daydreams title is an "Ode to a Golden Moment."**

When we preach on the Transfiguration (March 8th)
We recall a Golden Moment.

Bill Littlefield a Yankee Fan often wrote of Golden Moments. We reprint part of his poem as we all recall some Golden Moments in life...This article was found in Bill Littlefield's book "Keepers."

"Ode to a Golden Moment"

"That wasn't Gerard Phelan who caught
That ball...God caught that ball."
"No ...God threw it."

Two Boston College players after The Pass

It wasn't God; He can't take sides
When two teams come to play.
But who's to say the gods weren't present
On that fateful day
When Flutie spotted Phelan through
The wet Miami air,
And, as the clock ticked down to nothing,
Launched that final prayer?

On other days, on other fields,
The gods have touched our games;
Established in our memories
A small handful of names.
When Teddy Ballgame last stepped up
To hit in Fenway Park,
The gods rode the last pitch he hit,
That lovely, screaming arc
That ended in the bleachers.

In 2004 – Who was it that sent Fr. Paul and
Fr. John O'Neill to Fenway to reverse the curse
against the Yanks – Oh My! At the same time who
was it that united Brady and Belichick and captured
the 6 Super Bowls.

They've come before; they'll come again
Why should there be surprise
When the gods climb on a football
Sailing through Miami's skies?
And why should we deny their present,
Evanescent magic
As they tear lovely comedy
From what might have been tragic?
The gods were with Doug Flutie, as
They've been with those before him;
For a moment, frozen now in time,
We saw the gods adore him.

I always claim my favorite sports memory.
When Michael Jordan of North Carolina beat
Georgetown when he made a jump shot in the
N.C.A.A. New Orleans National Championship Game
in 1982. I now say move over Michael Jordan and
Patrick Ewing.

I saw a better game last Friday night (March 6th)
when our St. James Girls (J.V.) upset the #1 seed
(Trinity Catholic) a minute to go in the game –
Selia Atchinson, (Coach Atchinson's daughter) fouled
out – and Coach inserts Brook Roireau into the game
with one minute left on the clock. Earlier Sarah
Melnick hit two big "3's" to get us close. Down three
points, with a minute to go, Mary Kate Barnwell
makes a basket with 30 seconds to go.

Brook Roireau gets a rebound and puts it back into
the basket for the game – winning point. The look on
her Mom and the expression on Coach Beach, Coach
Kaylee and Coach Atchinson and the joy in our Girls'
hearts is priceless. All the girls played well. Here are
the names to remember:

Girls JV Basketball

Gabby Nsubuga	42	Selia Atchinson	11
Ryleigh Zachow	41	Henrietta Hayes	5
Lillian Beach	1	Mary Kate Barnwell	4
Brook Roireau	2	Felicia Desabota	43
Claire Zachow	3	Sarah Melnick	14

Of course our St. James J.V. Boys' and Girls' Varsity
Team won their Championship (a great weekend at
St. James Gym) and (Killingly High School) Runner
up memory went to Peter Barbale of St. Joseph's
(Webster). He made 27 points in the 1st half to upset
undefeated St. Pat's of Norwich. And to top off the
week I went to a concert at St. James Gym on
Tuesday, March 10th, The **MJM7 Band from Illinois**.
They were really good – good preparation for the
First Penance Celebration also on March 10th.
I said two prayers at the tournament but I enjoyed this
prayer:

Tournament Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

Dear God, we pray that our hearts be open to see
your presence in and through our basketball game:

We pray for athletes...who, through basketball
Develop character and values.

We pray for parents...who love their children
for who they are, not for how they perform.

We pray for officials...who inspire fair play.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

God was at the tourney and am I glad I was there too.
I have played, coached and cheered at Catholic
School Basketball Games for 80 years and Brook's
Basket will be frozen in my heart forever.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 22, 2020

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41
 Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

HOLY HOUR...Our next Holy Hour will be on Monday, April 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...
 We wish to thank all our Anonymous Donors 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

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
Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Monday, April 06, 9.30AM 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 **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.

New Website... Our Parish has a new website:
stjameschurchdanielson.com

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.

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.

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.
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MONDAY, March 23, Saint Turibuis of Mogrovejo, Bishop

9:00 Genevieve Piotrowski...12th Anniversary...family
 9:00 Richard Sarette...1st Anniversary...family

TUESDAY, March 24, Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop/Martyr

9:00 Ed and Marilyn Perry...a friend
 9:00 Helen M. Mongeau...1st Anniversary...family

WEDNESDAY, March 25, The Annunciation of The Lord

9:00 Edward Mongeau...46th Anniv...Fred Mongeau
 and family
 9:00 Joseph and Madeleine Plantier...family

THURSDAY, March 26,

9:00 Fred and Katherine Schofield...family
 9:00 For A Special Favor...Theresa Labbe

FRIDAY, March 27,

9:00 Deceased members of the Coyle Family...family
 9:00 Yvonne Despathy...family

SATURDAY, March 28

7:30AM – Ron Cote...a Kamman friend
 4:30PM - Parishioners
 4:30 Stephen and Henrietta Kuszaj...family
 4:30 Francis and Emma Kuchta...Kathryn and Karen

SUNDAY, March 29, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 John Gallow...3rd Anniversary...wife, Rita
 7:00 Sean P. Brady...Fred Mongeau
 9:00 Living and Deceased Members of the Fallon Family
by family
 9:00 Elizabeth Puddicombe...4th Anniversary...family
 11:00 Albert & Marguerite Ducat...family
 11:00 William Albetski...wife

LA SALETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat...son, Joseph
 Birthday Wishes for Veronica Gumula...love, Diane & family
 Birthday Wishes for Raymond Veillette Jr.. love, Diane & family
 In memory of Mary Veillette,...15th Anniv, love, Diane & family
 (2) Irene Bessette... Linda Clark
 In memory of Raymond Gendreau... wife, Pierrette
 In memory of Paul Leblanc...Happy Birthday...family

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

This week's flower arrangement is donated in honor of Scott Normandie...Birthday and Anniversary. Next week's flower arrangement will be donated in honor of Marguerite Galarneau...by Marge & family. Dates that are still open, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 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 Fr. Roy Parayil, M.S. Happy Birthday!

WEEKLY OFFERING.....\$3.475.00

Second Collection; 3/22 – Annual Catholic Appeal; 3/29 – School Support; 4/05 – Palm Sunday/St. James Endowment Fund/Rice Bowl.

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 25,
 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.

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.

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

ST. JAMES SCHOOL HOLIDAY RAFFLE

WEEK 3 WINNERS:

2/23 - \$50 – Greg Biggs; 2/24 - \$20 – Joan Duignan; 2/25 - \$20 – Gary & Jean Peloquin; 2/26 - \$20 – John & Holly Deffley; 2/27 - \$20 – Sarah Rand; 2/28 - \$20 – Donna Corbin; 2/29 - \$20 – Michelle Weiss.

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL...During this Lenten season, please consider giving from your heart to the "One Faith, One Family," campaign. Joining with your brothers and sisters in Christ to help make a difference across the Diocese. Your contributions to the ACA support our Diocesan ministries, whose programs are available to everyone. Please make your pledge to the 2020 ACA next weekend or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org for more info.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO.....IS CANCELLED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...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.

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule for March 28st and March 29nd, 2020

	4:30PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant	Fr. John Welch	Fr. John O'Neill	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Tom Sickler
Lector	Steve Houle	Julie Dupont	Marc Kuffrey	Lorraine LaGarde
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Barrette	Rose Normandie	Paul Boire	John & Michelle Brady
			Lorelai Bessenaire	

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

CAR DONATIONS AND AUCTION....Henry Sorel of Sorel's Garage in Brooklyn is partnering with St. James School's Tuition Assistance Program by accepting unwanted vehicles, repairing them, and then selling them at auction (location to be determined), with the profit going for tuition assistance. For over 28 years, Sorel's has sold unwanted vehicles on behalf of the church, raising \$100,000. It gets better – Sorel's has committed to financing these vehicles for college students! If you have a car to donate, please call the Rectory office at 860-774-3900, or speak with Henry Sorel directly at 860-774-4514. Be sure to share this announcement with family and friends. Your help could provide a wonderful Catholic education for a child.

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 \$30.00 FOR 6 MONTHLY DRAWINGS. THE NEXT DRAWING FOR THE NEW CLUB WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, April 19th 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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| Prize 1 - \$1,000.00 (Sponsor wins \$100) | Prize 2 - \$300.00 (Sponsor wins \$30) |
| Prize 3 200.00(Sponsor wins \$20) | Prize 4 - \$100.00 (sponsor wins \$10) |
| Prize 5 & 6 50.00 (Sponsor wins \$5) | Prizes 7 thru 10 \$25.00 |
| Prizes 11 thru 20 - \$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. .

February Drawing

\$1000 Pamela Credit 972	\$25 Alice Sears 326	Door Prize: Lucille Kaczor
300 Louis & Pauline Trahan 767	25 Nancy Mazarella 908	Door Prize: Joan Carter
200 Deb St. Jean 815	25 Maggie Grenier 294	
100 Bob & Lucille Farrell 736	25 Mary Ellen Casceillo 540	
50 David Dion 237		
50 Kathleen Hale 488		

\$20.00 Winners are:

June Dougherty 392	Aubrie & Kenneth Viera 660
Nina Coutras 108	Jennafer & Brian Perez 834
Josh Canfield 899	Joan Kent 187
Michael & Michelle Costello 267	Charles Laprade 668
Michelle Brown 386	Peter & Norma Harrelle 270

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19, 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: _____