



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023 — 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'
His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'
— Matthew 25:14-20



THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day receives the prize for being the most earthly of Autumn celebrations in our contemporary American culture. It is the day of special foods, with roast turkey and all the trimmings, pumpkin pie and favorite desserts, with family and friends gathered around the table. "Made in the U.S.A." is stamped all over our Thanksgiving Day observance. The story of how Thanksgiving Day began here in New England is well known. It began with English settlers, called Pilgrims. They had spent twelve years in Holland to escape persecution for their religious beliefs. It was persecution and financial problems that finally led them to leave Holland, by way of England, for the colonies on the famous Mayflower ship. They arrived in November 1620, afterwards to be called Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Pilgrims first new England harvest was meager. Yet it was decided to have a Thanksgiving holiday in the Autumn of 1621.

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest feast, thanking God for the bounty received from God's good graces. People of every time and place have always found ways of some kind to offer gratitude and thanks to God. The same theme was prominent in Christianity from our earliest generations. For Catholics, the one word chosen to describe the "bread-and-cup memorial ritual" of Jesus Christ's Sacrificial Death and Resurrection and continuing Presence, "The Eucharist," is Greek for "Thanksgiving." Every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is indeed our "Eucharistic Revival," it is our duty as Thanksgiving Day comes this November to begin our festivities with Holy Mass. Begin your Thanksgiving Day by first coming to Holy Mass. Our prayerful best wishes to your loved ones for a truly bountiful Thanksgiving Day.

Gratefully and always in Christ,
Monsignor Les & Father Jim



Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Psalm 128

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik

Parochial Vicar

Fr. James Sucholet

Secretary

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday: 9am - 2pm

Thursday: 9am-2pm,

Friday: 9am - 12:30pm

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Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (English & Polish)

Mon: 8:00 am (Please enter through the Cliff Street door)

1st Sat. of each Month: 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15—3:45 pm

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Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8:00 am

Thurs: 6:00 pm at St John Mission, Fitchville, CT

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

NEXT SUNDAY: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 11/18: 4:00 pm + **Jodi Lynne Burke**
From Leandra & Armand LeClair

SUN 11/19: 9:00 am + **Michaline Brzycki**
From Daughters Zuzanna & Lucia & Families

MON 11/20: 8:00 am **Multiple Intentions**
+ **Rev. Msgr. Richard P. LaRocque**
Intention of the Parish
+ **Rosalie M. Gudz**
From Bob Gudz & Family
+ **For Graces Received**

THU 11/23: THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 am + **For all Parishioners of St. Joseph Church**

NEXT SUNDAY: JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SAT 11/25: 4:00 pm + **Aniela Tupieka 5th Anniversary**
From Daughter Theresa Wujcik & Grandchildren Kristine & Eddie

SUN 11/26: 9:00 am + **Frank, Jozefa, Mary, Jan, Bronislava & Stanislav Bujak**
From Joe Bujak

MON 11/27: 8:00 am **Multiple Intentions**
+ **Rose Bronejko**
From Family
+ **For Deceased Members of the Kidala, Mis, Paluch & Czemerda Families**
From Ewa

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory November 11/12: \$ 1,220.88
Maintenance \$ 820.00

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Rosalie M. Gudz

Requested by Bob Gudz and Family

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS - NOVEMBER 23RD

Join us on THANKSGIVING morning at 9 am for Holy Mass. Begin your Festive Holiday **FIRST** by attending Mass. We come before the LORD always with grateful hearts. A Bountiful Thanksgiving Day to all.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation class will be Wednesday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 20th from 6 - 7:30 pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Norwichtown. Mark your Calendars!

Inspiration from the Saints...

"Would that I could exhaust myself in acts of thanksgiving and gratitude towards this Divine Heart, for the great favor He shows us, in deigning to accept our help to make Him known, loved and honored; He reserves infinite blessings for all those who devote themselves to this work."

— St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

PRZESŁANIE NA ŚWIĘTO DZIĘKCZYNIENIA 2023

Drodzy Parafianie i Przyjaciele naszej Parafii,

Święto Dziękczynienia otrzymuje nagrodę za bycie najbardziej ziemskim z jesiennych świąt w naszej współczesnej kulturze amerykańskiej. To dzień wyjątkowych potraw, z pieczonym indykiem i wszystkimi dodatkami, ciastem dyniowym i ulubionymi deserami, z rodziną i przyjaciółmi zgromadzonymi wokół stołu. "Wyprodukowano w USA" jest wybite na wszystkich naszych obchodach Święta Dziękczynienia. Historia o tym, jak rozpoczęło się Święto Dziękczynienia w Nowej Anglii, jest dobrze znana. Zaczęło się od angielskich osadników, zwanych Pielgrzymami. Spędzili dwanaście lat w Holandii, aby uniknąć prześladowań za swoje przekonania religijne. To właśnie prześladowania i problemy finansowe skłoniły ich w końcu do opuszczenia Holandii, przez Anglię, i udania się do kolonii na słynnym statku Mayflower. Przybyli tam w listopadzie 1620 roku, a następnie nazwali się Plymouth w stanie Massachusetts. Pierwsze żniwa Pielgrzymów w Nowej Anglii były skromne. Zdecydowano jednak, że jesienią 1621 roku obchodzone będzie Święto Dziękczynienia.

Święto Dziękczynienia to święto żniw, dziękczynienie Bogu za hojność otrzymaną z łask Bożych. Ludzie w każdym czasie i miejscu zawsze znajdowali sposoby, aby ofiarować Bogu wdzięczność i dziękczynienie. Ten sam temat był obecny w chrześcijaństwie od najwcześniejszych pokoleń. Dla katolików jedynym słowem wybranym do opisania "rytuału upamiętniającego chleb i kielich" ofiarniczej śmierci i zmartwychwstania Jezusa Chrystusa oraz jego nieustannej obecności, "Eucharystia", jest greckie słowo oznaczające "dziękczynienie". Każda Najświętsza Ofiara Mszy Świętej jest rzeczywiście naszą "Eucharystyczną Odbudową", naszym obowiązkiem, ponieważ Dzień Dziękczynienia nadchodzi w listopadzie, jest rozpoczęcie naszych uroczystości od Mszy Świętej. Rozpocznij Dzień Dziękczynienia od przyścia na Mszę Świętą. Życzymy Twoim bliskim prawdziwie obfitego Święta Dziękczynienia.

Z wdzięcznością i zawsze w Chrystusie,
ks. prałat Leszek i ksiądz Jakub



PARISH NEWS

Children's Christmas Crafting Afternoon

DEC 3RD The rosary society is collaborating with Faith Formation (CCD) in sponsoring a Christmas crafting afternoon with children from the parish on Sunday, December 3rd from 1-3PM. This event is FREE and is open to children/grandchildren of St. Joseph Church. Age limit is 8-18. Although this is free, we would like to have the appropriate age craft and quantity for each child. For reservations/info: text or call: Lucia Leise (860)859-7798 or Kasia Radicioni (860)608-3546.

Christmas Decorating of St. Joseph Church

DEC 17TH Thank you to all who attended our decorating planning meeting last Saturday morning. Four new Christmas trees with led lights have been purchased from use in the Sanctuary as well as some new wreaths and garland. **Setting up the trees and manger scene will be Sunday, December 17** (3rd Sunday of Advent) 1 - 4 pm in the church.

Christmas altar flowers will be Friday, December 22 at 9 am. Please come and help with the decorations and be most generous to our Christmas Flower Collection and to the Christmas Collection for the Needs of our Parish. Dziękujemy! We look forward to working together with you as we prepare our beautiful Church for the Lord Jesus Christ's Solemn Nativity. Gratefully, Steve Koziol & Fr. Jim

