

# **SAINT JOSEPH**

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

## APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU." WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE SHOWED THEM HIS HANDS AND HIS SIDE. THE DISCIPLES REJOICED WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD. JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, "PEACE BE WITH YOU. AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME. SO I SEND YOU." - JOHN 20:19-21

# **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor Msgr. Leszek T. Janik

**Parochial Vicar** Fr. James Sucholet

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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) 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each Month: 9:00 am

Reconciliation Saturday: 3:15-3:45 pm

# **SACRED HEART**

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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**

SAT 4/15: VIGIL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 4:00 pm + Annette & Walter LeClair From Leandra & Armand LeClair

#### SUN 4/16: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 9:00am + Czeslawa Wnek From the Sieczkowski Family MON 4/17: 8:00 am + Paul Selens From Wife Janina

#### NEXT SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAT 4/122: 4:00 pm + Robert Scolaro From Leaders & Armand LeClair

SUN 4/23: 9:00am + Helen & Annie Dutka & Angeline Henry From Mary Dukta MON 4/24: 8:00 am + Evelyn A. Sienkiewicz

From family

### **STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH**

Offertory April 8/9: \$ \$ 861 Easter \$ 403 Maintenance \$ 560

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** The Sanctuary candle is lit for

For my Sister & her Husband



With Love from Frances



Sincerest thanks to all who helped to make our holy week and Easter Sunday a great celebration for our parish. To our lectors, altar servers, all those who gave generously of their time and talents to decorate our church under the direction of father Jim and all who gave for the beautiful Easter flowers and all who sent delicious Easter foods, Easter cards and gifts to the rectory. We truly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

May the risen lord continue to grant you and all your loved ones living or deceased, the Graces and Blessings of this Holy Easter Season of 50 days of new life in Christ!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Truly, he is risen, alleluia! Devotedly in the Risen Christ, Msgr. Les Fr. Jim



### **Confirmation Classes**

No Confirmation Classes during Easter Vacation Week. Confirmation Class resumes Wednesday April 19th, 6-7:30 pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall.

#### Faith Formation Coordinator And Safe Environments Child Advocate

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# PARISH NEWS



#### Saint Joseph Rosary Society

Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 at 10:30 am in the parish center. Election of officer's will take place at that meeting date. Please inform Lauren at the rectory

office by early April if you wish to put your name in for rosary society: President - Vice-President - Treasurer - Secretary - Correspondence Secretary.

Thank you all! Our Lady keep you in her maternal care.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Welcome to the Easter Day of Great Grace! In her diary, Saint Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from the risen lord requesting this feast on the First Sunday after Easter. The most complete and concise description by the risen Jesus is found in her diary entry #669:

I desire that the feast of mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. The soul that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let

no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet...it is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Venerate the image of my mercy. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my mercy.



Thus, to receive the promised graces

go to confession before or after the Feast Day, remain in a state of grace to receive holy communion on the feast, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy. Veneration, showing public reverence or respect of the Divine Mercy image is also a desire of the risen Lord. **Divine Mercy Holy Hour is this Sunday from 3:00 - 4:00 PM. In St. Joseph Church** with Exposition of the most Blessed Sacrament - sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy - Litany of the Blessed Sacrament -Veneration of the first class relic of Saint Faustina - ending with Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament. A reception follows in "Sienkiewicz Hall" in the parish center building.

All are most welcome to attend today! Join us! Imploring Divine Mercy upon the whole world!

### The Eucharistic Revival — Did you know?

So what does a change of substance mean? Transubstantiation tells us that what happens with the bread and wine through the act of consecration, is a change in their substance brought about by the action of God's Holy Spirit. After the consecration, the bread and wine are no longer the same things (substances they were before. Before the consecration, their substance was that of bread and wine, after it their substance is the person of Jesus Christ. As St. Augustine said, "The bread that you see on the altar is the body of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word. The chalice, or better what is contained in the chalice, is the blood of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word."

St. Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan and Augustine's teacher, also noted that "The Lord Jesus himself proclaims. 'This is my body.' Before the blessing of the heavenly words, something of another character is spoken of; after consecration it is designated 'body'. He himself speaks of his blood. Before the consecration it is spoken of as something else; after the consecration it is spoken of as 'blood'. And you say, 'Amen', that is, 'It is true.' What the mouth speaks, let the mind within confess; what the tongue utters, let the heart feel."

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