

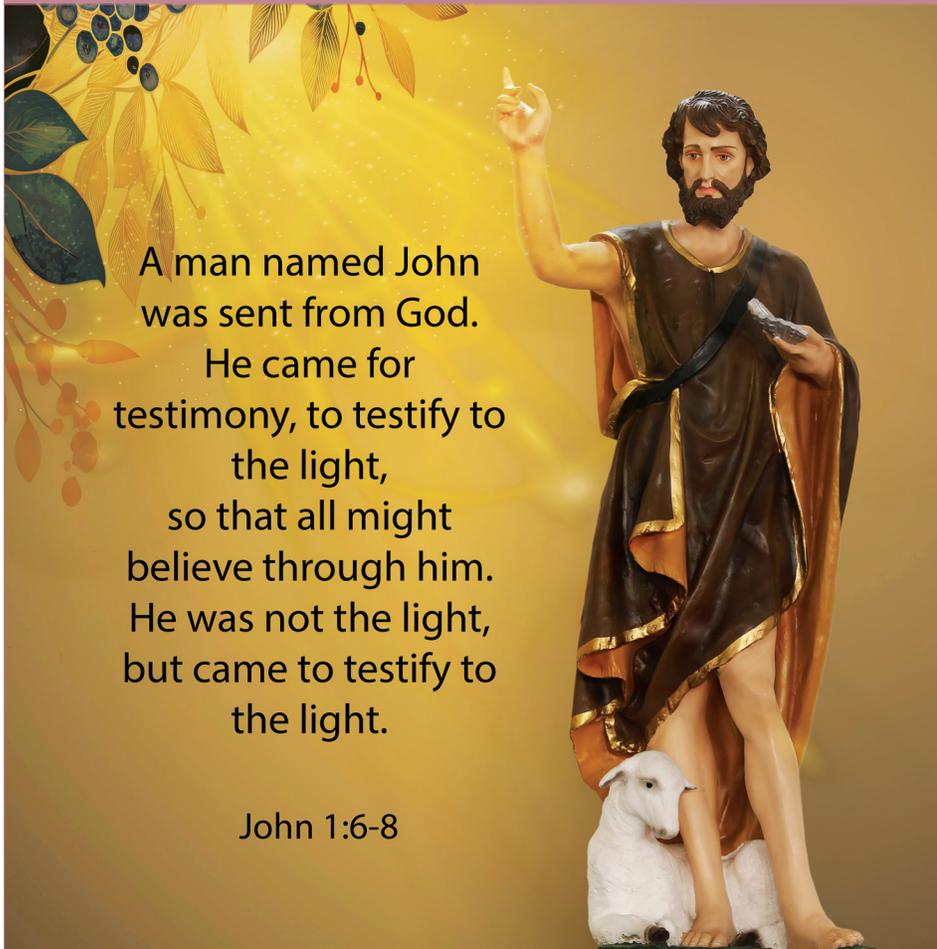


# SAINT JOSEPH



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

John 1:6-8

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.



Isaiah 61:10-11

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. James Sucholet

### Secretary

Lauren Jello-Pitkin

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday: 9am - 2pm  
Thursday: 9am-2pm,  
Friday: 9am - 12:30pm

## SAINT JOSEPH

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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

**Holy Days of Obligation Mass Times:** 8 am Sacred Heart Church, 9 am Saint Joseph Church, 6 pm Saint John Mission



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SAT 12/16: VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm + **Joseph & Aniela Tupieka**

*From Daughter Theresa Wujcik  
& Grandchildren Kristine & Eddie*

## SUN 12/17: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am + **Karol & Stefania Czyzewski**

*From Family*

## MON 12/18: 8:00 am Multiple Intentions

+ **Nancy Warzecha**

*with Love from Bill & Family*

+ **Albert & Gertrude Muratore**

*with Love from Family*

+ **Benilda Fernandes**

*From Louise Walkup*

+ **Evelyn A. Sienkiewicz**

*From Family*

## NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SAT 12/23: 4:00 pm + Deceased Members of the Bates & Jello Families

*with Love from Lauren*

### SUN 12/24: 9:00 am + In Thankfulness for all the Graces and Blessings of 2023

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

SUN 12/24: 10:00 pm + **People of the Parish**

MON 12/25: 9:00 am + **People of the Parish**

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 9/10: \$1,493.00  
Christmas Flowers \$795

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*Christine Dziengiel*

From Marianne Juber

THANK YOU  *Dziękuję*

Our sincerest THANK YOU to: MSGR. LES & FR. JIM & LUCIA LEISE, PRESIDENT, Rosary Society Officers and all the members who attended the ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY On Sunday afternoon, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023 in "SIENKIEWICZ HALL" of ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER. By all reports having our Christmas gathering this year in the Parish Center Hall was so much more comfortable and enjoyable for everyone attending! Our thanks to ILLIANO'S OF NORWICHTOWN for the delicious menu and to Norman Gauthier, Ed Gauthier, Nick Gauthier for assisting in the kitchen. MAY MARY IMMACULATE, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY continue to lead you closer to her SON JESUS CHRIST this Christmas time and always.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 6 - 7:30 pm  
in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Norwichtown.

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Vigil

4 pm at Sacred Heart 4 pm at Saint Joseph

Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass

9 am Saint Joseph 7:30 & 10:30 am Sacred Heart

Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Vigil Mass

10 pm Saint Joseph 4 pm Sacred Heart

Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass

9 am Saint Joseph 9 am Sacred Heart

11 am Saint John Mission



## OPLATKI

Packages of the POLISH CHRISTMAS WAFERS - OPLATKI - are available in the Priest's Sacristy until CHRISTMAS EVE. The offering is \$4.00 per package. 95% of POLISH AMERICANS continue this beautiful POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION Sharing OPLATEK together at the family special meatless Christmas Eve Supper, WIGILIA!



## CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER COLLECTION

Continues through CHRISTMAS EVE. Use your parish envelopes or simply place your offering in an envelope marked CHRISTMAS FLOWERS and place it in the collection basket if you wish to give in MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES. Thank you for your generosity!

# PARISH NEWS

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration during Advent

**Mondays of Advent at St. Joseph Church**

immediately following the 8 am Mass from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

**Thursdays of Advent at St. John Mission Church**

from 5 pm to 6 pm before Mass

**Fridays during Advent at Sacred Heart Church**

from 8:30 am to 9:30 am immediately following the 8 am Mass.



## Christmas Decorating of St. Joseph Church

*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*

*delivered Friday, December 22* at 9 am.

Please come and help with the decorations!

Gratefully, Steve Koziol & Fr. Jim



## Parish Gathering during the Christmas Season

**DATE CHANGE!!** Please join us on Saturday, December 30, after the 4pm Vigil Mass at the St Joseph's parish hall for a potluck style dinner with caroling and sharing of the traditional Polish Christmas wafer (opłatek).

DEC  
30<sup>TH</sup>

# DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES TOY COLLECTION

Your gift of an unwrapped children's toy, for a child up to the age of 12 or a gift card to Walmart or Target for a teenager will be greatly appreciated. Grocery store gift cards are also enjoyed by the families.

**Please bring your unwrapped toy**  
to Catholic Charities 331 Main Street

Norwich CT, 06360

