



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 — FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. — Luke 2:22



When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. — Luke 2:21

## 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 12/30: VIGIL FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4:00 pm + Birthday Remembrance

Paul Joseph Sucholet

from his brother Fr. James J. Sucholet

## SUN 12/31: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

9:00 am + Thaddeus & Christine Czyzewski

From Family

## MON 1/1: SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am + People of the Parish

## SAT 1/6: 9:00 am 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY - MULTIPLE INTENTIONS

+ Zygmunt Czachor

From Family

+ 3rd Anniversary Paul Joseph Sucholet

From Family

## NEXT SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## SAT 1/6: 4:00 pm + John & Carol Kapinos

From Eugene & Wanda Podeszwa

## SUN 1/7: 9:00 am + Kazimierz Stankiewicz

From Janina & Kasia Czachor

## MON 1/8: 8:00 am + Jozef Bujak

With love from his wife Stacia



## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 16/17: \$ 983

Christmas Eve \$ 773 Christmas Day \$ 395

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*Jozef Bujak*

with Love from His Wife Stacia

## Deepening our Faith through the Sacraments



Anointing | Baptism | Communion | Confirmation | Holy Orders | Marriage | Reconciliation

### Virtual Workshop – Session 3 Marriage

Tuesday - January 9, 2024 7:00PM – 8:15PM

When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation, it is saying that the couple's relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. In addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response from two people who promise to build, with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life.

### Virtual Workshop – Session 4 Holy Orders

Tuesday - January 25, 2024 7:00PM – 8:15PM

Holy Orders is a sacrament of apostolic ministry. It continues the mission that Christ entrusted to his apostles until the end of time. It includes three degrees: episcopate (bishop), presbyterate (priest), and diaconate (deacon). "Holy orders" means "set apart for a sacred purpose"; Let's explore the sacred purpose together.

Session 2 of Faith through the Sacraments can be view at <https://vimeo.com/886571396>

RSVP to Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304

# PARISH NEWS



JAN  
1<sup>ST</sup>

## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Please join us for Mass at 9am Monday Morning!

JAN  
5/6

## First Friday / First Saturday Masses

Fri. 1/5, 8 am, Sacred Heart Church, in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sat. 1/6, 9 am, St Joseph Parish, in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

JAN  
7<sup>TH</sup>

## Coffee Hour!

Please join us following the 9am Sunday Mass in the Parish Center for Coffee Hour.

## THANK YOU *Dziękuję*

### Christmas Church Decorating Thank You!

Our Sincerest Thank You to the great group of volunteers who helped to assemble and decorate St. Joseph Church On Sunday, December 17th, 2023:

Ewa Newman, Thomas Distasio, Ewa Kidala, Nick Gauthier, Ed Gauthier, Norman Gauthier, Kasia Radicioni, Christine Chimelecki, Dennis Burke, Emil Deneus, Bill Warzecha, Tom Durr, Lee Lewis, Donna Homiski, Max Fargo, Jeff Vane, Anthony Komorowski, Leandra LeClair Jania Czachor for altar cloths preparations, Lucia Leise for window candles arrangements, Elaine Kempesta for the Christmas Poinsettias delivery on December 22nd. Thanks to all of you for the beautiful Christmas decorations that makes our parish celebration of Christmas time so very special this year!

Thank you also to all who so generously gave for the Christmas flowers; especially to Fr. Sebastian Hanks, Osppe of the American Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown, Pa (native priest son of St. Joseph's) who gave the four white poinsettias near the nativity scene in memory of his parents: +Marcella & Henry Hanks Jr., & Grandparents: +Bronislaw & Henry Hanks, Sr. Thank you all! Holy Christ Child Bless You!

Gratefully, Steve Koziol, Msgr. Les, Fr. Jim

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses Thank You!

A very special THANK YOU to Sister Teresa, Organist and Violinist for the Polish Kolendy and Hanna Bartlett for the very beautiful Solo Vocals that beautifully enhanced our Christmas Liturgies!

To our Lectors, Collectors, Altar Servers: Max Fargo, Emil Deneus, Victoria Bartlett and all who attended our masses from near and far. May the Holy Christ Child bless you all! Gratefully, Msgr. Les & Fr. Jim

### Christmas Thank You Note!

Our sincerest "Thank You" to all parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Church, Sacred Heart Church, St. John Mission Church who took the time to send beautiful Christmas cards, greetings and wishes, delicious foods and desserts, and very generous gifts to us at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and remembrance of us at Christmas is so graciously received and appreciated!

Be assured of our prayers for you all in the holy masses that we celebrate during these days of the Christmas Season. May the Holy Christ Child bring you all special blessings today and throughout the New Year 2024! "Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia I Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!" Devotedly in Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, always, Msgr. Les & Fr. Jim

