



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 — 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."*  
Luke 1:42-45

*Merry Christmas!  
Wesołych Świąt  
Bożego Narodzenia!*

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son full of grace and truth.*  
John 1:14



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> "A Quiet Hour w/ God" 3 pm Sacred Heart

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Vigil  
4 pm Saint Joseph      4 pm Sacred Heart  
10 pm Saint Joseph Christmas Mass at Night

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass  
9 am Saint Joseph      9 am Sacred Heart  
11 am Saint John Mission

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tues, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Holy Adoration 5-7 pm Sacred Heart  
Wed, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation  
9 am Saint Joseph      9 am Sacred Heart

## Saint Joseph Parish Christmas Oplatki Potluck

DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>

All parishioners and friends of our parish community are cordially invited to attend our annual parish Christmas dinner on sundae afternoon, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Feast of the Holy Family - from 12:30- 3 pm in the parish center. Sign up sheets are available in the entrances to our church. Please sign up to attend with the food dish or dessert item you wish to bring to share. Plan for a festive afternoon of good food, singing of Polish/English Christmas Carols being together to honor the Nativity of Our Lord and to Honor the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph!

"OPLATKI" to share with your family on Christmas Eve are available before or after Mass in the Priest's Sacristy through Christmas Eve. The OFFERING IS \$ 4 PER PACKAGE.

## PARISH STAFF

### Clergy

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik, *Pastor*  
Fr. James J. Sucholet, *Parochial Vicar*

### Office

Karen Abbott Morrison, *Secretary*  
stjosephnorwich@yahoo.com  
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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm  
Friday: 9am - 12 Noon  
CLOSED on Wednesday

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### Masses

**Vigil Mass Sat. Evening:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am (*English & Polish*)  
**Mon.:** 8:00 am (*Enter via Cliff St. door*)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each Month:** 9:00 am

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 3:15—3:45 pm

## SACRED HEART

52 West Town St  
Norwichtown, CT 06360  
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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 12/21: VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm † Nancy Warzecha  
With love from Bill & family

## SUN 12/22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am † Kazimierz Stankiewicz  
From Norbert & Rose Orzechoski

## MON 12/23: ADVENT WEEKDAY/ST JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

8:00 am Multiple intentions  
† Jozef Linkiewicz  
From grandson Fr. James J. Sucholet  
† Alexander & Aniela Sucholet  
From family  
† Deceased of Sucholet family  
From family  
† Florence Lacasse  
From Ewa Kidala  
† Marie Bielawski  
From Sue, Lucia & Family

## TUE 12/24: VIGIL, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm People of the Parish

## TUE 12/24: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, NIGHT

10:00 pm People of the Parish

## WED 12/25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, DAY

9:00 am People of the Parish

## NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

## SAT 12/28: 4:00 pm † The deceased members of the Jello & Bates families

With love from daughter & granddaughter

## SUN 12/29: 9:00 am † Thaddeus Cryzewski

From family

## MON 12/30: 8:00 am Multiple intentions

† Paul Joseph Sucholet (birthday remembrance)  
From his brother, Fr. James J. Sucholet  
† Napoleon Gauthier  
From family

In thanksgiving for prayer answered for Jesus, Mary & St. Joseph's intentions.

## WED 1/1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

9:00 am People of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 14/15: \$ 1,335.  
Memorial: \$ 175; Maintenance: \$ 30;  
Christmas Flowers: \$ 25.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in any and every way to make the Christmas pierogi fundraiser a huge success! A grand total of \$ 3,225 was raised. A special thank you to Monsignor Leszek & Fr. Jim for their help & blessing.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*The Living & Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Joseph*

Msgr. Les, Father Jim and St. Joseph Parish extends our sincerest best wishes to Mrs. Connie Buriarek, OP (Catherine Thomas of the Most Holy Trinity) on her solemn profession in the Dominican Third Order which took place at Holy Mass on Sunday afternoon December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Holy Apostles Seminary Chapel, Cromwell, CT. May Saint Dominic and all the Dominican Saints continue to guide you in your spiritual life!



## DIOCESE NEWS

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22<sup>ND</sup>

### Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick will be holding its long-time tradition on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm. In the midst of the Christmas story, sing Christmas Carols and hear the choirs of the Cathedral.

### Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year

The Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Sunday, Dec 29, 2024 at 10:30 am. Most Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt will be the Celebrant of this Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this Diocesan event.

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29<sup>TH</sup>

# CHRISTMAS LETTER 2024

"Anioł Pasterzom Mówił: "Chrystus się wam narodził. W Betlejem, nie bardzo podłym mieście, Narodził się w ubóstwie. Pan waszego stworzenia!"

"Pasterze słyszeli, jak aniołowie mówili: « Chrystus Pan dziś się narodził. Betlejem, niezbyt nisko w ten poranek, tam tak pokornie się On się narodził. Wielki Pan ziemi i nieba".

Drodzy Parafianie i Przyjaciele naszych Parafii, W Świętym Okresie Adwentu modliliśmy się, aby każdy z was znalazł okazję do refleksji nad własną wiarą i relacją z Panem Jezusem Chrystusem i Jego Kościołem. Czegokolwiek pragną nasze serca i dusze, czy zdajemy sobie z tego sprawę, czy nie, naszym ostatecznym pragnieniem jest sam Jezus Chrystus; z tego powodu jesteśmy przepełnieni radością i pocieszeniem w tym okresie Bożego Narodzenia. Wiemy, że wszystko, na co liczymy, spełniło się w Osobie Świętego Dzieciątka Jezus. Pośród wszystkich naszych obecnych zmian i trosk, Miłość Boga objawia się nam w cudownym Darze Jego Syna, Jezusa Chrystusa. Wraz z aniołami z Betlejem nasza wiara pobudza nas do śpiewania w Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia

"CHWAŁA BOGU NA WYSOKOŚCIACH I POKÓJ LUDZIOM NA ZIEMI!" Zdajemy sobie sprawę, że prawdziwy pokój na ziemi wypływa z naszego osobistego rozpoznania i uwielbienia Boga w naszym codziennym życiu. Boże Narodzenie ma w ten sposób przyprowadzać do Kościoła osoby i rodziny, które z różnych powodów nie były na Mszy św. lub sakramentach od miesięcy lub lat. Cóż za wspaniała i pełna łaski okazja, aby odłożyć na bok dawne różnice i stare nawyki i rozpocząć na nowo modlitewną relację z Panem Jezusem i Jego Kościołem. W Roku Świętego Jubileuszu, który rozpoczyna się w Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia 2024 r., kierujemy do was wszystkich otwarte i pełne wdzięczności serce gościnności! Obyśmy razem wzrastali w siłę i łasce, aby wspólnie poznawać i świętować Bożą obecność w naszym życiu i Jego panowanie nad wszystkimi rzeczami tego świata. Niech nasz Pan Jezus Chrystus, narodzony w Betlejem, błogosławi wam, waszym rodzinom i bliskim w tym najświętszym czasie Bożego Narodzenia.

Niech Maryja Najświętsza, Matka Boża i nasza Niebieska Matka czuwa nad wami wraz z dobrym świętym Józefem, Jej najczystszy Odlubieńcem i Opiekunem Kościoła, zwłaszcza w tym Roku Świętym! Niech Radość z narodzin Chrystusa napełni wasze serca Pokojem i Miłością w te Święta Bożego Narodzenia i w Nowy Rok 2025!

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!  
Ksiądz Prałat Leszek i Ksiądz James.

"Shepherds heard the Angels say: "Christ the Lord is born today. Bethlehem, not too lowly on this morn there so humbly He is Born. Great Lord of earth and sky."

Dear Parishioners & Friends of our Parishes,

During the Holy Season of Advent, it has been our prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Christ Himself; for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation this Christmas Season. We know that all we hope for has been fulfilled in the Person of the Holy Christ Child.

In the midst of all our current changes and concerns, the Love of God is made manifest to us in the wonderful Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. With the Angels of Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing this Christmas Eve: "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND PEACE TO PEOPLE ON EARTH!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our personal recognition and praise of God in our daily lives.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Church. In the Holy Jubilee Year beginning on this Christmas Eve 2024, we extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome! Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world. May Our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, Bless you, your families and loved ones at this most holy time of Christmas. May Mary Most Holy, the Mother of God and Our Heavenly Mother watch over you, together with Good Saint Joseph, her Most Chaste Spouse and Protector of the Church, especially in this Holy Jubilee Year!

May the Joy of Christ's Birth fill your heart with Peace and Love this Christmas and into the New Year 2025!

Merry Christmas!  
Monsignor Les & Father Jim