



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 — 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



...persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.  
Hebrews 12:1b-2

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!  
Luke 12: 49-50



**The Assumption of Mary**  
August 15

In Memory of John & Antonina WALCZAK Family and John & Helen SIMROWSKI Family



**The Coronation of Mary**  
August 22

In Memory of Stephen & Julia WOOD, Walter & Johanna KRUPINSKI Gift of Mrs. Julia WOOD & Henry KRUPINSKI

## PARISH STAFF

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm  
Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm  
CLOSED on Wednesday

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### Masses

**Vigil Mass Sat. Evening:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am (English & Polish)  
As of July 1, 2025, No Weekday Mass

### 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

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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**SAT 8/16: VIGIL 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 pm † Birthday Remembrance

Gertrude (Czujko) Muratore

*With love from Daughter, April & Family.*

**SUN 8/17: 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am † For Deceased members of the

Slowikowski family

*From Lori Cubanski Carlo*

**NEXT SUNDAY: 21<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SAT 8/23:** 4:00 pm † Robert Scolaro

*With love from Dolores*

**SUN 8/24:** 9:00 am † Birthday Remembrance

Thaddeus Czyzewski

*From loving family.*

### STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Numbers for August 9/10 Offertory

Not Available at time of printing.

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit  
for Health and Blessings for

*Michele Muratore*

*love April*

The flowers for the Assumption of the Blessed Mother  
are donated by the Rosary Society.

### THIS WEEKEND!

#### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> — 1 - 5 PM

on the grounds of our ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER.

LAWN TENT WILL BE UP! RAIN OR SHINE!

St. Joseph's will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and beverages. We ask parishioners to bring a side/dessert to share.

### *The Octave of the Assumption of Mary*

The Octave of the Assumption of Mary is the eight-day celebration beginning on the Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15) and culminating on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

While the Assumption of Mary was not formally defined until 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the belief that Mary was Assumed body and soul instead of undergoing bodily corruption was commonly held by the early Church. This octave culminating in the Feast of the Coronation of Mary was added in 847 by Pope Leo IV however it was not uniformly celebrated in all dioceses. On the Feast of the Coronation of Mary, we remember that the Blessed Virgin Mary reigns in heaven together with her Son. She reigns not because she is in any way equal to God but because she is the mother of Christ the King. Her privileges come from her "fiat" during the Annunciation in which she willingly agreed to become the Mother of God and make our redemption possible. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

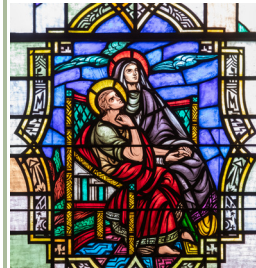
## PARISH NEWS

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### Special Rosary Intention on the Feast of St. Monica

St. Joseph Rosary Society will be holding a special rosary intention on Sunday, August 31, 2025, to St. Monica, whose feast day is August 27<sup>th</sup>. St. Monica has become synonymous with persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen away family and loved ones. Born in 332, St. Monica was married to a pagan husband and had 3 children. One son fell away from the faith and was living a life under egregious sin, even fathering a child out of wedlock. Praying tirelessly and not giving up, finally, he came back to the Church. His name, St. Augustine! He became a bishop; a renowned theologian and prolific writer; and a Doctor of the Church!

Through the intercession of Sts. Monica and Augustine, may our prayers be answered.



There will be 2 boxes (1 in the front vestibule and 1 in the side door entrance) where you can place the first name or initial (respect of privacy) of your loved ones. The boxes will then be placed by the Blessed Mother on this special Sunday rosary. **Please join the Sunday group to pray the rosary before Mass for your loves ones!**

## DIOCESE / COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Marriage Help Program (local)

Do you wish you felt happier in your marriage? Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts September 5th. For information, call confidentially 1-860-837-0447, email [connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org), or go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2025

**New Location:** Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT

Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 7:30 AM - Vigil Mass

Join us for a transformative day of faith with speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Anthony Federico, Michael O'Neill, and Father Jason Brooks.

The day includes a Eucharistic procession, Adoration, first-class relics, Confession, Exhibitors, Vendors, and includes lunch. The day will culminate in Vigil Mass with the Archbishop with a Homily by Bishop Reidy. TICKETS: [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org).

### Position Available - Youth & Young Adult Minister

The Diocese of Norwich is now seeking a new Youth and Young Adult Minister. This position is more than a job—it's a ministry rooted in relationship, service, and the mission of the Church to form disciples and share the Gospel with the next generation.

The Youth and Young Adult Minister will coordinate diocesan events, support parish ministries, and serve as a resource for building dynamic, Christ-centered communities among youth (grades 6-12) and young adults (ages 18-39). The role will also involve collaboration with other diocesan offices, outreach to college campuses, leadership formation, and the organization of retreats, conferences, and sports programs.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about their Catholic faith, deeply committed to evangelization, and eager to accompany young people on their spiritual journeys. If you, or someone you know, feels called to serve in this capacity, we invite you to learn more and consider applying. Use QR Code for more information.

