



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

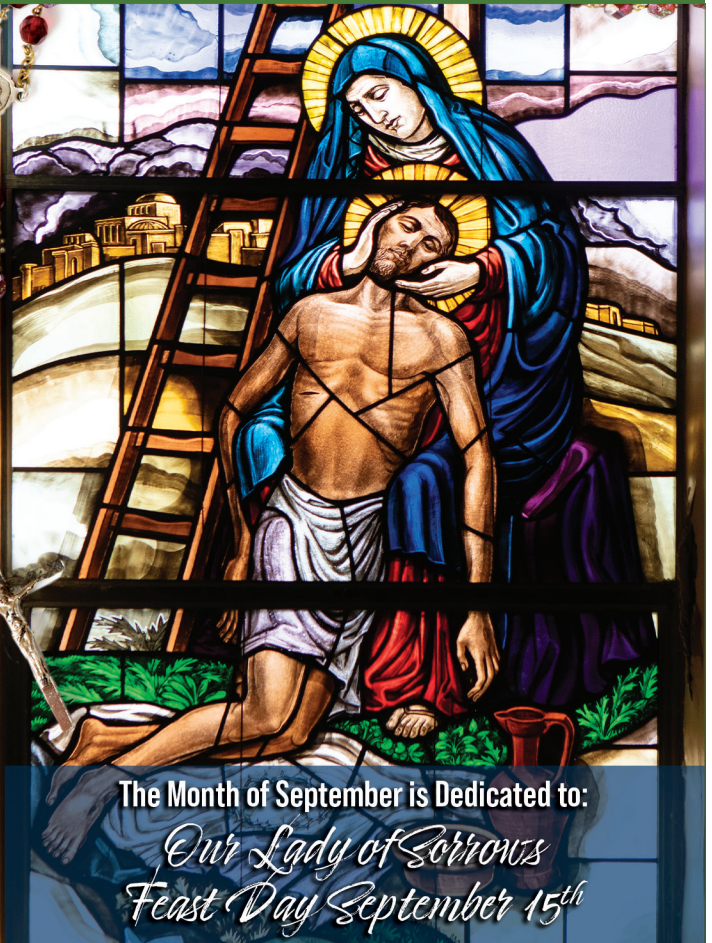


AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 — 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Special Rosary Intention  
Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>*



*Saints Augustine & Monica Pray for us!*



The Month of September is Dedicated to:

*Our Lady of Sorrows  
Feast Day September 15<sup>th</sup>*

## 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

**NEXT SUNDAY: 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SAT 8/30:** 4:00 pm † Jozef & Jozefa Byczkiewicz  
*With love from the family*  
**SUN 8/31:** 9:00 am † Genevieve (Ruta) Lenda  
*From the Sucholet Family*  
**NEXT SUNDAY: 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SAT 9/6:** 4:00 pm † Richard Juber  
*From the Juber family*  
**SUN 9/7:** 9:00 am † Paul & Barbara Cubanski  
*From Lori Cubanski Carlo*

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory August 23/24: \$ 891.  
 Mission Appeal \$ 540.

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*

**Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:**  
 National Combined Collection

**Second Collection NEXT Weekend is For:**  
 Monthly Maintenance AND Catholic Elementary Schools

*Please find a copies of the letters from Bishop Reidy,  
 at the entrances of the church regarding the National  
 Combined & Catholic Elementary Schools Collections.*



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*David Tompkins*

*With love from his wife, Helene*

## Saints Monica (Aug. 27) & Augustine (Aug. 28)

St. Monica has become synonymous with persistent, unflinching prayer for fallen-away family and loved ones. Born in 332 AD in North Africa, St. Monica was married at a young age to an older pagan man. In 354, she gave birth to their son, Augustine, who had basic catechism as a child but was not baptized due to the customs of the time. We know he had an elder sister, a brother named Navigius, and at least one younger sister (little is known of his siblings).

Augustine was a highly intelligent young man, and both of his parents sought a position of prestige for him. He was fluent in Latin and despised Greek. At the time, no good Latin translations of Scripture existed. The Hebrew Scriptures had been translated into Greek by 72 scholars in Alexandria, Egypt, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC (Septuagint), and the New Testament was written in Greek. Due to poor Latin translations and the sinful nature of the Patriarchs, Augustine dismissed Christianity and was led astray by the sharply dualistic (Good vs Evil) thought of the highly intellectual Manicheans. This deeply disturbed Monica and led her to spend tearful hours in prayer, asking God for Augustine's conversion back to Christianity. In 384 AD, Augustine moved to Milan, and his widowed mother followed him, maintaining hope and prayers for his conversion. There, they meet St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. St. Ambrose's intellect, stimulating homilies, and use of hymns sung in praise of God intrigued Augustine. Drawn by a newfound beauty and deeper understanding through Ambrose's teaching, Augustine entered the Catechumen and was baptized by St Ambrose on Easter Vigil 387. Soon after, Augustine and Monica shared a mystical vision (cover image) of *That Which Is*, and Monica died. Augustine realizes his entire life, even times in which he turned away from God, had been guided by Providence. God always sought him. He learns to humbly submit to Providence and becomes a Priest, Bishop, Saint, and the Doctor of Grace.

# PARISH NEWS

AUG  
31<sup>ST</sup>

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

—St. Joseph Rosary Society will be holding a special rosary intention on Sunday, August 31, to St. Monica, for family members and friends who have fallen away from the Church and God. First names or initials have been collected in boxes which will be placed by the Blessed Mother, who as Our Lady of Sorrows, knows our and our loved ones' sorrow and suffering. **Please join the Sunday group to pray the rosary before Mass for your loves ones! Sts. Monica and Augustine intercede for us.**

SEP  
7<sup>TH</sup>

## Coffee Hour!

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

## St. Joseph Parish ACA Update

As of August 4, 2025, Saint Joseph Parish, Norwich has donated \$6,750 / 66.42% of our goal, and 22.40% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE and support ministries which do the work of Christ every day! The campaign year ends December 31, 2025. Thank you for your support! [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).



# DIOCESE / COMMUNITY NEWS

SEP  
6<sup>TH</sup>

## NDCCW Day of Refection

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm at St. Andrew's Church in Colchester. **"Hope Does Not Disappoint"** will be presented by Sister Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. All women are welcome. The registration fee is \$40 and includes lunch. To register contact Judy Pappagallo at (860) 303-4977.

SEP  
11<sup>TH</sup>

## Young Catholic Professionals

Come enjoy refreshments and networking along with a talk by Aaron Joseph! Aaron is a photographer & Media Consultant for the Archdiocese of Hartford & Consecrated Disciple of Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Joseph and Mary. Aaron Will share about his journey and how he has worked as a witness for Christ. All professionals from 18-39. 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06119 (St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church) Thursday, September 11 (7-9 pm) RSVP via QR code



SEP  
14<sup>TH</sup>

## KoC Family Breakfasts at Sacred Heart

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Family Breakfasts at Sacred Heart on the following Sundays: September 14, November 9 and December 14 from 8:30 to 12 noon - it's a good will donation - the proceeds benefit various fundraisers throughout the year

SEP  
23<sup>TH</sup>

The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Bishop Richard F. Reidy will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. Thank you!