



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 — EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*We should glory in the Cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,  
through whom we are saved and delivered.*



For God so loved the world that  
he gave his only Son, so he who  
believes in him might not perish  
but might have everlasting life.  
John 3:16



## PARISH STAFF

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm

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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 9/13: VIGIL THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

4:00 pm † Alexander, Irene & Alexander Jurczyk Jr  
From Dolores Scolaro

**SUN 9/14: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

9:00 am † Boleslaw & Katrzyna A. Czapski,  
the Czapski, & Andrzejczyk Families  
From daughter Albina Z. Czapski

**NEXT SUNDAY: 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SAT 9/20:** 4:00 pm † 3rd Anniversary Victor Lenda Sr.  
From the Lenda Family

**SUN 9/21:** 9:00 am † Michael, Joseph, & Marie  
Bielawski  
From Sue, Lucia, & family

### STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory Sept. 6/7: \$ 1,072.  
Catholic Elementary Schools: \$ 496.  
Maintenance: \$ 410.; Memorial \$ 245.

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for  
Health and Blessings for

*Alysia Besade*

*Love, April*

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

### Our Lady of Sorrows

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages. It is traditionally celebrated September 15<sup>th</sup>, following the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14<sup>th</sup>) however, popular devotion in many parts of the Mediterranean celebrate it with procession on the Friday before Holy Week.

#### Reflect on The Seven Sorrows

**1: The Prophecy of Simeon** Luke 2:34-35 Simeon tells Mary that Jesus is the Messiah! But, He will be rejected and her own soul will be pierced with a sword. Joy and Sorrow. *How do I relate to Joy and Sorrow? How might I reject blessings God offers because they come with suffering and my own cross?*

**2: The Flight into Egypt** Matthew 2:13-14 Joseph and Mary much leave everything they know behind and journey through the desert to protect their family and Jesus. *I am willing to give up everything to allow God to lead me into the unknown?*

**3: The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple** Luke 2:43-45 We celebrate with Jesus in Church then go off into our daily lives... *Do I notice when He is missing in my life? Do I seek Him?*

**4: Meeting Jesus on the Way of the Cross** Luke 23:26-28 Despite Simeon's prophesy, Mary goes to Jerusalem and allows her heart to be pierced by Jesus' rejection and crucifixion. *Like Mary, do I accept the suffering of my own cross?*

**5: The Crucifixion of Jesus** John 19:17-18, 26-30 All of Jesus' sufferings were Mary's sufferings as she watches her son's crucifixion. *Like Mary, do I trust Jesus and not harden my heart against those who caused the suffering?*

**6: The Decent from the Cross** John 19:38 Jesus' body is taken down from the cross and placed in Mary's arms. *Mary accepts 'Thy Will be done' in this moment... Do I in suffering?*

**7: The Burial of Jesus** John 19:39-42 Mary helps with the washing, anointing, and wrapping of Jesus' body in linen. *It is always difficult to see death and life together, but Mary continued to believe, hope, and love. Do I when all seems lost?*

## PARISH NEWS



### Baby Bottle Drive for Caring Families

The Knights of Columbus Council # 13 will be conducting a Baby Bottle Drive for Caring Families, a non-profit pro-life organization.

The bottles will be available in the Church the weekend of Sept 27<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

Please take one and fill it with spare change.

Then, return it on the weekend of Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. The money that we collect will go towards helping women & their families during an unexpected pregnancy.

## DIOCESE / COMMUNITY NEWS

### Saint Maximilian Kolbe Movie

Sadly, the local showings of *Triumph of the Heart* have been canceled due to poor ticker sales.

[www.triumphoftheheart.com](http://www.triumphoftheheart.com)

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14<sup>TH</sup>

### KoC Family Breakfasts at Sacred Heart

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Family Breakfast 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

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### Creating a culture of vocations...

DID YOU KNOW... we all have a vocation? The way we live our life is our vocation - Marriage; Priesthood; Religious Life; or the Generous Single Life! God calls you to live in your vocation to contribute to the Body of Christ.

Join Bishop Reidy at **St. Joseph church in Willimantic on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**, as we join together in prayer for vocations in our diocese, particularly for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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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 Reidy will be the principal celebrant and homilist.



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!

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5<sup>TH</sup>

### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Come support the Knights of Columbus Council #13 on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> between 10 - 11:45 am at BILLY WILSON'S AGEING STILL (57 Broadway) in downtown Norwich for a pancake fundraiser. \$15 Per ticket includes pancakes or breakfast wrap, potatoes, sausage, coffee/juice. Takeout available. For tickets please contact: Michael Luongo at 860.887.2695 or the Sacred Heart Parish Office: 860.887.1030

### 2025 Silver & Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Married couples of the Diocese are invited to a special celebration with Bishop Reidy, Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 25**

860-848-2237 ext. 304 (Alvania) or 860-848-2237 ext. 305 (Liza) or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net) Include. Names, Address, Phone, Wedding date, Anniversary Year, & Parish.