



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025 — 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 9/20: VIGIL 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † 3rd Anniversary Victor Lenda Sr.
From the Lenda Family

SUN 9/21: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am † Michael, Joseph, & Marie Bielawski
From Sue, Lucia, & family

NEXT SUNDAY: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 9/27: 4:00 pm † In Memoriam of Urban & Dzioba Family
From Dan & Elaine Dzioba

SUN 9/28: 9:00 am Living & † Deceased members of the Czyzewski and Kopij Families
From loving family

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory Sept. 13/14: \$ 919.
Memorial \$ 72.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection NEXT Weekend is For:
Council of Catholic Women



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Anna & Henry Dombrowski
with love from family

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul & the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings this week (Amos 8:4-7, 1 Tim. 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13) pair beautifully with the life of St. Vincent de Paul, who was born in the south of France in 1580 or 1581. The third of six children in a peasant family, his ambition was to become a priest and get an office in the Church where he could obtain enough money to retire early, return home, and support his family. He was ordained on 23 September 1600. Despite two trips to Rome, the promise of being made Bishop, and some money left to him in a will, Vincent's early ambitions failed. *He was a steward of the Church, desiring to use the priesthood for his own monetary gain. He was squandering God's property.*

Little is known of Vincent's life from 1605 to 1607 beyond a letter he wrote claiming to have been captured and enslaved in North Africa. He writes that he was enslaved to four different masters, the last of which was a fallen-away Christian whom Vincent brings back to Christ. Freed, Vincent returns to France. While it is known that Vincent wrote the letter, it is not known if it is an accounting of actual slavery or if it is an allegory for Vincent's personal spiritual journey to freedom.

We do know that in 1608, he came to Paris. There, a judge with whom he was living accused him of stealing money. Though innocent (the actual thief confessed years later), Vincent remained silent and allowed the humiliation of being turned out into the streets. In 1612, he became the pastor (for the first time) of the poor parish of Saint-Medard in Clichy. He loved being a pastor - the poor people of the parish touched his heart. He told his bishop he was happier than the bishop or even the pope. Shortly after, he was recalled to Paris to serve a wealthy family as a Chaplain and tutor of their children. Here his faith was tested. He had what his younger self wanted, but he despised the spiritual neglect of the peasants on their estate. He wrote out the Creed and carried it in his breast pocket to remind him what he believed in. He emerged from this Trial of Faith 3-4 years later, promising God to consecrate his life to serving the poor.

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 27th & Sept. 28th

Please take one and fill it with spare change.

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

SEP
23TH



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 23rd, 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. 24th through Sunday, Nov. 2nd.

SEP
25TH

Please join-in with your fellow parishioners at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. St. Joseph and Sacred Heart are assigned to September 25th. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Thank you!

Faith Formation Coordinator

And Safe Environments Child Advocate

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20 SEPTEMBER — JUBILEE OF JUSTICE

26-28 SEPTEMBER — JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

4-5 OCTOBER — JUBILEE OF MISSIONS

4-5 OCTOBER — JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

DIOCESE / COMMUNITY NEWS

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2025

SEP
25TH

New Location: Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT. Saturday, September 27 | 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.

OCT
5TH

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Come support the Knights of Columbus Council #13 on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH between 10 - 11:45 am at BILLY WILSON'S AGE IN 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

OCT
19TH

Married couples of the Diocese are invited to a special celebration with Bishop Reidy, Sunday, Oct. 19th, 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 Include. Names, Address, Phone, Wedding date, Anniversary Year, & Parish.