



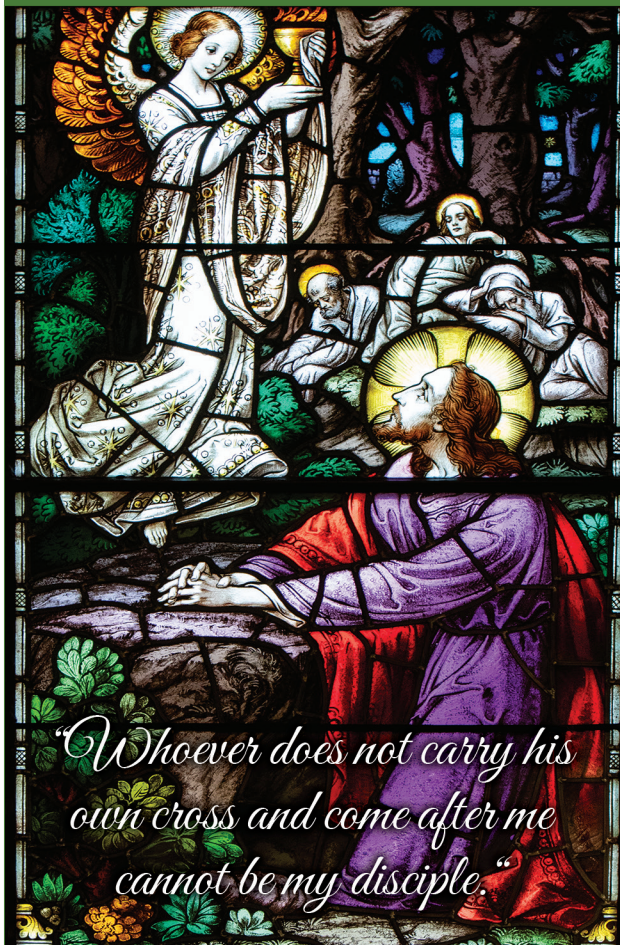
SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025 — 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BLESSED MOTHER MARY!"

The Birthday of the Holy Virgin Mary begins the work of Redemption. In her crib, the Mother of the Savior illuminates the desolate earth with the grace of her first smiles. JESUS will appear soon and, with His Precious Blood, will erase the sentence of condemnation. The world which has suffered so, will finally delight in the joy of liberty and peace. Like a flowing stream, graces will spring forth in abundance from the Sacraments. We have but to approach and draw from them, without limit, pardon, courage, and Everlasting Life! Your Nativity, O VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD has announced joy to the whole world!



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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 9/6: VIGIL 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † Richard Juber
From the Juber family

SUN 9/7: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am † Paul & Barbara Cubanski
From Lori Cubanski Carlo

NEXT SUNDAY: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SAT 9/13: 4:00 pm † Alexander, Irene & Alexander Jarczyk Jr
From Dolores Scolaro

SUN 9/14: 9:00 am † Boleslaw & Katrzyna A. Czapski, the Czapski, & Andrzejczyk Families
From daughter Albina Z. Czapski

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory August 30/31: \$ 876.
National Combined Collection: \$ 560.; Memorial \$ 158.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:

Monthly Maintenance AND Catholic Elementary Schools

Please find a copy of the letter on Catholic Elementary Schools from Bishop Reidy at the church entrances.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Patrick Gaska

From Godfather, Thomas

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

Eugene Podeszwa and his family - Eugene's funeral Mass was August 22nd.

Thomas Kolasa and his family - Thomas' funeral Mass was September 1st.

Michael Gallagher, a long time, active parishioner who regularly attended the 4pm Mass with his mother unexpectedly passed away recently. Please keep him, his wife, Lorna, daughter, Cora and family in your prayers.

The Birth of Mary

Scripture does not tell of Mary's parents or her birth, the stories and traditions we have come through the *Protoevangelim* of James (150-200 AD), known in the early 4th century as *The Birth of Mary*; and *The Life of the Virgin* attributed to Maximus the Confessor (580-662 AD). In the *Protoevangelim*, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne are distraught as they were elderly and childless. Joachim withdraws in prayer to the wilderness where he remembers Abraham and Sarah were granted a son even in their old age. Anne also retreats in prayer and is told she will bear a child; like Hannah (1 Sam 1:11) she consecrates the child, male or female, to God for service in the temple. Seven months later, their daughter is born and is given the name Mary. On her first birthday, Joachim prepares a great feast during which the priests invoke God's blessing on Mary. When Mary is 3, she is led to the temple by the Hebrew virgins who bear burning torches (cf Mt 25:1-12). At the temple, the priest greets Mary declaring all generations will call her blessed (cf. Lk 1:48). Mary delights everyone by dancing on the steps of the altar. When she is 12, the age of maturity, she leaves the temple, betrothed to the widower and carpenter, Joseph. According to the *Protoevangelim*, Mary was 16 when she conceived Jesus.

PARISH NEWS

SEP
7TH

Coffee Hour!

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



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.

DIOCESE / COMMUNITY NEWS

SEP
12/13

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Movie

Triumph of the Heart is a feature film about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over the darkness of Auschwitz. In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis. As despair and fear grip the group, the pressures of starvation, internal ideological division, mount. But throughout, Kolbe's appeal to their shared humanity and Polish identity forges a brotherhood that culminates in a poignant act of sacrifice that echoes beyond the cell, illuminating hope in one of history's darkest moments.



SHOWINGS
& TICKETS

Gallery Cinema, Colchester, CT 9/12 @ 7pm

Mystic Luxury Cinemas, Mystic, CT 9/13 @ 4 pm

More information as well as the ability to purchase tickets for available at: www.triumphoftheheart.com

SEP
14TH

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

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 Richard F. 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. 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!

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 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