



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



OCTOBER 5TH, 2025 — 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How long, O LORD, must I cry
for help and you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
and you do not intervene?
Why do you let me see iniquity?
why do you simply gaze at evil?
Destruction and violence are
before me; there
is strife and discord...



He who is
coming will
come and will
not delay.

The Prophet Habakkuk



Our Lady of the Rosary
Feast Day, October 7th
Join us for 8 am Mass at
Sacred Heart Church,
Norwichtown!

October, Month of the Rosary

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 10/4: VIGIL 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † **Walter & Phyllis Podeszwa**

From Eugene & Wanda Podeszwa

SUN 10/5: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am **Living & † Deceased members of the Rosary Society**

NEXT SUNDAY: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 10/11: 4:00 pm † Anniversary Remembrance for

Nov 3rd for Traci Fargo

with love from Max, Mom and Steve.

SUN 10/12: 9:00 am † Jozef & Barbara Mroz

From the Sieczkowski Family

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory Sept. 27/28: \$ 946.

Council of Catholic Women: \$ 268

Memorial: \$ 210

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:

Maintenance AND Mission Combined Collection



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Patrick Gaska

from Godfather, Thomas

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

Our Lady of the Rosary

The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (originally Our Lady of Victory) was established by Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet at Lepanto on 7 October 1571. It was formed in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people against the Turkish armada.

The Battle of Lepanto was the last major naval battle fought almost entirely between rowing vessels. The victory was attributed to Mary's intervention as the Christian fleet was vastly outnumbered with the wind against them. Knowing the imbalance, Pope Pius V implored the Holy League to pray for Mary's intercession via the use of the Rosary.

October has become known as the Month of the Holy Rosary indicating the profound significance of reflecting on the life of Jesus through the meditations of Mary's experience and the power of Mary's intercession. At the end of his weekly general audience on Sept. 24, Pope Leo XIV requested that this October, all the faithful daily pray the Rosary for peace: *"I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month ~ for peace ~ personally, with your families and in your communities."*



PARISH NEWS

**OCT
4/5TH**

Annual Financial Report

The Saint Joseph Parish Annual Financial Report, along with Monsignor's notes, are available at the Church entrances.

**OCT
5TH**

Coffee Hour!

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

**OCT
5TH**

Rosary Society Meeting

The next Rosary Society meeting is Sunday, October 5th at 11:00. Nominations will be accepted for ALL board positions. Please be prepared to nominate someone or yourself. Voting will take place at the December 7th meeting.



The Knights of Columbus Council # 13

Baby Bottle Drive for Caring Families

Bottles are available in the Church. Please take one, fill it with spare change, and return it on the weekend of Oct. 25th / 26th. The money collected will go towards helping women & their families during an unexpected pregnancy.

Mission Combined Collection October 4/5

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and parts of the United States. Your generous gifts today will allow our missions to bring the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith to those in Latin America, small mission dioceses in Africa and Asia, as well as support our Black and Indian Mission Office. In addition, through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Church will reach isolated communities here in the U.S, thirsty for the Word of God. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.

Empty Medicine Bottle Collection

Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society, Norwichtown Is collecting empty prescription medicine bottles for the Haitian Health Foundation of Norwich. Please remove all labels if possible and drop off bottles in the basket in the St. Joseph Church vestibule. Thank you for your help.



4-5 OCTOBER — JUBILEE OF MISSIONS

4-5 OCTOBER — JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

8-9 OCTOBER — JUBILEE OF CONSECRATED LIFE

11-12 OCTOBER — JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY

DIOCESE / COMMUNITY NEWS

**OCT
9TH**

Brothers In Christ With Bishop Reidy

Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who come together to share faith, personal experiences, and meaningful discussion. Virtual fellowship meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 9th, from 7-7:45 pm. Guest Speaker: Bishop Richard Reidy**, Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, will speak on his Coat of Arms and Motto "Ut Cognoscant Te" (That they may know you). If you are interested in joining this session and building fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by contacting: Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 848-2237 ext. 305

**OCT
22-24**

Healing Service

Fr. Jim Blount will be celebrating Mass and will lead a healing service on Oct 22-24 at Immaculate Conception Church in Westerly, RI. For more info go to www.immcon.org

St. Joseph Church
120 Cliff Street
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October 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support, generosity and commitment to our Parish. The financial reports for the fiscal year ending in June can be found at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy on your way home today.

For the fiscal year of July 2024 through June 2025, our Sunday offertory, maintenance, and memorial donation collections totaled just under \$90,000 or approximately 30% of our operating expenses. Other Parish Revenue comprised of candles, flowers, stipends and fundraising generated an additional \$18,000 with the remainder covered by withdrawals from our endowments. This year alone we withdrew \$143,000 in order to pay the ordinary expenses as well as complete the painting of the parish hall, purchase new candlesticks and candelabra for the sanctuary, repair the heat pump in the church, upgrade the Rectory bathroom (which was an insurance recommendation), and install security cameras on the property. The state grant which covered the camera cost and installation was received in August and will be reflected in this fiscal year's income. Fortunately, our investments do generate approximately \$60,000 in income annually, which partially offsets the withdrawal of principal. This year the market was very favorable and even with the withdrawals, our investment balances at the end of June are greater than last year.

Overall, expenses were similar to last year across most categories except for the repairs mentioned above. Excluding payroll, our largest expenditure continues to arise from utilities, repairs & maintenance and property/liability insurance. Please know, however, if not for the generous donation of some volunteers who give freely of their time and talent, especially in the preparation of the weekly bulletin, directing religious education and maintenance of the church properties, our expenses would be much greater. This year's expenses did include the final bankruptcy settlement of \$3,000 from our parish. We do not anticipate any future expenses associated with the settlement nor do we anticipate any large costly projects requiring significant cash this fiscal year.

Thank you again for all that you share with our Parish every day. We are blessed with many volunteers who work so faithfully on the parish bulletin, church property and at parish events. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and your loved ones.

Msgr. Les Janik,

Pastor

St. Joseph Polish RC Parish

Financial Report - July 2024 to June 2025

Offertory & Maintenance	76,667	
Memorial Donations	12,812	
Other Parish Revenue	18,630	* candles/flowers/stipends/funerals/fundraising
Transferred fr Investments	143,000	
Total Income	\$ 251,109	
Expenses:		
Liturgical	16,290	
Music	16,295	
Education	408	
Food & Household	7,543	
Parish Socials	180	
Bankruptcy & Other Prof Fees	3,300	
Utilities	22,829	* Heat, Electric, Phone, Water & Sewer
Supplies	18,555	
		cleaning bldgs, grounds maint, snowplowing, trash, cellar
Repairs/Maintenance	52,427	* door, heat pump, rectory bath, alarm repairs, convent painters
Furnishing & Equipment	13,535	* security system, a/c in parish center
Insurance	49,017	Property/Liability, Workman's Comp, & Priest Medical
Charity/Vol Appreciation	2,545	
Budget Envelopes	323	
Cathedraticum	15,447	* 10% of Ord revenue & gain on investments + prior year correction of \$5824 paid to the Diocese
Parochial School Subsidy	3,000	
Compensation Parish Priest	46,629	* includes retreat, retirement & contin ed
Extra Priests	130	
Lay Payroll & Taxes	29,506	
Major Repairs	-	
Reconciliation Update	(3,470)	* correction to prior year financials
Total Expenses	\$ 294,489	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (43,380)	withdrawn from investments in July 2025

Investment & Cash Balances as of 6/30

Parish Checking Account	\$ 1,359	Ckbk bal less Parochial collections due to Diocese
Endowments:		
Wells Fargo	\$ 546,707	
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Edward Jones	\$ 152,472	