



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Christ has Appeared to us:*



*Come, Let Us Adore Him.*

### *Epiphany Tradition Of Chalking The Doors*

*"From the EAST THE MAGI came to Bethlehem to adore the LORD JESUS; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: GOLD the THE GREAT KING, INCENSE to THE TRUE GOD, and MYRRH in SYMBOL OF HIS BURIAL. ALLELUIA!"*

Then using the blessed chalk by a priest on the FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, mark the lintel above the MAIN DOOR OF THE HOUSE or THE TOP OF THE DOOR ITSELF AS FOLLOWS: 20 + C + M + B + 25 and pray: *"The THREE KINGS - CASPAR, MELCHIOR, BALTHASAR followed the STAR OF GOD'S SON WHO BECAME MAN TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. May CHRIST bless our home and remain with us throughout the NEW YEAR 2025 A.D. Concluding prayer: O LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY GOD, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, charity, humility, goodness, mildness, self-conquest, chastity, obedience to the Commandments and Thanksgiving To GOD, FATHER, SON, and Holy SPIRIT. Upon this house, and those who dwell herein, may Thy blessing remain forever. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."*

Packs of Blessed Chalk & Incense are available this EPIPHANY DAY at the Manger Scene to bless your doors! Place an offering in the basket near the Crib. Thank you for keeping this beautiful custom in honor of THREE KINGS DAY 2025.

## PARISH STAFF

### Clergy

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik, *Pastor*

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm  
Friday: 9am - 12 Noon  
CLOSED on Wednesday

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### Masses

**Vigil Mass Sat. Evening:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am (*English & Polish*)  
**Mon.:** 8:00 am (*Enter via Cliff St. door*)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each Month:** 9:00 am

### 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 Mass Times:** 8 am Sacred Heart Church, 9 am Saint Joseph Church, 6 pm Saint John Mission



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SAT 1/4: VIGIL THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm † Albert & Gertrude (Czujko) Muratore  
*With love, from April & Family*

### SUN 1/5: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 am † Leszek Fryzel  
*From Helen & Henry Sieczkowski*

### MON 1/6: MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, ST ANDRÉ BESSETTE

8:00 am Multiple intentions  
† Lewis & Izbicki Families  
*From Deacon Tom Lewis*  
† Napoleon Gauthier  
*From Mary Grace & Adrian Webb*

### NEXT SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SAT 1/11: 4:00 pm † Peter Woyasz (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
*From Bernie Wlodkowski*

SUN 1/12: 9:00 am † Mathew Wrek  
*From Sieczkowski family*

MON 1/13: 8:00 am † Felix & Rose  
*From Elzbieta Potacka*

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 28/29: \$ 940.  
Christmas Offertory: \$ 1,389.  
Memorial: \$ 150.; Candles \$ 76.87

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*

**Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:**  
Monthly Maintenance

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*Silverio & Roy Mazzella  
& Craig Butts*

with love from Frances

## THANK YOU Dziękuję

### CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

To all our parishioners and friends of Saint Joseph Church, Sacred Heart Church, Saint John Mission Church we express our sincerest thankfulness for your generous Christmas cards, gifts, and delicious goods. Be assured of our continued prayers for you and your loved ones, especially in this Christmas season! May the Holy Christ Child bring you his heavenly gifts and many blessings in this New Year 2025. Gratefully & always,  
Monsignor Les & Father Jim

### PARISH CHRISTMAS OPLATKI POTLUCK THANK YOU!

Msgr. Les & Fr. Jim extend a sincere THANK YOU to all who attended and brought a delicious dish or dessert to share at our "OPLATKI POTLUCK" On Holy Family Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in our Saint Joseph Parish Center. Just over 50 people attended and a wonderful and enjoyable Sunday afternoon luncheon was enjoyed by all! A BIG THANK YOU to all who help set up the hall, worked in the kitchen and with clean up! We certainly will put it on the parish calendar for the Sunday after Christmas 2025! May the HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND SAINT JOSEPH BLESS YOU ALL! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR BELOVED SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING THANK YOU!

Msgr. Les, Fr. Jim and Steve Koziol offer our sincerest THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped with the decorating of our Church and Christmas Manger Scene. Our THANKS to Pequot Farms, Stonington, CT for the beautiful poinsettias and a very special THANK YOU to Fr. Sebastian Hanks, OSPPE & native priest son of St. Joseph's for his sending of four white poinsettias for the manger scene and for his generous gift of a NEW CHRISTMAS VESTMENT FOR THE PARISH PRIESTS in memory of his Grandparents: BRONISLAWA & HENRY HANKS, SR. & his parents: MARCELLA & HENRY HANKS, JR. Father Sebastian serves at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Father Jim used the new Christmas Vestment at the masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Christmas Octave Days! Thank you all for making Christmas 2024 so very special this year! We invite you to stop over after Mass to VISIT OUR LORD JESUS' CRIB SCENE UNTIL SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> - Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus!

## PARISH NEWS

JAN  
5<sup>TH</sup>

### Coffee Hour!

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

### PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SEASON...

Jesus, Mary, Saint Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love. To you we turn with trust in all of our needs, joys, and sorrows of life. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division. And may all who have been hurt find ready comfort and healing and forgiveness in the holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, Mary, Saint Joseph, we love you! Save souls!  
Pray for our families!

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Knights of Columbus "Ham & Bean Supper"

Knights of Columbus cordially invite all to their popular winter time: "Ham & Bean Supper" On Saturday night, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 beginning at 5 pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Norwichtown. This is their annual fundraiser to benefit "Haitan Health Foundation." Tickets may be purchased by calling: Louis Weingart at 860-213-1000. It's always a sell out!

### Retrouvaille Weekend in January/February

You Can Help Your Marriage – If you want to improve your marriage in the new year, consider attending a Retrouvaille marriage help program. The next local weekend will take place January 31 - February 2, 2025. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [helds4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriage@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction

The Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction is offering an Open House for those interested in training to be certified Spiritual Directors at their satellite program in Connecticut.

The Open House will be held at 7 PM on Thurs, January 30, at the Immaculate Conception Center (600 Liberty Hwy, Putnam, CT). All are welcome to attend and no commitment is necessary. No prior training is needed if you decide to enroll in the program. For more information, use the QR Code or call 860-928-7955.



## YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

7:00PM

St. Thomas Aquinas  
In Storrs

On Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Archbishop Christopher Coyne for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married.) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Archbishop Coyne will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

For more information, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex.305

