

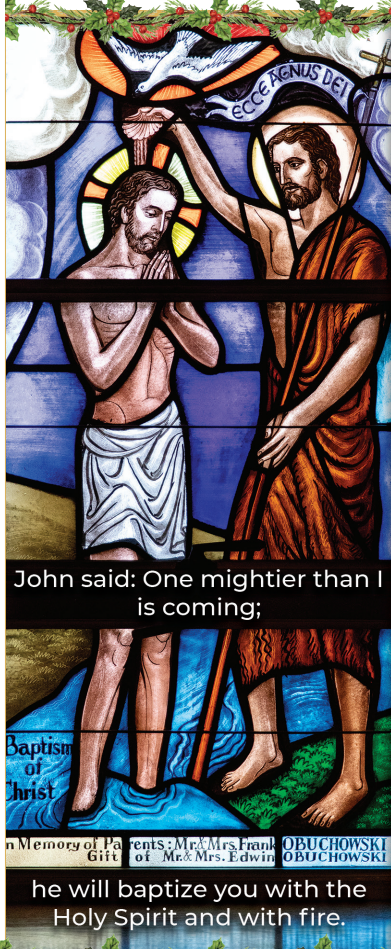


SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



JANUARY 12TH, 2025 — THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

In Memory of Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Frank OBUCHOWSKI
of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin OBUCHOWSKI



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22



The Baptism of Jesus

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

— Catechism of the Catholic Church 536



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Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm
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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*)
1st 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 1/11: VIGIL THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:00 pm † Peter Woyasz (7th Anniversary)
From Bernie Wlodkowski

SUN 1/12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 am † Mathew Wrek
From Sieczkowski family

MON 1/13: MONDAY 1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME, SAINT HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR

8:00 am Multiple Intentions

† Felix & Rose

From Elzbieta Potacka

Pawel Kidala

From his sister

NEXT SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 1/18: 4:00 pm † Joseph, Helen Wayne & Joseph Jr Scolaro

From Dolores Scolaro

SUN 1/19: 9:00 am † Walter Trawczynski

From Donna & Jim Homiski

MON 1/20: 8:00 am † Josephine & John Kolodziej

From family



PARISH NEWS

JAN
12TH

Volunteers Needed!

All Christmas decoration are going to be taken down Sunday, January, 12th at 1-4 pm if anyone would like to volunteer a bit of their time to help it would be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESE NEWS

JAN
15TH

The New Testament and Catechesis

The Office of Faith Events will host a virtual session on Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm focused on the New Testament and its significance in catechesis. Join us for an engaging exploration of the teachings, themes, and messages that shape our faith. This session will provide insights into how the New Testament shapes our understanding of catechesis and its application in our daily lives. Whether you are in faith formation or looking to deepen your understanding, all are welcome! To register, contact Alvania Tejada at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ex. 304

Knights of Columbus "Ham & Bean Supper"

JAN
18TH

Knights of Columbus cordially invite all to their popular winter time: "Ham & Bean Supper" On Saturday night, January 18th, 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 or go to our website 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, us the QR Code or call 860-928-7955.



STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory January 4/5: \$ 839.;
Christmas Offertory: \$ 20;
Memorial: \$311; Maintenance \$ 577;
Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1): \$ 338.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit

For health and Blessings for

Josephine Besade

and in memory of

Lucas Surprenant

love April



"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's"

– Matt. 22:15-22

A tax statement of your contributions to St. Joseph's Church for 2024 will be mailed only to those who request them. If you would like a statement, please call the parish office at 860-887-1565 or email stjosephnorwich@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Academy of the Holy Family Open House

FEB
8TH

Open House at the Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic CT for 7th and 8th grade girls, February 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. To attend, register on the school's website: ahfbaltic.org or call: 860.822.9272. Must register to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

FEB
7-9

Marian Discernment Retreat

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church will be holding a Marian Discernment Retreat on February 7th-9th at the mother-house in Baltic. The retreat is open to single young women, aged 18-33, who are discerning or are interested in the vocation to the religious life. There will be an opportunity for daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer, conferences on discernment alongside our Lady, and recreation with the sisters. To register, please contact Sister Gabriella at vocations@sistersofcharity.com or (860) 964-0468.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Through all generations, You have chosen men to serve You by sharing in the Holy Priesthood of Christ, Your Son. We beg You to call men from our diocese to serve as priests at the altar, and to send Your Holy Spirit to help them discern Your call. Give them understanding to know Your will and courage to follow it.

Pour out, too, Your grace upon women from our parishes to serve You in religious life, formed after the model of our Blessed Mother.

We ask this through our eternal High Priest and King, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

7:00PM

St. Thomas Aquinas
In Storrs

On Sunday, February 9th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Archbishop Christopher Coyne for the 7th 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 or call (860)848-2237 ex.305

