



# SAINT JOSEPH



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 — 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



*Celebrate and Rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found."*

## PARISH STAFF

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm  
Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm  
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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

MAR. 28-30: JUBILEE OF PRIESTS INSTITUTED AS "MISSIONARIES OF MERCY"

**SAT 3/29: VIGIL 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)**

4:00 pm † Joseph & Anield Tupieka

From daughter Theresa; grandchildren Eddie & Kristine

**SUN 3/30: 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)**

9:00 am † Aniela & Waclaw Czerwinski

From daughter Janina

**MON 3/31: 8:00 am † Marta Kopij**

From Zofia Rahuba

**SAT 4/5: FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

9:00 am † Evelyn A Sienkiewicz & family

**APR. 5-6: JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SAT 4/5: 4:00 pm † Annette & Walter Le Clair**

From Armand & Leandra Le Clair

**SUN 4/6: 9:00 am † Czeslawa & Kazimerz Wneck**

From the Sieczkowski Family

**MON 4/7: 8:00 am Multiple Intentions**

† Marta Kopij

From Piekutoswki family

† Genevieve Sucholet

From Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory March 22/23: \$ 826.

Memorial: \$ 155; Candles: \$ 178.79; Ash Wednesday \$ 10

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

**Second Collection NEXT Weekend is For:**

Easter Flowers



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*Anna & Henry Dombrowski*  
love from Family



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle on March 22/23 was lit  
In Memoriam for

*Albert & Gertrude Muratore*  
from Elaine & Daniel Dzioba

Apologies, the Sanctuary Candles in the Bulletin were off a week.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

### Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph Church 5:30 pm in Polish

Sacred Heart Church 6 pm in English



### Gorzkie Zale - Bitter Lamentations

Sundays of Lent after the 9 am Sunday mass with Exposition & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

MONDAYS  
OF LENT

### Lenten Reflections

Monsignor Les is giving a series of Lenten reflections on prayer, on Mondays, during Lent. The required book titled "*An Introduction to Prayer*"

by Bishop Robert Barron will be freely provided. Coffee/tea available! 4th Session 6 to 7pm, March 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Joseph Parish Hall. Last two sessions: April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph Parish Hall.

# PARISH NEWS

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### First Friday / First Saturday Masses

Fri. 4/4 8 am, Sacred Heart Church, in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sat. 4/5, 9 am, St Joseph Parish, in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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6<sup>TH</sup>

### Coffee Hour!

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

### Polish Easter Babka Bread & Bake Sale

April 12th & April 13th - Palm Sunday Weekend we are asking all ladies & bakers in our parish to help with this pre-Easter bake sale. Please drop off your delicious babka breads and other baked goods to the St. Joseph parish center the Friday before Palm Sunday, 9 am - 3 pm. The sale will be after the Palm Sunday 4 pm Vigil Mass & 9 am Palm Sunday Mass in St. Joseph Parish Center. Please support our parish fundraiser!

### EASTER PUSSY WILLOWS

It's a tradition to include pussy willow branches in Palm Sunday Masses, especially in Slavic nations. In Polish legend, JESUS walked through a forest, still stark in winter surrounds, on Palm Sunday and asked HIS Angels to collect fuzzy flowering branches of pussy willows, the first branches showing signs of Springtime new life.

May we never forget or forsake the miracle and the Blessings of Hope as we celebrate the new season of growth! A BIG THANK YOU from Father Jim to Maureen & Bill O'Hara for the fresh cut pussy willow branches from their beautiful yard in Bozrah. On this "LAETARE SUNDAY," as we approach Palm Sunday & Holy Week, we are most grateful for this beautiful gift to our Lenten decorations. Thank you so much!

# COMMUNITY & DIOCESE NEWS

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16<sup>TH</sup>

### Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

His Excellency, Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, Apostolic Administrator, invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited**

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2<sup>ND</sup>

### Lenten Evening of Hope & Mercy

A mini parish mission with the Sisters of Life Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 -8:30 pm.. At the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich

Includes: **Reflection:** given by Sr. Antoniana Mary, SV **Holy Hour music:** by the Sisters of Life; **Confessions;** **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament;** **Social** following in the Cathedral Hall with a chance to meet/greet the sisters! "*Come, Encounter & Receive the Love Hope & Mercy of the Father!*" All are most welcome to attend this joyous Lenten evening!

### St. André Bessette Coming To Moosup, Ct

St. André Bessette Parish (Canterbury, Moosup, & Plainfield) will be hosting a celebration of St. André Bessette on Sunday, April 6th at 12 pm at All Hallows Church located at 126 Prospect St, Moosup, CT 06354. The program consists of: Noon- Exposition of the Relic of St. André Bessette; 12:05 pm- Talks on Brother André; 12:30- Eucharistic Adoration; 1:00 pm- Healing Mass;; 1:45 pm- Veneration of the Relic and Blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph.