



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026 — 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'"

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.

— Gospel Reading, Matthew 20:1-16

*God's Abundant
Generosity*

SAINT MATTHEW
APOSTLE &
EVANGELIST

FEAST DAY MASS, 21 SEPTEMBER
8 AM AT SACRED HEART



PARISH STAFF

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm

Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm

CLOSED on Wednesday

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Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (*English & Polish*)

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: 9 am Sacred Heart Church

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 9/19: VIGIL 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † Anna & Henry Dombrowski
With love from family

SUN 9/20: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 9/26: 4:00 pm † In memory of Robert Sclaro
From Leandre & Armand LeClair

SUN 9/27: 9:00 am † Paul & Barbara Cubanski
From Lori Cubanski Carlo

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory September 12/13: \$ 1,309.
Catholic Elementary Schools: \$ 199.; Memorial: \$ 80.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection NEXT Weekend is For:
Council of Catholic Women



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Lewis & Izbicki Families

from Deacon Tom Lewis

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

Come Pray the Holy Rosary for Joseph Kurasz

Join us in reciting the Rosary in English/Polish at 8:30 am before Sunday mass at 9 am. Joe has been in a lot of pain in his battle with cancer and has requested our prayers.

PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

The following are in need of God's guidance and strength during difficult times; please remember them in your prayers:

Joseph Kurasz, Leandra LeClair, Maria, Bernie Wlodowski

Lord god, we ask you bless the members of our armed services & first responders. Give them courage, hope, strength, and wisdom.

Please contact the Parish Office to update names on the list.

Upcoming Second Collections

If you have not received your envelopes, blank envelopes are available at the Church entrances.

- Sept 27: Council of Catholic Women
- Oct 4: Cradle Fund
- Oct 11: Monthly Maintenance
- Oct 18: Mission Combined Collection



Stewardship Reflection...

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". -
MATTHEW 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

PARISH NEWS

Religious Education Registration

Forms are available at the back and side entrances of the Church to register your children for Religious Education. Classes will start in October.

THANK YOU *Dziękuję*

Thank you again to everyone who helped out with this summer's Parish Bazaar. The total raised by the parish bazaar including funds raised by selling some items on Facebook Marketplace, was \$ 4,319

St. Matthew as a Winged Man

In the beginning of the 4th century, the four evangelists were associated with the "tetramorphs," the four living creatures of Ezekiel 1. The winged young man was determined to represent Matthew specifically because his gospel emphasizes the humanity of Jesus Christ. In sacred art, Matthew is depicted as a man with wings and a halo to represent that his Gospel begins with the human origins of Jesus.

Matthew's human figure—in contrast to Mark's lion (royal power), Luke's ox (sacrifice), and John's eagle (transcendence)—immediately signaled to medieval viewers that this gospel prioritized Christ's incarnation and his connection to human history. Ponder on this as you hear or read the Gospel of Matthew! We are currently in Year A of the Liturgical cycle, and hear Matthew's Gospel during Sunday Mass.

DIOCESE & COMMUNITY NEWS



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a **Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tues., Sept. 22nd, at 6:30 pm.** Bishop Richard Reidy will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from **Wed., Sept. 23rd through Sun., Nov. 1st.** 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.

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October Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Saturday, October 3 at 8:30 am. Please join our celebrant, Rev. Brian Maxwell at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

Diocese of Norwich Job Opening

The Diocese of Norwich is seeking a detail-oriented full time Accounts Payable & Office Assistant to support diocesan financial operations. This position is responsible for accounts payable processing, payroll administration, account reconciliations, financial record keeping. The role also assists with vendor relations, audit preparation, compliance reporting, and parish risk management activities.

Qualifications:

- Experience in accounts payable, bookkeeping, payroll, or accounting functions.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel, QuickBooks Desktop, and accounting/payroll software.
- Strong organizational, communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and manage multiple priorities.
- Experience in nonprofit or Catholic organizations is preferred.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a résumé to Paul Dillon, Diocesan Finance Officer
paul.dillon@norwichdiocese.net.