



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

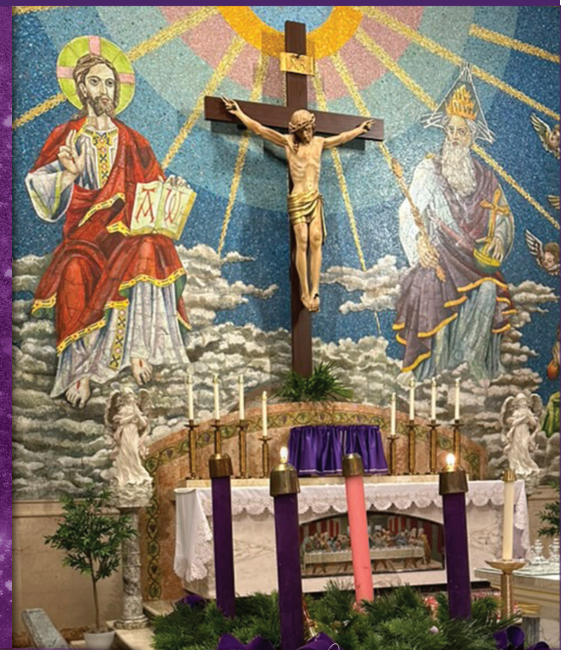
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.  
- Isaiah 11:1-2a



*Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Peity, and Fear of the LORD.*  
Justice flourishes when we allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to reform us.

Wyrosnie róźdzka z pnia Jessego, wypusci odrosł z jego korzen I spocznie na niej Duch Panski, duch madrosci i rozumu, duch rad i mestwa, duch wiedzy i bojazni Panskiej. Upodoba sobie w bojai Panskiej.

## PARISH STAFF

### Clergy

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik, *Pastor*

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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*)

*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

**Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, 8 December:** 9 am Sacred Heart Church Church

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SAT 12/6: VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm † (3rd Anniversary) Gertrude (Czujko)  
Muratore  
with love from Daughter, April & Family

## SUN 12/7: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am † Kempesta Family: Stanley Orese, Joseph,  
Ronald, Stephen, Barbara, Chad & Elaine

## NEXT SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT 12/13: 4:00 pm † Paul Koziol  
with love from Steve

SUN 12/14: 9:00 am † Michalene Brzycki  
from daughters Zuzanna and Lucia & family

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory November 29/30: \$ 854.  
Candles \$ 135.; Memorial \$ 115.

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*

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



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for  
Health for

*Sean Kavanaugh*

*from Merina Corby for his family*

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

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## Feast of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be at 9am at Sacred Heart Church.  
There will be no masses at St. John Mission nor  
at St. Joseph's Church.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Vigil**  
4 pm Saint Joseph      4 pm Sacred Heart  
10 pm Saint Joseph Christmas Mass at Night

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass**  
9 am Sacred Heart  
11 am Saint John Mission

*Oplátky Christmas wafers are available for \$4/package  
in the Sacristy before or after Mass  
or at the Rectory during office hours.*

## Christmas Pierogi Sale Fundraiser

Assistance in making the Pierogi is requested. Pierogi making and boiling will be Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ewa Kidala or Ewa Newman for more information. Pierogi order forms have been collected! Pick-up dates for your orders are: Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm and Sun. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-noon in the Parish Center!

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## Saint Joseph Christmas Bake Sale

St. Joseph Rosary Society is holding a Christmas Bake Sale on Sat, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 3-5:30 and Sun, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 10-11am. Monetary donations and baked goods are appreciated. For more information contact St. Joseph Rectory 860.887.1565. For special orders, contact Janina at 860.367.2365

# PARISH NEWS

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## Coffee Hour!

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

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## Saint Joseph Rosary Society

The next Rosary Society meeting is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. This will be the last meeting for nominations and voting. All board positions are open for election. Please consider running for a position and make every effort to attend this important meeting..

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## St. Joseph Parish Bible Study

Our Advent Bible Study concludes this Monday, 6-7pm @ St. Joseph Parish Center. This Bible study is devoted to reflections on the Advent Season and is presented by Norman Gauthier. No fee or book required. Coffee/tea will be available.

## Christmas Decorating of St. Joseph Church

*Setting up the trees and manager scene will be Sunday, December 14* (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent) at noon. Please come and help!



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## Knights of Columbus COR Program

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 pm. the Knights of the Columbus will have a COR program meeting in the **St. Joseph Parish Center**. The meeting is open to all Catholic men. Attendees do NOT have to be current Knights.

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## Rorate Mass

"Rorate" comes from the Latin Rorate caeli — "*Drop down, ye heavens.*" This beautiful Advent tradition honors our Blessed Mother, who leads us in hope toward the coming of Christ. Please join us for this peaceful candlelight Mass, celebrated by Bishop Reidy, on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at **Sacred Heart Church**. May Our Lady help us prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus.

## 2025 ACA update

As of November 29, 2025, Saint Joseph Parish, Norwich has donated **\$9,200.** or **90.52%** of our goal, and **26.61%** of parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2025. Donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928.



## PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

**Tadeusz Darzycki whose funeral was 4 December.**

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Creating a culture of vocations...

**CHRIST SPOKE** of the talents each one of us has, talents that must not be buried. Our calling is to take these talents, develop them fully, and use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. God has graced us with specific talents, or charisms, to assist us in serving others through our vocations.

Join your brothers and sisters in our monthly diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations at **St. Matthew** church in **Tolland** on **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. We will pray for all people in our Church to discover and live out their vocations, and particularly for men to be called to priesthood, and for women and men to be called to the consecrated life.