

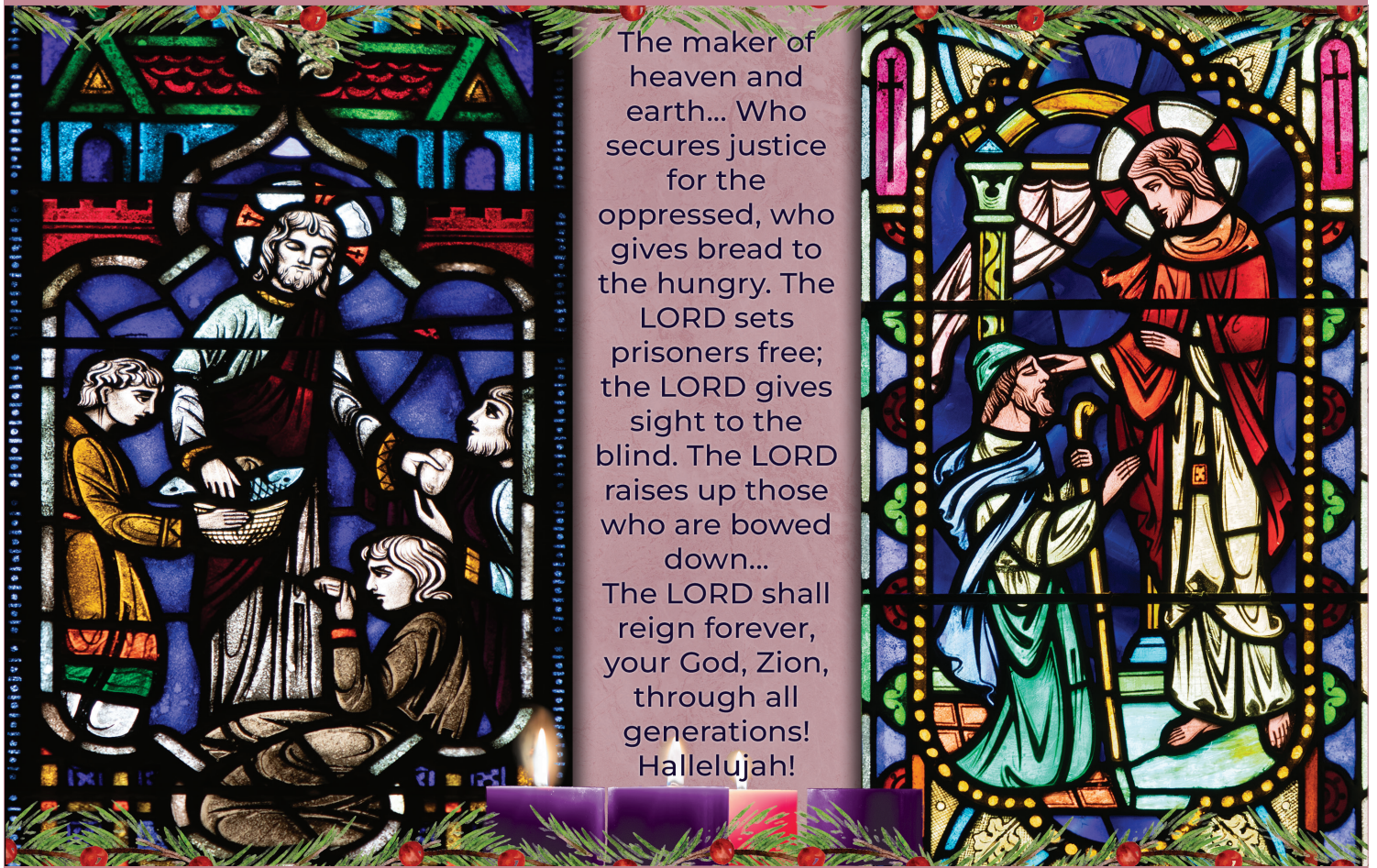


SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



DECEMBER 14TH, 2025 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The maker of
heaven and
earth... Who
secures justice
for the
oppressed, who
gives bread to
the hungry. The
LORD sets
prisoners free;
the LORD gives
sight to the
blind. The LORD
raises up those
who are bowed
down...
The LORD shall
reign forever,
your God, Zion,
through all
generations!
Hallelujah!

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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

Holy Days of Obligation: 8 am Sacred Heart Church, 9 am Saint Joseph Church, Vigil 6 pm Saint John Mission

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 12/13: VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm † Paul Koziol
with love from Steve

SUN 12/14: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am † Michalene Brzycki
from daughters Zuzanna and Lucia & family

NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT 12/20: 4:00 pm † Joseph & Viola Burke
from Dennis & Reggie Burke

SUN 12/21: 9:00 am † Thaddeus Czyzewski
from loving family

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 6/7: \$ 898.
Maintenance: \$ 724.; Memorial: \$ 234.
Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8: \$ 84.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:
Christmas Flowers



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for
Health for

John Dziengiel III
from sister, Marianne

Appologies: The Sanctuary Candle for Nov 23-29 was in memory of Richard Robinson. (not health and blessings)

Mass Intentions

At a meeting of the bishops of the ecclesiastical Province of Hartford, of which the Diocese of Norwich is part, the Bishops decreed that fifteen dollars (\$15) is to be the amount for stipends for Masses, effective January 1, 2026. In the Diocese of Norwich, this will replace the current practice of a \$20 stipend for weekend Masses and a \$10 stipend for weekday Masses. Thank you for your attention and understanding of this matter.

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Vigil

4 pm Saint Joseph 4 pm Sacred Heart
10 pm Saint Joseph Christmas Mass at Night

Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass

9 am Sacred Heart
11 am Saint John Mission

Polish Christmas Wafers - "Oplatiki"

"OPLATKI" are available in the Priest's Sacristy now Christmas Eve before or after Mass. or at the Rectory Office during office hours. The OFFERING IS \$ 4 PER PACKAGE. Please keep this beautiful Polish Christmas Tradition this December. Sharing the Christmas Wafer with your family, friends and loved ones at Christmas Eve Supper - "WIGILIA."



PARISH NEWS

Christmas Decorating of St. Joseph Church

Setting up the trees and manger scene will be Sunday, December 14 (3rd Sunday of Advent) at noon. Please come and help!



DEC
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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 17th at 6 pm at **Sacred Heart Church**. May Our Lady help us prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus.

DEC
17TH

Christmas Pierogi Sale Fundraiser

Contact Ewa Kidala or Ewa Newman for more information.

Pierogi order forms have been collected!

Pick-up dates for your orders are: Sat. Dec. 20th 3-5pm and Sun. Dec. 21st 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 20th, 3-5:30 and Sun, Dec 21st, 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

DEC
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Christmas Oplatiki Potluck

Please join us on Sunday, January 4th at 1 pm in the St. Joseph parish hall for a family potluck style dinner with caroling and sharing of the traditional Polish Christmas Oplatiki. Note, this will take place instead of our monthly coffee hour.

JAN
4TH

DIOCESE NEWS

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.

DEC
19TH

Join your brothers and sisters in our monthly diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations at **St. Matthew** church in **Tolland** on **Friday, December 19th** 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.

Waiting for Christ

Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" We are called to rejoice while we wait in patient anticipation for the coming of our Lord who brings Healing, Salvation, and Joy. Starting on December 17th, the church beings singing the "O" Antiphons in Evening Prayer drawing on the hope and promise of the Lord's "Coming."

O Wisdom of our God Most High, O Leader of the House of Isreal, O Root of Jesse's stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of all nations, O Emmanuel... Come...

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Isreal!"

We are often captivated and held ransom by the chaos of the world, especially at this time of the year. It is imporant to take time each day to pause with patience and Rejoice in the meaning of *Emmanuel* - God is With us!