



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



DECEMBER 21ST, 2025 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, 1 January: 9 am Sacred Heart Church

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 12/20: VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm † Joseph & Viola Burke
from Dennis & Reggie Burke

SUN 12/21: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am † Thaddeus Czynewski
from loving family

WED 12/24: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS MASS AT NIGHT

10:00 pm For the People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

SAT 12/27: 4:00 pm † Charles & Helen Lewis
from granddaughter, Lori Cubanski Carlo

SUN 12/28: 9:00 am † Joseph J Czapski,
15th Anniversary
with love, from wife, Albina

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 13/14: \$ 1,010.
Christmas Flowers: \$ 637.; Memorial: \$ 125.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit
in memory of true love

Joseph Czapski
from wife, Albina

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Vigil

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."



PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

**William Warzeka, Sr. who died 11 December 2025 and
whose funeral was 11 am Saturday, Dec. 20th**

*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.*

PARISH NEWS

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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

JAN
1ST

Solemnity of Mary. Mother of God, A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be at 9am at Sacred Heart Church, There will be no Masses at St. John Mission or St. Joseph Church.

JAN
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Christmas Oplatiki Potluck

Please join us on Sunday, January 4th at noon (Please note the time change!) 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.

DIOCESE NEWS

JAN
4TH

Epiphany & Closing of the Holy Year

The Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis will end on Epiphany. Special graces, called Indulgences, are available to pilgrims at Saint Patrick Cathedral. On Sunday, January 4, 2026, at 2:00 pm. we will have Adoration and pray the Liturgy of the Hours along with confessions so the faithful may have one last opportunity to participate in the Holy Year graces. Please join Bishop Reidy and our priests on Epiphany at the Cathedral. Please see the Diocesan website, www.norwichdiocese.org, for more details.

Emmanuel - God is With Us!

Today we hear God telling Ahaz, the King of Judah, to ask for a sign. "Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as Sheol, or high as the sky!" Ahaz's response seems logical: "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Syria and Ephraim are threatening Judah. God sends the prophet Isaiah to assure Ahaz that God is with his people. When Ahaz fails to believe Isaiah, God Himself offers to give Ahaz a sign of God's support and presence. Ahaz's refusal represents a lack of Trust and Faith in God's Presence.

Mary's response is different. When told that she will embody the sign given to Ahaz, that she has been "set apart" to be the one through which God becomes human, her fiat places total and complete Trust and Faith in God. Even when she knows a pregnancy out of wedlock would mean exclusion from society and possibly being stoned to death for assumed adultery, she Trusts God will keep her safe. She is not tempted by pride to run off to tell the religious authorities what she has experienced. She holds her experience in the silence of her heart and hastens to assist Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary Trusts God to overcome human challenges that seem insurmountable. She Trusts God to explain to Joseph that she has not been unfaithful to him. Instead, she has profound Faith in both God and Joseph, whom God has chosen as Jesus' foster-father. She deeply knows God is with her, Joseph, and all people!