

# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> 2025 — CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY FAMILY



## PARISH STAFF

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Msgr. Leszek T. Janik, Pastor

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

# MASS INTENTIONS

**WED 12/24: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,**

**CHRISTMAS MASS AT NIGHT**

10:00 pm **For the People of the Parish**

**SAT 12/27: VIGIL, HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**

4:00 pm **† Charles & Helen Lewis**

from granddaughter, Lori Cubanski Carlo

**SUN 12/28: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**

9:00 am **† Joseph J Czapski, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

with love, from wife, Albina

**NEXT SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**SAT 1/3: 4:00 pm Sage - Birthday Blessings**

from grandmother, Elaine

**SUN 1/4: 9:00 am † Irena Olszewski**

from Family



## STEWARSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory December 20/21: \$ 1,450.  
Christmas Flowers: \$ 135.; Memorial \$ 201.

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit  
in memory of

*Joan Banas*

with love from family

**Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.**

**THANK YOU**  *Dziękuję*

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with our Christmas Pierogi Fundraiser and Bake Sale as well as those who helped with Beautifully Decorating our beloved Saint Joseph Church for Christmas!

**PLEASE KEEP Msgr. Janik in your prayers...**

Please pray for strength and healing for our Pastor, Msgr. Janik as he undergoes medical treatment.

*A Prayer at Christmas...*

Lord our God,  
we praise you for the light of creation:  
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.  
We praise you for the light of Israel:  
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.  
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:  
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,  
who fills us with the wonder of your love.  
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us.  
May the light and cheer of the Christmas season,  
from Jesus' birth to his baptism,  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May we and all we encounter,  
delight in the light of your Son  
and the knowledge and joy of the salvation Jesus brings.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

# Christmas Letter 2025



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

**Merry Christmas!**

We rejoice with hearts full of gratitude for God's most precious gift — His Son, Jesus Christ. This holy season reminds us that God's love took flesh and dwelt among us — a love that brings hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to every heart that welcomes Him.

In a world often marked by uncertainty, the message of Christmas remains unchanging and full of promise:

*"For unto us a Child is born,  
unto us a Son is given."* — Isaiah 9:6

Through Christ, light shines in the darkness, and that light can never be overcome.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Parish Family — for your faith, generosity, and the countless ways you share God's love within our community. Your devotion and kindness reflect the true spirit of Christmas.

May you and your loved ones be filled with the peace, joy, and hope that come from welcoming Christ into your hearts.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year,

Sincerely in Christ,  
Msgr. Les Janik  
Pastor

## PARISH NEWS

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

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

JAN  
1<sup>ST</sup>

### Christmas Oplatiki Potluck

Please join us on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Church entrances!

*This will take place instead of our monthly coffee hour.*

JAN  
4<sup>TH</sup>

## DIOCESE NEWS

### 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](http://www.norwichdiocese.org), for more details.

