



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



DECEMBER 25TH & 28TH 2025 — CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY FAMILY



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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 Church

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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, 15th 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



STEWARDSHIP 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

**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 Saint John Mission or Saint Joseph Church.

**JAN
4TH**

Christmas Oplatki 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 Oplatki.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Church entrances!

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.

