

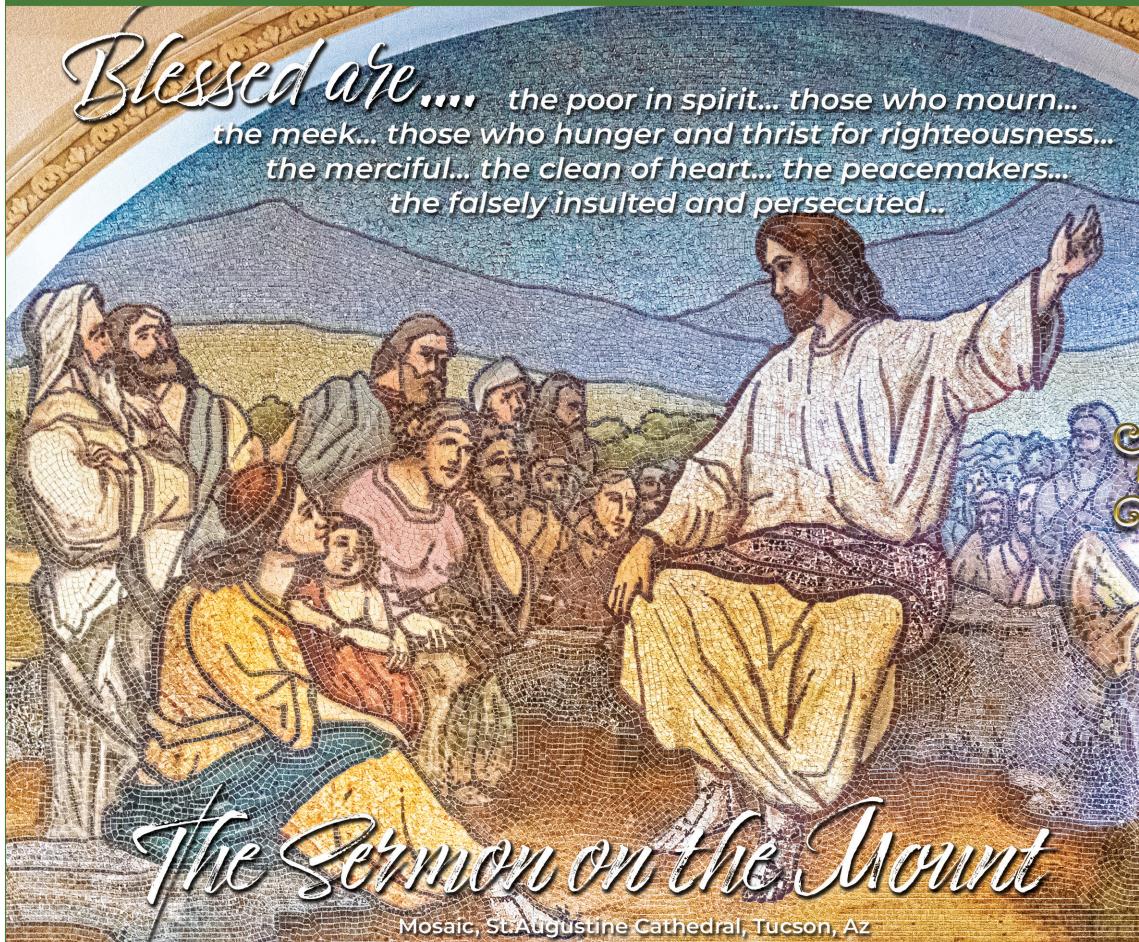


# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026 — FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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

## SAINT JOSEPH

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### Masses

Sunday: 9:00 am (English & Polish)

Temporarily, starting January 18, 2026, we not have a Saturday Vigil Mass or Reconciliation held at St. Joseph's.

## SACRED HEART

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### Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 pm

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 9 am Sacred Heart Church

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUN 2/1: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am † Mathew Wnek  
from Sieczkowski family

## SUN 2/8: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am † In memory of Uncle Teddy & Aunt Regina Trawczynski  
from Donna & Jim Homiski

## CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

### SAT 1/31: VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † Elizabeth Wisniewski  
from her children

### SAT 2/7: VIGIL FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † Lewis & Izbicki families  
from Deacon Tom Lewis

## STEWARSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory January 24/25: \$ 525;  
Memorial: \$ 155; Maintenance: \$ 30.

*Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!*

### Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:

Monthly Maintenance

*Please call the Rectory at 860.887.1565 if you would like  
to receive an end of year, 2025 Tax Statement.*



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

*Angeline Henry*  
from Mary Dutka

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

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus

The 40<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mary and Joseph, in accordance with Mosaic law, took the baby Jesus to the temple of Jerusalem to offer him to the Lord. Those serving at the Temple, Simeon and Anna, recognize Jesus as the King of Glory and the Light of all Nations, and prophesy about him.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II, designated February 2<sup>nd</sup>, as "World Day For Consecrated Life." Its purpose is to help the entire church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those consecrated religious men & women who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the "evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated religious men & women to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord Jesus" (St. John Paul II, 1997).

## Feb. 3, Feast Day of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the 4th century. The first reference to St. Blaise is reported in the medical writings around 500 AD where his aid is invoked in treating people with objects stuck in their throats. Devotion to him spread during the Middle Ages. A General as well as individual Blessing of Throats will be given following Mass this Sunday. "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness" - Saint Blaise, Pray For Us!

# PARISH NEWS

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1ST

## Blessing of Throats

The traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise will occur following Mass on Sunday, February 1.

FEB  
1ST

## Coffee Hour!

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

FEB  
18TH

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent starts on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be held at St. Joseph's at 5:30pm and at Sacred Heart Church at 9 am & 4 pm.

## 2027 Mass Intentions...

In order to accommodate all parishioners as we have limited number of Masses celebrated at St. Joseph, we are accepting 3 Mass requests per family at this time for the 2027 Mass book. Contact the office during office hours.

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

*The following are in need of God's guidance and strength during difficult times; please remember them in your prayers:*

### Msgr. Leszek Janik

*Lord god, we ask you bless the members of our armed services & first responders. Give them courage, hope, strength, and wisdom.*

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm names on the list.

MAR  
7TH

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Save the Date: Skiing with Bishop Reidy

Save the date! Saturday, March 7, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. All families in the Diocese of Norwich are invited to Wachusett Mountain for skiing with Bishop Reidy. Skiing will start at 4pm. Families will meet at the location, no transportation provided. The event is free for all participants. Pre-registration is required.

### Catholic Charities is Seeking Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Receptionist(s) — Bilingual, greet clients, answer phones and other responsibilities.
- Grant Writer(s) — Previous grant writing experience, flexible hours, work from home.
- Finance Volunteer-Enter data information.
- Digital Designer: Applies creative thinking and technical skills to design content for websites.
- Web Developer: Designs, builds, maintains websites or web applications
- Fundraiser: Design, plans and executes events to raise funds for Catholic Charities.

## Stewardship Reflection...

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3*

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.