



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm
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CLOSED on Wednesday

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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 2/8: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

NEXT SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN 2/15: 9:00 am † Wojciech & Anna Brzycki
from Family

WED 2/18: ASH WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

SAT 2/7: VIGIL FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SAT 2/14: VIGIL SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † Edward Kiczuk
from Lori Cubanski

STEWARSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory January 31/February 1: \$ 1,208;
Maintenance: \$ 453; Memorial: \$ 35.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

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
in Memory of

Harold & Helen Carolinas
from Family

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

12th International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking: "Peace begins with Dignity...."

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking is celebrated each year on **8 February**, on the occasion of the **Feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita**. A Sudanese woman and religious sister, enslaved from the age of seven, Saint Bakhita has become over time a universal symbol of the Church's commitment against human trafficking.

"Human trafficking remains a deep global wound, violating human dignity and disrupting the peace of our societies, especially in a world torn by conflict, war, and forced displacement... we call all people of goodwill to move beyond awareness and unite in concrete action to end this crime. Our commitment is to walk closely with victims and survivors, to listen to their voices, and to advocate for systemic change that addresses the root causes of trafficking and builds a world rooted in peace, justice, and dignity for all." — Sister Abby Avelino

Autism World Prayer Day

Autism world prayer day refers to Autism Sunday, observed annually on the **second Sunday in February**, which serves as an International Day of Prayer for Autism & Asperger Syndrome to raise awareness, understanding, and support for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families within faith communities. Please say an extra prayer or two for families and individuals who face the challenges associated with ASD every day.

PARISH NEWS

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent starts on Wednesday, February 18th. 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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Place Job Opening

St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff Street, Norwich, a ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, is seeking a mission driven Operations Manager. This paid position's role helps ensure a safe, welcoming, and well coordinated environment for all who come through our doors, supporting staff, volunteers, and community partners while upholding values of compassion, dignity, and service. Full time preferred, part time considered. Schedule includes Saturdays. To apply, please send email to Jillian Corbin at jcsvdpp@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

+Fr. John Stanley Gwudz died in California. Fr. John was a native son of our St. Joseph parish, Norwich. Ordained May 1972 in the Diocese of Norwich, his First Mass was at St. Joseph church, Norwich.

Bishop Reilly released him to Archdiocese of Military Services around 1984. He remained a priest of the Diocese of Norwich and lived in Oceanside, CA.

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.

Stewardship Reflection...

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.